

#### GORBEL'S G-FORCE® AND EASY ARM™ TECHNOLOGY



Since 1977, Gorbel has specialized in overhead material handling solutions, providing the highest quality and the highest performance. We are the leading supplier of Work Station Crane systems, offering near perfect on-time delivery, a focus on customer service, and the industry's best warranty.

Now you'll find that same level of quality in our G-Force® Q and iQ Intelligent Lifting Devices and Easy Arm™ Intelligent Lifting Arms. These innovative units enable operators to lift and maneuver naturally, as if the devices were an extension of their arms. The G-Force® and Easy Arm™ Q and iQ will help improve productivity, reduce the cost of product damage, and minimize work-related injuries.

# INTELLIGENT ERGONOMIC LIFTING

Gorbel's G-Force® and Easy Arm™ devices are part of an exciting new family of material handling equipment known as Intelligent Assist Devices (IAD's). They use exclusive patented technology and an industrial processor controlled servo drive systems to deliver unmatched lifting precision and speed. Their fusion of advanced technology and basic human guidance maximizes productivity while minimizing the risk of injury to the operator.

"WE LOOKED AT EVERY LIFTING DEVICE ON THE MARKET. THE G-FORCE WAS BY FAR THE BEST."

- PROCESS SPECIALIST

#### G-FORCE® AND EASY ARM™ TECHNOLOGY: THE SMARTER WAY TO LIFT

#### **INFINITE SPEED CONTROL**

The G-Force® and Easy Arm™ move with the operator. They move as fast or as slow as the operator chooses to move. They are ideal for applications that require high speed at some points in the cycle and slow, precise movements at other points.

#### **Blazing Speeds**

With G-Force® speeds reaching 200 fpm (61 mpm) and Easy Arm™ speeds reaching 180 fpm (55 mpm), these devices travel up to 4 times faster than traditional high-end lifting devices currently on the market, making them the fastest, most precise lifting devices on the planet.

#### **Pinpoint Precision**

The G-Force® and Easy Arm™ deliver unparalleled precision with speeds of less than 1 fpm (0.3 mpm). This gives the operator the control necessary to finesse expensive or fragile parts.

#### THE SAFE ALTERNATIVE

Operators want to use the G-Force® and Easy Arm™ because they're easy to learn and easy to use. They are safer than manual lifting and dramatically reduce worker injury cost.

#### **Anti-Recoil Technology**

This prevents the G-Force® or Easy Arm™ from moving or recoiling when there is a sudden change in load, reducing the risk of potentially serious injury.

#### **Capacity Overload**

The unit will not lift if the load exceeds the rated capacity of the G-Force® or Easy Arm™.

#### **Power Loss Protection**

A fail safe load braking system locks the unit in place in the event of a power loss.

#### **Operator Present Function**

The handle grip of the G-Force® and Easy Arm™ uses a built-in photo sensor that doesn't allow the unit to move unless the operator initiates the movement.

#### Float Mode Option

Both the G-Force® and Easy Arm™ offer our versatile Float Mode. With a mere 1/2 lb (227 g) of force on the load itself, operators can precisely orient loads throughout the full stroke range by manipulating the load with their hands.

#### THE SMART INVESTMENT

G-Force® technology makes your work force more productive by increasing their efficiency and enabling them to perform complex tasks. The G-Force® and the Easy Arm™ are more cost effective than completely robotic solutions and they don't require the costly custom programming that robots need to perform even the simplest tasks.

#### THE PERFECT SOLUTION

The G-Force® and Easy Arm™ give you the best of both worlds: the responsiveness and flexibility of a human operator plus the power of a machine. And, they incorporate a range of speeds, making them perfect for quick, repetitive motions and slow, precise placements.

#### MAN MEETS MACHINE

G-Force® technology fills
the void between traditional
lifting devices and completely
automated robotic solutions.
These devices use the
human's intelligence and
adaptability for guidance but
the work is done by the device.



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PRODUCTS."

- LEAN INTEGRATION LEADER

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# G-FORCE® Q AND IQ BRIDGE CRANE MOUNTED INTELLIGENT LIFTING DEVICE

When precision, strength and speed are necessities, turn to Gorbel's patented G-Force® Intelligent Lifting Device. More precise than hoists, more responsive than air balancers, our bridge crane mounted G-Force® units improve safety, productivity and quality, resulting in a direct increase to your bottom line.

#### **CHOOSE THIS CONFIGURATION FOR:**

- Higher capacities: available in 165 lb, 330 lb and 660 lb capacities
- Faster speeds: maximum speeds up to 200 fpm
- More responsive performance: faster acceleration and deceleration
- Covering multiple work cells with one G-Force®
- Covering larger single work areas

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Automotive assembly (engines, transmissions, chassis components)
- Heavy equipment manufacturing
- Tool & Die changeouts
- Natural Gas & Oil Industry (valves, drilling components, etc)
- Repetitive lifting jobs
- Parts assembly
- Machining
- Process equipment maintenance

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#### **G-FORCE® IN ACTION: AUTOMOTIVE**

#### END-USER:

A major automobile manufacturer and parts supplier.

#### APPLICATION:

Convertible car tops measuring 4' x 6' and weighing 200 lbs are being moved from a conveyor to a pallet lift for inspection, then taken away.

#### WHY G-FORCE?

They had been using a two-speed chain hoist with a maximum speed of 16 feet-per-minute. "The assembly line was running faster than the workers could offload the product with the chain hoist," said the line supervisor. With speeds up to 200 feet-per-minute, the G-Force® Q is able to perform as fast as the operators can move, and gives them complete control of their load.

#### RESULTS:

The speed that operators are able to work, and the frequency of loads they are able to handle, has greatly increased. Workers are able to consistently match the assembly line's output of 22 units per hour.

#### EASY ARM™ Q AND IQ INTELLIGENT LIFTING ARM

The Easy Arm™ Intelligent Lifting Arm is an ideal solution if you're looking for a turn-key, plug and play lifting solution. You get all the strength, precision, and speed of our patented G-Force® lifting technology and processor controlled electric servo drive system in the body of an ergonomic articulating jib crane.

#### **CHOOSE FREE STANDING FOR:**

- Easy installation: the unit ships assembled and ready to be installed
- No foundation required
- Smaller work areas that require 14' spans or less
- Capacities of 165 lb and 330 lb
- Easy relocation: the Easy Arm<sup>™</sup> is simply bolted to the floor

#### **CHOOSE UNDER HUNG FOR:**

- Saving valuable floor space
- Hook heights over 11'
- Covering multiple work cells

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Reaching into a work cell or around obstructions
- Reaching under overhead obstructions like conveyors or exhaust hoods
- Reaching into machines
- High cycle pick and place
- Loading/unloading machined parts

#### EASY ARM™ IN ACTION: MANUFACTURING

#### END-USER:

Pressure Technology of Ohio

#### APPLICATION:

Raw materials weighing up to 250 lbs are loaded into a furnace for heat treatment. During an average shift, an operator may move up to 600 parts.

#### WHY EASY ARM?

They had been using an overhead crane system and chain hoist, but this was slow and bulky. It was also shared throughout the facility, so operators tended to move parts by hand rather than using the hoist, which concerned the company. The 330 lb Easy Arm™ was perfect for the job, and they didn't have to share it.

#### RESULTS:

"We are very pleased with the Easy Arm™," said Pressure Technology's Plant Manager. "We are able to get precise part placement using float mode, and it's been a very easy piece of equipment to integrate into the workplace. Since we installed the Easy Arm™, we have eliminated many of our concerns related to product handling."





#### ADDED INTELLIGENCE FEATURES

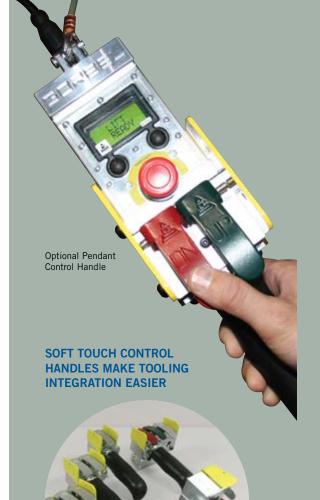
There are two G-Force® and Easy Arm™ models to choose from: the Q and the iQ. The Q model is our feature packed base model. It offers the same speed and precision as our higher-end iQ model, but without the added Input/Output features that the iQ offers. The iQ model offers a wealth of additional intelligence features.

The Q and the iQ may look the same on the outside, but under their covers is a different story.





FEATURE COMPARISON	Q	iQ
Teachable Virtual Limits and Speed Reduction Points Virtual limits are specific points in the lifting range where the G-Force® and Easy Arm™ can be programmed to stop or change speeds. Set speed reduction points a few inches above or below a desired location when handling a fragile load. When the operator reaches that point, the units automatically shift to a lower programmed speed and then stop in the desired spot for controlled positioning every time.	Available as a software adder	Standard
Programmable Inputs and Outputs  The iQ unit comes standard with 8 Input/Output points in the actuator. Standard "out of box" common functions like an additional set of virtual limits and a maintenance indicator are already assigned to the Input/Output points to reduce the need for custom programming.  Flexible and convenient optional Input/Output blocks, each containing 8 Input/Output points, can be added below the G360™ Swivel Assembly to provide just the right functionality for your application. This block includes standard functions such as Auto-Home, Dual Weight Float Mode, and Anti-Drop.	N/A	Standard
Other Features  The iQ allows you to control one G-Force® or Easy Arm™ unit with two handles, which is ideal for applications when tooling requires more than one point of control.  You can also control two G-Force® units with one handle, which is useful when you want two points of control for large tooling.	N/A	Standard



Use our Soft Touch Control Handles to control any air or electric powered equipment, such as end-effector tooling for the G-Force® or Easy Arm™. A common handle base for air or electric applications gives you design commonality and flexibility, whether your application requires air valves for direct control of end tooling, or electric switches to activate your G-Force® or Easy Arm™ iQ inputs.

## Why choose a Soft Touch Control Handle?

- Flexible design easily integrates into new equipment layouts
- Easy replacement of any standard pneumatic or electric handles
- Engineered for easy use to reduce potential for fatigue and repetitive stress injuries
- Offers more flexibility in tooling choices and the ability to customize tooling for applications
- Costs less than most comparable handles

# G-FORCE® AND EASY ARM™ Q AND IQ HANDLE CONFIGURATION OPTIONS

The G-Force® and Easy Arm™ were designed to provide flexibility in handle configurations. Choose from the following four configurations to best fit your application.



#### In-Line Slide Handle

The in-line slide handle allows the operator to get close to the load for more control and precision. With this handle, the load moves with the motion of the operator's hand.



#### Remote Mount Slide Handle

This configuration offers the same smooth control as the slide handle, but accommodates set-ups where the operators can't be close to the load.



#### **Suspended Pendant Control Handle**

This handle is ideal when you have limited headroom, when the operator can't get close to the load or when the operator needs maximum lifting stroke. This handle can also be used when you expect the load to bounce or tip during lifting.



#### Remote Mount Pendant Control Handle

Choose this design when the handle is mounted more than one foot from where the wire rope attaches to tooling, or when you expect the load to bounce or tip during lifting.

See G-Force® and Easy Arm™ Q and iQ tooling examples on page 9.



The G-Force® and Easy Arm™ have a combined collector/air swivel that allows the handle to continuously rotate without damaging electrical conductors in the coil cord or optional air coil. This is ideal in applications where the operator is continuously rotating the handle.

#### 2. LCD Display

Backlit display on the handle allows for menu style set up of features like Virtual Limits and Speed Reduction Points. It also communicates valuable information like operation modes, weight readout, diagnostic information, and fault codes.

#### 3. Operator Present Function

The handle grip of the G-Force® or Easy Arm™ uses a built in photo sensor, making it safe and intuitive. This method senses the presence of the operator's hand without a physical lever to depress. The result is safe, smooth operation because the operator is not tempted to use the Operator Present Sensor safety feature as a start/stop control.

#### 4. Ergonomic Handle Design

Our long lasting handle was designed with your operator's comfort in mind. Its shape, size, and material were carefully planned to fit comfortably in the curve of your hand, while its rubber, textured coating gives you a positive grip.

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### G-FORCE® Q AND IQ BRIDGE CRANE MOUNTED LIFTING DEVICE



"WITH THE G-FORCED WE WERE ABLE TO MOVE MORE PRODUCT IN LESS TIME. WE PRODUCED MORE ENGINES IN THE PAST YEAR THAN ANY OTHER YEAR IN COMPANY HISTORY—WITH FEWER OVERTIME HOURS."

- MANUFACTURING MANAGER

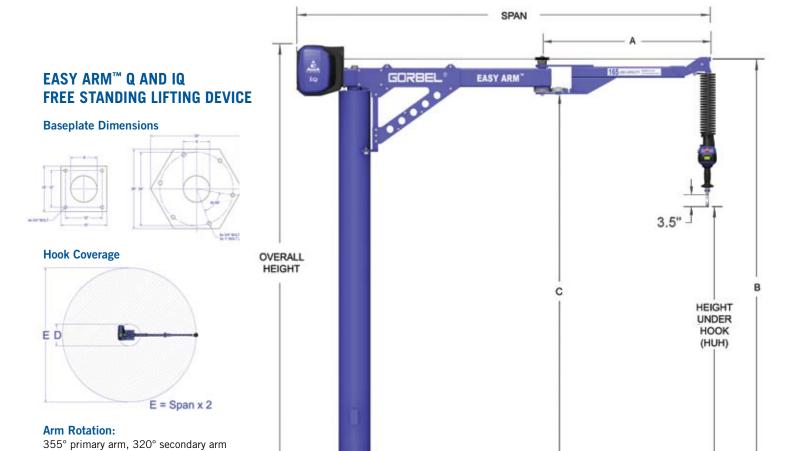
CAPACITY	<b>165 lb</b> (75 kg)	<b>330 lb</b> (150 kg)	<b>600 lb</b> (300 kg)	
А	8.625" (219mm)	10.25" (260mm)	10.25" (260mm)	
В	14.375" (365)	15" (381)	15" (381)	
С	10.875" (276)	10.875" (276)	10.875" (276)	
D	24.125" (613)	24.125" (613)	24.125" (613)	
E	23" (641)	25.25" (641)	25.25" (641)	
F	16" (406)	16" (406)	16" (406)	

D references the coil cord in full upright position.

#### G-FORCE® Q AND IQ HANDLE CONFIGURATION OPTIONS

DIMENSIONS	Remote Slide	Suspended Pendant	Remote Pendant		
D	15.5" (394mm)	5.875" (149mm)	15.5" (260mm)		
F	14.25" (362)	14.375" (365)	14.375" (365)		





#### 165 lb (75 kg) Unit

Span	<b>6'</b> (1829mm)	<b>8'</b> (2438mm)	<b>10'</b> (3048mm)	12' (3658mm)	<b>14'</b> (4267mm)	<b>6'</b> (1829mm)	<b>8'</b> (2438mm)	10' (3048mm)	12' (3658mm)	14' (4267mm)	<b>6'</b> (1829mm)	<b>8'</b> (2438mm)	<b>10'</b> (3048mm)	12' (3658mm)	14' (4267mm)
HUH					<b>8'</b> (2438)				10' (3048)						
OAH	109.14" (2772)			133.14" (3382)				<b>157.14"</b> (3991)							
А	33.84" (860)	45.12" (1146)	56.40" (1433)	67.68" (1719)	78.96" (2006)	33.84" (860)	45.12" (1146)	56.40" (1433)	67.68" (1719)	78.96" (2006)	33.84" (860)	45.12" (1146)	56.40" (1433)	67.68" (1719)	78.96" (2006)
В	105.98" (2692)				129.98" (3301)				<b>153.98"</b> (3911)						
С	<b>97.89"</b> (2486)				121.89 (3096)				145.89" (3706)						
D	24.90" (632)	32.06" (814)	40.03"	48.00" (1219)	<b>56"</b> (1422)	24.90" (632)	32.06" (814)	40.03" (1017)	48.00" (1219)	<b>56"</b> (1422)	24.90" (632)	32.06" (814)	40.03" (1017)	48.00" (1219)	<b>56"</b> (1422)

#### 330 lb. (150 kg) Unit

Span	<b>6'</b> 8 (1829mm) (2438		<b>12'</b> (3658mm)	<b>14'</b> (4267mm)	<b>6'</b> (1829mm)	<b>8'</b> (2438mm)	<b>10'</b> (3048mm)	12' (3658mm)	<b>14'</b> (4267mm)	<b>6'</b> (1829mm)	<b>8'</b> (2438mm)	<b>10'</b> (3048mm)	<b>12'</b> (3658mm)	<b>14'</b> (4267mm)
HUH	<b>6'</b> (1829)				<b>8'</b> (2438)				10' (3048)					
OAH	109.88" (2791)			133.88" (3401)				157.88" (4010)						
А	33.84" 45.1 (860) (114		67.68" (1719)	78.96" (2006)	33.84" (860)	45.12" (1146)	56.40" (1433)	67.68" (1719)	78.96" (2006)	33.84" (860)	45.12" (1146)	56.40" (1433)	67.68" (1719)	78.96" (2006)
В	106.86" (2714)				130.86" (3324)				154.86" (3933)					
С	97.77" (2483)			121.77" (3093)				<b>145.77"</b> (3703)						
D	24.34" 32.2 (618) (81		51.48" (1308)	59.76" (1518)	24.34" (618)	32.26" (819)	42.70" (1085)	51.48" (1308)	59.76" (1518)	24.34" (618)	32.26" (819)	42.70" (1085)	51.48" (1308)	59.76" (1518)

#### Please note

These dimensions are for Easy Arm™ units with Inline slide handles only. Units with suspended pendant handles will have different dimensions. Please contact Gorbel at (800) 821-0086 for these dimensions. For Under Hung model dimensions please visit www.gorbel.com/gforce/easyarm.asp. Other Heights Under Hook are available as special orders; contact factory.

Dimensions shown in parentheses are in millimeters.



#### **Portable Base**

Instead of bolting your free standing unit to the floor, our optional portable base gives you a stable base that you can move anywhere in your facility. The base shown is for smaller Easy Arms. Larger units may require a different portable base. Contact your Gorbel dealer to learn more.

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# G-FORCE® AND EASY ARM™ Q AND IQ TECHNOLOGY: PROVEN PERFORMANCE

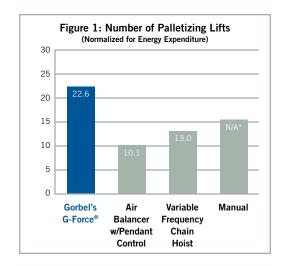
#### **ERGONOMIC STUDY**

The following summary is based on a study performed by the Rochester Institute of Technology. The study compared the performance of Gorbel's G-Force® Intelligent Lifting Device to other lifting devices. It focused on High Cycle Applications and Precision Placement Applications. To read the whole study, go to: http://www.gorbel.com/pdfs/study/gforceergostudy.pdf.

#### **High Cycle Test**

Operators were:

- 124% more productive with the G-Force® than with air balancers
- 74% more productive with the G-Force® than with variable frequency drive hoists
- \* Manual: 75% of the subjects could not complete 10 minutes of lifting & still maintain safe heart rates



#### **Precision Placement Test**

Operators were:

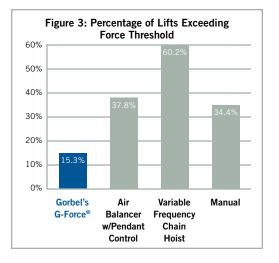
- 76% more productive with the G-Force® than with air balancers
- 59% more productive with the G-Force® than with variable frequency drive hoists
- \* Manual: None of the subjects could complete 10 minutes of lifting w/o exceeding safe heart rates.

# Figure 2: Number of Precision Placement Lifts 30 25 20 15 10 5 Gorbel's Air Variable Manual Frequency W/Pendant Chain Control Hoist

#### **Force of Placement**

The G-Force® was:

- 2.5x less likely to damage the load than the air balancer with pendant control
- 3.3x less likely to damage the load than the variable frequency drive hoists
- 2.2x less likely to damage the load than manual



#### G-FORCE® AND EASY ARM™ Q AND IQ TOOLING EXAMPLES

#### **EASE OF TOOLING INTEGRATION**

The G-Force® and Easy Arm™ units were designed with tooling integration in mind. Optional handle auxiliary control brackets allow pneumatic valves or electric switches to be integrated with the G-Force® control handles. Choose one of these three handle configurations to meet the needs of your applications.

#### **TOOLING EXAMPLES:**







# GORBEL'S G-FORCE® Q AND IQ TECHNOLOGY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Bridge Mounted G-Force® Q and iQ Quick Facts

	Q	iQ	Q	iQ	Q	iQ	
Maximum Capacity	165	ō lb	330	) lb	600 lb		
(Load & Tool)	75	kg	150	) kg	330	) kg	
Maximum Lifting Speed	200 f	t/min	100	t/min	50 ft	/min	
Unloaded	61 m	n/min	30 n	n/min	14.94 m/min		
Maximum Lifting Speed	125 f	t/min	75 f	:/min	42 ft/min		
Fully Loaded	38 m	n/min	23 n	n/min	12.80 m/min		
Maximum Float Mode (Option)	103 f	t/min	65 f	:/min	38 ft/min		
Lifting Speed	31 m	n/min	20 n	n/min	11.58 m/min		
Maximum Lift Range	11	ft	11	ft	11 ft		
Maximum Lift Kange	3.3	5 m	3.3	5 m	3.35 m		
Maximum Lift Strake	8	ft	8	ft	8 ft		
Maximum Lift Stroke	2.4	4 m	2.4	4 m	2.44 m		

#### Free Standing Easy Arm™ Q and iQ Quick Facts

Easy Arm <sup>™</sup>	Q	iQ	Q	iQ	
Maximum Capacity	165		330 lb		
(Load & Tool)  Maximum Lifting Speed	75 180 f	0	150 kg <b>90 ft/min</b>		
Unloaded Speed	55 m		27 m/min		
Maximum Lifting Speed	125 f		75 ft/min		
Fully Loaded  Maximum Float Mode (Option)	38 m		23 m/min 65 ft/min		
Lifting Speed	31 m		20 m/min		
Maximum Lift Range	11	ft	11 ft		
Maximum Lift Nange	3.3	5 m	3.35 m		
Maximum Lift Stroke	8	ft	8 ft		
Maximum Lift Stroke	2.4	1 m	2.44 m		

#### G-Force®/Easy Arm™ Q and iQ Technical Specs

G-Force <sup>®</sup> & Easy Arm <sup>™</sup>	Q	iQ			
Primary Lift Voltage (VAC)	220 +/- 10%				
Maximum Current (Amps)	1	10			
Duty Cycle	H5				
Operating Temperature Range	41 - 122° F 5 - 50° C				
Operating Humidity Range (Non-Condensing)	35 - 90%				
Power Available for Tooling	Not Available	24VDC @ 0.5A			
Virtual Limits (Upper Limit, Power Limit, Speed Reduction)	Optional	Standard			

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#### iQ Specific Information

I/O Actuator (iQ Only)	iQ		
Number of Inputs, Type	8, Sinking		
Input Current @ 24 VDC	6ma		
Number of Outputs, Type	8, FET		
Continuous Current/Channel (Amps)	0.5		
Module Maximum Current (Amps)	0.5		
Handle with I/O Module (iQ Only)	iQ		
Number of Inputs, Type	8, Sinking		
Input Current @ 24 VDC	4ma		
Number of Outputs, Type	8, FET		
Continuous Current/Channel (Amps)	0.5		
Module Maximum Current (Amps)	0.5		

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