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Stabilizing Foot Pad Installation Instructions

Prior to installation locate which side of the drop arm stabilizer has the electric motor and switch. Determine which side of the trailer you want the ratchet strap foot pad. It can be installed on either side of the trailer. However, if you install the ratchet foot pad on the side of the trailer with the motor, it will prevent the drop arms from fully retracting during travel by approximately one inch. Installing the ratchet foot pad on the switch side will also make it more convenient to operate.

1. Separate the stabilizing foot pads by removing the snap pin on the non-ratchet foot pad and allow the ratchet strap to retract.
2. Lower the drop arm stabilizers utilizing the electric switch until they are almost touching the ground.
3. On the side of the trailer with the switch, remove the nut and bolt that holds the original footpad to the drop arm. Remove the original foot pad and replace it with the ratchet foot pad. Make sure that the ratchet is toward the outside of the trailer to allow easy access to the ratchet. Use the included bolt and nut to install the ratchet foot pad to the drop arm. Tighten the 9/16 nut and bolt until it is snug. Do not over tighten. If you over tighten the bolt, it will prevent the foot pad from swinging freely on the bottom of the drop arm.
4. On the opposite side of the trailer remove the existing foot pad and replace it with the non ratchet foot pad and hardware. Make sure the strap slot in the edge of the foot pad is toward the inside of the trailer. Tighten the 9/16 lock nut and bolt until it is snug. Do not over tighten. If you over tighten the bolt, it will prevent the foot pad from swinging freely on the bottom of the drop arm.
5. Pull the release handle on the ratchet and raise the ratchet handle all the way up until it is beyond vertical. Pull out the ratchet strap and stretch it to the other side of the trailer. Thread it through the strap slot on the non-ratchet foot pad. Insert the snap pin through the loop on the end of the ratchet strap.

Hint: To prevent climbing under the trailer to thread the strap, attach a string or rope to the end of the strap and pull it around the back of the trailer to the other side.

Refer to proper use directions to determine how to raise and lower the drop arms properly.

Installation is complete. If you have any questions please call 858 435-0720.

Proper use

Lowering the drop arms

Utilizing the electric switch lower the drop arms 4 to 6 inches from the fully retracted position and **STOP**. Pull the release handle on the ratchet and raise the ratchet handle all the way up until it is beyond vertical. This will allow the strap to move freely while lowering the drop arms.

(Warning: Failure to release the ratchet while lowering the drop arms will cause damage to the ratchet and cause excessive tension on the strap.)

Lower the drop arm until they are all the way down, firmly in contact with the ground.

Tensioning the foot pads

Utilizing the ratchet, tighten the strap until snug. This will generally be two or three clicks on the ratchet. Do not over tighten.

Raising the drop arms

Prior to raising the drop arms, pull the release handle on the ratchet and raise the ratchet handle all the way up until it is beyond vertical. This will release the strap tension and allow the strap to move freely while raising the drop arms.

(Warning: Failure to release the ratchet while raising the drop arms will cause damage to the ratchet and cause excessive tension on the strap and prevent the drop arms from raising.)

Raise the drop arms with the electric switch until they are 4 to 6 inches from being fully retracted and **STOP**. Lower the ratchet handle until it is all the way down. Continue to raise the drop arms until they are retracted for travel.

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