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Comply with the following WARNINGS and SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS while installing Liftgates. See Operation Manual for operating safety requirements.

- Do not stand, or allow obstructions, under the platform when lowering the Liftgate. **Be sure your** feet are clear of the Liftgate.
- Keep fingers, hands, arms, legs, and feet clear of moving Liftgate parts (and platform edges) when operating the Liftgate.
- Correctly stow platform when not in use. Extended platforms could create a hazard for people and vehicles passing by.
- Make sure vehicle battery power is disconnected while installing Liftgate. Connect vehicle battery power to the Liftgate only when installation is complete or as required in the installation instructions.
- If it is necessary to stand on the platform while operating the Liftgate, keep your feet and any objects clear of the inboard edge of the platform. Your feet or objects on the platform can become trapped between the platform and the Liftgate extension plate.
- Never perform unauthorized modifications on the Liftgate. Modifications may result in early failure of the Liftgate and may create hazards for Liftgate operators and maintainers.
- Recommended practices for welding on steel parts are contained in the current AWS (American Welding Society) D1.1 Structural Welding Code - Steel. Damage to Liftgate and/or vehicle, and personal injury can result from welds that are done incorrectly.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Read and understand the instructions in this Installation Manual before installing Liftgate.
- Before operating the Liftgate, read and understand the operating instructions in **Operation Manual**.
- Comply with all **WARNING** and instruction decals attached to the Liftgate.
- Keep decals clean and legible. If decals are illegible or missing, replace them. Free replacement decals are available from **Maxon Customer Service**.
- Consider the safety and location of bystanders and location of nearby objects when operating the Liftgate. Stand to one side of the platform while operating the Liftgate
- Do not allow untrained persons to operate the Liftgate.
- Wear appropriate safety equipment such as protective eyeglasses, faceshield and clothing while performing maintenance on the Liftgate and handling the battery. Debris from drilling and contact with battery acid may injure unprotected eyes and skin.
- Be careful working by an automotive type battery. Make sure the work area is well ventilated and there are no flames or sparks near the battery. Never lay objects on the battery that can short the terminals together. If battery acid gets in your eyes, immediately seek first aid. If acid gets on your skin, immediately wash it off with soap and water.
- If an emergency situation arises (vehicle or Liftgate) while operating the Liftgate, release the control switch to stop the Liftgate.
- A correctly installed Liftgate operates smoothly and reasonably quiet. The only noticeable noise during operation comes from the power unit while the platform is raised and lowered. Listen for scraping, grating and binding noises and correct the problem before continuing to operate Liftgate.

INTRODUCTION

This publication contains the information required to install the following models and their options; **RC**, **RCW**, **RCT**, **RC**-**CL**, and **RCHL** from 2000 to 6000 pound capacities. If there is any doubt in your mind regarding the suitability of these lifts being installed on its intended vehicle, or any portion of these instructions that you do not understand, please contact the Maxon Customer Service Department for consultation.

Unauthorized modification to this equipment may cause premature failure or create hazards in its use that are not foreseen at the time of the installation. These kinds of changes should be discussed with our Engineering Department before being undertaken.

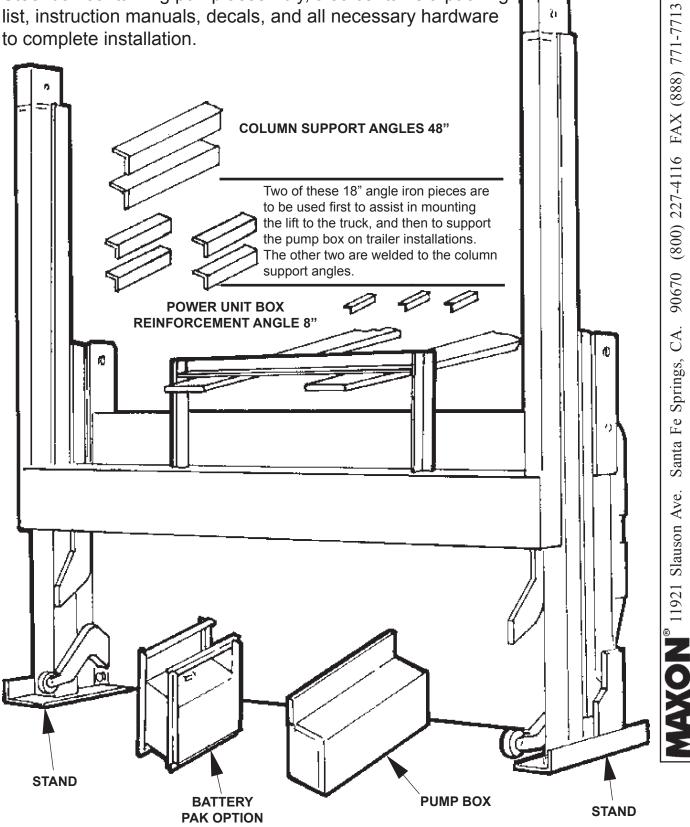
Bed height requirements to ground are 38" laden to 56" unladen.

These lifts cannot be installed on bodies with swing type doors.

These lifts have been designed to fit bodies that are 96" wide, (102" wide, in the case of the RCW Models). If this body has dimensions that are much different than these, special brackets will have to be fabricated for attachment. The corner posts of the body must also be made of steel so that the lift columns can be welded to it. If they are aluminum, then steel plates will have to be fabricated to bolt to these corner posts for welding to the lift assembly. Both of the above conditions are rare and therefore have not been provided for in this manual. Contact the Customer Service Department if either of the above conditions exist.

UNIT AS SHIPPED

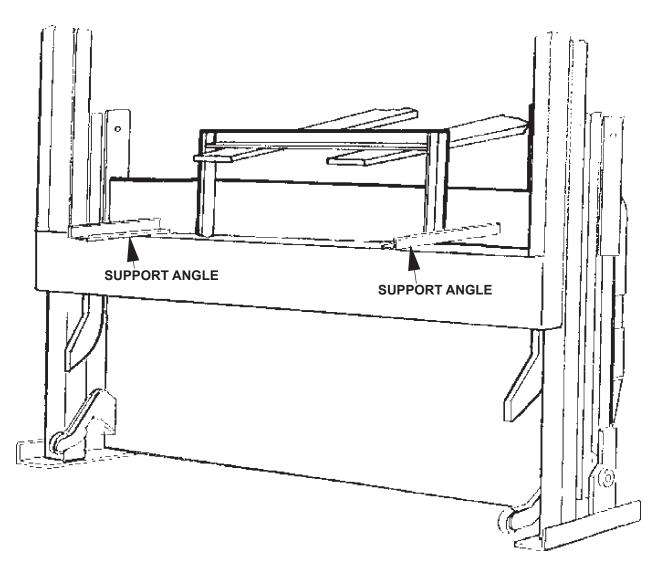
Do not remove stands at bottom of column until instructed to do so. Steel box containing pump assembly, also contains a packing list, instruction manuals, decals, and all necessary hardware ð. to complete installation.



INSTALLATION OF UNIT

There are two pieces of angle iron supports $(2-1/2 \times 2-1/2 \times 18^{\circ})$ that have been provided to assist in lining the unit up to the body. Tack weld them to the top of the lifts main section, just strong enough to support it on the truck floor till the lift is secured and ready to weld. Put a chalk mark on the center of the unit (on the thread plate surface) for aligning with the center of the truck body.

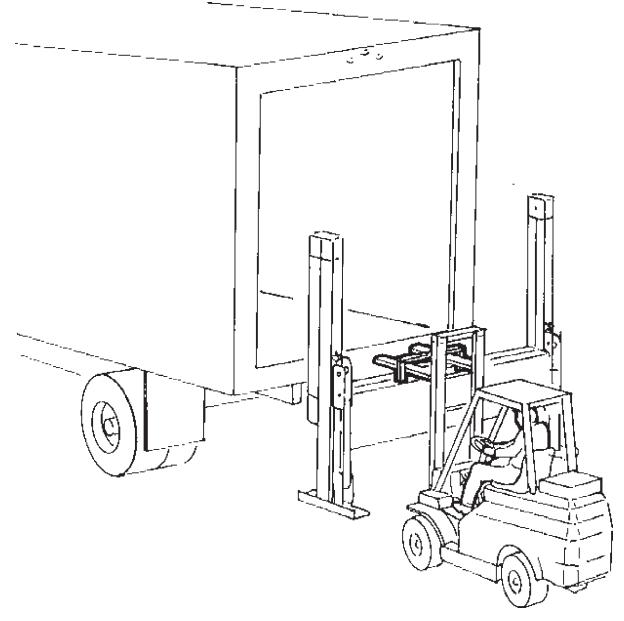
Remove support angles after lift is mounted and use them for pump box mount reinforcement.



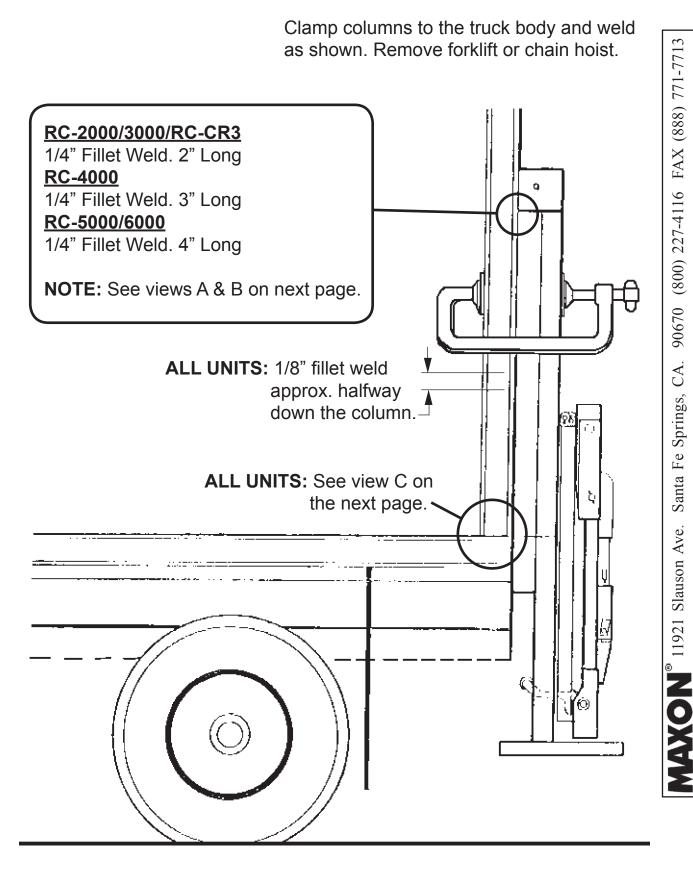
Corner posts and sill under rear of floor must be clean and free of any obstructions so that the columns of the rail lift can fit flat against the rear of the body.

Chalk mark a center line at the edge of the rear of the truck floor to line up with the mark on the liftgate.

Using the lifting straps, the unit can now be raised either with a chain hoist or fork lift to a height which will allow the temporary support angles to rest on the body floor. The unit can be moved to the vehicle or the vehicle to the unit till they meet.

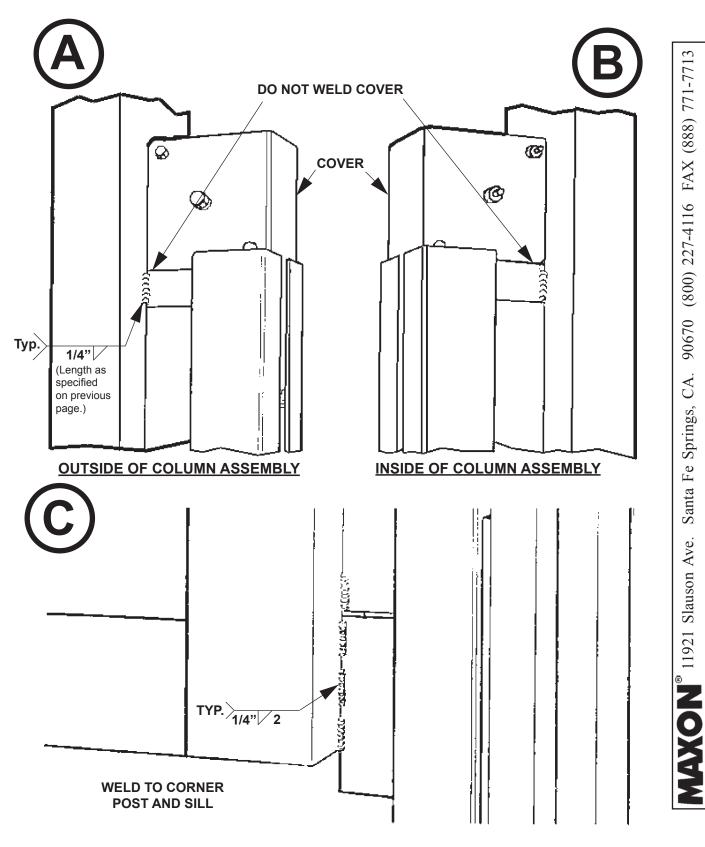


INSTALLATION OF UNIT - Continued



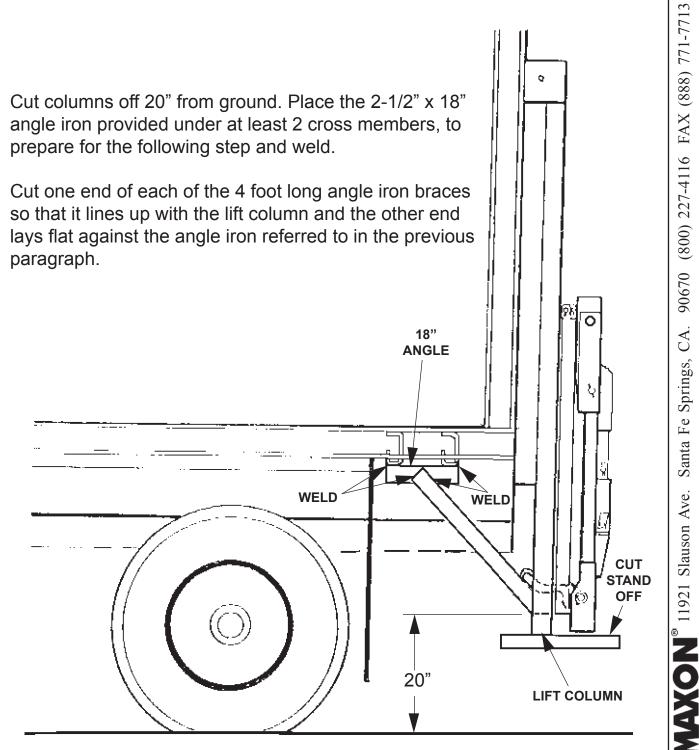
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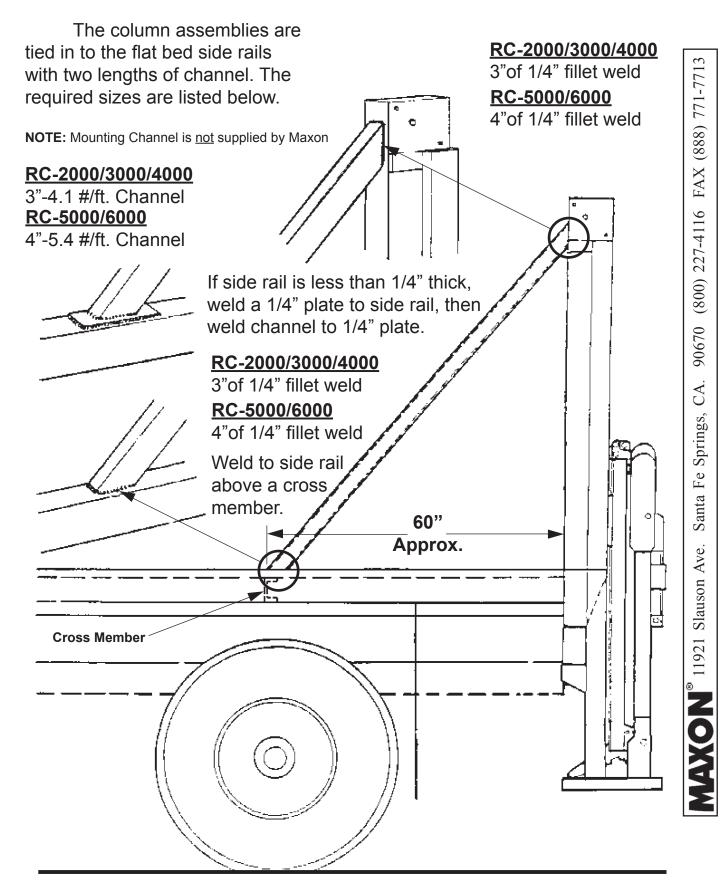


BOTTOM CORNER OF TRUCK BODY

INSTALLATION OF UNIT - Continued



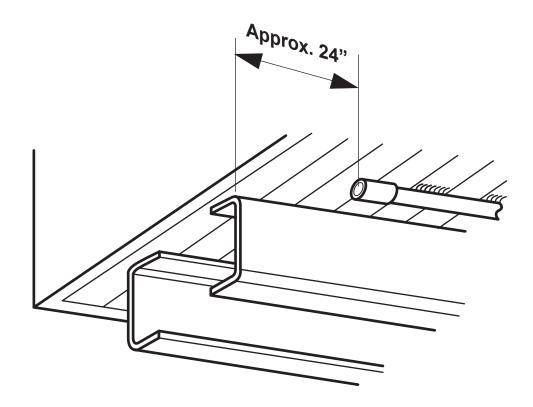
WELDING TO FLATBED



HYDRAULIC PIPE INSTALLATION

Remove the seven foot long pipe that is strapped to this column of the lift gate (two pipes if lift has hydraulic platform closer), and weld to under side of floor cross members. End of pipe to be about two feet from the end of the truck body. Connect the four foot hoses to the end of the pipe(s) closest to the power unit and the other end through the pump box to the pump assembly. See the last page of "Power Pak Installation" for details.

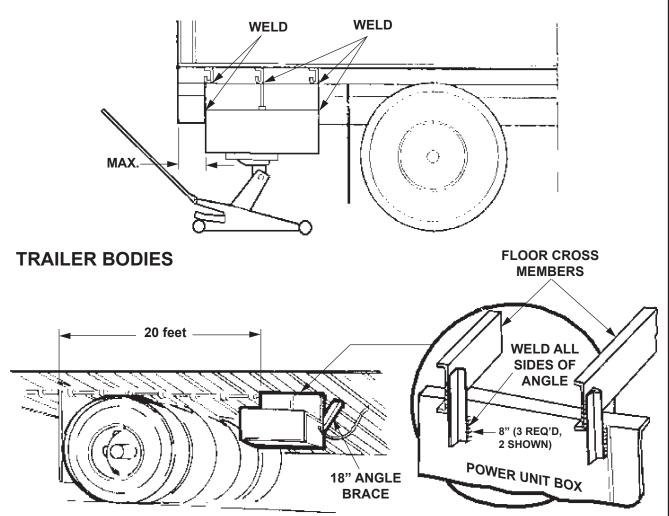
NOTE: Blow air through pipes and hoses before connections are made.



POWER PACK INSTALLATION

TRUCK BODIES

Jack up the steel box containing the pump assembly until it touches at least two cross members under the floor, three if possible, and the back of the touches the truck chassis frame. Weld where instructed and remove jack. Leave room for tail lights.



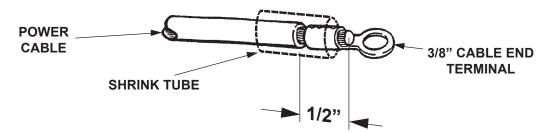
Jack up the steel box containing the pump assembly until it touches at least two cross members under the floor, three if possible and tack weld. Add braces provided to the back of the box and the side of the floor cross members. Weld both ends of braces and top of box. Use short pieces of angle iron provided to weld from the side of the floor cross members to the front of the box.

Make sure the box is not in a position to interfere with the wheels of the trailer with sliding axle.

Box can also be placed behind the wheels if room permits.

POWER PACK INSTALLATION - Continued

Run 32 ft. power cable from the pump box, along the chassis frame to the positive terminal of the battery (assuming the negative is ground). Use frame clips to secure the cable. (Do not attach to the battery terminal until the other end is fastened on the pump). If the cable is too long, cut to proper length.



Strip about 1/2" of the insulation from the end and slide one of the pieces of shrink tube far enough down that it's out of your way. Solder the terminal end firmly onto the cable.

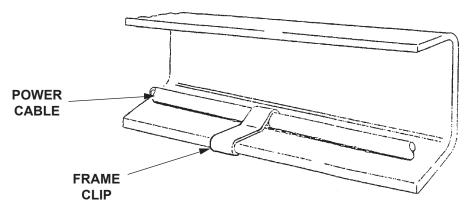
Always wear protective eye covering while you are doing soldering operations.

When it's cool, slide the shrink tube over the terminal end and heat with a heat gun til it shrinks tightly over the cable and terminal.

NOTE:

Proper cable connections are extremely important to insure a long and efficient life to all electrical components, therefore, solder type terminals, solder and shrink tubing are provided to insure proper connections. Please do not use the hammer smashing method since the constant bouncing and vibration of the vehicle can eventually cause these types of joints to loosen and deteriorate.

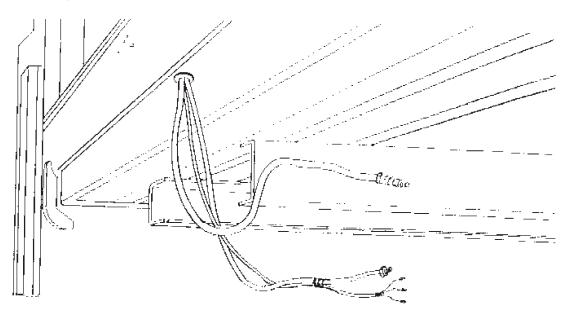
This could also be true of crimping if not done properly or the wrong size tool is used.



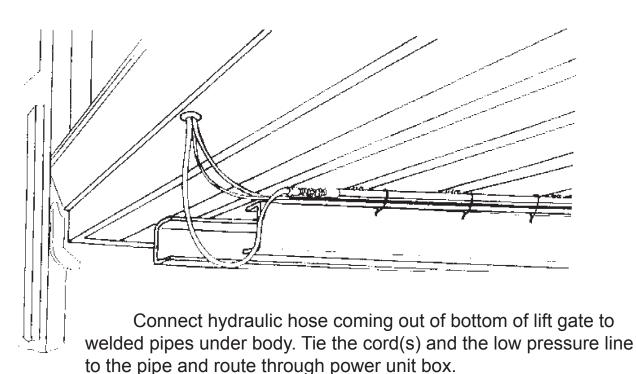
POWER PACK INSTALLATION - Continued

TRUCKS ONLY

Route the two hoses (3 if hydraulic closer) and the three conductor cord (two cords if hydraulic closer), that come out of the bottom of the lift gate main frame through the power pak box and connect as shown.

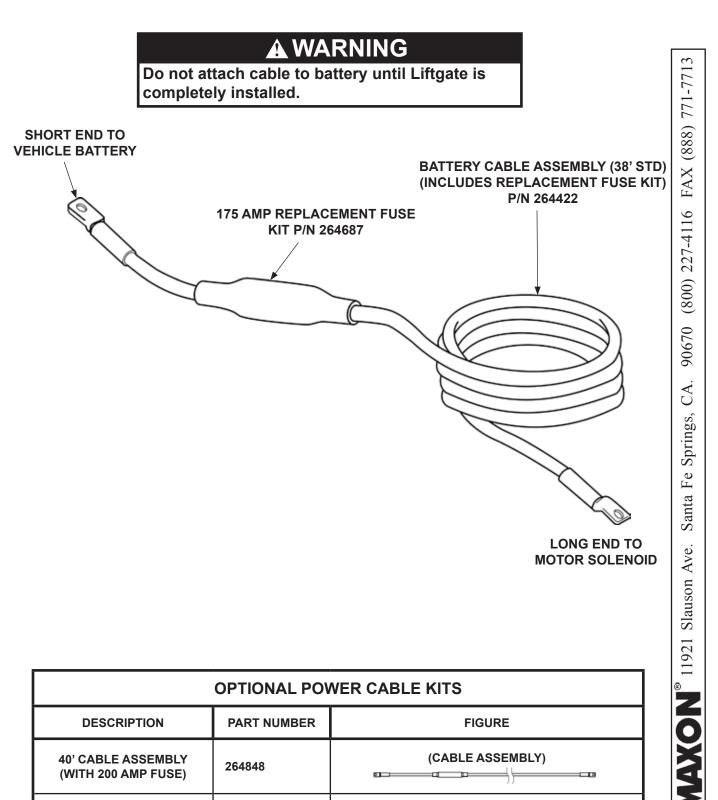


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FUSED POWER CABLE

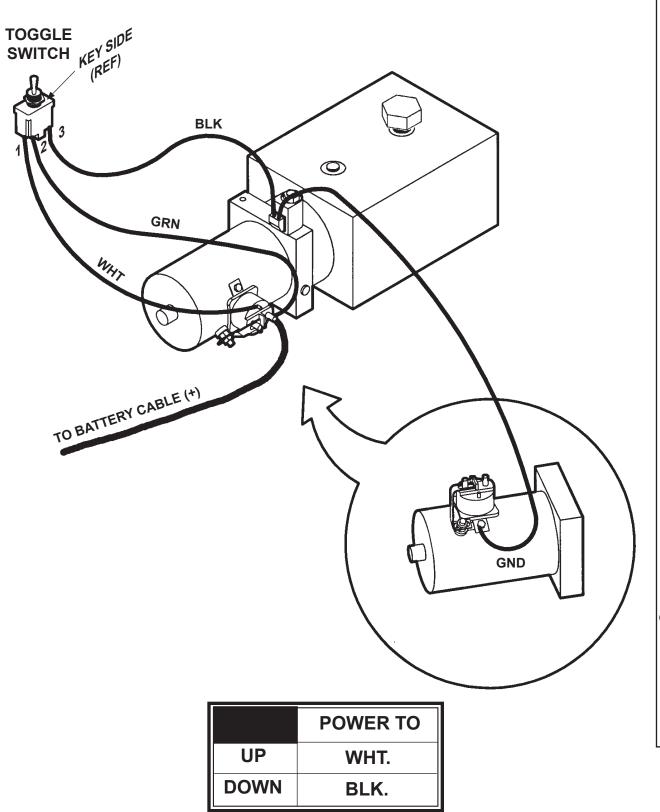


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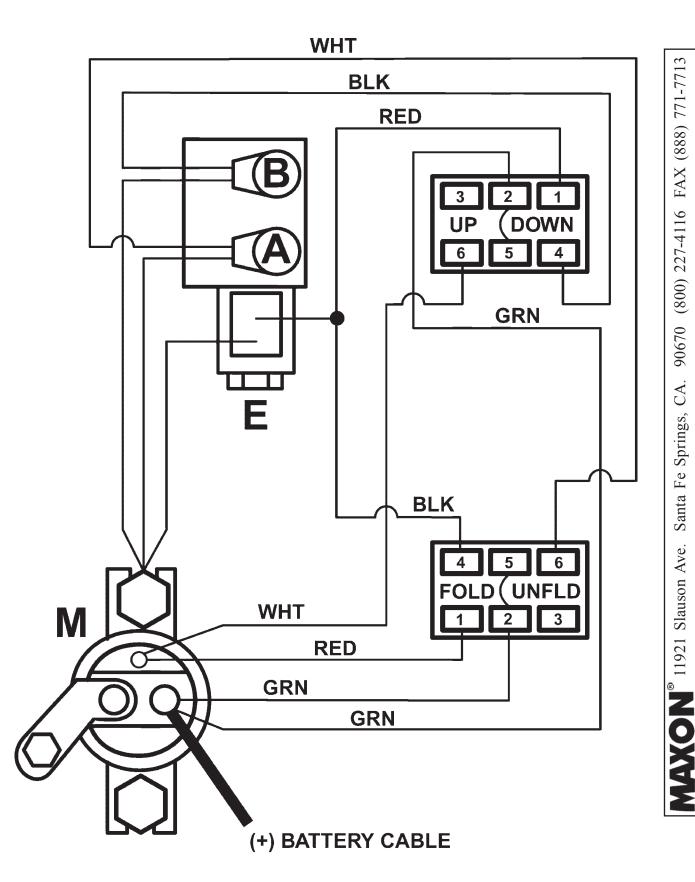
(EXTENSION CABLE ASSEMBLY)

10' EXTENSION CABLE

ASSEMBLY



PUMP WIRING HYDRAULIC CLOSER



ADD HYDRAULIC FLUID

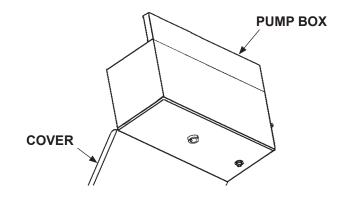
CAUTION

Keep dirt, water and other contaminants from entering the hydraulic system. Before opening the hydraulic fluid reservoir filler cap, drain plug and hydraulic lines, clean up contaminants that can get in the openings. Also, protect the openings from accidental contamination.

NOTE: Use correct grade of hydraulic fluid for your location.

+50 to +120 Degrees F - Grade ISO 32 Below + 70 Degrees F - Grade ISO 15 or MIL-H-5606 See TABLES 20-1 & 20-2 for recommended brands.

- 1. Open pump box cover (FIG. 19-1).
- 2. Remove the filler cap (FIG. 19-1). Add 4 quarts of hydraulic fluid to reservoir. (Refer to the NOTE above.)

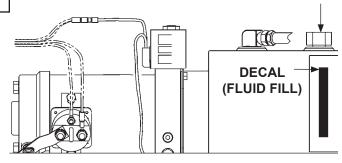


PUMP BOX WITH OPEN COVER FIG. 19-1

3. Reinstall filler cap (FIG. 19-2).

NOTE: To check oil level in the pump reservoir, platform must be at ground level.

- When Liftgate is ready to operate, unfold and lower the platform to ground level. (See Operation Manual.)
- Remove the filler cap (FIG. 19-2). Check if hydraulic fluid is at the top of the GRAVITY DOWN bar on the decal (FIG. 19-1). If necessary, add fluid to the top of the bar.
- 6. Reinstall filler cap (FIG. 19-2).



CHECKING FLUID LEVEL (GRAVITY DOWN PUMP SHOWN - USED ON RC WITH CAM PLATFORM CLOSER) FIG. 19-2

FILLER CAP

ADD HYDRAULIC FLUID - Continued

ISO 32 HYDRAULIC OIL		
RECOMMENDED BRANDS	PART NUMBER	
AMSOIL	AWH-05	
CHEVRON	HIPERSYN 32	
KENDALL	GOLDEN MV	
SHELL	TELLUS S2 V32	
EXXON	UNIVIS N-32	
MOBIL	DTE-13M, DTE-24, HYDRAULIC OIL-13	

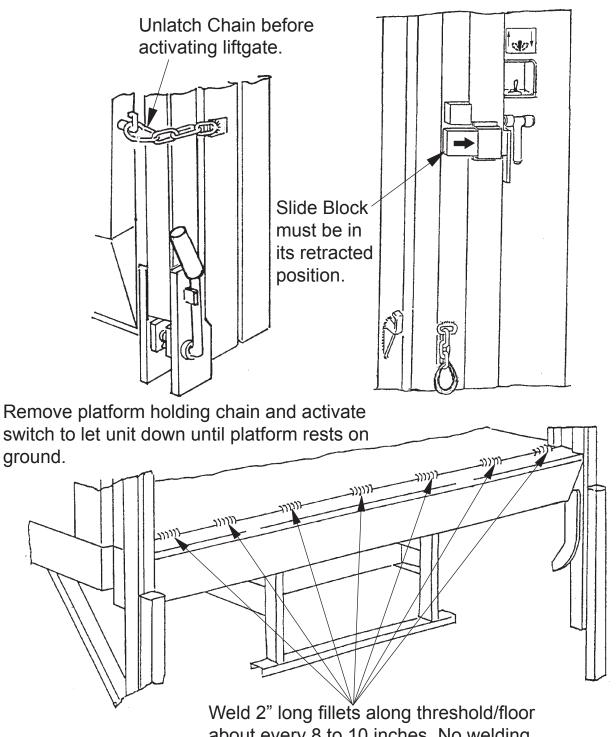
TABLE 20-1

ISO 15 OR MIL-H-5606 HYDRAULIC OIL		
RECOMMENDED BRANDS	PART NUMBER	
AMSOIL	AWF-05	
CHEVRON	FLUID A, AW-MV-15	
KENDALL	GLACIAL BLU	
SHELL	TELLUS S2 V15	
EXXON	UNIVIS HVI-13	
MOBIL	DTE-11M	
ROSEMEAD	THS FLUID 17111	

TABLE 20-2

FINAL ADJUSTMENTS

Fill the system with fluid by activating the raise control switch until the runners hit the stops.



Weld 2" long fillets along threshold/floor about every 8 to 10 inches. No welding is necessary on the bottom.

FINAL ADJUSTMENTS - Continued

Adjust Flow Control valve on power pak so that platform opens from a vertical position just slow enough so as not to create a banging condition.

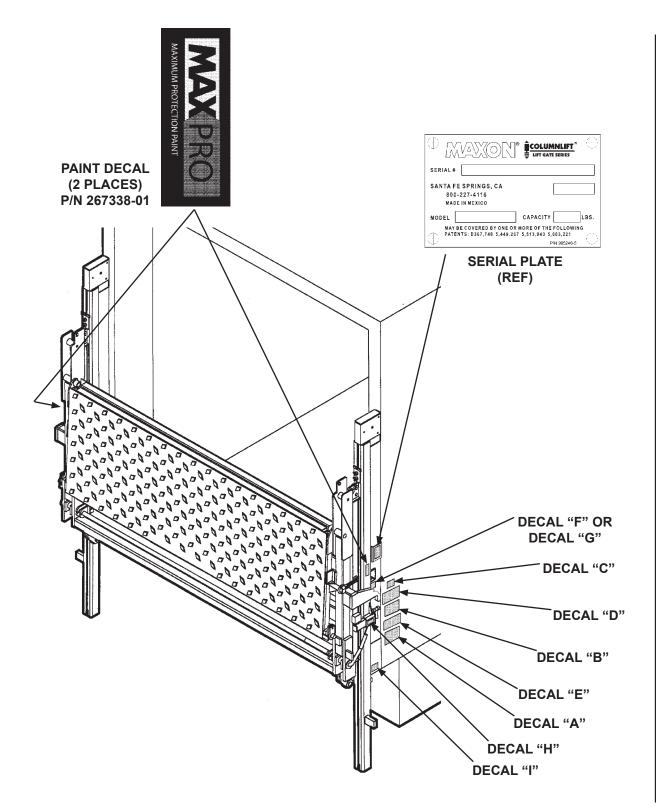
To ensure that the platform brakes are working properly, perform the following simple test:

- 1. Open Platform and let unit down so that the bottom of the Runner on one side rests on a floor jack.
- 2. Raise the jack about 3" or so and let the jack down.
- 3. The Runner should stay in the position that it was jacked up to. If it falls down to its origional position resting on the jack, then the brake is not working and must be checked.
- 4. To release engaged brake, raise unit.

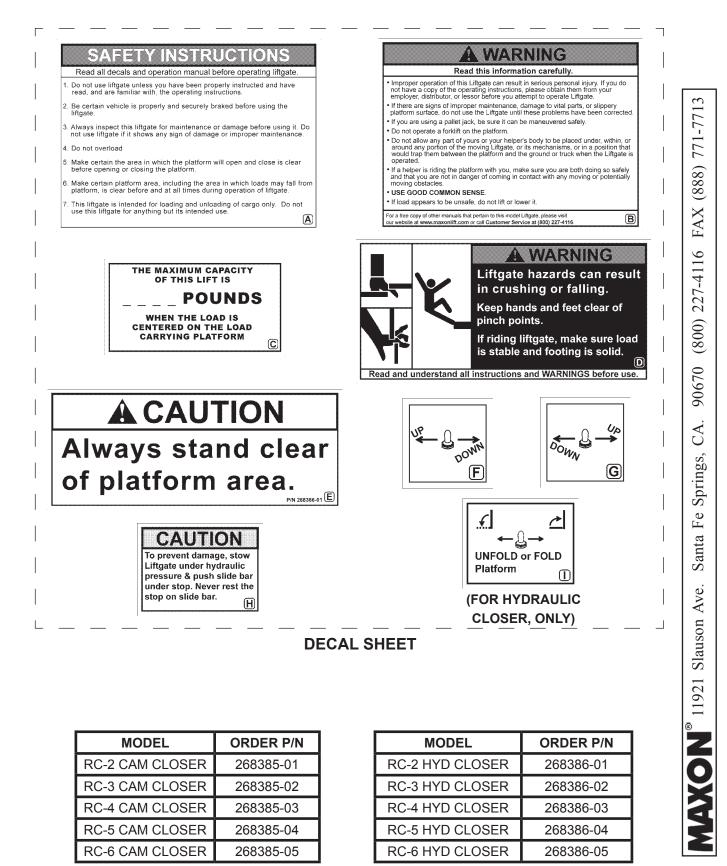
Perform test on opposite side as well.

If platform raises uneven from side to side, adjust per instructions in maintenance manual. Install lights and add decals.

ATTACH DECALS

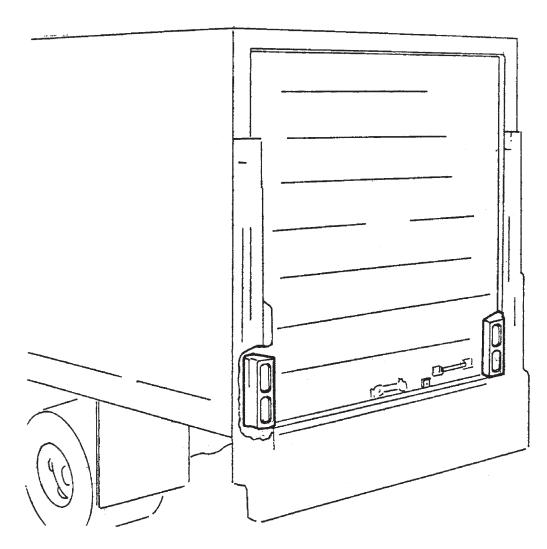


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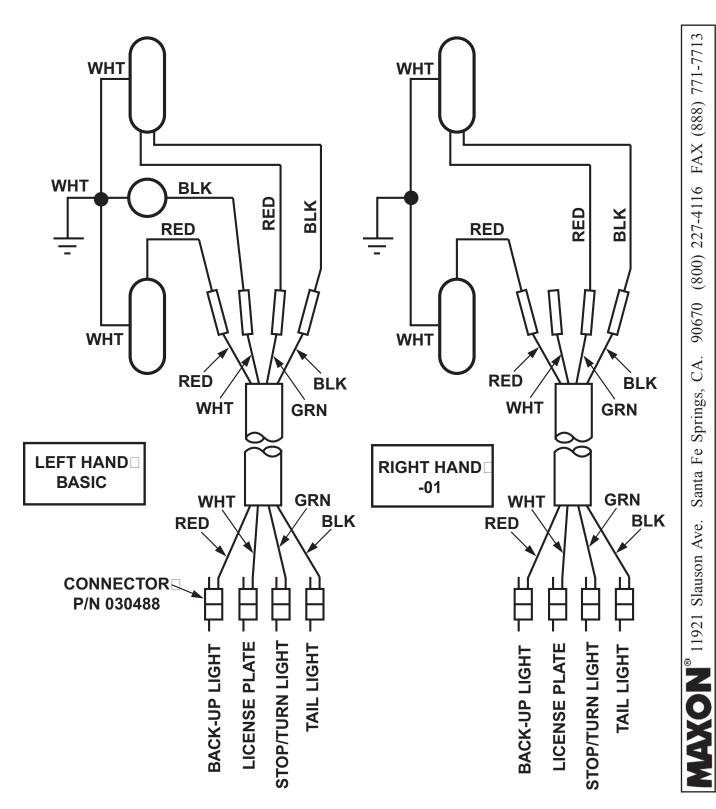


DECAL SHEET PART NUMBERS

OPTIONS RCT LIGHT INSTALLATION



ALL RCT UNITS INCLUDE BACK LIGHTS



OPTIONS HAND PUMP OPTION FOR CAM CLOSER

The procedure for lifting the platform using the hand pump is as follows:

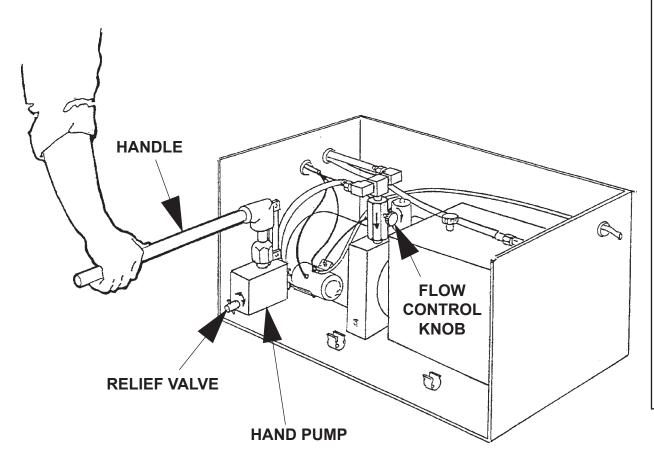
- **1.** Check if the relief valve is closed by using the handle to turn it clockwise until complete stop.
- **2.** Close the flow control valve by turning the knob clockwise until it is fully closed.
- **3.** Locate the handle in the hand pump and operate with an up and down motion.

To lower the platform, open the hand pump relief valve slowly to be able to control the down speed with this valve.

NOTE:

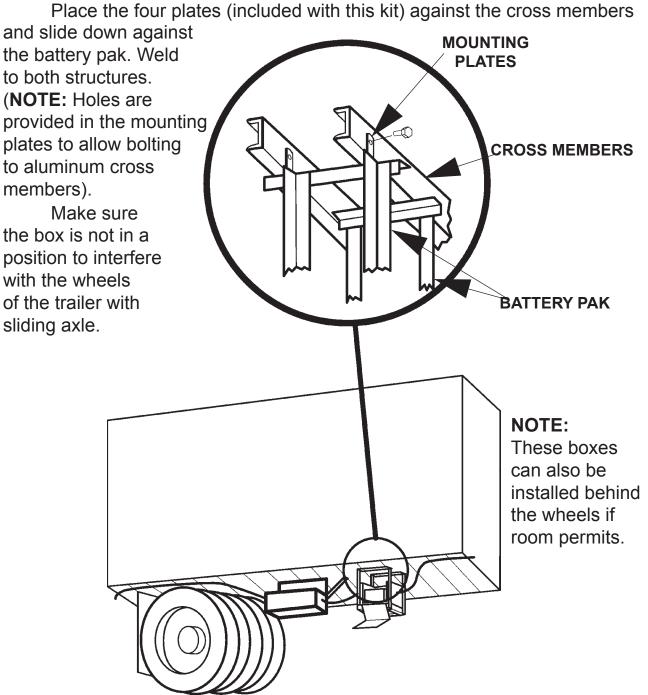
When going back to normal operation,

- a. Be sure to have the hand pump closed.
- b. Open and adjust the flow control valve.



BATTERY PAK INSTALLATION (For Trailers)

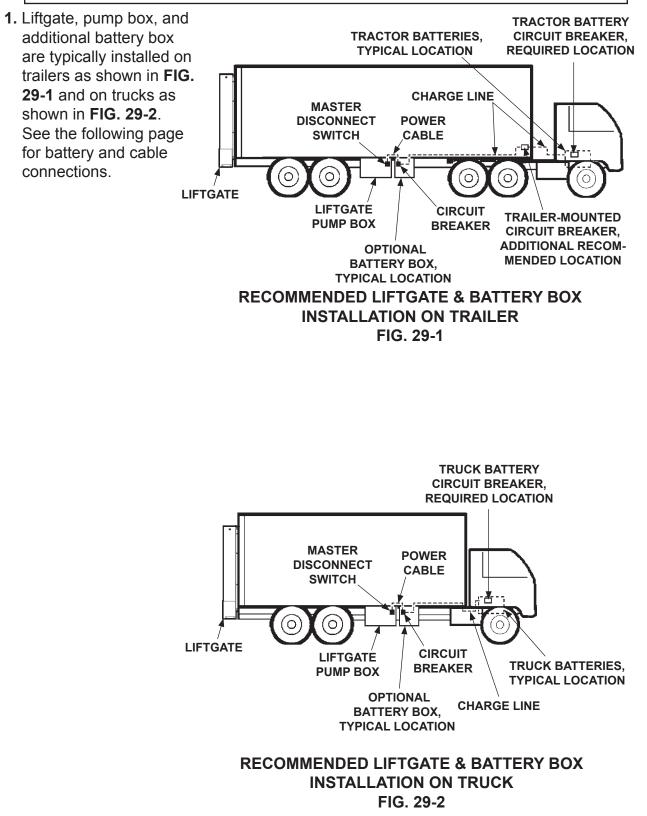
Mount the battery pak on either side of the trailer body, as close to the power source as possible. Using a floor jack or other lifting device, raise the box so that it's top touches the underside of the cross members and tack weld to the crossmembers (unless the cross members are aluminum).



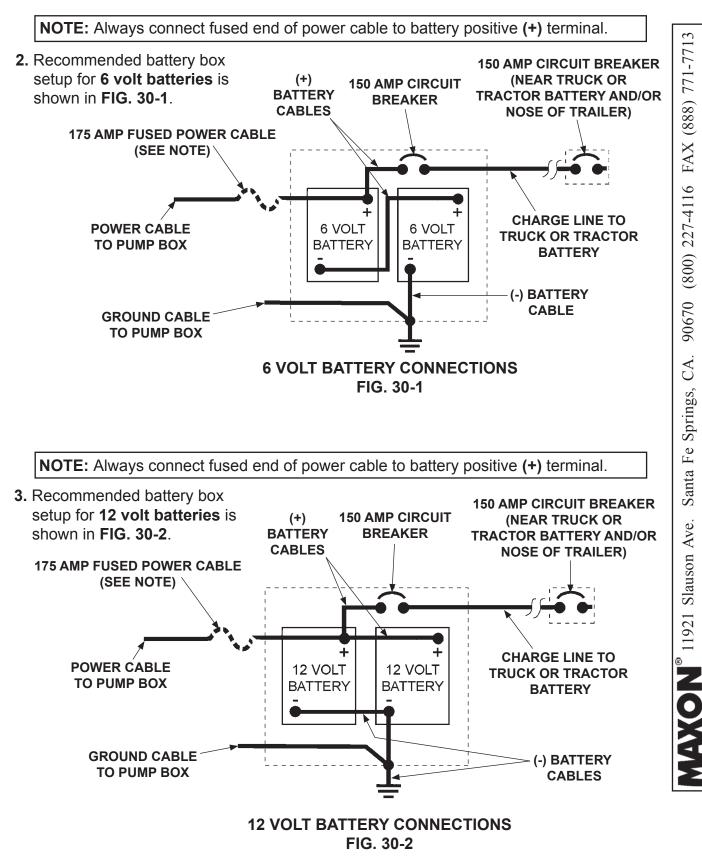
For easier service, mount boxes so that the front of each box is recessed one foot from the side wall of the vehicle body.

OPTIONS RECOMMENDED LIFTGATE POWER CONFIGURATION

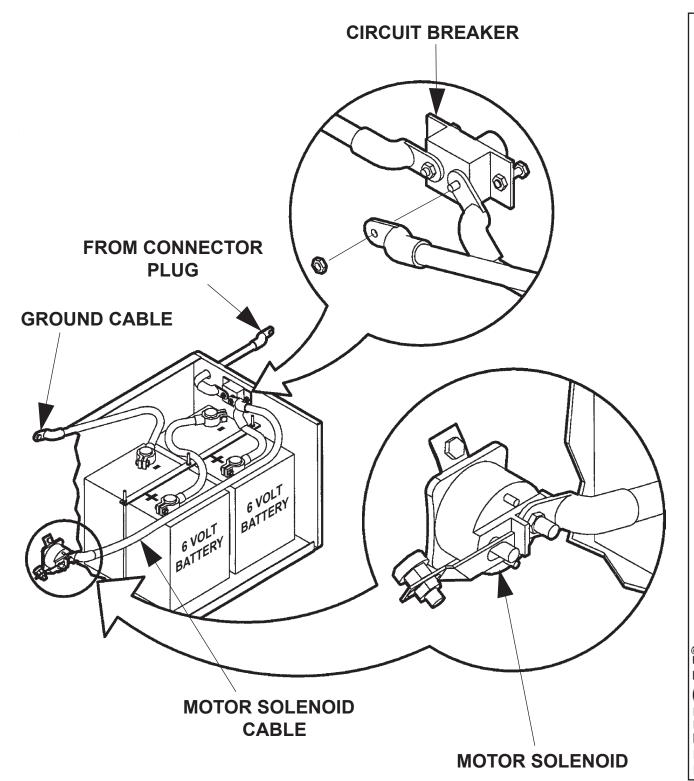
NOTE: Make sure the Liftgate power unit, and all batteries on the vehicle for the power unit, are connected correctly to a common chassis ground.



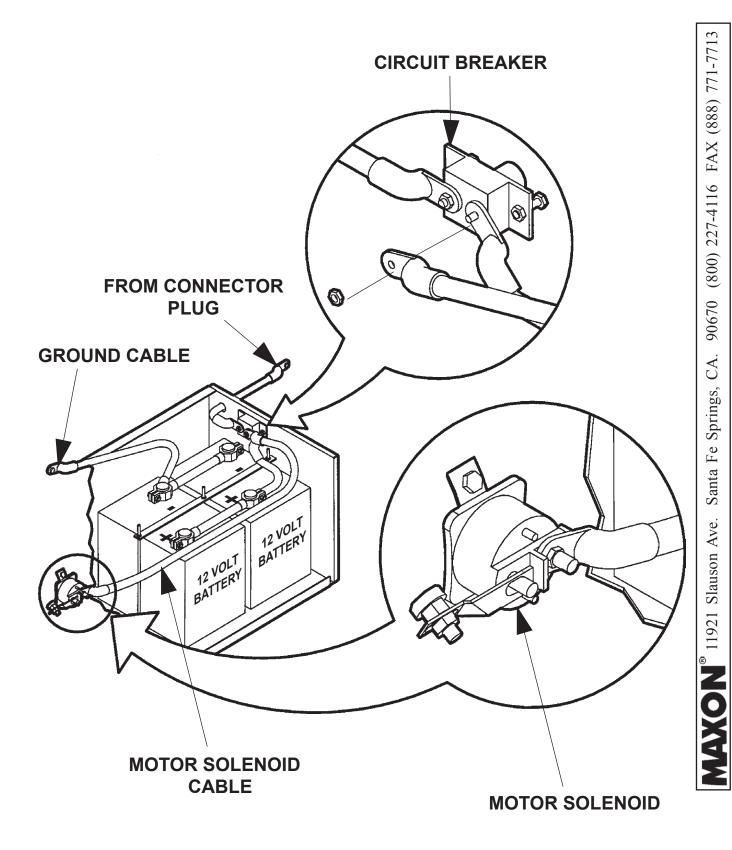
RECOMMENDED LIFTGATE POWER CONFIGURATION - Continued



OPTIONS BATTERY CABLE MOUNTING, 6 VOLT SYSTEM

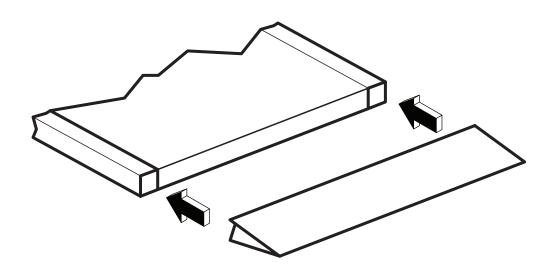


BATTERY CABLE MOUNTING, 12 VOLT SYSTEM

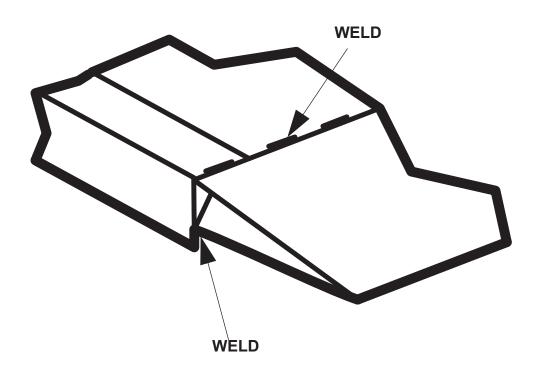


OPTIONS FIXED RAMP INSTALLATION, 6"

Lower the platform to level ground. Line up top edge of ramp with the front edge of the platform.

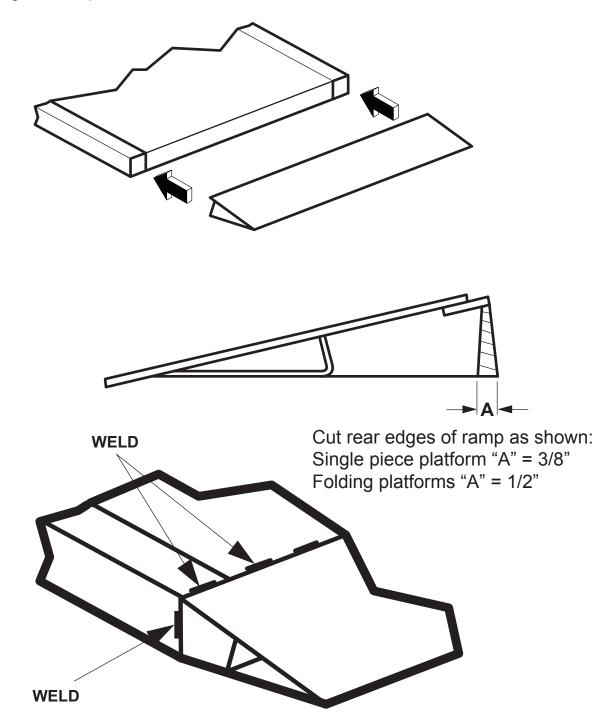


Weld 1/8" beads two inches long about every 6 or 8 inches along the entire length of the platform. Repeat procedure for the underside of the platform.



FIXED RAMP INSTALLATION, 12"

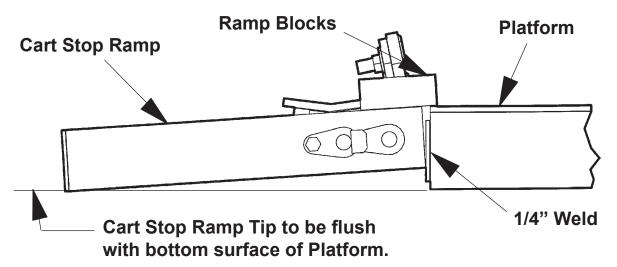
Lower the platform to level ground. Line up top edge of ramp with the front edge of the platform.



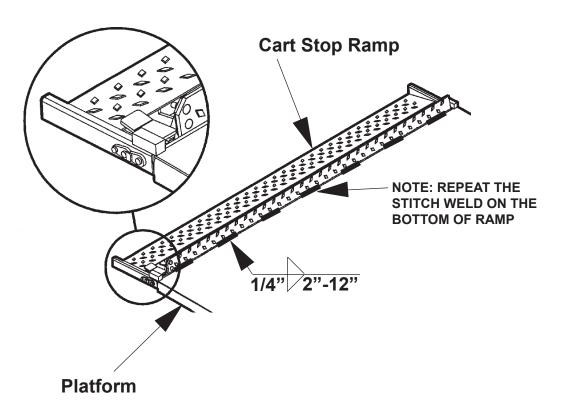
Weld 1/8" beads two inches long about every 6 or 8 inches along the entire length of the platform. Repeat procedure for the underside of the platform. Weld gussets full length.

CART STOP & DUAL CART STOP RAMP INSTALLATION

1. With the platform on the ground, center the Cart Stop Ramp against the butt end of the platform. Rest the Ramp Blocks on top of the platform and let the Ramp Tip touch the ground. Weld both sides into place.

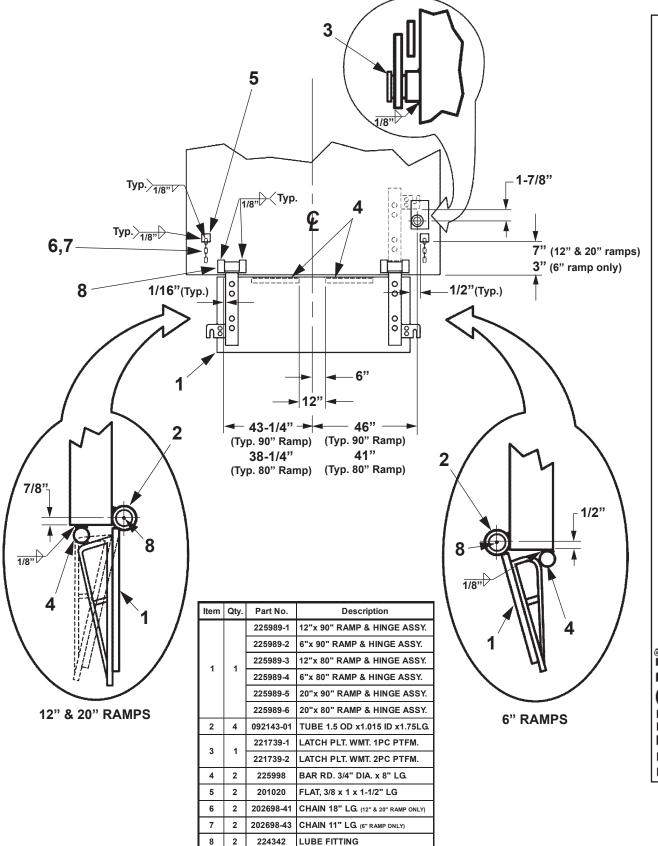


2. Pop open the Cart Stop Section of the ramp for ease of welding. Weld the top & bottom of the Ramp to the Platform with 2" long welds on approximately 12" centers. Grind all welds smooth and touch up with paint.



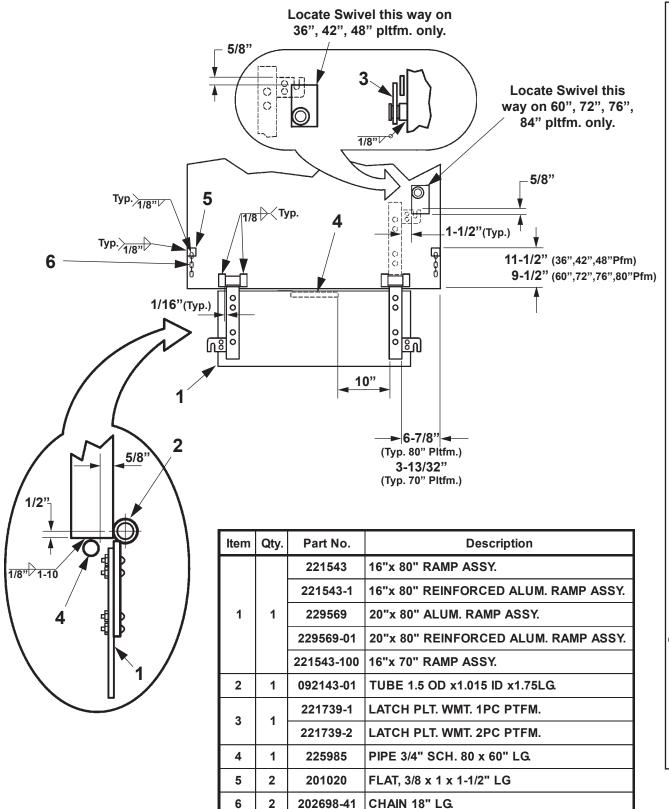
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