
Installing MagAO-X on the Telescope

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This procedure describes how to install the MagAO-X instrument on the Magellan Clay Telescope.

Estimated Time to Complete: 5 hours

This document can be downloaded as a PDF: [Installing MagAO-X on the Telescope](#)

1 Initial Conditions

- Instrument in LCO cleanroom on legs

2 Preparations

- If operating, shut down MagAO-X.
 - Make sure to leave stages/wheels in positions that are safe for transportation
 - Complete procedure in the telescope removal procedure
- Prepare Legs for Move
 - Turn off table legs (table air power off, PEPS II rocker switch off) and remove air connection from wall
 - Lie under table and remove all three (#1,2,& 3) geophones from bottom of table
 - Place coiled up geophones and cables into basket
 - Unplug PEPS II power from side of rack
 - Remove the taped down exhaust line from the clean room floor
- Remove all cables
 - See detailed procedure for removing 2K DM cables
- Electronics Rack
 - Ensure that roll-out shelves are restrained
 - If not installed, install side panels
 - Close and lock doors
 - Tape keys down
- Instrument
 - Remove eyepiece
 - Place freezer baggie over top periscope mirror so it does not fall on pyramid
 - Turn off blower, and remove hose
 - Tape over any exposed holes (from cables, etc)
 - Secure any loose cables
 - Shrink wrap the instrument
 - Install solar blanked over shrink wrap
- Cart and Rigging
 - Verify all cart hardware is in-hand
 - Verify two wire harnesses are in hand
 - Partially assemble cart, leaving one long side off
 - Store cart out of the way so table can roll into unpacking area
- Dome
 - The NASE platform should be clear and ready for MagAO-X installation
 - The dome jib crane should be set to “3 hairs” speed
- XKID
 - If XKID is pre-cooling on the platform:

- * move the electronics to the dome floor
- * move the dewar to the corner of the platform
- * ensure cables are routed to minimize interference

3 Rig Onto Cart

- Lower table legs onto the casters by turning the 16 leveling bolts, and remove the 12 metal pads
- Roll the instrument out of the cleanroom

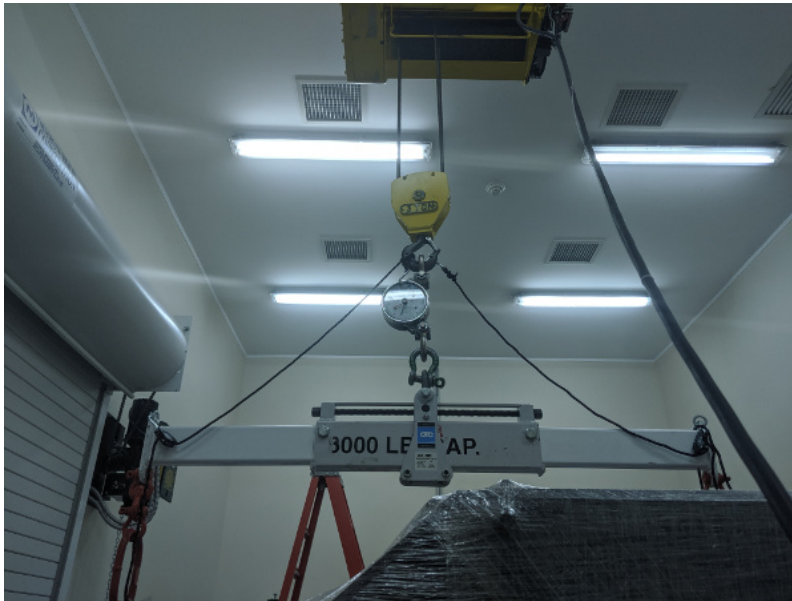
NOTE: At least 4 people required, 2 to push, 2 to hold the cleanroom sides open

CAUTION: only push on the legs, not the table itself

- Continue rolling the instrument through the garage door into the unpacking area
- Move the cart, currently with 3 sides, around the legs

CAUTION: be careful to not bump the legs with the cart

- Attach the 4th side of the cart
- Ensure that the 8 large bolts on the cart are snug but not tight
- Attach the lifting wire-harness to each side of the cart. The hooks should point outward.
- Attach the load spreader with straight extensions to the crane, using a crane scale



The load spreader attached to the crane for lifting the cart

- Place the load spreader in the center position (the cart is symmetric)
- Lift the load spreader, and position it over the instrument
- Being careful to not bump the instrument, lower the load spreader and attach the lifting harness D rings. Use 4x shackles to extend the length to reach the cart on the floor.



Lifting harnesses attached with shackle extensions

- Position a person at each corner of the cart
- CAUTION:** Do not allow the cart to bump the legs or the table uncontrolled
- Slowly lift the cart (**320 lbs**) until it is touching the bottom of the table.



The cart being lifted to the bottom of the table. Note the direction of the hooks.

- Install the 4 bolts. Loosen bolts on the cart as needed.
- Once the cart is bolted to the table bottom, while **320 lbs** is still on the crane, tighten all cart bolts. Do not over-tighten, make 1/4 turn after the washers are no longer free. This is to avoid excessive stress on the table.
- Install the triangle stabilizing ropes between the crane hook and the lifting fixture IAW the below figure. Tighten, but do not cause them to pick the load.



The triangle stabilizing ropes should be tight, but not become the lifting point for the load.

CAUTION: be sure that the load spread does not hit the cart when being repositioned.

- Reposition the load spreader center to the instrument + cart position marked on it.
- Ensure that there is room to move the legs out from under the table, opening the garage door into the cleanroom if necessary.

- Position a person at each corner of the cart to stabilize it during the lift.
- Position two people to remove the legs from under the table
- Begin SLOWLY lifting the table off the legs. Once table is fully supported by the crane, the scale will read around 2000 lbs (as of March 2024).
- Go up 0.5inch then stop and inspect the platters. Use a long flathead screwdriver to very gently pry any stuck platters off bottom of table.
- Move the legs out from under the table.



The cart and instrument ready to be set down on the wheels, with legs out of the way.

- Set the cart down on its wheels.
- Re-check the cart bolts. Tighten any that are loose to 1/4 turn past when the washers stop moving.

4 Transport MagAO-X To Clay

- Move MagAO-X onto the lift gate (using plates over the gap)



MagAO-X moved onto the pentalift. Note the metal plates across the gap.

- Raise the lift-gate to the height of the flatbed truck



Pentalift raised to truck height.

- Place the plates across the gap.
- Move MagAO-X onto the truck using the come-along
- Secure the instrument by strapping the cart down at 4 points as illustrated in the below figure.



MagAO-X will be strapped to the Isuzu flatbed.

- Slowly drive the truck to the summit.
- Ensure that the lift gate at the summit has been adjusted for slow smooth operation as is done for the asm
- Back the flatbed truck up to the lift gate.



MagAO-X will be unloaded at the telescope using the lift gate, adjusted for slow operation as it is for the ASM.

- Next, using the come-along, carefully move MagAO-X onto the lift gate.



Use the come-along to move MagAO-X on the gate

- Very slowly so as to minimize vibrations, move MagAO-X to the elevator, or place it in the Aux until ready to move to the elevator.



Slowly and carefully move MagAO-X to the telescope or Aux.

5 Moving the Legs to the Summit

- Return to the cleanroom with the flatbed.
- Placed on 2 dollies as in the below image.



Legs on 2 dollies placed in the middle of the table under each lower long tie bar (away from basket).

- Move the legs to the flatbed and strap them down.



Legs strapped to the truck.

- Slowly drive the truck to the summit.
- Ensure that the lift gate at the summit has been adjusted for slow smooth operation downwards (slow air release) as is done for the ASM
- Back the flatbed truck up to the lift gate.
- Next carefully roll legs onto the lift gate.
- Remove dollies from legs before going into elevator.
- Bring the load spreader and rigging up with the legs.

6 Install MagAO-X On The Platform

- Ensure the dome jib crane is set to “3 hairs” speed
- Position the telescope so that the elevator has access to the NASE platform
- Put MagAO-X on the NASE platform
- Put the legs on the elevator and raise it the platform
- Set the alignment pin system on the legs for receiving the instrument, and ensure that the platters are centered on the legs.
- Attach the load spreader using the wire harnesses as above
- Install the triangle stabilizing ropes
- Position a person at each corner of the instrument to stabilize it
- Lift the instrument with cart until it will clear the legs
- Move the legs under the instrument.
- Ensure that the table pads are centered
- While keeping the instrument level, very slowly lower it into position using the alignment pins.
- If one side touches first platters will move and repeat last few steps until platters are centered and pins are centered
- Once on the legs, unload the crane to the cart weight of **320 lbs** and re-position the load spreader for the cart



Adjusting the load spreader for the cart.

- With the crane supporting the cart weight, remove the 4 bolts attaching the cart to the table
- Lower the cart to the floor, and detach from the crane.
- Stow the crane and handling gear
- Remove the long side of the cart on the telescope side (4 bolts), and wheel the remaining pieces out from under table. Reassemble the cart and remove to the Aux. Bldg.
- Conduct the daytime alignment procedure per alignment plan

See detailed alignment procedure [Aligning MagAO-X to the Telescope](#)

7 Transport Electronics

- remove the earthquake bar
- Use the lift gate to move the electronics rack onto a truck (either the flatbed or a pickup)
- place foam between the rack side and the truck to protect cable connectors



The electronics rack has many delicate connectors on the side.

- strap the rack securely to the truck using the D-rings (do not compress the foam on the top with straps)



The rack on a truck for transport.

- drive the truck to the summit
- unload the rack using the lift gate, and move to the platform on the elevator

8 Install Electronics and Cable

- **If needed, unplug from UPS power outlet to free up sockets:**
 - MIKE CCD controller
 - telescope's ADC (after retracting)
 - others' fiber media converter
- Place the rack in position next to the instrument. Leave enough room behind it so that the door can open.
- Install the earthquake roll bar
- lock the wheels
- Check that the rack is stable and will not roll
- Install all cables but the 2K DM cables
- Power on the UPS located in the electronics rack

9 Install AOC in Control Room

- Move the AOC, monitors and stand to the Clay control room
- Connect AOC to the telescope 200 network, and to the "VisAO" port for the internal 192 network.
- Connect the "VisAO" cable behind the MagAO rack in the equipment room directly to the media converter for VisAO.
- On the platform connect the instrument lan to the VisAO fiber with a media converter
- Power on the AOC
- Conduct function checks of everything but the 2K DM

10 Cable the 2K

- Cable the 2K DM following procedure

See MagAO-X PSR Document 2.2 Deformable Mirrors

- Check actuator functionality, following [this notebook on the RTC](#)