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# SUMMARY OF CHANGES: M-00-40, REVISION H

PAGE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE
COVER	Updated REV and date of release. Added statement directing user to WWW.MAXON-LIFT.COM for maintenance manual.

### **A** WARNING

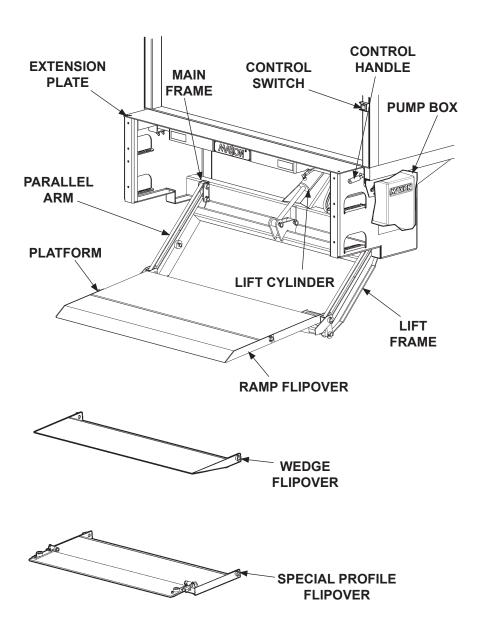
 Incorrect operation of this Liftgate can result in serious personal injury. Comply with WARNINGS and Liftgate operating instructions in this manual. Do not allow untrained persons or children to operate the Liftgate. If you need to replace an Operation Manual, additional copies are available from:

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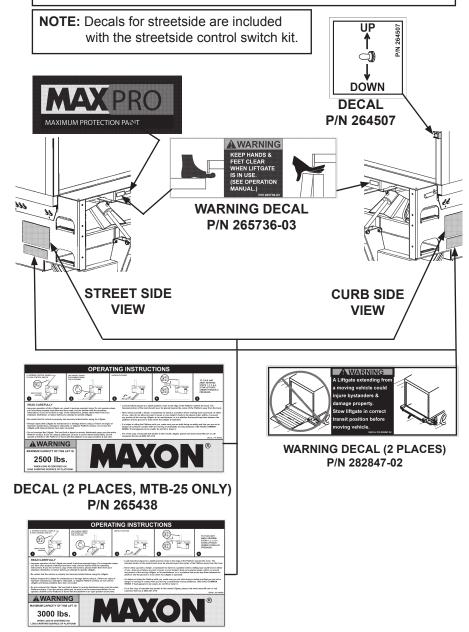
- 2. Do not exceed rated load capacity of the Liftgates, which is **2500** lbs. for model MTB-25 and 3000 lbs. for model MTB-30.
- Do not allow any part of your body to be placed under, within, or around any portion of the moving Liftgate or its mechanisms, or in a position that would trap them between the platform and the floor of truck body (or between platform and the ground) when Liftgate is operating.
- 4. Consider the safety and location of bystanders and location of nearby objects when operating the Liftgate. Stand to one side of platform while operating the Liftgate. Be certain that the area the Liftgate will move through during operation is clear of all obstacles.
- 5. Comply with all attached instruction decals and warning decals.
- 6. Keep decals clean and legible. If decals are illegible or missing, have them replaced. **Get free replacement decals from Maxon.**
- 7. Never drive a forklift on the Liftgate Platform.
- 8. Do not move vehicle unless Liftgate is correctly stowed.
- 9. Correctly stow platform when not in use. Extended platforms could create a hazard for people and vehicles passing by.
- 10. A correctly installed Liftgate will operate smoothly and reasonably quiet. The only noticeable noise, during Liftgate operation, is from the power unit while the platform is raised. Listen for scraping, grating and binding noises and have the problem corrected before continuing to operate the Liftgate.
- 11. Above all, **USE GOOD COMMON SENSE** when operating this Liftgate.
- 12. Never use a cell phone while operating the Liftgate.

## LIFTGATE TERMINOLOGY



### **DECALS**

**NOTE:** Ensure there is no residue, dirt, or corrosion where decals are attached. If necessary, clean surface before attaching decals.



DECAL (2 PLACES, MTB-30 ONLY) P/N 265439

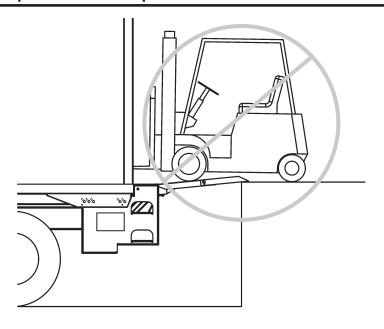
FIG. 7-1

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## **FORKLIFT ADVISORY**

# **A** WARNING

Keep forklift OFF of platform.



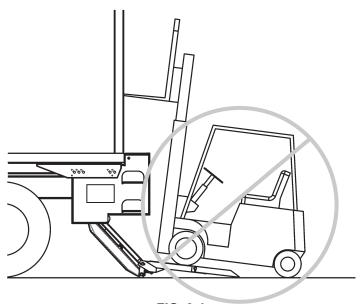


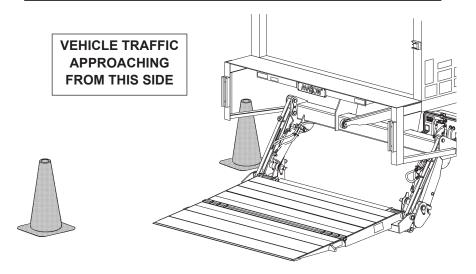
FIG. 9-1

#### ROADSIDE OPERATION ADVISORY

## **WARNING**

Operating the Liftgate by the side of a busy road with vehicle traffic increases the chance of personal injury and damage to Liftgate, cargo & vehicle. Making the loading area more visible to passing traffic can help reduce the chance of injury and damage.

**NOTE:** MAXON recommends placing at least 2 traffic cones on the traffic side of the platform loading area as illustrated below. Remove cones after platform is stowed and before moving the vehicle.

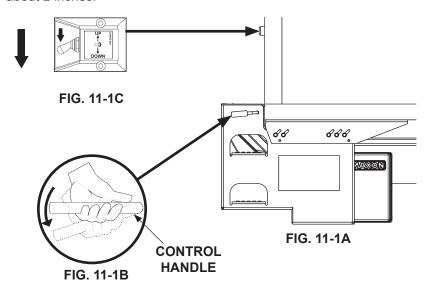


TRAFFIC CONES POSITIONED BY PLATFORM LOADING AREA (GPT LIFTGATE SHOWN)

FIG. 10-1

## **OPERATION**

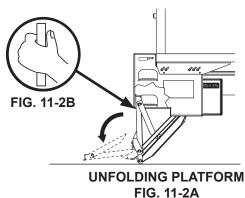
1. Standing to the side of platform (FIG. 11-1A), push down control handle (FIG. 11-1B) and push the toggle switch to DOWN position as shown in **FIG. 11-1C**. Release control handle after platform is lowered about 2 inches.



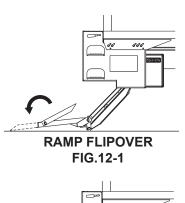
# WARNING

Never operate control switch while unfolding platform. Always use handle on bottom of platform to unfold platform. Holding the platform any other way can create a hazard and injure operator.

2. Lower the Liftgate until it touches the ground (FIG. 11-2A). Use handle (FIG. 11-2B) to unfold the platform as shown in FIG. 11-2A.

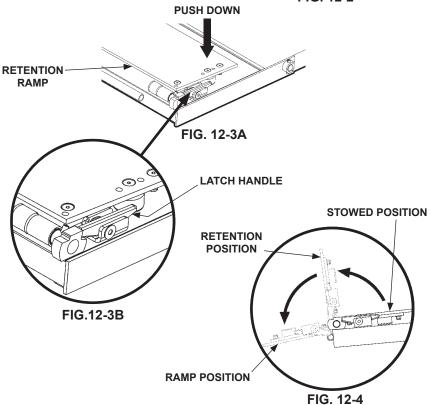


3. Unfold the flipover as shown in FIGS. 12-1 & 12-2. If platform is equipped with retention ramp, unfold to ramp. First, push down on retention ramp (FIG. 12-3A) to release the tension on the latch handle (FIG. 12-3B). Next, hold down on the latch handle and unfold the retention ramp into ramp position (FIG. 12-4).





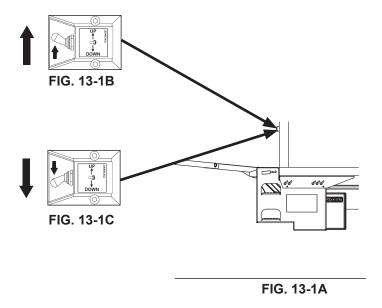
SPECIAL PROFILE FLIPOVER FIG. 12-2



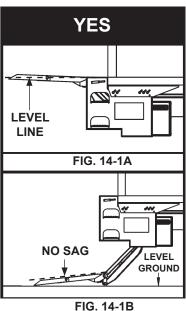
## **OPERATION - Continued**

**NOTE:** While operating the Liftgate, you can stop the platform immediately by releasing the toggle switch.

4. Raise the platform (FIG. 13-1A) by pushing the toggle switch to the UP position (FIG. 13-1B). If loading (or unloading) the platform, wait a second before releasing the toggle switch after platform reaches bed height. If you need to lower the platform, push the toggle switch to the DOWN position (FIG. 13-1C).



5. Make sure platform is positioned like the YES illustrations in FIG. 14-1A and FIG. 14-1B. At bed height with no load, outboard edge of platform must be higher than extension plate (FIG. 14-1A). At ground level, with no load, the platform must not sag (FIG. 14-1B).



6. If platform is level at bed height (FIG. 14-2A) or if it sags at ground level (FIG. 14-2B), get a qualified mechanic to correct the problem before operating the Liftgate.

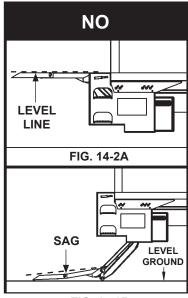


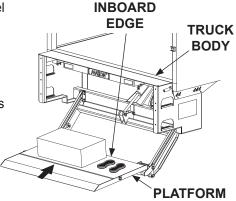
FIG. 14-2B

#### **OPERATION - Continued**

## **A** WARNING

A load should never extend past the edges of the platform. Do not place unstable loads on platform and do not allow load to exceed the lifting capacity of the Liftgate. If standing on platform, do not allow your feet to extend beyond the inboard edge of the platform.

7. Load the platform at ground level (FIG. 15-1) as follows. Move load on the platform as shown in FIG. 15-1. Place all loads as close as possible to the inboard edge of the platform with heaviest part toward the truck body as shown in FIG. 15-1. If standing on platform with the load, stand in the footprint area shown and comply with the WARNING at top of this page.



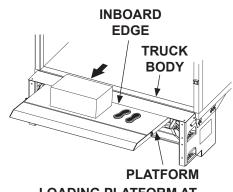
LOADING PLATFORM AT GROUND LEVEL FIG. 15-1

**8.** Raise the platform to bed level. Move the load into vehicle.

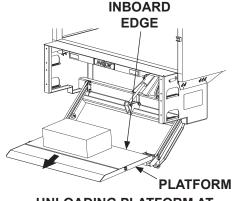
# WARNING

Pulling the load from vehicle to platform can result in a fall from platform and serious injury. When unloading vehicle, always push the load out on the platform.

9. Load the platform at bed level (FIG. 15-2) as follows. Push load out of the vehicle to correct position on the platform. Place all loads as close as possible to the inboard edge of the platform with heaviest part toward the truck body as shown in FIG. 15-2. If standing on platform with the load, stand in the footprint area shown and comply with the WARNING at top of this page.



LOADING PLATFORM AT BED LEVEL FIG. 15-2 10. Lower the platform to ground level (FIG. 16-1). Move load off the platform.

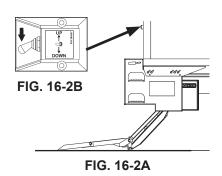


UNLOADING PLATFORM AT **GROUND LEVEL** FIG. 16-1

# WARNING

Never move the vehicle unless the Liftgate is properly stowed.

11. Before moving the vehicle, prepare the Liftgate as follows. Remove load from platform. If the platform is at bed height, push the toggle switch to the DOWN position as shown in FIG. 16-2B. Release toggle switch when platform touches the ground (FIG. 16-2A).



12. Stow the Liftgate by doing the following steps. Raise the platform 2" above the ground (FIG. 16-3A) by pushing the toggle switch to the UP position (FIG. 16-3B).

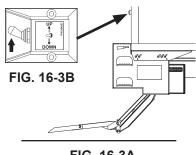
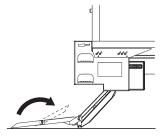


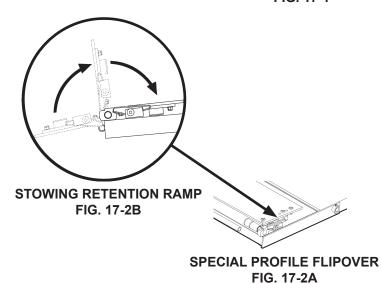
FIG. 16-3A

#### **OPERATION - Continued**

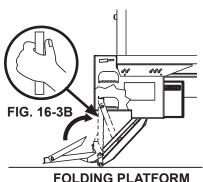
 Fold flipover (FIG. 17-1). If the platform is equipped with retention ramp (FIG. 17-2A), fold ramp to stowed position before folding flipover (FIG. 17-2B).



RAMP FLIPOVER FIG. 17-1



 Lift platform (FIG. 17-3A) to gain access to handle (FIG. 17-3B). Use handle (FIG. 17-3B) to fold platform as shown in (FIG. 17-3A).

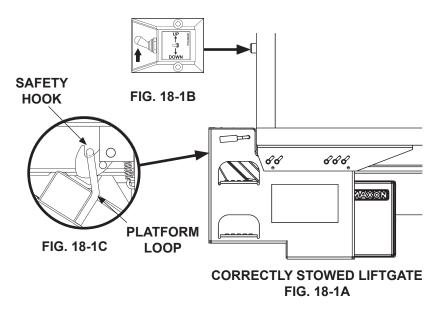


FOLDING PLATFORM (RAMP FLIPOVER SHOWN) FIG. 17-3A

#### **CAUTION**

Stow Liftgate under hydraulic pressure. To prevent damage, make sure platform loop is not resting on safety hook (FIG. 18-1C).

**15.** Stow the platform (**FIG. 18-1A**) by pushing the toggle switch to the **UP** position (**FIG. 18-1B**). Wait a second, after platform is stowed all the way, before releasing toggle switch. Then make sure platform loop is positioned above safety hook as shown in **FIG. 18-1C**.



**16.** Liftgate is ready for transport.