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To our esteemed partners and colleagues:

At Wood's Powr-Grip®, we value your partnership in the promotion of WPG products and want to keep you informed of design changes that may interest you and your customers. Recently, the **MRT4 Adaptable-Length Lift Bar** (#95723, featured on #98780 series lifters) underwent a design review that resulted in several changes:

Improved Function in Low-Clearance Settings: Since this lift bar is designed to enable MRT4-DC(3) lifters to fit under overhanging obstacles, the height-to-hoist requirement was reduced even more than the previous version: Instead of a 7¾" (20 cm) reduction, the overhead clearance is now reduced by 10½" (27 cm) in the short configuration (shown at right).

Improved Capacity in the Short Configuration: While the previous design limited the capacity of short configurations, the new design maintains a load capacity rating of 700 lbs (320 kg), regardless of the configuration, eliminating the need to account for capacity differences.

Reversing Lift Point Not Recommended: Although it is possible to reverse the lift point position (ie, to increase horizontal reach), engineering analysis has determined that doing so would create radical hang angles for loads. Such angles could result in lifter damage or even an accidental load release, posing a hazard to operators and other personnel. Due to these unacceptable risks, we cannot approve of lift bar use with the lift point reversed.

On the whole, we believe the new design represents a significant improvement over the previous one. Since this design eliminates concerns about lifter capacity, while also retaining the overall functionality of lifters in low-clearance applications, we anticipate these changes will be welcomed by both customers and dealers. If you have any questions about the new design, please contact your Technical Sales Representative.

Kind regards,

The WPG Team

