

Big Tow[™] **TRAILERS**

Replacement Parts, Service Manual and Operating Instructions

This manual covers
the following models:
B-HD6, B-HD7



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Tire Ratings

ST17580R x 13	load range c, 6 ply rating, 1360 lbs. @ 50psi	single wheel application
ST205/75R x 15	load range c, 6 ply rating, 1820 lbs. @ 50psi	single wheel application
ST225/75R x 15	load range d, 8 ply rating, 2540 lbs. @ 65psi	single wheel application
215/75R x 17.5	load range h, 16 ply rating, 4805 lbs. @ 125psi	single wheel application
215/75R x 17.5	load range h, 16 ply rating, 4540 lbs. @ 125psi	dual wheel application
235/75R x 17.5	load range h, 16 ply rating, 6005 lbs. @ 125psi	single wheel application
235/75R x 17.5	load range h, 16 ply rating, 5675 lbs. @ 125psi	dual wheel application
235/85R x 16	load range g, 12 ply rating, 3750 lbs. @ 110psi	single wheel application
235/85R x 16	load range g, 12 ply rating, 3415 lbs. @ 110psi	dual wheel application
235/85R x 16	load range e, 10 ply rating, 3042 lbs. @ 80psi	single wheel application
235/85R x 16	load range e, 10 ply rating, 2778 lbs. @ 80psi	dual wheel application
235/85 x 16	load range g, 12 ply <i>bias</i> , 3415 lbs. @ 90psi	single wheel application
245/75R x 16	load range e, 10 ply rating, 3042 lbs. @ 80psi	single wheel application
245/75R x 16	load range e, 10 ply rating, 2778 lbs. @ 80psi	dual wheel application

Wheel Torque Requirements (ft. lbs.)

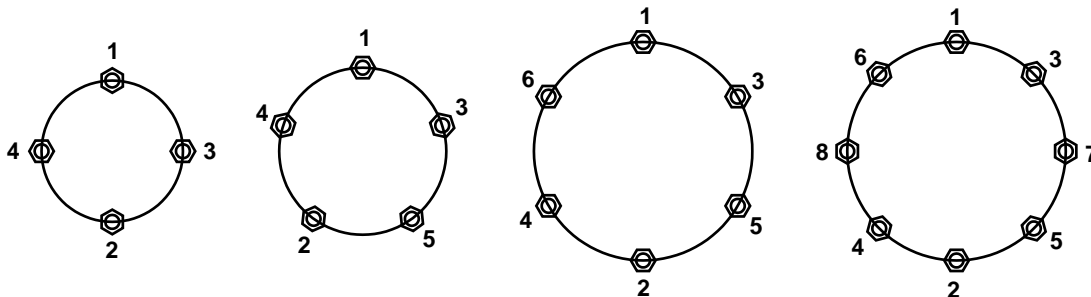
1st Stage

2nd Stage

3rd Stage

Wheel Size	1st Stage	2nd Stage	3rd Stage
12"	20-25	35-40	50-75
13"	20-25	35-40	50-75
14"	20-25	50-60	90-120
15"	20-25	50-60	90-120
16"	20-25	50-60	90-120
16.5" x 6.75"	20-25	50-60	90-120
16.5" x 9.75"	55-60	120-125	175-225
14.5" Demount.	Tighten sequentially to		85-95
17.5" Hub Pilot Clamp Ring & Cone Nuts	50-60	100-120	190-210
17.5" Hub Pilot 5/8" Flange Nuts	50-60	190-200	275-325

Torque Sequence



GVWR and TIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

General

A recent law was enacted that requires trailer manufacturers to place a tire and loading information decal placed near the serial tag on a trailer as well as detailed information on loading and tires in the owner's manual on all trailers with a GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating) of 10,000 lbs. or less. This section of our manual covers the required information.

Tire and Safety Information

This portion of the User's Manual contains tire safety information as required by 49 CFR 575.6.

Section 1.1 contains "Steps for Determining Correct Load Limit - Trailer".

Section 1.2 contains "Steps for Determining Correct Load Limit – Tow Vehicle".

Section 1.3 contains a Glossary of Tire Terminology, including "cold inflation pressure", "maximum inflation pressure", "recommended inflation pressure", and other non-technical terms.

Section 1.4 contains information from the NHTSA brochure entitled "Tire Safety – Everything Rides On It".

This brochure, as well as the preceding subsections, describes the following items;

Tire labeling, including a description and explanation of each marking on the tires, and information about the DOT Tire Identification Number (TIN).

Recommended tire inflation pressure, including a description and explanation of:

- A. Cold inflation pressure.
- B. Vehicle Placard and location on the vehicle.
- C. Adverse safety consequences of under inflation (including tire failure).
- D. Measuring and adjusting air pressure for proper inflation.
- E. Tire Care, including maintenance and safety practices.

Vehicle load limits, including a description and explanation of the following items:

- A. Locating and understanding the load limit information, total load capacity, and cargo capacity.
- B. Calculating total and cargo capacities with varying seating configurations including quantitative examples showing / illustrating how the vehicles cargo and luggage capacity decreases as combined number and size of occupants' increases. This item is also discussed in Section 3.
- C. Determining compatibility of tire and vehicle load capabilities.
- D. Adverse safety consequences of overloading on handling and stopping on tires.

1.1. Steps for Determining Correct Load Limit – Trailer

Determining the load limits of a trailer includes more than understanding the load limits of the tires alone. On all trailers there is a Federal certification/VIN label that is located on the forward half of the left (road) side of the unit. This certification/VIN label will indicate the trailer's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). This is the most weight the fully loaded trailer can weigh. It will also provide the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR). This is the most a particular axle can weigh. If there are multiple axles, the GAWR of each axle will be provided.

If your trailer has a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less, there is a vehicle placard located in the same location as the certification label described above. This placard provides tire and loading information. In addition, this placard will show a statement regarding maximum cargo capacity. Cargo can be added to the trailer, up to the maximum weight specified on the placard. The combined weight of the cargo is provided as a single number. In any case, remember: the total weight of a fully loaded trailer can not exceed the stated GVWR.

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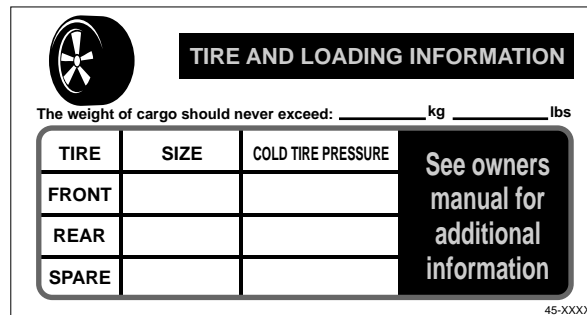
1.1. Steps for Determining Correct Load Limit – Trailer (continued)

For trailers with living quarters installed, the weight of water and propane also need to be considered. The weight of fully filled propane containers is considered part of the weight of the trailer before it is loaded with cargo, and is not considered part of the disposable cargo load. Water however, is a disposable cargo weight and is treated as such. If there is a fresh water storage tank of 100 gallons, this tank when filled would weigh about 800 pounds. If more cargo is being transported, water can be off-loaded to keep the total amount of cargo added to the vehicle within the limits of the GVWR so as not to overload the vehicle. Understanding this flexibility will allow you, the owner, to make choices that fit your travel needs.

When loading your cargo, be sure it is distributed evenly to prevent overloading front to back and side to side. Heavy items should be placed low and as close to the axle positions as reasonable. Too many items on one side may overload a tire. The best way to know the actual weight of the vehicle is to weigh it at a public scale. Talk to your dealer to discuss the weighing methods needed to capture the various weights related to the trailer. This would include the weight empty or unloaded, weights per axle, wheel, hitch or king-pin, and total weight.

Excessive loads and/or underinflation cause tire overloading and, as a result, abnormal tire flexing occurs. This situation can generate an excessive amount of heat within the tire. Excessive heat may lead to tire failure. It is the air pressure that enables a tire to support the load, so proper inflation is critical. The proper air pressure may be found on the certification/VIN label and/or on the Tire Placard. This value should never exceed the maximum cold inflation pressure stamped on the tire.

1.1.1. Trailers 10,000 Pounds GVWR or Less



The placard features a tire icon in a circle on the left. To its right is a black box with the text "TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION". Below this is a line for weight: "The weight of cargo should never exceed: _____ kg _____ lbs". A table with three columns (TIRE, SIZE, COLD TIRE PRESSURE) and three rows (FRONT, REAR, SPARE) is positioned to the left of a large black box containing the text "See owners manual for additional information". A small code "45-XXXX" is at the bottom right of the placard.

TIRE	SIZE	COLD TIRE PRESSURE
FRONT		
REAR		
SPARE		

1. Locate the statement, "The weight of cargo should never exceed XXX kg or XXX lbs.," on your vehicle's placard. See figure 1-1.
2. This figure equals the available amount of cargo and luggage load capacity.
3. Determine the combined weight of luggage and cargo being loaded on the vehicle. That weight may not safely exceed the available cargo and luggage load capacity.

The trailer's placard refers to the Tire Information Placard attached adjacent to or near the trailer's VIN (Certification) label at the left front of the trailer.

1.1.2. Trailers Over 10,000 Pounds GVWR (Note: These trailers are not required to have a tire information placard on the vehicle)

1. Determine the empty weight of your trailer by weighing the trailer using a public scale or other means. This step does not have to be repeated.
2. Locate the GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating) of the trailer on your trailer's VIN (Certification) label.
3. Subtract the empty weight of your trailer from the GVWR stated on the VIN label. That weight is the maximum available cargo capacity of the trailer and may not be safely exceeded.

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1.2. Steps for Determining Correct Load Limit – Tow Vehicle

1. Locate the statement, "The combined weight of occupants and cargo should never exceed XXX lbs.," on your vehicle's placard.
2. Determine the combined weight of the driver and passengers who will be riding in your vehicle.
3. Subtract the combined weight of the driver and passengers from XXX kilograms or XXX pounds.
4. The resulting figure equals the available amount of cargo and luggage capacity. For example, if the "XXX" amount equals 1400 lbs. and there will be five 150 lb. passengers in your vehicle, the amount of available cargo and luggage capacity is 650 lbs. (1400-750 (5 x 150) = 650 lbs.).
5. Determine the combined weight of luggage and cargo being loaded on the vehicle. That weight may not safely exceed the available cargo and luggage capacity calculated in Step # 4.
6. If your vehicle will be towing a trailer, load from your trailer will be transferred to your vehicle. Consult the tow vehicle's manual to determine how this weight transfer reduces the available cargo and luggage capacity of your vehicle.

1.3. Glossary Of Tire Terminology

Accessory weight

The combined weight (in excess of those standard items which may be replaced) of automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, power windows, power seats, radio and heater, to the extent that these items are available as factory-installed equipment (whether installed or not).

Bead

The part of the tire that is made of steel wires, wrapped or reinforced by ply cords and that is shaped to fit the rim.

Bead separation

This is the breakdown of the bond between components in the bead.

Bias ply tire

A pneumatic tire in which the ply cords that extend to the beads are laid at alternate angles substantially less than 90 degrees to the centerline of the tread.

Carcass

The tire structure, except tread and sidewall rubber which, when inflated, bears the load.

Chunking

The breaking away of pieces of the tread or sidewall.

Cold inflation pressure

The pressure in the tire before you drive.

Cord

The strands forming the plies in the tire.

Cord separation

The parting of cords from adjacent rubber compounds.

Cracking

Any parting within the tread, sidewall, or inner liner of the tire extending to cord material.

CT

A pneumatic tire with an inverted flange tire and rim system in which the rim is designed with rim flanges pointed radially inward and the tire is designed to fit on the underside of the rim in a manner that encloses the rim flanges inside the air cavity of the tire.

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Curb weight

The weight of a motor vehicle with standard equipment including the maximum capacity of fuel, oil, and coolant, and, if so equipped, air conditioning and additional weight optional engine.

Extra load tire

A tire designed to operate at higher loads and at higher inflation pressures than the corresponding standard tire.

Groove

The space between two adjacent tread ribs.

Gross Axle Weight Rating

The maximum weight that any axle can support, as published on the Certification / VIN label on the front left side of the trailer. Actual weight determined by weighing each axle on a public scale, with the trailer attached to the towing vehicle.

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating

The maximum weight of the fully loaded trailer, as published on the Certification / VIN label. Actual weight determined by weighing trailer on a public scale, without being attached to the towing vehicle.

Hitch Weight

The downward force exerted on the hitch ball by the trailer coupler.

Innerliner

The layer(s) forming the inside surface of a tubeless tire that contains the inflating medium within the tire.

Innerliner separation

The parting of the innerliner from cord material in the carcass.

Intended outboard sidewall

The sidewall that contains a white-wall, bears white lettering or bears manufacturer, brand, and/or model name molding that is higher or deeper than the same molding on the other sidewall of the tire or the outward facing sidewall of an asymmetrical tire that has a particular side that must always face outward when mounted on a vehicle.

Light truck (LT) tire

A tire designated by its manufacturer as primarily intended for use on lightweight trucks or multipurpose passenger vehicles.

Load rating

The maximum load that a tire is rated to carry for a given inflation pressure.

Maximum load rating

The load rating for a tire at the maximum permissible inflation pressure for that tire.

Maximum permissible inflation pressure

The maximum cold inflation pressure to which a tire may be inflated.

Maximum loaded vehicle weight

The sum of curb weight, accessory weight, vehicle capacity weight, and production options weight.

Measuring rim

The rim on which a tire is fitted for physical dimension requirements.

Pin Weight

The downward force applied to the 5th wheel or gooseneck ball, by the trailer kingpin or gooseneck coupler.

Non-pneumatic rim

A mechanical device which, when a non-pneumatic tire assembly incorporates a wheel, supports the tire, and attaches, either integrally or separably, to the wheel center member and upon which the tire is attached.

Non-pneumatic spare tire assembly

A non-pneumatic tire assembly intended for temporary use in place of one of the pneumatic tires and rims that are fitted to a passenger car in compliance with the requirements of this standard.

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Non-pneumatic tire

A mechanical device which transmits, either directly or through a wheel or wheel center member, the vertical load and tractive forces from the roadway to the vehicle, generates the tractive forces that provide the directional control of the vehicle and does not rely on the containment of any gas or fluid for providing those functions.

Non-pneumatic tire assembly

A non-pneumatic tire, alone or in combination with a wheel or wheel center member, which can be mounted on a vehicle.

Normal occupant weight

This means 68 kilograms (150 lbs.) times the number of occupants specified in the second column of Table I of 49 CFR 571.110.

Occupant distribution

The distribution of occupants in a vehicle as specified in the third column of Table I of 49 CFR 571.110.

Open splice

Any parting at any junction of tread, sidewall, or innerliner that extends to cord material.

Outer diameter

The overall diameter of an inflated new tire.

Overall width

The linear distance between the exteriors of the sidewalls of an inflated tire, including elevations due to labeling, decorations, or protective bands or ribs.

Ply

A layer of rubber-coated parallel cords.

Ply separation

A parting of rubber compound between adjacent plies.

Pneumatic tire

A mechanical device made of rubber, chemicals, fabric and steel or other materials, that, when mounted on an automotive wheel, provides the traction and contains the gas or fluid that sustains the load.

Production options weight

The combined weight of those installed regular production options weighing over 2.3 kilograms (5 lbs.) in excess of those standard items which they replace, not previously considered in curb weight or accessory weight, including heavy duty brakes, ride levelers, roof rack, heavy duty battery, and special trim.

Radial ply tire

A pneumatic tire in which the ply cords that extend to the beads are laid at substantially 90 degrees to the centerline of the tread.

Recommended inflation pressure

This is the inflation pressure provided by the vehicle manufacturer on the Tire Information label and on the Certification / VIN tag.

Reinforced tire

A tire designed to operate at higher loads and at higher inflation pressures than the corresponding standard tire.

Rim

A metal support for a tire or a tire and tube assembly upon which the tire beads are seated.

Rim diameter

This means the nominal diameter of the bead seat.

Rim size designation

This means the rim diameter and width.

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Rim type designation

This means the industry of manufacturer's designation for a rim by style or code.

Rim width

This means the nominal distance between rim flanges.

Section width

The linear distance between the exteriors of the sidewalls of an inflated tire, excluding elevations due to labeling, decoration, or protective bands.

Sidewall

That portion of a tire between the tread and bead.

Sidewall separation

The parting of the rubber compound from the cord material in the sidewall.

Special Trailer (ST) tire

The "ST" is an indication the tire is for trailer use only.

Test rim

The rim on which a tire is fitted for testing, and may be any rim listed as appropriate for use with that tire.

Tread

That portion of a tire that comes into contact with the road.

Tread rib

A tread section running circumferentially around a tire.

Tread separation

Pulling away of the tread from the tire carcass.

Treadwear indicators (TWI)

The projections within the principal grooves designed to give a visual indication of the degrees of wear of the tread.

Vehicle capacity weight

The rated cargo and luggage load plus 68 kilograms (150 lbs.) times the vehicle's designated seating capacity.

Vehicle maximum load on the tire

The load on an individual tire that is determined by distributing to each axle its share of the maximum loaded vehicle weight and dividing by two.

Vehicle normal load on the tire

The load on an individual tire that is determined by distributing to each axle its share of the curb weight, accessory weight, and normal occupant weight (distributed in accordance with Table I of CRF 49 571.110) and dividing by 2.

Weather side

The surface area of the rim not covered by the inflated tire.

Wheel center member

In the case of a non-pneumatic tire assembly incorporating a wheel, a mechanical device which attaches, either integrally or separably, to the non-pneumatic rim and provides the connection between the non-pneumatic rim and the vehicle; or, in the case of a non-pneumatic tire assembly not incorporating a wheel, a mechanical device which attaches, either integrally or separably, to the non-pneumatic tire and provides the connection between tire and the vehicle.

Wheel-holding fixture

The fixture used to hold the wheel and tire assembly securely during testing.

Tire and Safety Information - Continued

1.4. Tire Safety - Everything Rides On It

The National Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has published a brochure (DOT HS 809 361) that discusses all aspects of Tire Safety, as required by CFR 575.6. This brochure is reproduced in part below. It can be obtained and downloaded from NHTSA, free of charge, from the following web site:

http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/rules/TireSafety/ridesonit/tires_index.html

Studies of tire safety show that maintaining proper tire pressure, observing tire and vehicle load limits (not carrying more weight in your vehicle than your tires or vehicle can safely handle), avoiding road hazards, and inspecting tires for cuts, slashes, and other irregularities are the most important things you can do to avoid tire failure, such as tread separation or blowout and flat tires. These actions, along with other care and maintenance activities, can also:

- Improve vehicle handling
- Help protect you and others from avoidable breakdowns and accidents
- Improve fuel economy
- Increase the life of your tires.

This area presents a comprehensive overview of tire safety, including information on the following topics:

- Basic tire maintenance
- Uniform Tire Quality Grading System
- Fundamental characteristics of tires
- Tire safety tips.

Use this information to make tire safety a regular part of your vehicle maintenance routine. Recognize that the time you spend is minimal compared with the inconvenience and safety consequences of a flat tire or other tire failure.

1.5. Safety First—Basic Tire Maintenance

Properly maintained tires improve the steering, stopping, traction, and load-carrying capability of your vehicle. Underinflated tires and overloaded vehicles are a major cause of tire failure. Therefore, as mentioned above, to avoid flat tires and other types of tire failure, you should maintain proper tire pressure, observe tire and vehicle load limits, avoid road hazards, and regularly inspect your tires.

1.5.1. Finding Your Vehicle's Recommended Tire Pressure and Load Limits

Tire information placards and vehicle certification labels contain information on tires and load limits. These labels indicate the vehicle manufacturer's information including:

- Recommended tire size
- Recommended tire inflation pressure
- Vehicle capacity weight (VCW—the maximum occupant and cargo weight a vehicle is designed to carry)
- Front and rear gross axle weight ratings (GAWR—the maximum weight the axle systems are designed to carry).

Both placards and certification labels are permanently attached to the trailer near the left front.

1.5.2. Understanding Tire Pressure and Load Limits

Tire inflation pressure is the level of air in the tire that provides it with load-carrying capacity and affects the overall performance of the vehicle. The tire inflation pressure is a number that indicates the amount of air pressure—measured in pounds per square inch (psi)—a tire requires to be properly inflated. (You will also find this number on the vehicle information placard expressed in kilopascals (kpa), which is the metric measure used internationally.)

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Manufacturers of passenger vehicles and light trucks determine this number based on the vehicle's design load limit, that is, the greatest amount of weight a vehicle can safely carry and the vehicle's tire size. The proper tire pressure for your vehicle is referred to as the "recommended cold inflation pressure." (As you will read below, it is difficult to obtain the recommended tire pressure if your tires are not cold.)

Because tires are designed to be used on more than one type of vehicle, tire manufacturers list the "maximum permissible inflation pressure" on the tire sidewall. This number is the greatest amount of air pressure that should ever be put in the tire under normal driving conditions.

1.5.3. Checking Tire Pressure

It is important to check your vehicle's tire pressure at least once a month for the following reasons:

- Most tires may naturally lose air over time.
- Tires can lose air suddenly if you drive over a pothole or other object or if you strike the curb when parking.
- With radial tires, it is usually not possible to determine underinflation by visual inspection.

For convenience, purchase a tire pressure gauge to keep in your vehicle. Gauges can be purchased at tire dealerships, auto supply stores, and other retail outlets.

The recommended tire inflation pressure that vehicle manufacturers provide reflects the proper psi when a tire is cold.

The term cold does not relate to the outside temperature. Rather, a cold tire is one that has not been driven on for at least three hours. When you drive, your tires get warmer, causing the air pressure within them to increase. Therefore, to get an accurate tire pressure reading, you must measure tire pressure when the tires are cold or compensate for the extra pressure in warm tires.

1.5.4. Steps for Maintaining Proper Tire Pressure

Step 1: Locate the recommended tire pressure on the vehicle's tire information placard, certification label, or in the owner's manual.

Step 2: Record the tire pressure of all tires.

Step 3: If the tire pressure is too high in any of the tires, slowly release air by gently pressing on the tire valve stem with the edge of your tire gauge until you get to the correct pressure.

Step 4: If the tire pressure is too low, note the difference between the measured tire pressure and the correct tire pressure. These "missing" pounds of pressure are what you will need to add.

Step 5: At a service station, add the missing pounds of air pressure to each tire that is underinflated.

Step 6: Check all the tires to make sure they have the same air pressure (except in cases in which the front and rear tires are supposed to have different amounts of pressure).

If you have been driving your vehicle and think that a tire is underinflated, fill it to the recommended cold inflation pressure indicated on your vehicle's tire information placard or certification label. While your tire may still be slightly underinflated due to the extra pounds of pressure in the warm tire, it is safer to drive with air pressure that is slightly lower than the vehicle manufacturer's recommended cold inflation pressure than to drive with a significantly underinflated tire. Since this is a temporary fix, don't forget to recheck and adjust the tire's pressure when you can obtain a cold reading.

1.5.5. Tire Size

To maintain tire safety, purchase new tires that are the same size as the vehicle's original tires or another size recommended by the manufacturer. Look at the tire information placard, the owner's manual, or the sidewall of the tire you are replacing to find this information. If you have any doubt about the correct size to choose, consult with the tire dealer.

Tire and Safety Information - Continued

1.5.6. Tire Tread

The tire tread provides the gripping action and traction that prevent your vehicle from slipping or sliding, especially when the road is wet or icy. In general, tires are not safe and should be replaced when the tread is worn down to 1/16 of an inch. Tires have built-in treadwear indicators that let you know when it is time to replace your tires. These indicators are raised sections spaced intermittently in the bottom of the tread grooves. When they appear "even" with the outside of the tread, it is time to replace your tires. Another method for checking tread depth is to place a penny in the tread with Lincoln's head upside down and facing you. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head, you are ready for new tires.

1.5.7. Tire Balance and Wheel Alignment

To avoid vibration or shaking of the vehicle when a tire rotates, the tire must be properly balanced. This balance is achieved by positioning weights on the wheel to counterbalance heavy spots on the wheel-and-tire assembly. A wheel alignment adjusts the angles of the wheels so that they are positioned correctly relative to the vehicle's frame. This adjustment maximizes the life of your tires. These adjustments require special equipment and should be performed by a qualified technician.

1.5.8. Tire Repair

The proper repair of a punctured tire requires a plug for the hole and a patch for the area inside the tire that surrounds the puncture hole. Punctures through the tread can be repaired if they are not too large, but punctures to the sidewall should not be repaired. Tires must be removed from the rim to be properly inspected before being plugged and patched.

1.5.9. Tire Fundamentals

Federal law requires tire manufacturers to place standardized information on the sidewall of all tires. This information identifies and describes the fundamental characteristics of the tire and also provides a tire identification number for safety standard certification and in case of a recall.

1.5.9.1. Information on Passenger Vehicle Tires

P

The "P" indicates the tire is for passenger vehicles.

Next number

This three-digit number gives the width in millimeters of the tire from sidewall edge to sidewall edge. In general, the larger the number, the wider the tire.

Next number

This two-digit number, known as the aspect ratio, gives the tire's ratio of height to width. Numbers of 70 or lower indicate a short sidewall for improved steering response and better overall handling on dry pavement.

R

The "R" stands for radial. Radial ply construction of tires has been the industry standard for the past 20 years.

Next number

This two-digit number is the wheel or rim diameter in inches. If you change your wheel size, you will have to purchase new tires to match the new wheel diameter.

Next number

This two- or three-digit number is the tire's load index. It is a measurement of how much weight each tire can support. You may find this information in your owner's manual. If not, contact a local tire dealer. Note: You may not find this information on all tires because it is not required by law.

M+S

The "M+S" or "M/S" indicates that the tire has some mud and snow capability. Most radial tires have these markings; hence, they have some mud and snow capability.

Tire and Safety Information - Continued

Speed Rating

The speed rating denotes the speed at which a tire is designed to be driven for extended periods of time. The ratings range from 99 miles per hour (mph) to 186 mph. These ratings are listed below. Note: You may not find this information on all tires because it is not required by law.

Letter Rating	Speed Rating
Q	99 mph
R	106 mph
S	112 mph
T	118 mph
U	124 mph
H	130 mph
V	149 mph
W	168* mph
Y	186* mph

* For tires with a maximum speed capability over 149 mph, tire manufacturers sometimes use the letters ZR. For those with a maximum speed capability over 186 mph, tire manufacturers always use the letters ZR.

U.S. DOT Tire Identification Number

This begins with the letters "DOT" and indicates that the tire meets all federal standards. The next two numbers or letters are the plant code where it was manufactured, and the last four numbers represent the week and year the tire was built. For example, the numbers 3197 means the 31st week of 1997. The other numbers are marketing codes used at the manufacturer's discretion. This information is used to contact consumers if a tire defect requires a recall.

Tire Ply Composition and Materials Used

The number of plies indicates the number of layers of rubber-coated fabric in the tire. In general, the greater the number of plies, the more weight a tire can support. Tire manufacturers also must indicate the materials in the tire, which include steel, nylon, polyester, and others.

Maximum Load Rating

This number indicates the maximum load in kilograms and pounds that can be carried by the tire.

Maximum Permissible Inflation Pressure

This number is the greatest amount of air pressure that should ever be put in the tire under normal driving conditions.

1.5.9.2. UTQGS Information

Treadwear Number

This number indicates the tire's wear rate. The higher the treadwear number is, the longer it should take for the tread to wear down. For example, a tire graded 400 should last twice as long as a tire graded 200.

Traction Letter

This letter indicates a tire's ability to stop on wet pavement. A higher graded tire should allow you to stop your car on wet roads in a shorter distance than a tire with a lower grade. Traction is graded from highest to lowest as "AA", "A", "B", and "C".

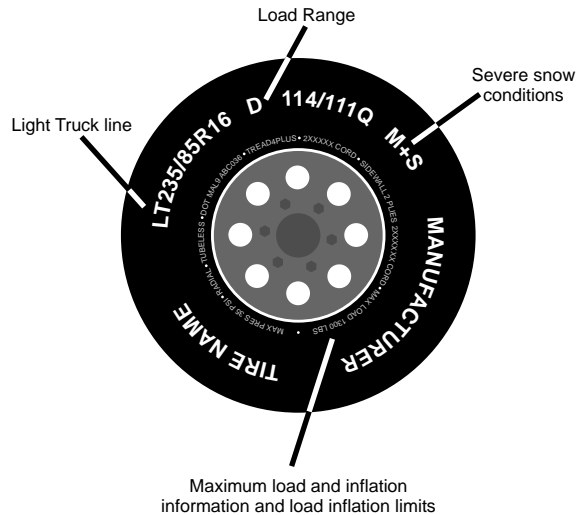
Temperature Letter

This letter indicates a tire's resistance to heat. The temperature grade is for a tire that is inflated properly and not overloaded. Excessive speed, underinflation or excessive loading, either separately or in combination, can cause heat build-up and possible tire failure. From highest to lowest, a tire's resistance to heat is graded as "A", "B", or "C".

Tire and Safety Information - Continued

1.5.9.3. Additional Information on Light Truck Tires

Please refer to the following diagram.



Tires for light trucks have other markings besides those found on the sidewalls of passenger tires.

LT

The "LT" indicates the tire is for light trucks or trailers.

ST

An "ST" is an indication the tire is for trailer use only.

Max. Load Dual kg (lbs) at kPa (psi) Cold

This information indicates the maximum load and tire pressure when the tire is used as a dual, that is, when four tires are put on each rear axle (a total of six or more tires on the vehicle).

Max. Load Single kg (lbs) at kPa (psi) Cold

This information indicates the maximum load and tire pressure when the tire is used as a single.

Load Range

This information identifies the tire's load-carrying capabilities and its inflation limits.

1.6. Tire Safety Tips

Preventing Tire Damage

- Slow down if you have to go over a pothole or other object in the road.
- Do not run over curbs or other foreign objects in the roadway, and try not to strike the curb when parking.

Tire Safety Checklist

- Check tire pressure regularly (at least once a month), including the spare.
- Inspect tires for uneven wear patterns on the tread, cracks, foreign objects, or other signs of wear or trauma.
- Remove bits of glass and foreign objects wedged in the tread.
- Make sure your tire valves have valve caps.
- Check tire pressure before going on a long trip.
- Do not overload your vehicle. Check the Tire Information and Loading Placard or User's Manual for the maximum recommended load for the vehicle.

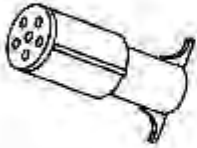
More information may be found at <http://www.natm.com>.

Wiring Harness

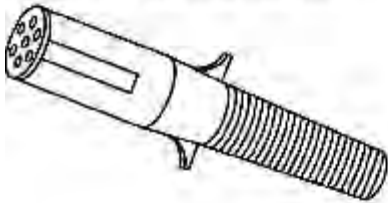
Complete wiring harness: p/n 397102

397220 - 7 pole RV nose lead (not shown)

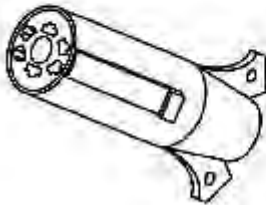
395005 - 6 pole trailer plug only



399023 - 7 pole trailer plug only

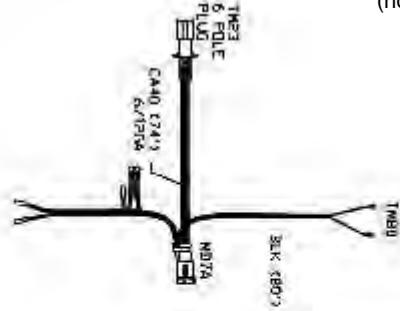


390018 - RV trailer plug only

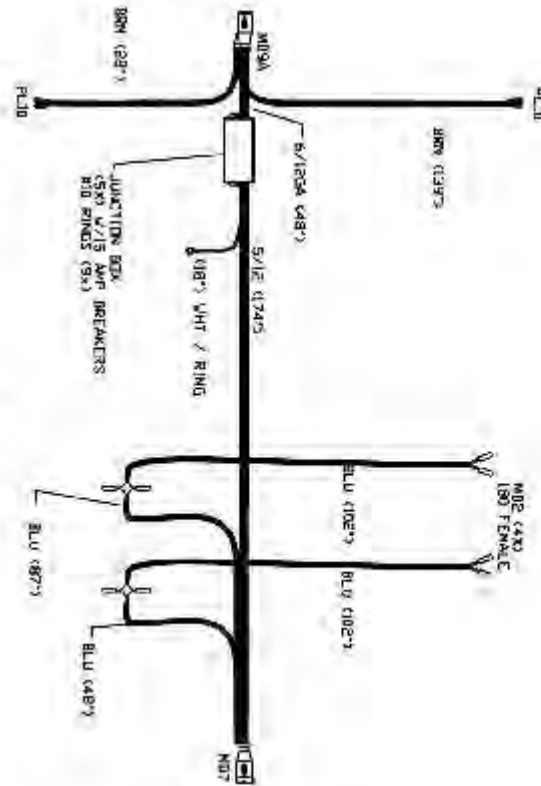


NOTE: CONNECT ALL WIRES COLOR TO COLOR, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. DRAWING IS NOT TO SCALE.

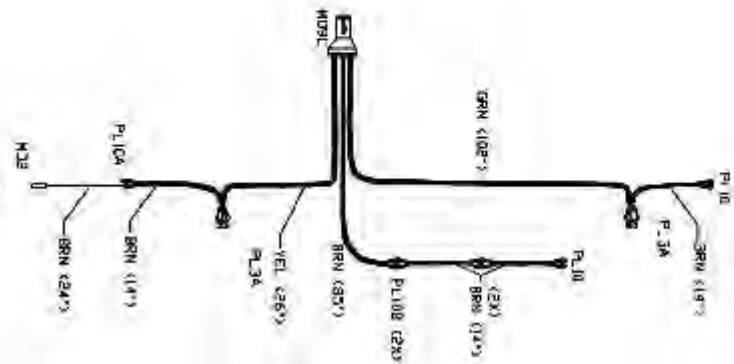
397152
FRONT MAIN HARNESS
DUMP TRAILERS



397154
MAIN W/ MARKER & BRAKE LEADS
DUMP TRAILERS



397156
REAR HARNESS: DUMP TRAILERS

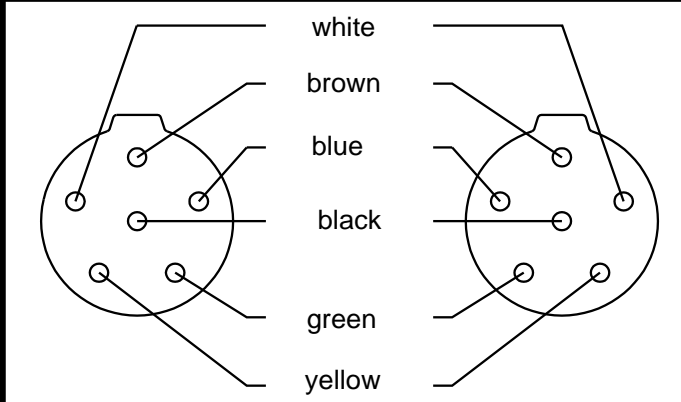


397202 - locking ring (not shown)

Wiring Circuits

Note: Locate wires by function only. Color coding is not standard among all manufacturers.

6 Pole



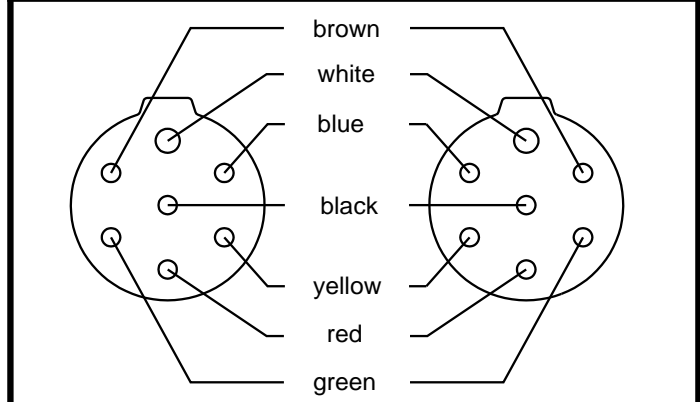
Trailer Plug
p/n 39-5005

Truck Receptacle
p/n 39-5006

white ground
brown tail lights
black accessory
blue brakes
green right turn
yellow left turn

NOTE:
The contacts are identified by looking into the open end of either the truck receptacle or trailer plug. 6 & 7 pole.

7 Pole

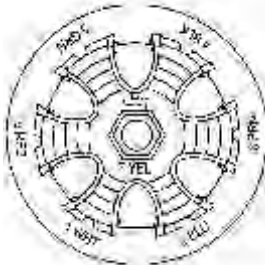


Truck Receptacle
p/n 39-9025

Trailer Plug
p/n 39-9023

brown tail, clearance, side marker and license plate lights
white ground
black accessory
blue electric brakes
yellow left turn
red stop lights
green right turn

Typical Wiring Diagram for 7-Pole RV Connector



Vehicle End



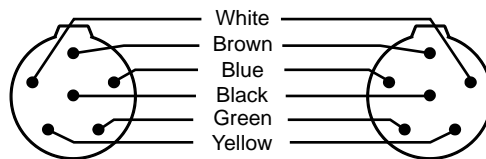
Trailer End

	R.V.	TOWMASTER
1. GROUND	WHITE	WHITE
2. ELECTRIC BRAKES	BLUE	BLUE
3. TAIL, RUNNING LIGHTS	GREEN	BROWN
4. BATTERY	BLACK	
5. L.H. STOP & TURN	RED	YELLOW
6. R.H. STOP & TURN	BROWN	GREEN
7. AUXILIARY	YELLOW	BLACK

Carlisle
System

6-POLE WIRING DIAGRAM

for Hydraulic Dump Trailers with Carlisle Controller



Trailer Plug
p/n 39-5005

Truck Receptacle
p/n 39-5006

White ——— Ground
Brown ——— Tail Lights
Black ——— Charger for Hoist Battery
Blue ——— Not Used
Green ——— Right Turn
Yellow ——— Left Turn

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Hoist, cylinders, hose and fitting kits

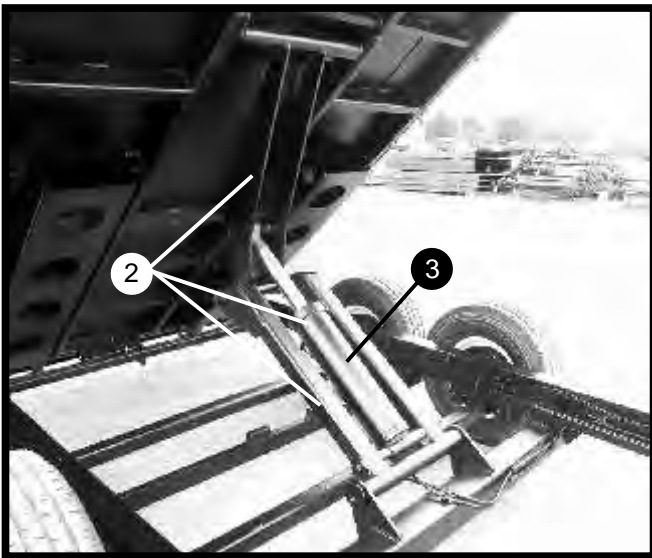


Item 1, p/n 379510, hose and fitting kit - 12' & 14'
p/n 379500, hose and fitting kit - 16' models
p/n 379505, hose and fitting kit, for
goosenecks (longer hoses)

Item 2, p/n 379600, hoist and cylinder kit,
(7 ton, 5" cylinder)
p/n 379605, hoist and cylinder kit,
(10 ton, 6" cylinder)

Note: 10 ton hoist is standard on all 16' models

Item 3, p/n 370294, cylinder only, 5"
p/n 370298, cylinder only, 6"



CAUTION

Body must be braced before servicing hoist or working in area with body in raised position. Lubricate hoist grease fittings often, atleast each time trailer is serviced. Trailer must be level for dumping. **DO NOT OVERLOAD.**



CAUTION

OPERATION OF BODY PROP

1. Raise body to full height and shut off all power.
2. Raise prop to upright position.
3. Lower body slowly until body bracket contacts prop.
4. **DO NOT POWER HOIST DOWN.**

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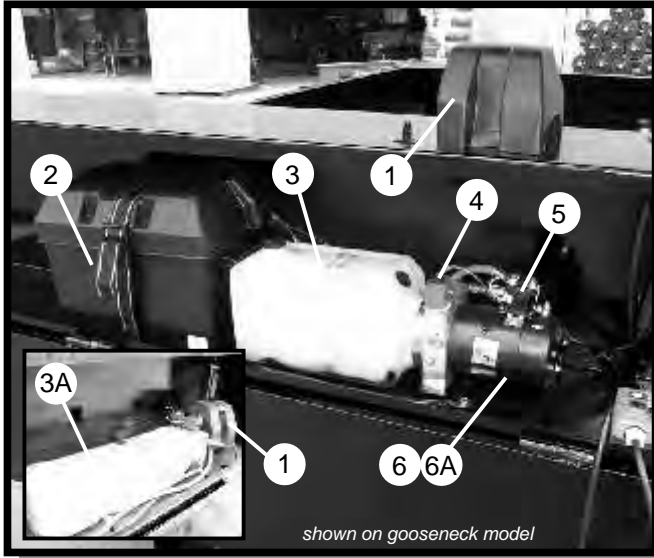


CAUTION

Unload box before using body prop.

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Hydraulic pumps and reservoirs



Item 1, p/n 379079, plastic pump cover

Item 2, p/n 350215, plastic battery box, cover and strap

Item 3, p/n 379060, reservoir, plastic, small

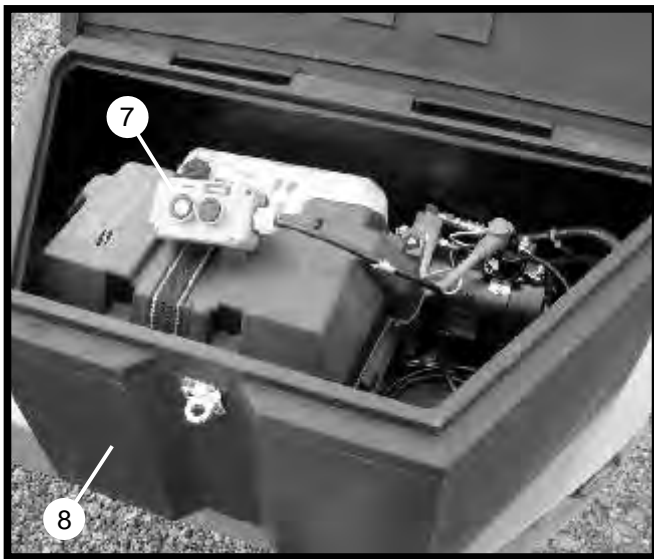
Item 3A, p/n 379030, reservoir, plastic, large

Item 4, p/n 394130, relay

Item 5, p/n 394120, solenoid

Item 6, p/n 379078, pump assembly, gear code 43, #6 sae ports (single, power up only)

Item 6A, p/n 376110 (dual, power up and down)

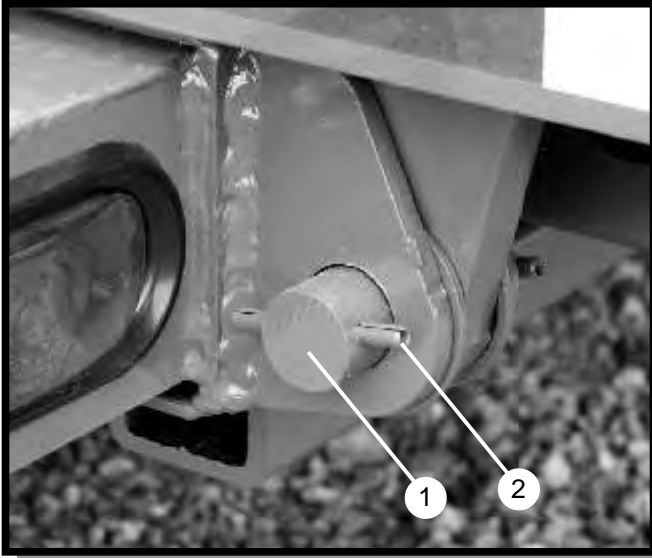


Item 7, p/n 391530, control box, push button, with cable

p/n 396220

Item 8, p/n 376360, pump, reservoir and battery box

Miscellaneous Parts

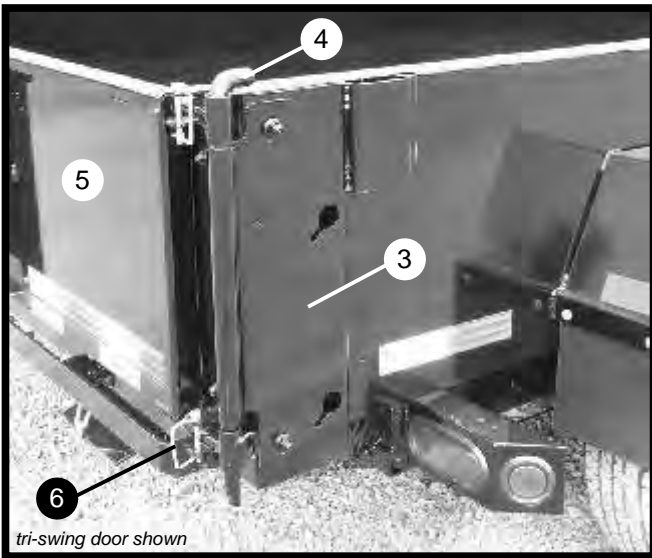


Item 1, p/n 070152, pin, 1 1/2" stress proof, frame to body

Item 2, p/n 370235, 5/16" x 3" expanded roll pin

Item 3, p/n 123866, door mount, 18" tri-swing

Item 4, p/n 070173, 1" door pin, for 18" sides



Item 5, p/n 123886, 18" x 82" tri-swing door

Double doors: (not shown)
p/n 123987, 36" high x 82" double doors
p/n 124047, 45" high x 82" double doors

Item 6, p/n 379088, 5/16" tab lock pin

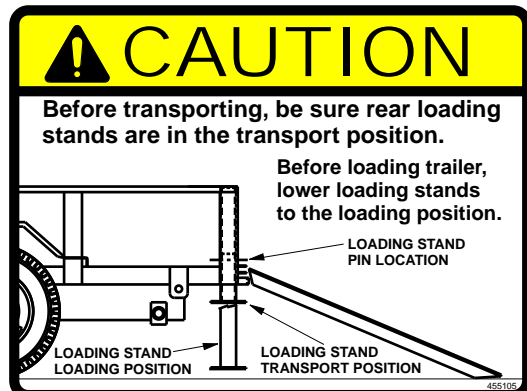
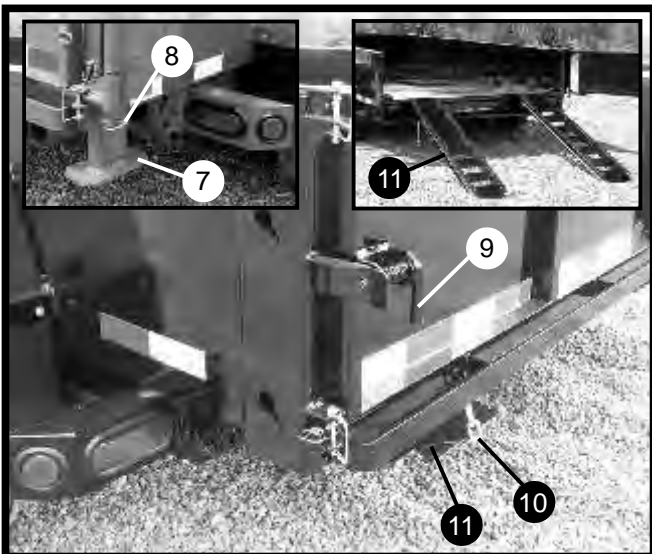
Item 7, p/n 120492, outrigger assembly

Item 8, p/n 379090, 1/4" lynch pin

Item 9, p/n 375051, end gate latch pin

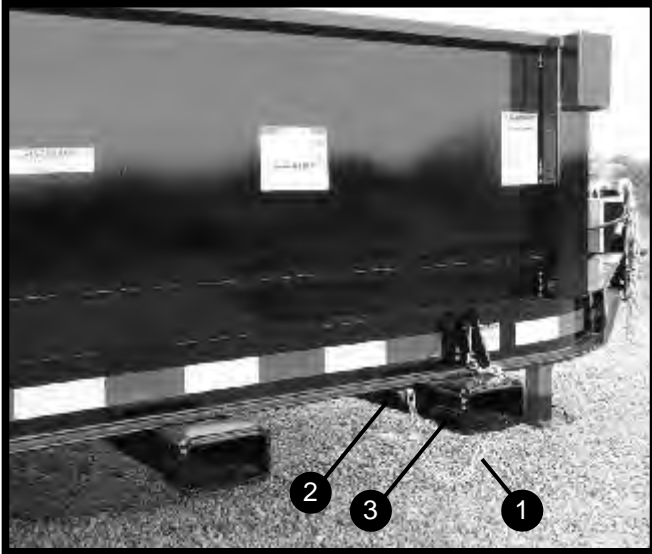
Item 10, p/n 164602, ramp holder chain assembly

Item 11, p/n 123824, ramp, cleat style
p/n 123853, ramp, star plate top



Note: out-ridgers are standard on 16 ft. models only

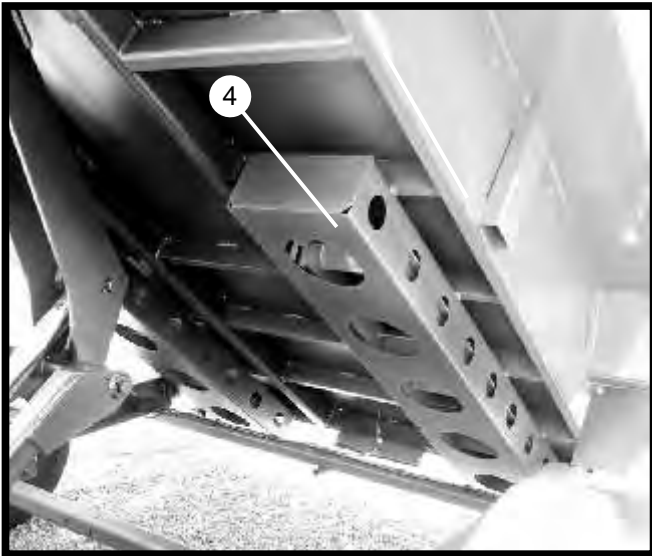
Miscellaneous Parts



CAUTION

Pallet forks must be secured to trailer while trailer is in motion.

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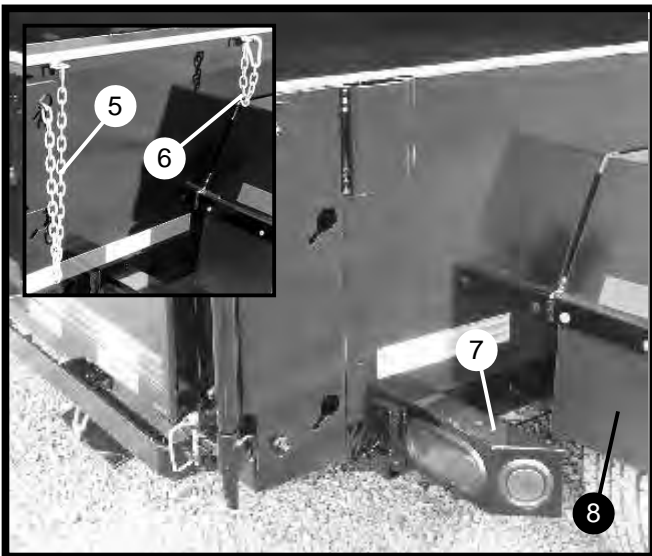


Item 1, p/n 370007, 3/16" proof coil chain (specify length)

Item 2, p/n 080491, pallet fork tube

Item 3, p/n 050734, fork tube reinforcement

Item 4, p/n 123823, ramp holder



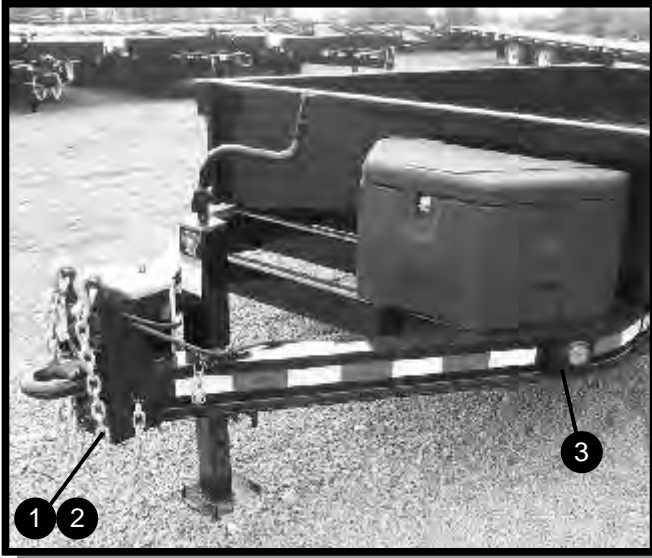
Item 5, p/n 123858, chain assembly

Item 6, p/n 164601, chain assembly

Item 7, p/n 123829B, light bracket, r.h.
p/n 123829A, light bracket, l.h.

Item 8, p/n 370812, mud flap, 10" x 10" (one pair)

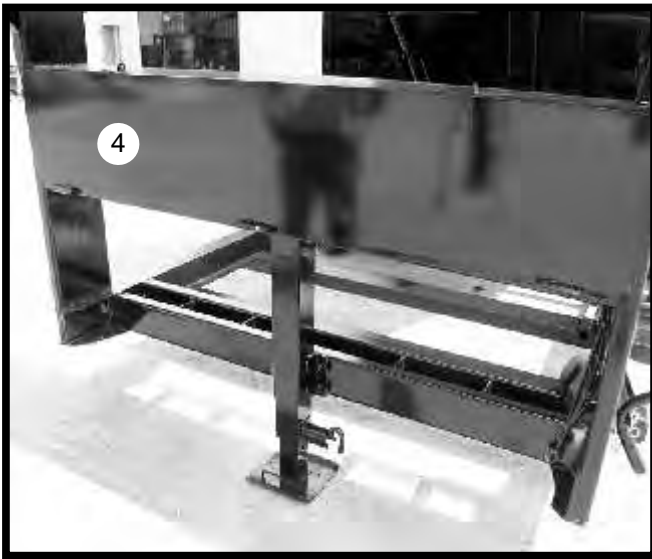
Miscellaneous Parts



Item 1, p/n 370003, 3/8" x 40" safety chain and hook assembly, grade 43

Item 2, p/n 370014, 3/8" x 40" safety chain and hook assembly, grade 70

Item 3, p/n 061953, front light mounting bracket

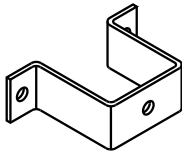


Item 4, p/n 061173, tool box lid, lower, gooseneck models only



Item 5, p/n 064515, fender for 82" wide deck

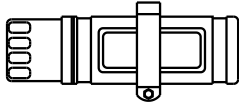
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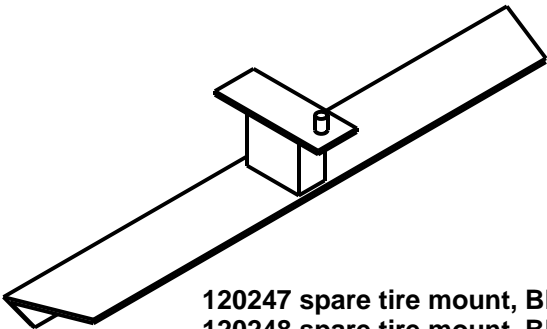
060737, hubodometer mounting bracket, 6 bolt hubs only



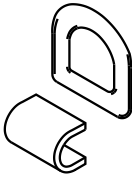
375011, hubodometer



376072, registration holder



120247 spare tire mount, BHD-6
120248 spare tire mount, BHD-7



370008, 3/4" D-ring with clip

Tarp Kits



Part No. (Kit):

Model & Box Size:

377406

BHD-6, BHD-7
82" x 14 ft.

377408

BHD-6, BHD-7
82" x 16 ft.

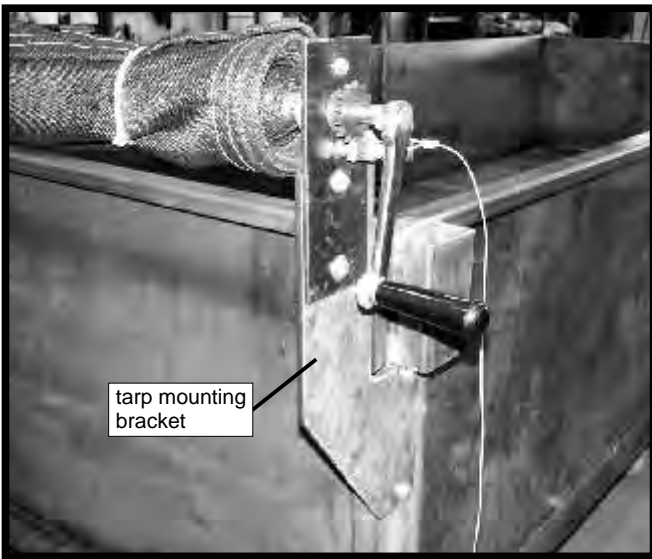
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mounting bracket only

All kits include mounting brackets, tarp assembly, collars with set screws and all necessary hardware.

Tarp kits may be retro-fitted to trailers already in service.

There is currently no kit available for 12 ft. models.



Payload Ratings

ALL PAYLOAD RATINGS ARE AT 55+ M.P.H. Trailers are NOT shipped with BRAKE CAB CONTROL equipment. Contact our parts department for information on specialized controllers.

All payload ratings are approximate, and will vary slightly with the actual finished trailer weight. Please see detail specifications for exact Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). Trailer payload capacity is defined as the GVWR less the actual trailer weight. Please note that this payload capacity is a maximum to not be exceeded, and may only be achieved when the trailer is carefully loaded so that the hitch bears its full rated load.

Payload capacity will be reduced if the trailer is loaded such that the hitch bears less than its full rated loading. Care should be taken that moving the load back to reduce hitch weight does not overload the axles and tires. The certification tag on the trailer tongue lists the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR), which is the maximum total weight allowed on the axles/tires. Total axle/tire weight allowed is the GAWR times the number of axles. The tag also lists the GVWR. The required hitch weight at full load is the difference of the GVWR and the sum of the GAWR's.

Payload capacity will also be reduced by the addition of any options or changes that increase the trailer weight.

When selecting a trailer, always allow a capacity safety margin to account for non-uniform loading, growth in load and accessories weight, and the multitude of other unforeseen circumstances that occur in equipment transportation.

Towing Tips and Check List

Know and follow all state, local, D.O.T., towing and tie down laws that pertain to the load/trailer combination that is to be towed. If you have any questions, contact your local law enforcement or D.O.T. before towing.

OK NO

1. Check over-all condition of trailer: tie downs, ramps, hitch for proper operation.

2. Make sure the trailer coupler and towing coupler are the same size and proper capacity.

3. Back tow vehicle up to trailer, and hook up. Using a "spotter" is the easiest method.

4. Trailer must be connected to tow vehicle before loading or unloading.

5. Lock tow vehicle brakes before loading and unloading trailer, and use chock blocks.

6. After connected to tow vehicle, make sure trailer is level, or slightly higher in front, adjust as needed.

7. Attach safety chains (cross them), electrical plug and break-a-way switch (electric brakes), and make sure they are not dragging.

8. Check for proper tire pressure on trailer and tow vehicle.

9. Check all lighting on trailer and tow vehicle for proper operation. Adjust brake controller (electric brakes) as necessary for proper braking. Make sure running lights are on.

10. Make sure deck is clear of all debris before loading and before heading out onto the road.

11. Secure cargo or equipment to trailer, secure load on all 4 corners if possible, do not over-tighten binders.

12. Secure all loading ramps, deck latches (tilt models) and make sure jack stand is in up position, and stow chock blocks.


13. After traveling a short distance, stop and check to see if your load is secure, and that all tie downs are tight.

14. Allow for greater braking distance when pulling a trailer, and generally travel at slower speeds.

Maximum Fill Chart

⚠ WARNING

MAX. FILL LINE FOR



WET SAND 2700 LBS/CU. YD.

OTHER COMMON MATERIALS

LIME 2025 LBS/CU. YD.

SHINGLES 2430 LBS/CU. YD.

BLACK DIRT 2430 LBS/CU. YD.

STONE 2700 LBS/CU. YD.

GRAVEL 3240 LBS/CU. YD.

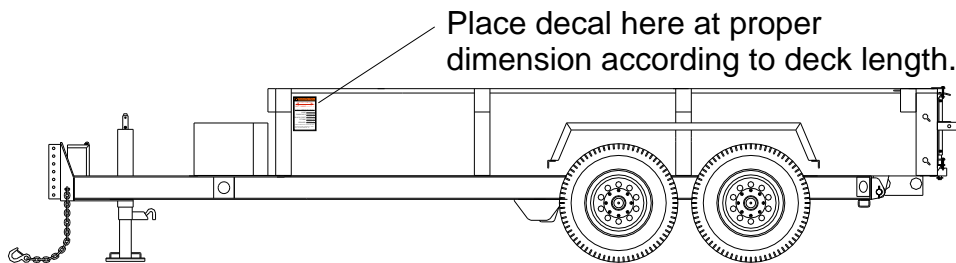
OVER-LOADING OF TRAILER MAY CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH, AND MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO TRAILER. NEVER EXCEED LOAD CAPACITY OF TRAILER OR HOIST.

454401

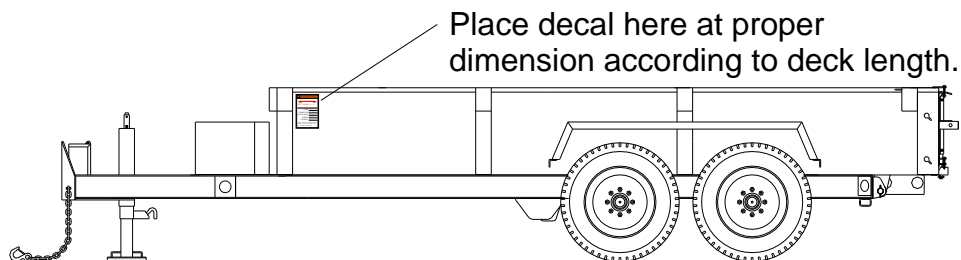
Hydraulic Dump Max. Fill Line Decal Location Chart

Locate this decal (p/n 454401) with the red line with arrows at the proper dimension from bottom of deck according to model and deck length. The decal should be located at the front/left side of dump body.

- BHD-6, 12 FT. MODEL - 15"
- BHD-6, 14 FT. MODEL - 13"
- BHD-6, 16 FT. MODEL - 11"



- BHD-7, 12 FT. MODEL - 17"
- BHD-7, 14 FT. MODEL - 15"
- BHD-7, 16 FT. MODEL - 13"



Decals, Warnings and Cautions

⚠ WARNING

Trailer tongue is rated to transfer 20-25% of gross weight to achieve maximum payload capacity & proper towing.

HITCH

Check hitch bolts frequently. Use only grade 8 bolts & nuts on hitch.

KEEP THEM TIGHT!

450003

p/n: 450003 Warning: Trailer is rated to transfer for 20% - 25% of gross weight to achieve maximum payload capacity & proper towing. Check hitch bolts frequently. Use only grade 8 bolts & nuts on hitch. KEEP THEM TIGHT!

⚠ WARNING

Trailer brakes must be adjusted regularly!

AXLES

Check lug nuts frequently. Torque lug nuts upon delivery and after 50 miles, and weekly thereafter.

KEEP THEM TIGHT!

450009

p/n: 450009 Warning: Trailer brakes must be adjusted regularly. Check lug nuts frequently. Torque lug nuts upon delivery and after 50 miles, and weekly thereafter. KEEP THEM TIGHT!

⚠ WARNING

This trailer with HYDRAULIC SURGE BRAKES, may not comply with all federal D.O.T. requirements.

451391

p/n: 451391 Warning: This trailer with HYDRAULIC SURGE BRAKES, may not comply with all federal D.O.T. requirements.

⚠ WARNING

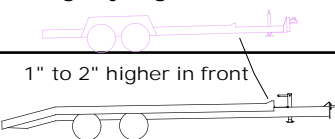
Load must be secured according to D.O.T. standards.

453200

p/n: 453200 Warning: Load must be secured according to D.O.T. standards.

⚠ WARNING

Trailer must be towed level, or slightly higher in front.



1" to 2" higher in front

452601

p/n: 452601 Warning: Trailer must be towed level, or slightly higher in front. (1" to 2" higher in front)

⚠ WARNING

This trailer with electric brakes, requires an electric brake controller in tow vehicle.

452501

p/n: 452501 Warning: This trailer with electric brakes, requires an electric brake controller in tow vehicle.

Decals, Warnings and Cautions

p/n: 453220 2.5" x 16.25"

WARNING	Trailer tongue is rated to transfer 20-25% of gross weight to achieve maximum payload capacity. DO NOT EXCEED this rating. Check hitch bolts frequently. Use only grade 8 bolts & nuts on hitch. KEEP THEM TIGHT!
WARNING	Trailer must be towed level, or slightly higher in front. 1" to 2" higher in front.
WARNING	Load must be secured according to D.O.T. standards.
WARNING	This trailer with electric brakes, requires an electric brake controller in tow vehicle.
WARNING	This trailer with HYDRAULIC SURGE BRAKES, may not comply with all federal D.O.T. requirements.

Warning: Trailer is rated for 20% - 25% of load on tow vehicle. Check hitch bolts frequently. Use only grade 8 bolts & nuts on hitch, and double nut bottom bolts. KEEP THEM TIGHT!

Warning: Trailer must be towed level, or slightly higher in front. (1" to 2" higher in front)

Warning: Trailer must be towed level, or slightly higher in front. (1" to 2" higher in front)

Warning: This trailer with electric brakes, requires an electric brake controller in tow vehicle.

Warning: This trailer with HYDRAULIC SURGE BRAKES, may not comply with all federal D.O.T. requirements.

p/n: 452820

⚠ DANGER	⚠ CAUTION BEFORE TOWING THIS TRAILER CHECK THAT:	⚠ WARNING
SERIOUS INJURY AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE CAN RESULT IF THIS VEHICLE IS TOWED BEFORE FAMILIARIZING YOURSELF WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS AND CAUTIONS LISTED TO THE RIGHT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COUPLER HITCH AND TRAILER BALL ARE THE SAME SIZE. • COUPLER IS LATCHED. • SAFETY CHAINS ARE CRISSCROSSED UNDER TONGUE AND ATTACHED TO TOWING VEHICLE. • ALL TRAILER LIGHTING IS WORKING CORRECTLY. • LOAD IS SECURED TO TRAILER FRONT AND REAR. • TONGUE JACK (IF TRAILER IS EQUIPPED) IS RETRACTED. • TILT PIN IS LATCHED. • WHEEL LUG BOLTS ARE PROPERLY TIGHTENED. • TIRES ARE INFLATED TO PRESSURE INDICATED ON TIRE. • TRAILER BRAKES (IF TRAILER IS EQUIPPED) ARE PROPERLY ADJUSTED AND BREAK-AWAY DEVICE IS ATTACHED TO TOWING VEHICLE. • LOAD IS WITHIN TRAILER CAPACITY AND DISTRIBUTED PROPERLY TO MAINTAIN PROPER TONGUE WEIGHT. 	YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH LOCAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING BRAKES, LICENSING AND ANY ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT THAT MAY BE NECESSARY. CONTACT YOUR STATE MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

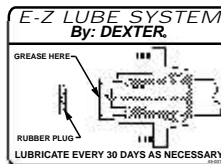
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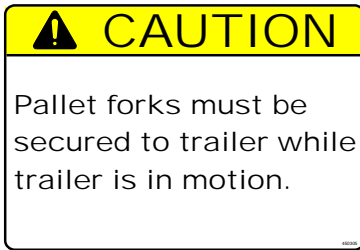
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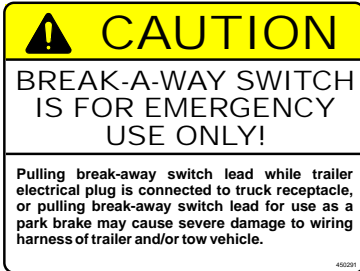
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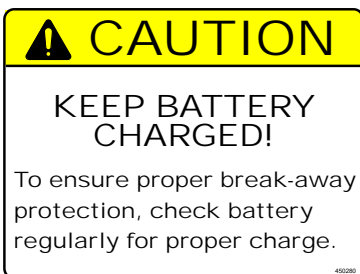
Decals, Warnings and Cautions



p/n: 450305 Caution: Pallet forks must be secured to trailer while trailer is in motion.

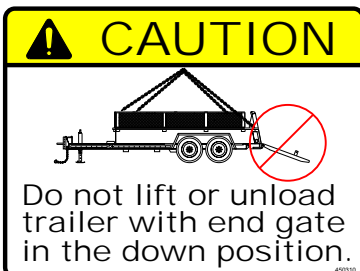
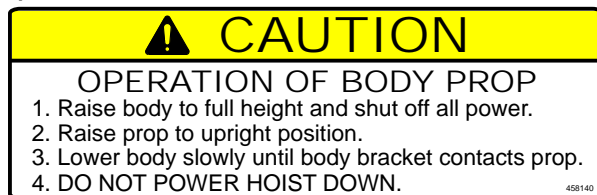


p/n: 450291 Caution: BREAK-A-WAY SWITCH IS FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY! Pulling break-a-way switch lead while trailer electrical plug is connected to the truck receptacle, or pulling break-a-way switch lead for use as a park brake will cause severe damage to wiring harness of trailer and/or tow vehicle.



p/n: 450280 Caution: KEEP BATTERY CHARGED! To ensure proper break-a-way protection, check battery regularly for proper charge.

p/n: 458140



p/n: 450310 Caution: Do not lift or unload trailer with end gate in the down position.

Decals, Warnings and Cautions

p/n: 458123, 2.63" x 4.50"
p/n: 458125, 5.75" x 9.75"

CAUTION

Body must be braced before servicing hoist or working in area with body in raised position. Lubricate hoist grease fittings often, atleast each time trailer is serviced. Trailer must be level for dumping. **DO NOT OVERLOAD.**

458123

p/n: 455105

CAUTION

Before transporting, be sure rear loading stands are in the transport position.

Before loading trailer, lower loading stands to the loading position.

LOADING STAND PIN LOCATION

LOADING STAND LOADING POSITION

LOADING STAND TRANSPORT POSITION

455105

p/n: 458115

CAUTION

Unload box before using body prop.

458115

p/n: 458105

DANGER

Do not go under raised body, it may cause serious bodily harm or even death.

458105

p/n: 454401

WARNING

MAX. FILL LINE FOR
WET SAND 2700 LBS/CU. YD.

OTHER COMMON MATERIALS

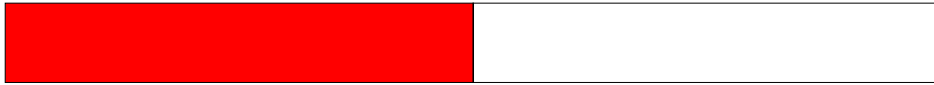
LIME	2025 LBS/CU. YD.
SHINGLES	2430 LBS/CU. YD.
BLACK DIRT	2430 LBS/CU. YD.
STONE	2700 LBS/CU. YD.
GRAVEL	3240 LBS/CU. YD.

OVER-LOADING OF TRAILER MAY CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH, AND MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO TRAILER. NEVER EXCEED LOAD CAPACITY OF TRAILER OR HOIST.

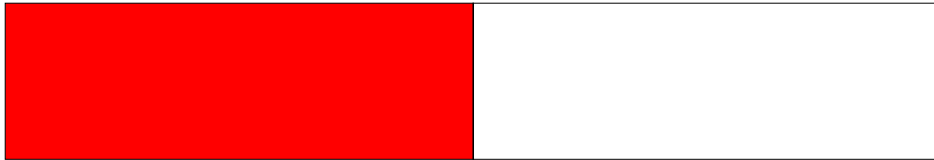
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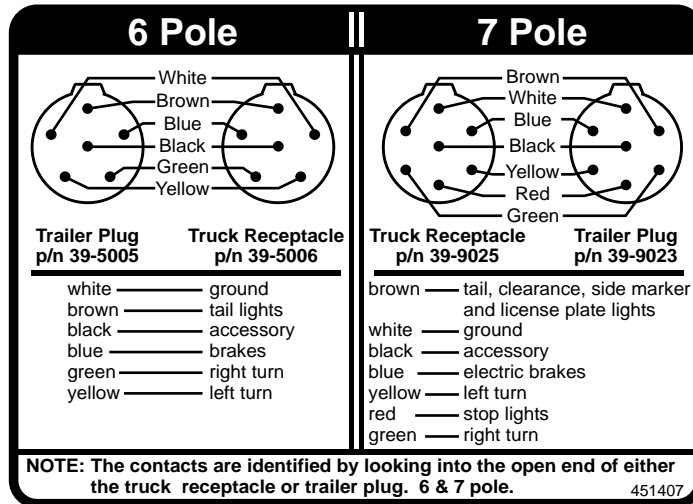
p/n: 450052 - 1" red/white reflectorized tape



p/n: 450050 - 2" red/white reflectorized tape



p/n: 451407



p/n: 450036A - small Big Tow decal (1 1/2" x 8")

p/n: 450037A - medium Big Tow decal (5" x 26")

p/n: 450038A - large Big Tow decal (7" x 36")



Decals, Warnings and Cautions

p/n: 451240

ATTENTION:

A "GREEN BRAKE" IS AN UNGROUND, UNBURNISHED BRAKE. NORMAL MANUFACTURING TOLERANCES DICTATE THAT THERE IS A BREAK-IN PERIOD REQUIRED AFTER WHICH THE LINING WILL SEAT INTO A PERFECT CONCENTRIC SITUATION. DURING THIS BREAK-IN PERIOD, THE USER MUST BE AWARE THAT ADDITIONAL BRAKE ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MANDATORY TO ACHIEVE OPTIMUM BRAKING PERFORMANCE.

p/n: 450720

This trailer is 102" wide. This width trailer is legal on all federally funded highways. Some states require that trailers be no wider than 96" on state roads. Check with your state highway department for specific regulations and permits.

p/n: 452925

ATTENTION:

Registration Holder 

Parts and Service Manual enclosed. To receive an additional 6 months warranty of MAIN FRAME only, return your warranty registration within 14 days. See dealer.

p/n: 455037



p/n: 455039



p/n: 455000

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For complete decal kits: please specify trailer model, deck length and paint color.

Part number	Model
45-1683	BHD-6
45-1687	BHD-7

Reporting Safety Defects

Reporting Safety Defects: If you believe that your vehicle has a defect which could cause a crash or could cause injury or death, you should immediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in addition to notifying Big Tow Trailers.

If NHTSA receives similar complaints, it may open an investigation, and if it finds that a safety defect exists in a group of vehicles, it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in individual problems between you, your dealer, or Big Tow Trailers.

To contact NHTSA, you may either call the Auto Safety Hotline toll-free at 1-800-424-9393 (or 366-0123 in Washington, DC area) or write to: NHTSA, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street SW NSA-11, Washington, DC 20590. You may also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from the Hotline.

Maintenance and Operating Instructions

TIRES: Check daily, and maintain proper inflation. Refer to Tire Chart.

WHEEL NUTS: Check weekly, and maintain proper torque.

WHEEL BEARINGS: Check bearings every 3000 miles. Grease if necessary. Check for overheating and excessive wear when operating in severe conditions, i.e. deep mud, sand or water and also when a hub is pulled for any reason.

WHEEL BEARINGS/LUBRICATION: Check oil level of wheel bearings daily. Where severe operating conditions such as deep mud, sand, or water, etc. are encountered, bearings should be checked for overheating or excessive wear and also when a hub is pulled for any reason. Fill hub with SAE 90 oil to indicated level on hub cap.

BATTERY: Keep battery charged! To ensure proper break-a-way protection, check battery regularly for proper charge.

ELECTRICAL PLUG: Check trailer plug and truck receptacle for damage and/or corrosion, and that they fit tight.

LIGHTS/WIRING: Inspect all lights for proper operation daily and replace as necessary. Connect power source, preferably tow vehicle to trailer, and check all lights for proper operation and possible loose connections, or improper wiring between tow vehicle and trailer.

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PARKING JACK: Check jack for any physical damage or improper operation due to corrosion. Replace if severely damaged or rusted. Check bolts for tightness daily and be sure the lock washers and/or lock nuts are used.

TIE DOWN RINGS: Check daily for physical damage to "D" ring, clips, or welds and replace or repair immediately.

SUSPENSION BOLTS: After an initial break-in period of 150 miles and periodically thereafter every 1000 miles, all bolts and nuts should be rechecked for proper torque. Check eye bushings in springs for wear and replace any part if wear shows.

COUPLER/TOW RING: Inspect visually: if coupler shows excessive wear, it should be replaced.

TOW RING: Inspect for tightness daily before use. Ring plate must be tight against hitch plate to prevent plate deformation. If ring shows excessive wear, it should be replaced immediately. Double nut bottom bolts. (4 bolt pintle ring.)

TOW RING INSTALLATION

1. Determine proper tow ring height according to tow vehicle.
2. Install tow ring with secondary support bolt in lower position whenever possible.
3. Tighten nuts on both bolts until lock washers are fully compressed.
4. Do not use tow ring with a hitch which is excessively loose or that binds when trailer turns.
5. Double nut lower bolts.

BRAKE CONTROLLER: Check controller daily for proper operation both automatic with tow vehicle foot pedal and manually. Replace if defective or damaged. Adjust for proper braking effect for load being towed. Trailer braking should be adjusted so that trailer brakes react and apply at the same time as tow vehicle brakes come on, never after tow vehicle brakes.

Maintenance and Operating Instructions

MAGNETS: Check at any indication of braking problems, at brake replacement, at bearing inspection, or any time a hub is pulled. Magnets should be replaced if bare wire is showing at wear surface, surface of magnet is gouged, scored, or magnet is worn unevenly.

BRAKE CLEANING/INSPECTION: Your trailer brakes must be inspected and serviced at yearly intervals or more often as use and performance requires. Magnets and shoes must be changed when they become worn or scored thereby preventing adequate vehicle braking. Clean the backing plate, magnet arm, magnet, and brake shoes. Make certain that all the parts removed are replaced in the same brake and drum assembly. Inspect the magnet arm for any loose or worn parts. Check shoe return springs, hold down springs, and adjuster springs for stretch or deformation and replace if required. **ASBESTOS DUST HAZARD!** Since some brake shoe friction materials contain asbestos, certain precautions need to be taken when servicing brakes: (1) Avoid creating or breathing dust. (2) Avoid machining, filing or grinding the brake linings. (3) Do not use compressed air or dry brushing for cleaning. (Dust can be removed with a damp brush.)

BRAKE ADJUSTMENT: Brakes should be adjusted (1) after the first 200 miles of operation when the brake shoes and drums have "seated," (2) at 3000 mile intervals, (3) or as use and performance requires. The brakes should be adjusted in the following manner:

1. Jack up trailer and secure on adequate capacity jack stands. Do not lift or place supports on any part of the suspension system. Check that the wheel and drum rotate freely.
2. Remove the adjusting hole cover from the adjusting slot on the bottom of the brake backing plate.
3. With a screwdriver or standard adjusting tool, rotate the starwheel of the adjuster assembly to expand the brake shoes. Adjust the brake shoes out until the pressure of the linings against the drum makes the wheel very difficult to turn. (With drop spindle axles, a modified adjusting tool with about an 80 degree angle should be used.)
4. Rotate the starwheel in the opposite direction until the wheel turns freely with a slight lining drag.
5. Replace the adjusting hole cover and lower the wheel to the ground. Repeat the above procedure on all brakes.

* A "green brake" is an unground, unburnished brake. Normal manufacturing tolerances dictate that there is a break-in period required after which the lining will seat into a perfect concentric situation. During this break-in period, the user must be aware that additional brake adjustments will be mandatory to achieve optimum braking performance.

! WARNINGS !

- ! Be sure trailer is connected to tow vehicle when loading and unloading machinery.
- ! Lock tow vehicle brakes **BEFORE** loading and unloading.
- ! Use wheel chocks when loading or unloading trailer.
- ! Check tire inflation daily. See tire chart.
- ! Check wheel nuts weekly - maintain proper torque.
- ! Check master cylinder fluid level weekly. (Hyd. brakes)
- ! Trailer should be level when fully loaded. If trailer is low in front when loaded, adjust coupler to make level (or slightly higher in front).
- ! Use caution when trailer is being loaded or unloaded. **DO NOT** place hands or feet under ramps when raising or lowering.

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