# **HARKEN**<sup>®</sup> 40 MM BATTCAR SWITCH SYSTEM INSTALLATION MANUAL

Installation Manual - Intended for specialized personnel or expert users

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Please read these instructions carefully before installing, servicing, or operating the equipment. This manual may be modified without notice. See: www.harken.com/manuals for updated versions. PLEASE SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

# Introduction

This manual gives technical information on installation and service. This information is *destined exclusively* for specialized personnel or expert users. Installation, disassembling, and reassembling by personnel who are not experts may cause serious damage to property or injury to users and those in the vicinity of the product. If you do not understand an instruction contact Harken.

The user must have appropriate training in order to use this product.

Harken accepts no responsibility for damage or harm caused by not observing the safety requirements and instructions in this manual. See limited warranty, general warnings, and instructions in www.harken.com/manuals.

### Purpose

Harken battcars are designed to reduce the size of or completely drop the mainsail on a sailboat so wind has little effect on the sail. Use of this product for other than normal sailboat applications is not covered by the limited warranty.

# **Safety Precautions**



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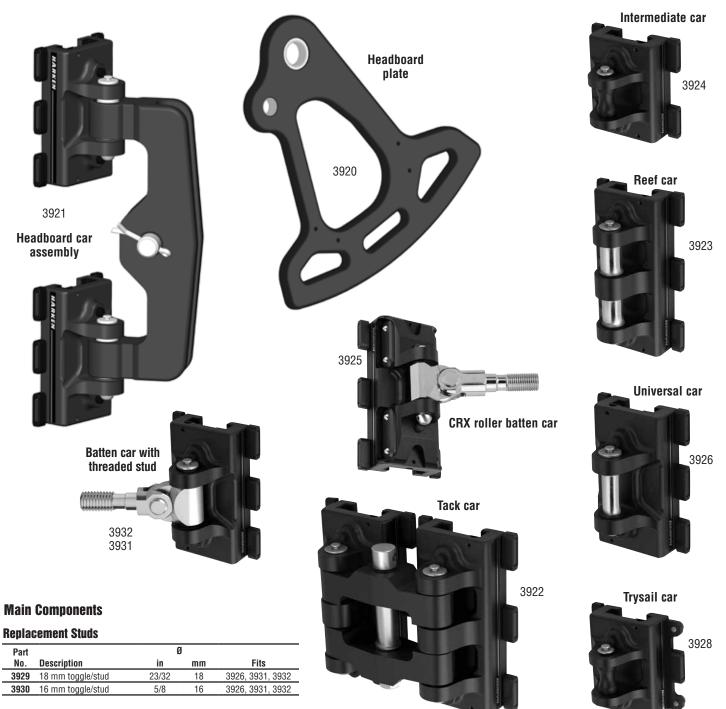


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# Tools



### **Parts**



#### **Cars and Headboard Assembly**

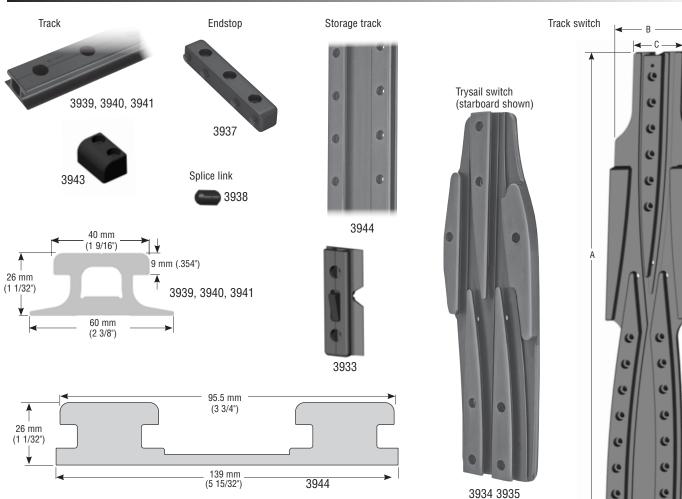
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Part		Leng	jth	Wid	Width W		Weight M		ohull	Multihull		working load	
No.	Description	in	mm	in	mm	OZ	g	ft²	m²	ft <sup>2</sup>	m²	lb	kg
3921	Headboard car assembly	13 3/4	349	3 1/2	89			3780 +	350 +	2400 +	275 +	3549	1613
3920	Headboard plate	13 11/16	348	13 1/4	337			3780 +	350 +	2400 +	275 +	3549	1613
3924	Intermediate car	3 21/32	93	3 1/2	89	14	392	3780 +	350 +	2400 +	275 +	3549	1613
3923	Reef car	6 1/16	153	3 1/2	89	30	843	3780 +	350 +	2400 +	275 +	8998	4090
3932	Batten car/16 mm stud	5 1/32	128	3 1/2	89	35	979	3780 +	350 +	2400 +	275 +	5940	2700
3931	Batten car/18 mm stud	5 1/32	128	3 1/2	89	35	1000	3780 +	350 +	2400 +	275 +	5940	2700
3925	CRX roller batten car/16 mm stud	6 1/16	153	3 1/2	89	37	1045	3780 +	350 +	2400 +	275 +	5940	2700
3928	Trysail car	3 21/32	93	3 21/32	93	14	397	3780 +	350 +	2400 +	275 +	3549	1613
3926	Universal batten car	5 1/32	128	3 1/2	89	22	617	3780 +	350 +	2400 +	275 +	5940	2700
3922	Tack car	6 1/16	153	7 1/4	184	81	2303	3780 +	350 +	2400 +	275 +	13200	6000

+ If your boat or sail area is larger than the lengths and sail areas listed, please contact Harken.

Cars and headboards are available with black or clear anodizing.

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**Preassembly** 



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### **T-Track, Splice Links and Enstops**

Part	Part			Width		Height		Weight		Fasteners		Fastener spacing
No.	Description	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	0Z	g	in	mm	mm
40 mm	0 mm											
3939	3 m T-Track/bond	<b>118</b> <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	2999	2 3/8	60	1 1/32	26	203	5768	_	10	2925
3940	3 m Flange track/bolt-down	<b>118</b> <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	2999	2 3/8	60	1 1/32	26	196	5565	_	10	75
3941	2 m T-Track/high-load bolt-down	<b>78</b> <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1999	2 3/8	60	1 1/32	26	128	3638	—	10	50
3942	Gate track	<b>29</b> 1/2	749	2 3/8	60	1 1/32	26	49	1320	—	10	75
3938	Splice link	—	—	11/16	18	—	—	2	44	—	—	—
3944	Storage track	19 11/16	500	5 15/32	139	1 1/32	26	91	2590	_	10	50
3937	Endstop, bottom	5 13/16	148	1 5/16	33	1 1/32	26	9	267	_	_	—
3943	Endstop, top	2 3/8	60	1 1/2	38	1 7/32	31			_	10	
3933	Push button trysail endstop	5 29/32	150	2 3/8	60	1 1/32	26			_	10	90

Tracks and headboard assemblies are available with black or clear anodizing.

### **Switch Tracks**

Part			Length Switch W (A) (B)			ı Width (C)		Height		Weight		Fasteners	
No.	Description	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	OZ	g	in	mm
40 mm													
3936	Switch	36 1/2	927	6 1/4	159	2 3/8	60	1 1/32	26	63	1798	—	10
3934	Starboard trysail switch	20	508	7 7/16	189			1 1/32	26	99	2800	_	10
3935	Port trysail switch	20	508	7 7/16	189			1 1/32	26	99	2800	—	10

Switches are available with black or clear anodizing.

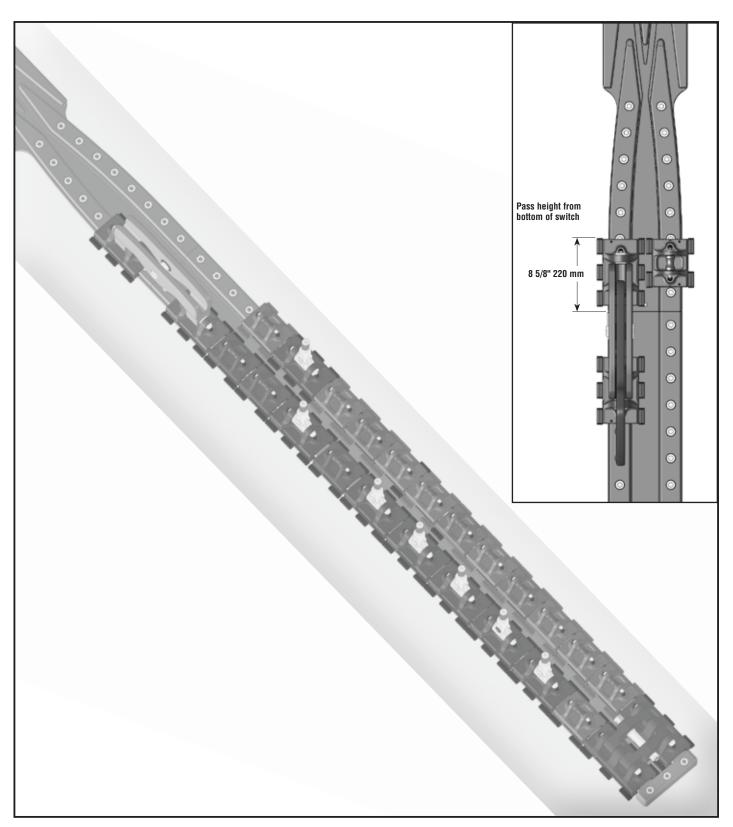


# Track length and switch height considerations

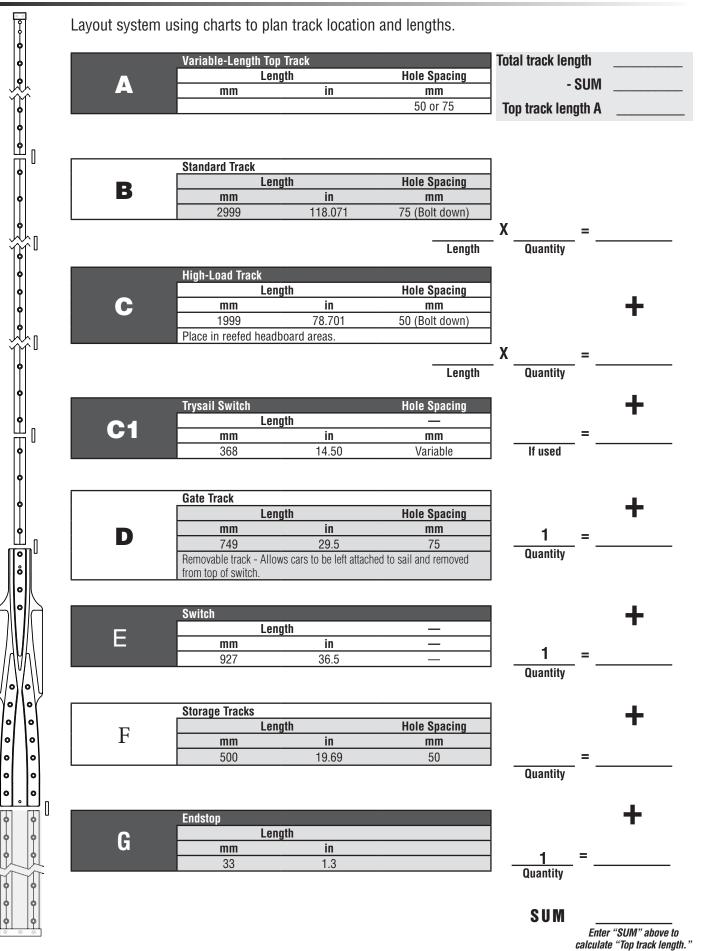
Switch height is determined by the number of cars required for system and the quantity of storage tracks used. **Note:** Cars will pass each other when top of car is 8 5/8" (220 mm) above bottom of switch.

Track must not block halyard exit.

**IMPORTANT!** Allow enough room so that the car does not meet endstop. Allow for stretch.



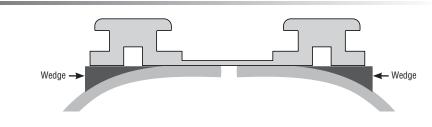
# **Preassembly**



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**Switch mounting surface-** Note width and shape of switch and if necessary build a platform or use wedges on mast for mounting.



# Installation on carbon masts -

**IMPORTANT!** Gluing to carbon masts requires mechanical fastening. Use fasteners at 75 mm. High load areas require 50 mm hole spacing. These include headboard locations at full hoist, headboard locations at all reef locations and tack cars or reefing tack car locations.

**IMPORTANT!** Tracks and fasteners must be isolated to prevent corrosion. Use thread inserts for mast fastener holes. Thread strength must be comparable to the fastener strength.

**Adhesive Systems** – Harken is not responsible for glued track installations and cannot make specific adhesive recommendations. Consult adhesive suppliers for the latest updates and test results.

**Track Surface Anodizing** - Harken tracks do not use lubricants in the anodizing process. Always test bond strength on an exemplary sample.

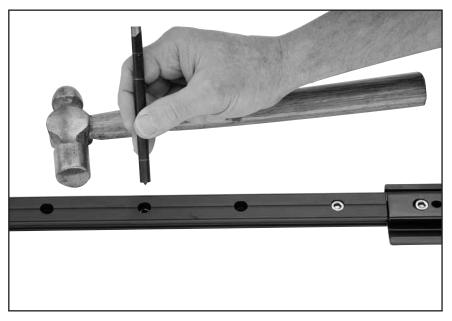
**Mast substrate strength -** It is installer's responsibility to carry out all structural tests needed to ensure that the mast wall can bear the load. Consult mast builder.

**General mounting guidelines** - When mounting tracks, work meticulously using a straight edge reference line along mast. Do not let tracks vary from this line. Tape track in place and centerpunch hole at bottom using a transfer punch.

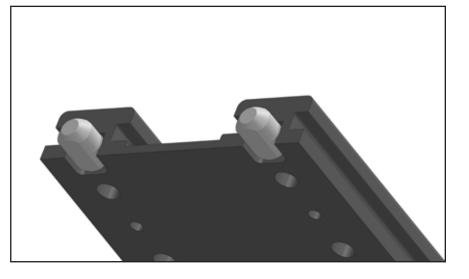
Remove track and drill and tap single hole. Fasten track using this single screw and align side to side correctly. Use tape to hold in place. **Use longer car to test alignment.** Move up several holes and use transfer punch to mark a second hole. Remove track and drill and tap hole.

Fasten track using two screws. Mark all remaining holes using punch. Remove track and drill and tap all holes. Before installing track make sure upper end has splice piece inserted.

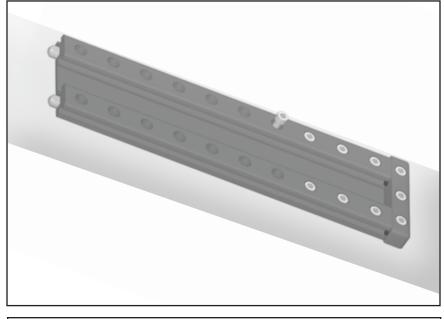
Use threadlocking adhesive to secure fasteners and as an isolator between mast and fastener.



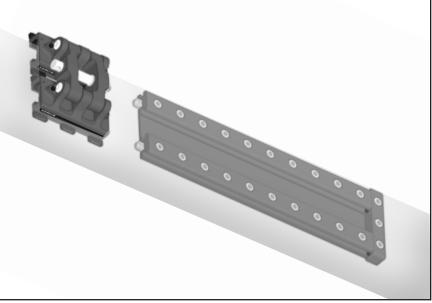
Push splice links into loader track.

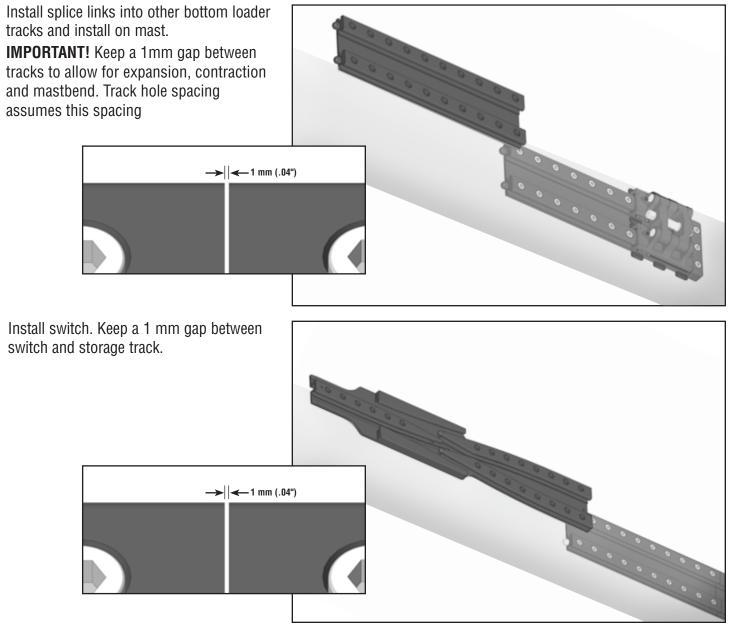


Install bottom stop and bottom loader track.



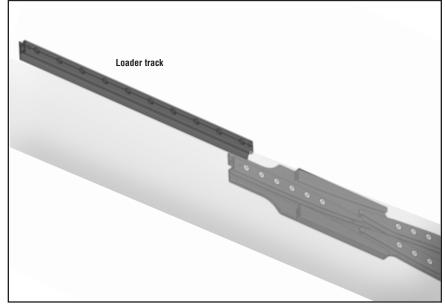
Install tack car on bottom storage track. **Note:** Tack car assembly can load from above switch by disconnecting one side of coupler.

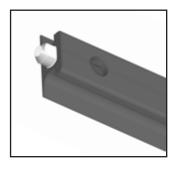




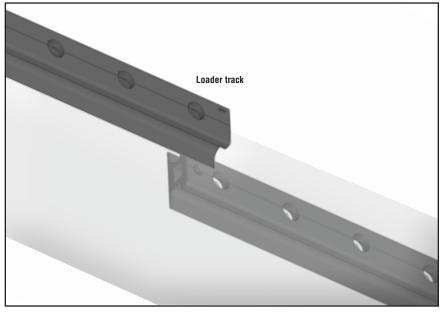
Install gate track. Keep a 1 mm gap between loader track and switch. IMPORTANT! Do not use permanent threadlocking adhesive on screws because gate track is removed for loading cars.

**IMPORTANT!** Do not use splice links or adhesive when mounting the removable loader track.

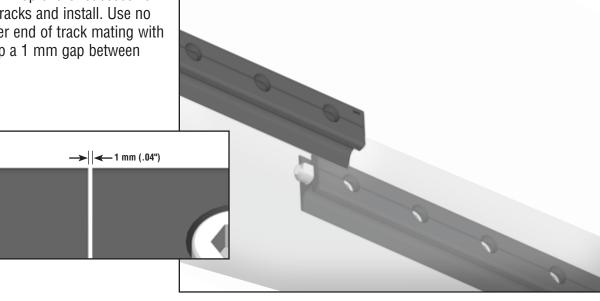




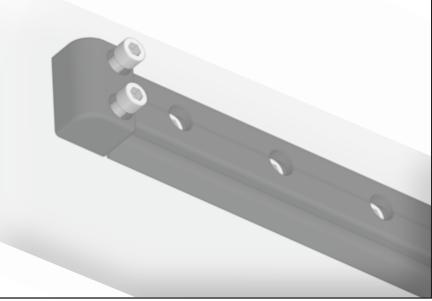
Install splice link in top end of full length track and install. Use no splice link at lower end of track mating with loader track. Keep a 1 mm gap between tracks.



Install splice link in top end of successive 2 or 3 m length tracks and install. Use no splice link at lower end of track mating with loader track. Keep a 1 mm gap between tracks.



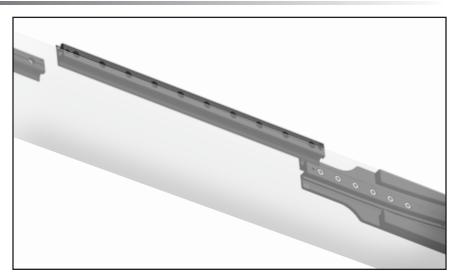
Cut top track to length and install top endstop.



40 mm Battcar Switch System

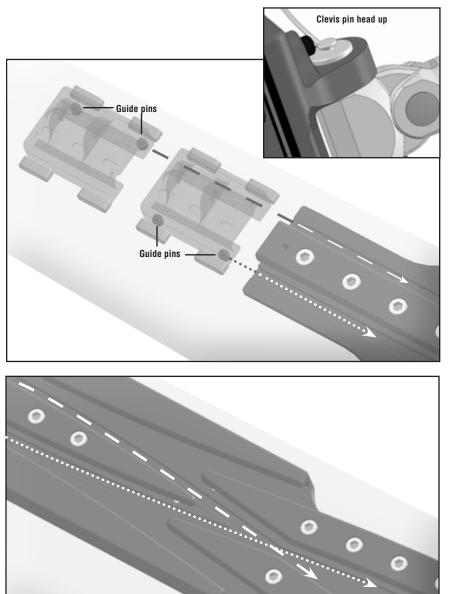
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Remove gate track.



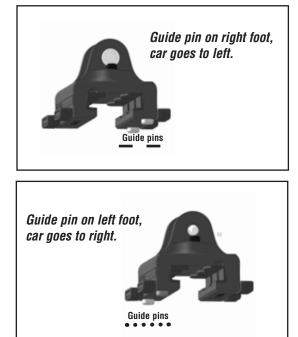
Install cars from above switch.

**Note:** Mustard-colored guide pins on foot of car guide it to one side of switch. Alternate sides by loading with pins on one side followed by pins on other side. Install cars so the clevis pin heads are up. Secure using lanyard. See next page.



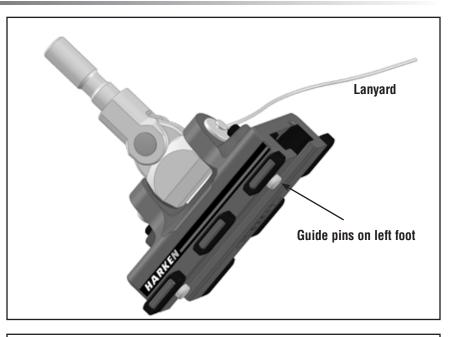
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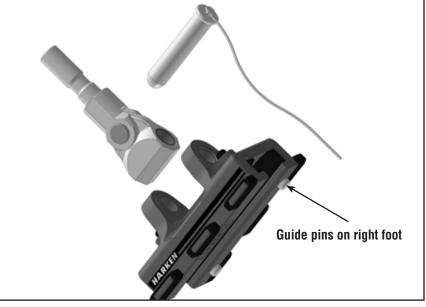


# Commissioning

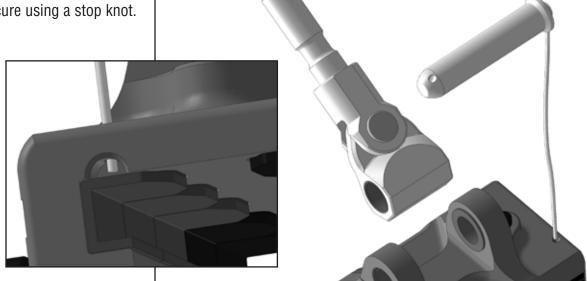
Attach lanyard to head of pin.



When flipping car around remove toggle, and flip clevis pin so head is up.



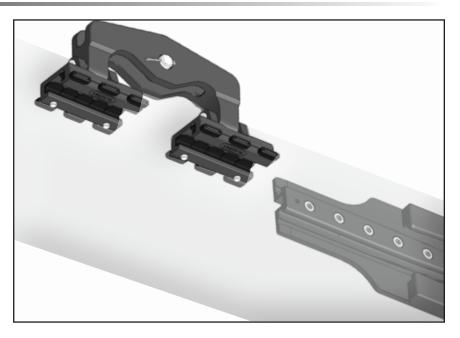
Feed lanyard through upper hole and out through opening. Secure using a stop knot.

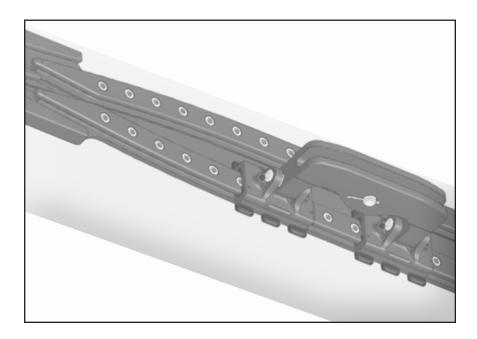


40 mm Battcar Switch System

# Commissioning

Headboard cars have spherical bearings and are designed to run through switch. Both cars must run through same side of switch. Make sure cars are loaded with pegs on same side.





# Operation

When raising, lowering, or reefing sail, make sure sail is not loaded and cars pass through switch easily. Watch sail and cars carefully and stop hoisting immediately if any binding is detected.

# Possible sources of binding:

Cars bind at switch.

Reef line binds on fingers.

Reef line binds between car and switch. Headboard or battens bind on lazy jacks. Battens have draped off boom, leveraging car.

Correct the binding problem or luff sail before resuming hoist. If forced, the fingers that extend into switch may be damaged, requiring expensive switch and car replacement. Lazy jacks may also be damaged.

IMPORTANT! Be especially vigilant when raising sail. Luff sail. Watch for any binding or jamming at the switch and stop hoist immediately if any occurs.

If winch operator does not have a good view of switch cars, station a crewmember with a good view and communication to operator.

If there is a jam, damage to switch and cars will occur very quickly resulting in expensive repairs unless hoisting is stopped.

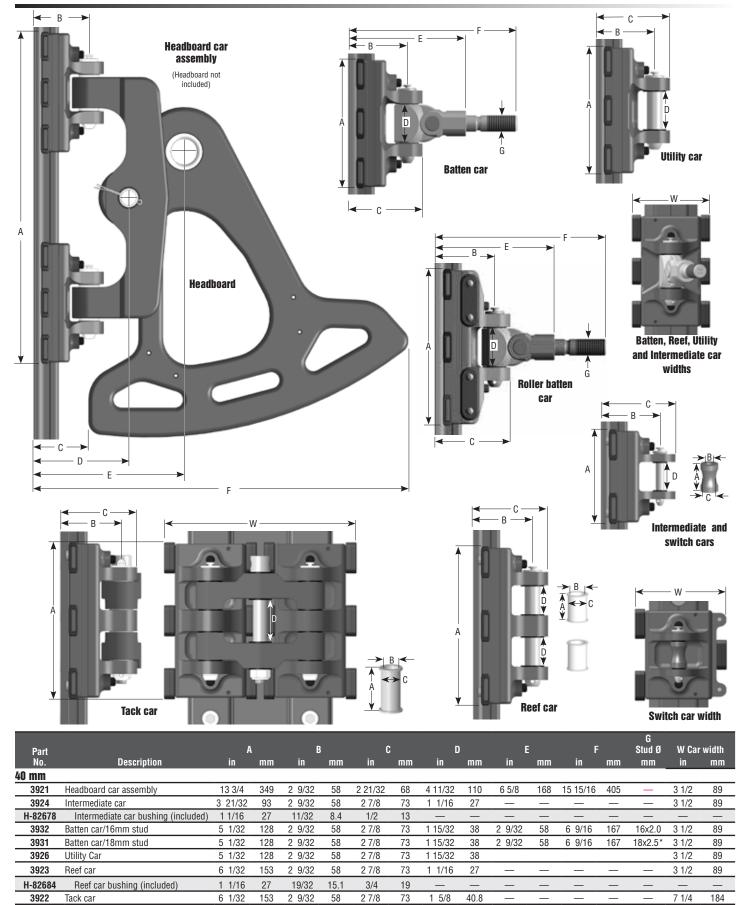
IMPORTANT! Make sure reef outhaul loads are not applied to cars when in switch as damage to switch and cars will occur, resulting in expensive repairs.





**Sailmakers Instructions** 

### **Dimensions**



\*Threaded stud size changed from M18x2.0 to M18x2.5 in August 2020

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2 9/32

11/32

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3 21/32

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Tack car bushing (included)

Trysail car bushing (included)

Trysail car

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# **Distance Between Attachment Points**

Battens and intermediate cars placed at sailmaker's discretion.



# **Setting Reef Points**

**Note:** Batten fittings and cars cannot handle reefing outhaul or downhaul loads. Transfer loads to a tack fitting.

IMPORTANT! When setting up reef, make sure cars are not loaded when they are in the switch area. If reef outhaul loads are applied to switch, the switch and cars will be damaged resulting in expensive repairs. Instruct operators to not raise or lower sails with high loads on the cars while in the switch area.

Harken is not responsible for damage to the switch area due to reef loads or raising or lowering a sail when the sail is loaded.

While sailing, loaded cars must not ride in this area.

# **Trysail Switch System**

# **Preassembly, Sailmaker and Mounting Guidelines**

Part	Part		gth	Wid	lth	We	Fasteners	
No.	Description	in	mm	in	mm	0Z	g	mm
40 mm								
3935	Port trysail switch	20	508	7 7/16	189	99	2800	10
3934	Starboard trysail switch	20	508	7 7/16	189	99	2800	10
3928	Trysail car	3 21/32	93	3 21/32	93			_

\*Tracks and cars are available with black or clear anodizing.

# **Preassembly**

Contact Harken regarding twist track blanks. **IMPORTANT!** Special care must be taken so that the trysail or standard cars do not hit the adjoining track.

# Sailmaker instructions

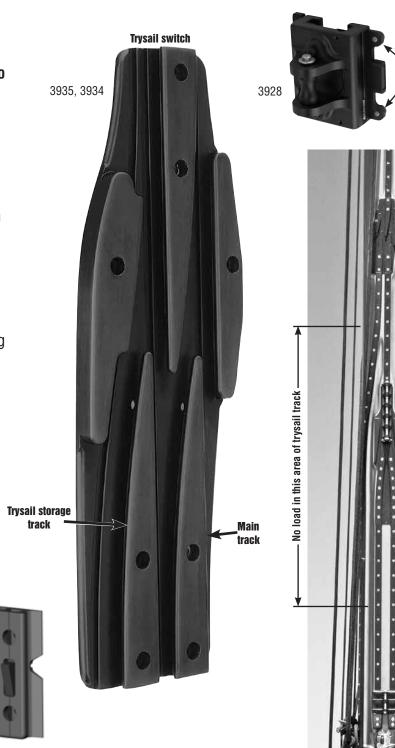
Place cars so there is no sail load applied to cars while on twist track area. Cars placed in this area under load will damage fingers of switch.

# **Installing Track**

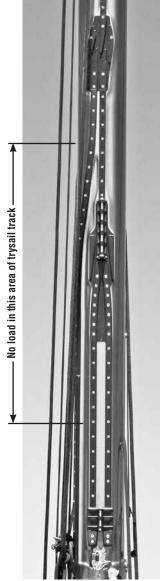
See preassembly section regarding mounting tracks and switch.

# **Loading Cars**

Load cars with guide pins on the same side as the trysail storage track. If storage track is on the starboard side, make sure pins are on starboard side when loading onto track.



**Guide** pins



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## **Operation**

Problem	Probable Cause	Solution		
	Slider damaged or missing.	Check and/or replace slider.		
Cars bind.	Dirt in cars.	Use detergent and fresh water to flush dirt out of cars; move cars up/down do circulate; follow with high pressure water; clean track grooves.		
	Stud threaded too tightly into receptacle.	Back off threaded stud two turns.		
	Car loaded with guide pins on wrong side.	Check direction car is loaded.		
Can't raise sail, cars stop at switch.	Car loaded upside down. Pins in car on wrong side.	Remove car, flip it around and reload.		
Cars jam when raising sail.	Headboard or cars are catching on lazy jacks.	Use topping lift or rod vang and shock cord to pull lazy jacks out to shrouds.		
Sail will not go all the way up.	Sail is too tall or sheave is too far forward.	Have sail shortened or move sheave aft.		
Vertical post or pin on batten receptacle bending.	Reef loads are being transferred to batten receptacle.	Transfer reef downhaul and outhaul loads to mast or boom gooseneck.		

# Inspection

Inspect parts periodically and especially before long passages. Check for loose cotter pins, spring loaded stops or track screws. Check toggles or batten threaded studs for wear. If parts are under load during long passages it is important to inspect them carefully while in use.



# WARNING: Parts degrade over time and may become weak. Failure to inspect and correct may result in system jamming or breaking under load.

# Maintenance

Harken equipment is designed for minimal maintenance, but some maintenance is required for optimum and safest possible operation and to comply with the Harken limited warranty. In general, the most important aspect of maintenance is to keep your equipment clean by frequently flushing with fresh water.

In corrosive atmospheres, stainless parts may show discoloration around holes, rivets and screws. This is not serious and may be removed with a fine abrasive.

With the exception of winches, do not use grease unless specifically recommended in the instruction sheet.

Flush blocks thoroughly with fresh water. Periodically, disassemble the blocks and clean with detergent and fresh water.

IMPORTANT! Exposure to some teak cleaners and other caustic solutions can result in discoloration of part and is not covered under the Harken warranty.

# Warranty

For additional safety, maintenance and warranty information see www.harken.com/manuals or the Harken catalog.

# **CRX** roller car inspection and maintenance

Perform long-term maintenance and inspection after prolonged use, before long-term storage, or if part has loosened.

## **Tools and supplies**

Soapy water solution Soapy water solution Purple Loctite® adhesive McLube® OneDrop<sup>™</sup> ball conditioner

### Order these parts and have on hand for long term service

HFS1092	Fst-M4x.7x8mm BHCS 18-8	Qty 8 per car
H-82802	Roller cap-40mm switch Battcar	Qty 4 per car
H-31089A	Roller1875inx.560in Tolon machined	Qty 84 per car

### Inspection and service

1. Refer to exploded view for disassembly.

2. Remove and inspect toggles, pins, screws for signs of wear, bending, or deterioration. Replace part if any is found.

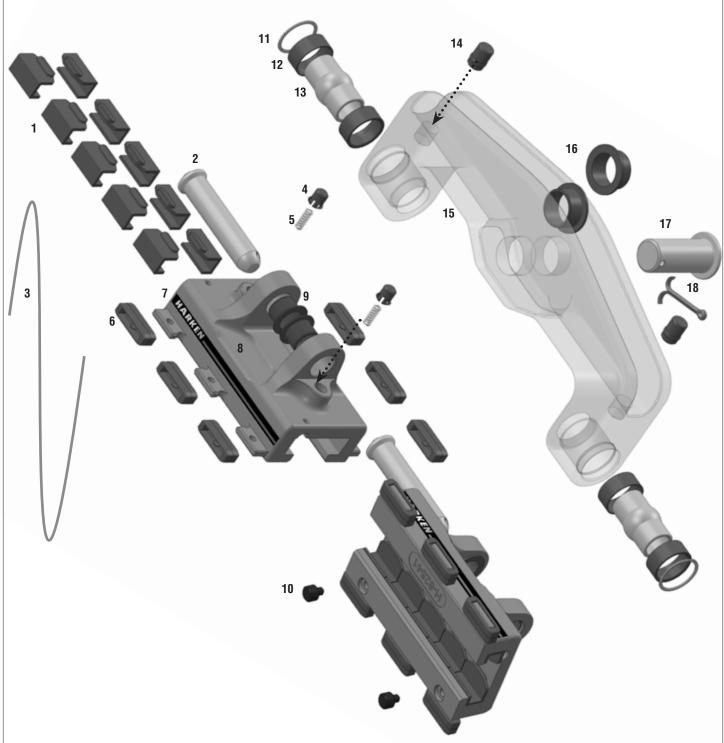
3. Use soap and water to clean all parts. Rinse with fresh water.

5. Use **<u>purple</u>** Loctite on screws used to retain roller retaining caps. **IMPORTANT! Using red Loctite on roller retaining** caps may be too hard to loosen and hex key may strip in socket.

6. See Harken video showing how to load rollers.

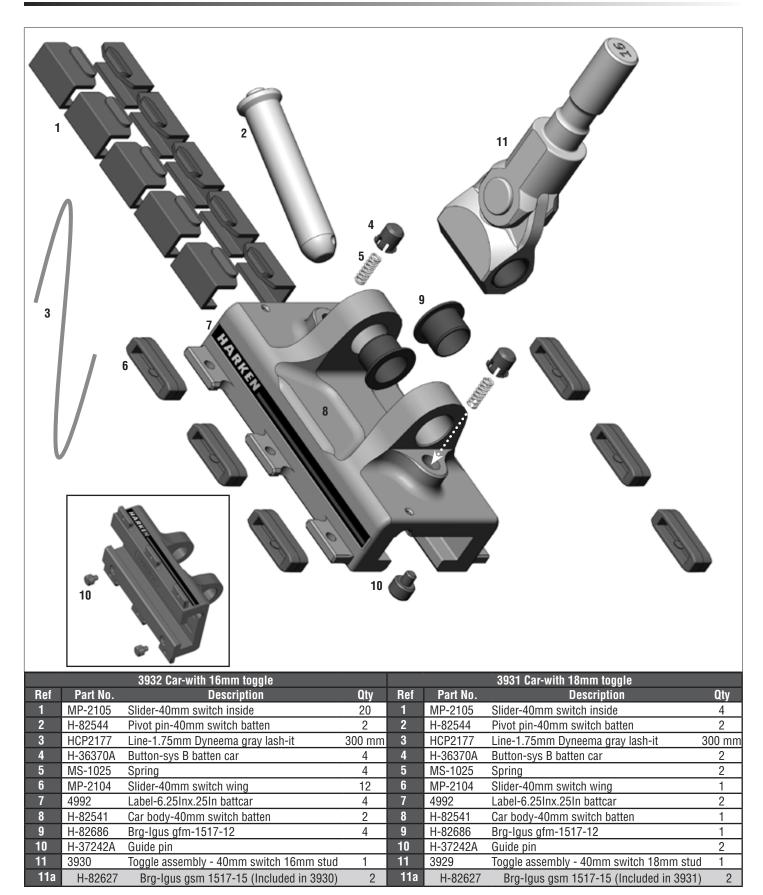
7. Apply one (1) to two (2) drops of McLube OneDrop ball bearing conditioner to each roller race and circulate rollers to distribute.



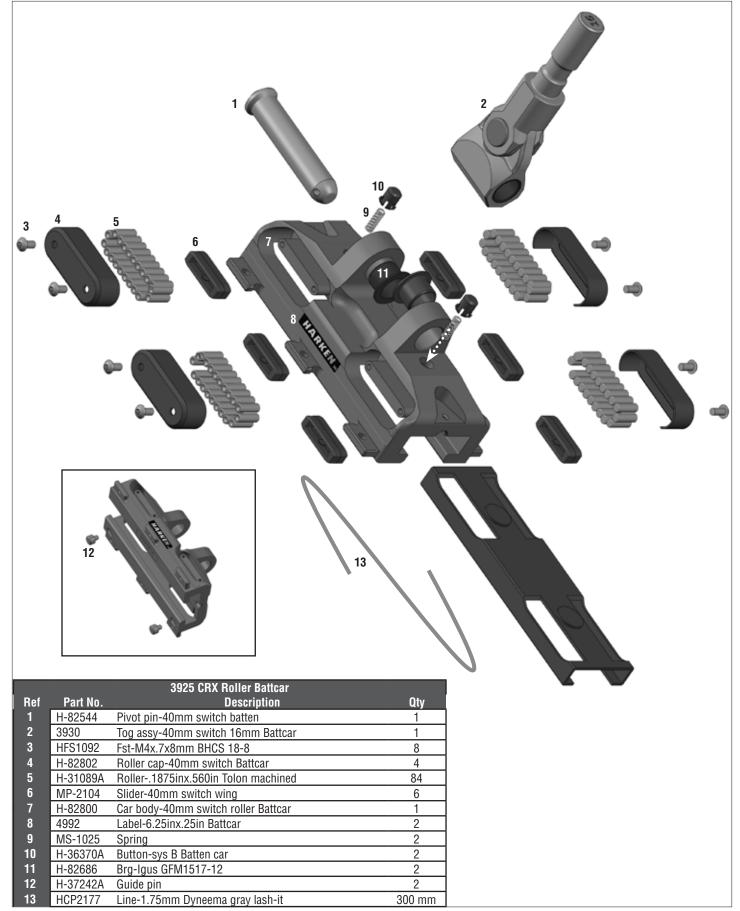


	3921 Headboard Car Assembly										
Ref	Part No.	Description	Quantity	Ref	Part No.	Description	Quantity				
1	MP-2105	Slider-40mm switch inside	20	10	H-37242A	Guide pin-32mm switch sys	4				
2	H-82544	Pivot pin-40mm switch batten	2	11	MS-294	Smalley ring- wh-100-S02	2				
3	HCP2177	Line-1.75mm Dyneema gray lash-it	400 mm	12	H-83185	Cup-40mm switch hdbrd car	4				
4	H-36370A	Button-sys B batten car	4	13	H-83184	Bkt-40mm switch spherical hdbrd car	2				
5	MS-1025	Spring-C0180-026-0560s ss cmp (H-37648a)	4	14	MP-1869	Bumper-mm, maxi (h-4861a)	2				
6	MP-2104	Slider-40mm switch wing	12	15	H-83183	Carrier-40mm switch hdbrd car	1				
7	4992	Label-6.25Inx.25In battcar	4	16	H-83259	Brg-Igus-tfm-2023-11	2				
8	H-82541	Car body-40mm switch batten	2	17	H-83258	Pin-40mm switch hdbrd car	1				
9	H-82686	Brg-igus gfm-1517-12	4	18	HFS625	Cotter pin125X1.500 18-8	1				

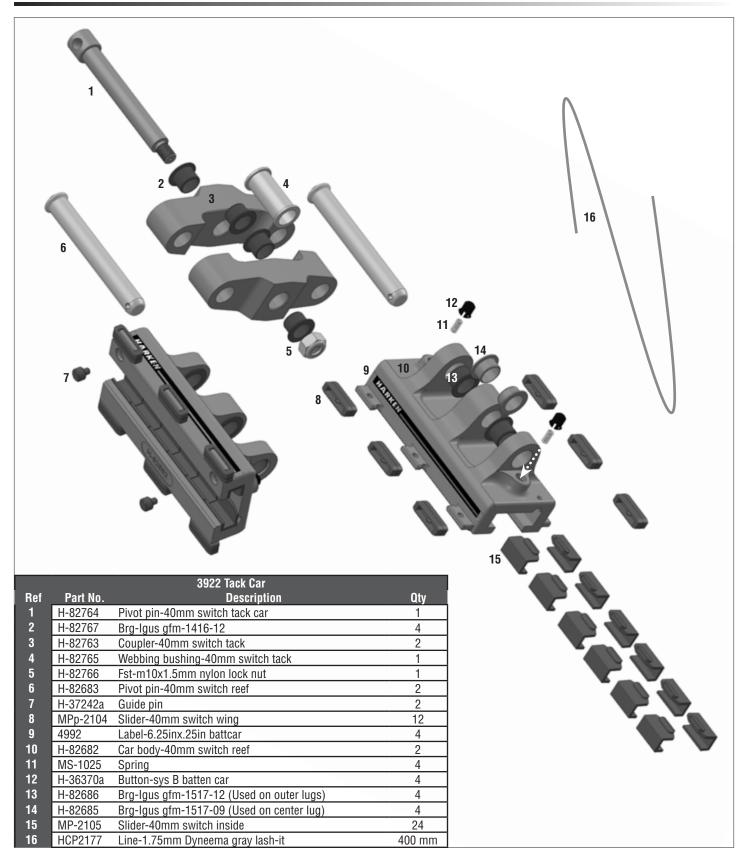
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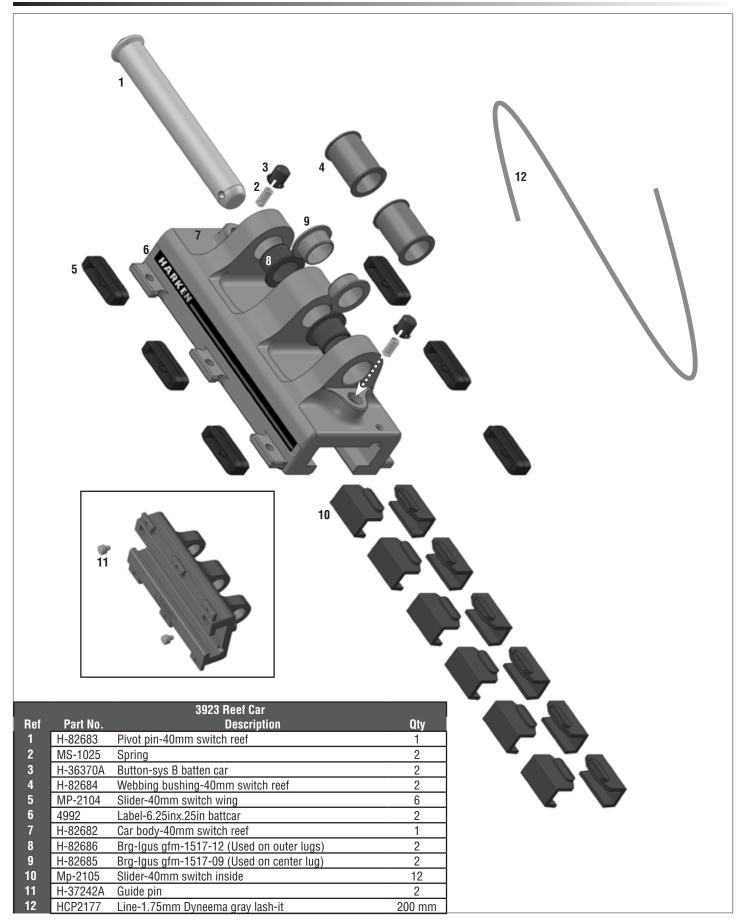
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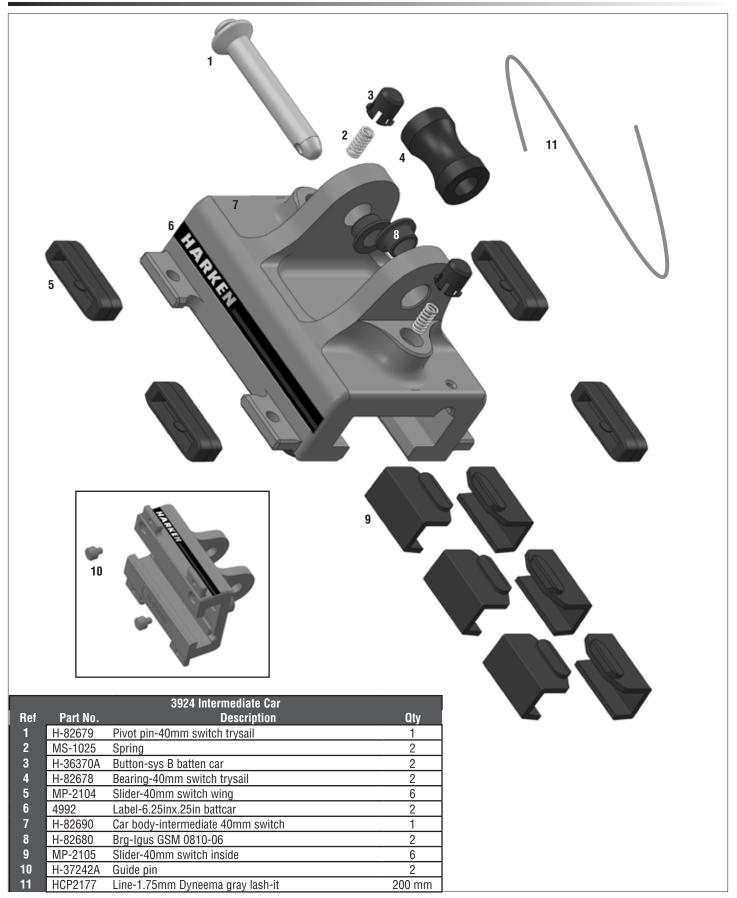
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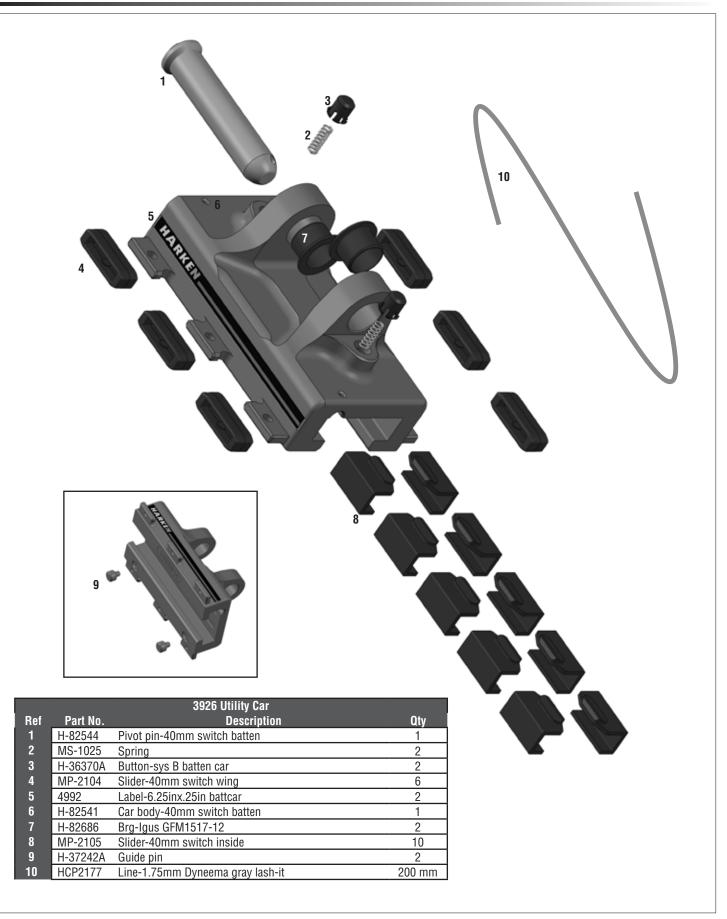
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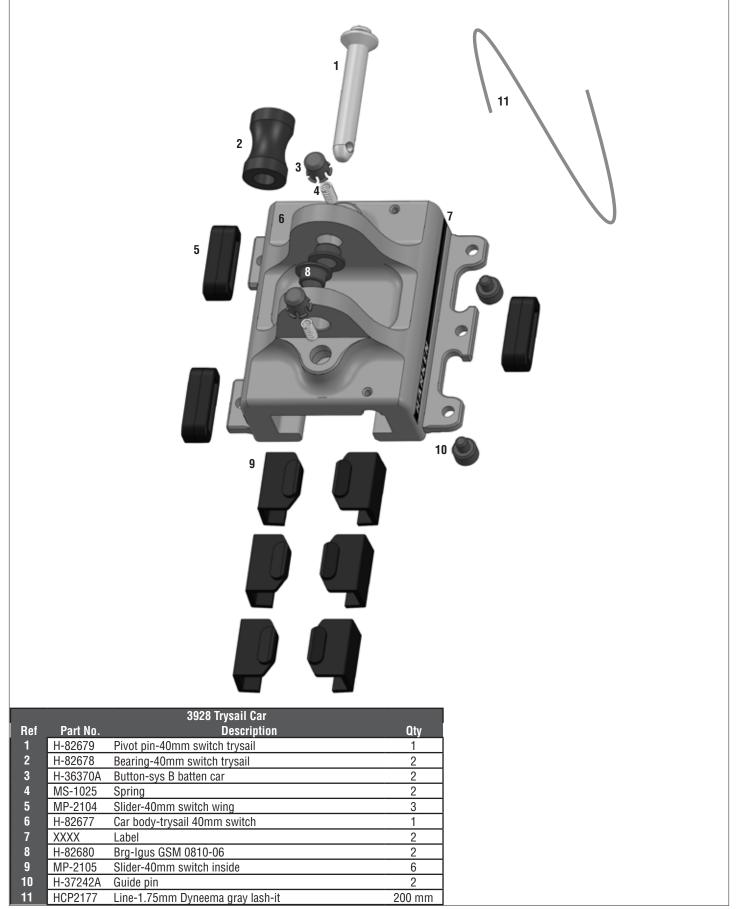
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