

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Determine which lifter to use | Flexifinger® Crop Lifters

Flexifinger® manufactures several different crop lifters, each suited for specific crop types, soil types, ground conditions and harvesting equipment. Some crop lifters function in multiple situations, while others are suitable only for very specific uses and issues.

Before recommending any Flexifinger® Crop Lifter to a customer, there are a few questions to ask that will dictate the options available to the customer.

1. To determine the correct fit:

- a. What is the make and model of your header or swather?
- b. What is the measurement of the guard from the center of the bolt hole to the tip of the guard?

If the measurement of the guard is more than 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/147mm, that guard requires a N-fit lifter. If the measurement of the guard is less than 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/147mm, that guard requires a J-fit lifter. If you use the guard measurement as a reference to determine which lifter is required, there is no need to reference the fitting chart. The measurement will always supercede any information contained on the fitting chart.

If you do not have the guard's measurement, cross-reference the header/swather make and model on Flexifinger's® Fitting Chart, which lists many specific makes and models of different manufacturers. The Fitting Chart will list:

- The fit required for this header, whether an "N" or a "J"
- If only a specific lifter will work on this header
- If a special carriage bolt is required

The Fitting Chart contains information based on the manufacturer's factory specifications. If the customer has made any custom part changes or upgrades, the results provided by the Fitting Chart may not be accurate. The Fitting Chart is provided as a reference only.

2. To determine the possible lifter(s) to recommend:

- a. What crop(s) are being harvested?
- b. What kind of soil is in the field? (ie. loam, clay, sandy, gumbo, etc.)
- c. What are the ground conditions? (ie. uneven, rocky, hills, irrigated, etc.)
- d. Do you want the lifters to work with any other equipment or crop types?

Input this information into Flexifinger's Interactive Product Selector which lists the different lifter options available. In the event that the customer's crop and/or conditions are not listed in the Interactive Product Selector, please contact the Flexifinger Sales & Support Team for more information and assistance.

3. To determine how many lifters will be required:

- a. How wide is the header or swather?
- b. For row spaced crops, what is the row spacing?

Generally, the customer will require one crop lifter per 12"/30cm. Harvesting some row or bedded crops may require lifters to be mounted using a combination of different Flexifinger® crop lifters at specific intervals, which may also require the use of the off-set bracket. Contact the Flexifinger Sales & Support Team in row or bedded crop information.

Flexifinger recommends to have at least one (1) spare lifter and about five (5) spare nylon fingers in the event there is an issue in the field.