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MAINTENANCE MANUAL

MODELS

AST-1500

AST-2000

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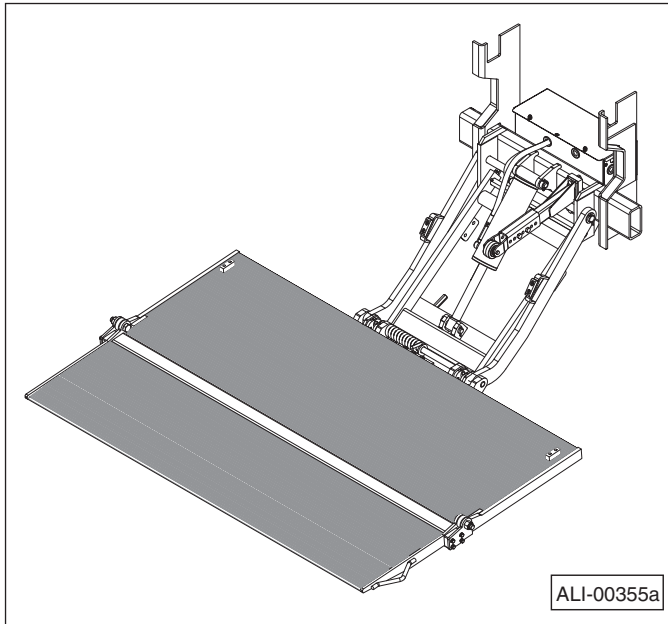
1. General Information

1.1 Introduction

Congratulations on selecting an Anthony Liftgates TuckUnder™ liftgate.

All Anthony tuckunder model liftgates are factory assembled, energized, and tested to ensure the highest quality performance standards. AST, AST-L, and AST-PLUS liftgates ship completely assembled for fast, clean, and easy installation.

To ensure your liftgate will perform to your expectations, we have provided this Installation Manual, which is designed to provide you with the necessary installation instructions and safety precautions for the installation of the AST, AST-L, or AST-PLUS TuckUnder™ liftgates.



Typical Anthony Liftgates Tuckunder Model.

Note: *This manual covers all AST model liftgates with a serial number of XXXXXXX and greater.*

1.2 General Safety

! WARNING Read, Follow and Understand the Manual. The success or failure of this liftgate to properly and efficiently operate will depend on a thorough and proper maintenance. Failure to read, understand, and follow the instructions and safety recommendations in this manual can result in serious injury or death to the operator or bystander.

Also, read and understand the operating instructions in the separate Operation Manual before beginning the installation.

1.3 State and Federal Regulations

1.3.1 Brakes

! WARNING When installed, the operation or weight of this liftgate must not alter or prevent vehicle compliance to any existing State or Federal standards, such as FMVSS 105 – Hydraulic And Electric Brake Systems. Each truck frame manufacturer's recommendations should be consulted for compliance.

Also, make sure the weight of the liftgate and its fully loaded capacity will not overbalance the truck, possibly raising the front wheels off the ground.

1.3.2 Lighting

! WARNING When installed, the transport position of this liftgate must not alter or prevent vehicle compliance to any existing State or Federal standards such as FMVSS 108 – Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment. Each truck manufacturer's recommendations should be consulted for compliance.

1.3.3 Rear Impact Guards

! WARNING When installed, the transport position of this liftgate must provide protection against rear impact, using State or Federal standards such as FMVSS 223 – Rear Impact Guards and FMVSS 224 – Rear Impact Protection.

It is the duty of the installer to make sure these guards are installed to complete the installation process. Anthony Liftgates offers a bolt-on bumper, which will meet the requirements of this standard. Each truck manufacturer's recommendations should also be consulted for compliance.

1.4 If Maintenance Help is Required

For additional information, in the form of a quick reference guide or installation video, refer to the AST TuckUnder™ liftgate website www.anthonyliftgates.com. To find the most current version of the reference material, choose LIFTGATES, TUCKUNDER™, AST or AST-L or AST-PLUS, and then DOWNLOADS.

If you have any doubts or questions about maintenance, call your authorized dealer. Before doing so, have the serial number, model number, and lift capacity of your liftgate available.

For service or ordering replacement parts, contact an authorized dealer by going to www.anthonyliftgates.com and selecting the FIND A DEALER tab. Enter your zip code to find the nearest authorized service location.

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1.5 Registration

Refer to the Operation Manual for the serial number information.

1.6 Warranty

For a detailed copy of the Warranty Statement, refer to either the Operation Manual.

NOTICE

The liftgate must be maintained according to these instructions or the warranty will be void.

1. Unauthorized modifications may cause improper operation or other unforeseen problems or dangers. If any deviation is deemed necessary, written permission must be obtained from Anthony Liftgates.

2. Safety

2.1 Safety is Your Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the maintenance personell to understand proper operating procedures. Be aware of the inherent dangers in the use of this product and the tools used to maintain it. Read and understand all Warnings, Cautions, Notices, Safety Instructions, and Notes in this manual, on the liftgate, or on the truck.

Accidents can often be avoided by being alert and recognizing potentially hazardous situations. The safety information in this manual serves as a basic guide in an attempt to prevent injury or death.

Anthony Liftgates cannot anticipate every possible circumstance that might involve a potential hazard. The warnings in this manual and on the product itself are, therefore, not all-inclusive. If tools, procedures, work methods, or operating techniques are used that are not specifically mentioned by Anthony Liftgates, you must satisfy yourself that they are safe for you and for others.

DO NOT proceed with any maintenance procedure if doubt arises about the correct or safe method of performing any procedure found in this manual. If you have any doubts or questions about installation, call your authorized dealer.

2. All decals must be attached and legible, or all warranties are void.

1.7 Replacement Parts and Hazard Decals

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SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



To prevent the personal injury of the end user from not being aware of safety recommendations, the installer must make sure all decals are attached to the liftgate and truck and are legible.

Safety Signal Words



Personal injury hazards are identified by the "Safety Alert Symbol" and followed by a signal word such as WARNING or CAUTION to indicate the severity of the hazard.



This safety alert icon surrounds an image showing a specific type of injury which should be avoided. These icons are shown in "2.2.3 Hazard Avoidance" on page 6.



Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, COULD result in death or serious injury.



Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, MAY result in minor or moderate injury.



Indicates that equipment or property damage can result if instructions are not followed.



Indicates specific safety-related instructions or procedures.

Note: Contains additional information important to a procedure.

2.2 Safety Icons Nomenclature

This manual and the equipment have numerous safety icons. These safety icons provide important operating instructions, which alert you to potential personal injury hazards.

2.2.1 Personal Protection/ Important Information



Read the manual



Eye protection



Face shield / welding helmet



Breathing protection



Head protection



Protective shoes



Hand protection



Use two people when lifting heavy objects



Use proper tools



Weight rating



Set parking brake



Remove key



Lockout / prevent use



OEM parts



Damaged safety sign

2.2.2 Prohibited Actions



Do not alter or modify



Do not weld



No smoking



No open flame



No alcohol



No drugs

2.2.3 Hazard Avoidance



Safety alert symbol



Slipping injury



Tripping injury



Pinch point hazard



Pinch hazard (foot)



Dangerous fumes



Adequate ventilation



Crush hazard



Crush hazard



Crush hazard (chock wheels)



Chock wheels /rollover hazard



Fall hazard (truck)



Fall hazard (platform)



Damaged parts hazard



Fire hazard



Sparks / fire hazard



Battery gas hazard

2.3 Safety Rules

2.3.1 Personal Protection



WARNING



Do not work under the liftgate while it is in a raised position.

Unintentional lowering of the liftgate can cause serious crushing injuries.



CAUTION



When servicing this unit, wear appropriate personal protective equipment. This list may include, but is not limited to:

- A hard hat.
- Protective shoes with slip resistant soles.
- Protective goggles, glasses, or face shield.
- Protective clothing.



Anthony Liftgates recommends not riding the liftgate;

however, if the operation requires it, make sure your footing is stable before raising or lowering the platform. Always stand away from the edge. When on the ground, always stand clear of the liftgate when it is operating.



Do not attempt to maintain the liftgate under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Consult your doctor before using the liftgate while taking prescription medications.



To prevent personal injury, clean up any spilled fluids immediately. To avoid tripping, do not leave tools or components laying around in the work area.



Failure to prevent the truck from moving during the maintenance of the liftgate could result in a serious crushing injury.



Always use/set the truck's parking brake and remove the ignition key before servicing the liftgate. Failure to follow this recommendation can result in injury.



Do not place hands or feet in pinch points.



Do not place your feet under the liftgate or between the platform and floor extension.



To prevent injury, the liftgate and its related components should only be maintained by a qualified installer having knowledge and skill in using a lifting device, a cutting torch, and welding equipment.



To prevent possible injuries due to improper operation, make sure all decals are attached to the liftgate and/or truck and are legible at all times.

2.3.2 Equipment / Tools / Parts



Do not operate this unit if it is damaged. If you believe the unit has a defect, which could cause it to work improperly, you should immediately stop and remedy the problem before continuing.



Make sure the liftgate or truck will not be damaged or made unsafe by the maintenance or use of the liftgate.



Never secure the power cable to anything which allows it to contact sharp edges, other wiring, fuel tank, fuel lines, brake lines, air lines, exhaust system, or any other object that could cause the power cable to wear or be damaged. A cut battery cable can cause sparks and/or component damage resulting in loss of vehicle control, serious injury, or even death.



If replacement parts are necessary, genuine factory OEM replacement parts must be used to restore the liftgate to the original specifications. Anthony Liftgates will not accept responsibility for damages as a result of using unapproved parts. If non-OEM replacement parts are used, the warranty will be voided.

2.3.3 Battery / Fuel Tank Safety



To prevent serious bodily injury,

keep sparks, lighted matches, and open flames away from the top of the battery, because battery gas can explode. Always follow all the manufacturers' safety recommendations when working around the truck's battery.



Take precautions to avoid sparks coming into contact with the truck's fuel tank, brake lines, or other flammable components. Sparks can cause an explosion of combustible materials, resulting in serious injury or death.

2.3.4 Cutting Torch / Welding Safety



Take precautions to avoid sparks from contacting the truck's fuel tank, brake lines, or other flammable components. Sparks can ignite combustible materials, resulting in serious injury or death.



Always weld or use a cutting torch in a well ventilated area and, if in an enclosed area, vent the fumes to the outside. Breathing welding smoke and paint fumes can cause serious injury.



Always follow all State and Federal health and safety laws and/or local regulations when using an arc welder, mig welder, or cutting torch. Also, follow all manufacturers' safety guidelines. If other people are present during the installation of the liftgate, make sure the assembly area is shielded from their view.



To avoid eye injury during welding, always wear a welding helmet with the proper lens to protect your eyes.



To avoid eye injury while using a cutting torch, always use eye protection with the proper lens to protect your eyes.



Do not modify safety devices. Do not weld on the liftgate assembly, except the adapter frame tube. Unauthorized modifications may impair its function and safety.



Make sure all parts are in good working condition and properly installed. Replace any damaged parts immediately.

2.4 Welding or Grinding Galvanized or Stainless Steel Material

2.4.1 Galvanized Metal



Follow all OSHA and other workplace safety standards when welding galvanized steel, which creates zinc oxide fumes. Always grind the coating off in the area to be welded and provide adequate ventilation to avoid breathing the fumes.

Always wear the proper breathing protection when grinding or welding. Use ventilation or vacuum systems to remove any contaminated air from the work area.

Metal Fume Fever:

When zinc vapor mixes with the oxygen in the air, it reacts instantly to become zinc oxide, which is non-toxic and non-carcinogenic.

Zinc oxide that is inhaled is absorbed and eliminated by the body without complications or chronic effects.

Exposure to zinc oxide fumes causes a flu-like illness called metal fume fever.

Symptoms include headache, fever, chills, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, weakness, and tiredness.

There are no long-term health effects. Metal fume fever typically begins about four hours after exposure, and full recovery occurs within 48 hours.

2.4.2 Stainless Steel

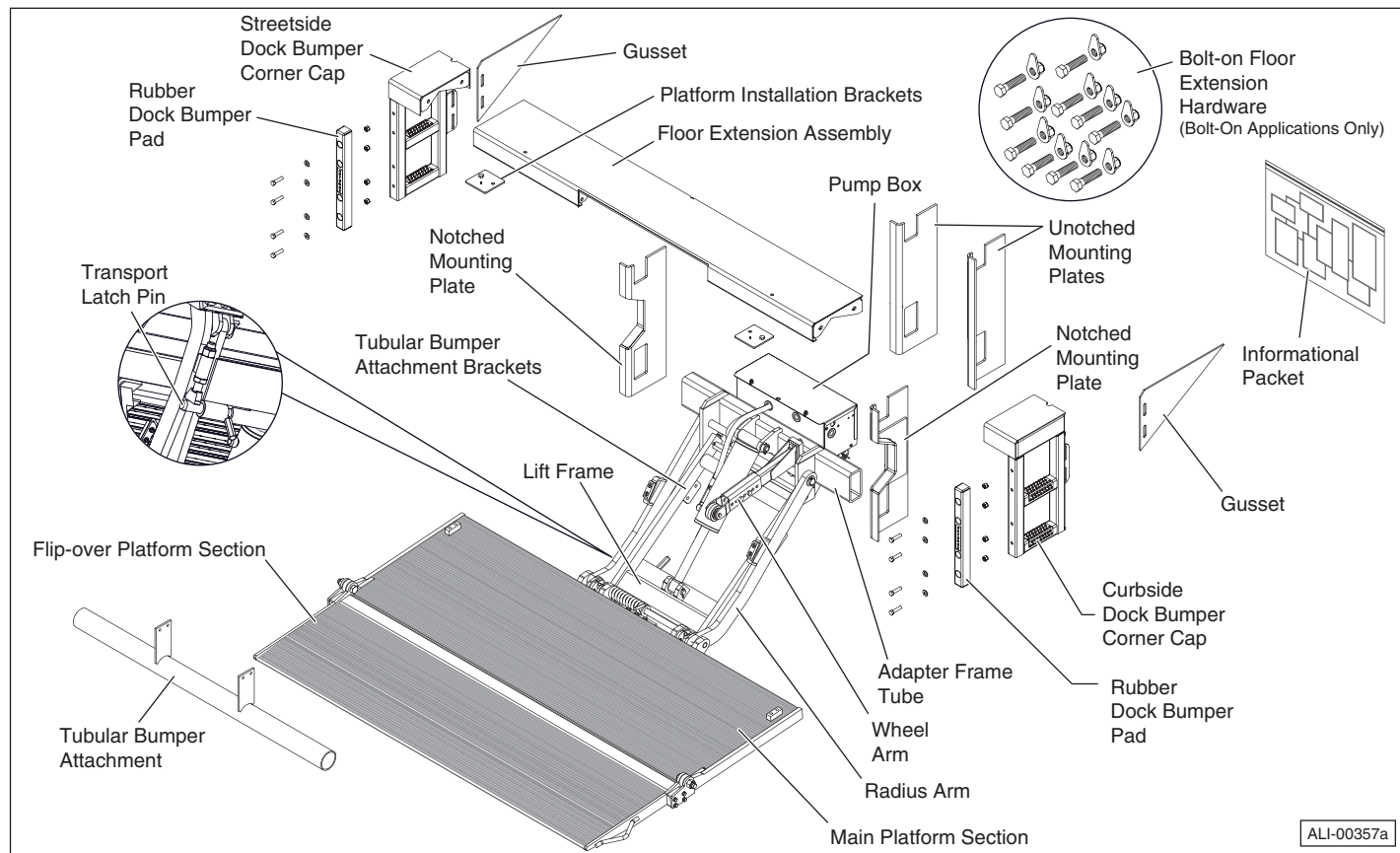
Follow all OSHA and other workplace safety standards when welding stainless steel, which creates hexavalent chromium fumes that can irritate the nose, throat, and lungs.

Repeated or prolonged exposure can damage the mucous membranes of the nasal passages and result in ulcers. In severe cases, exposure causes perforation of the septum (the wall separating the nasal passages).

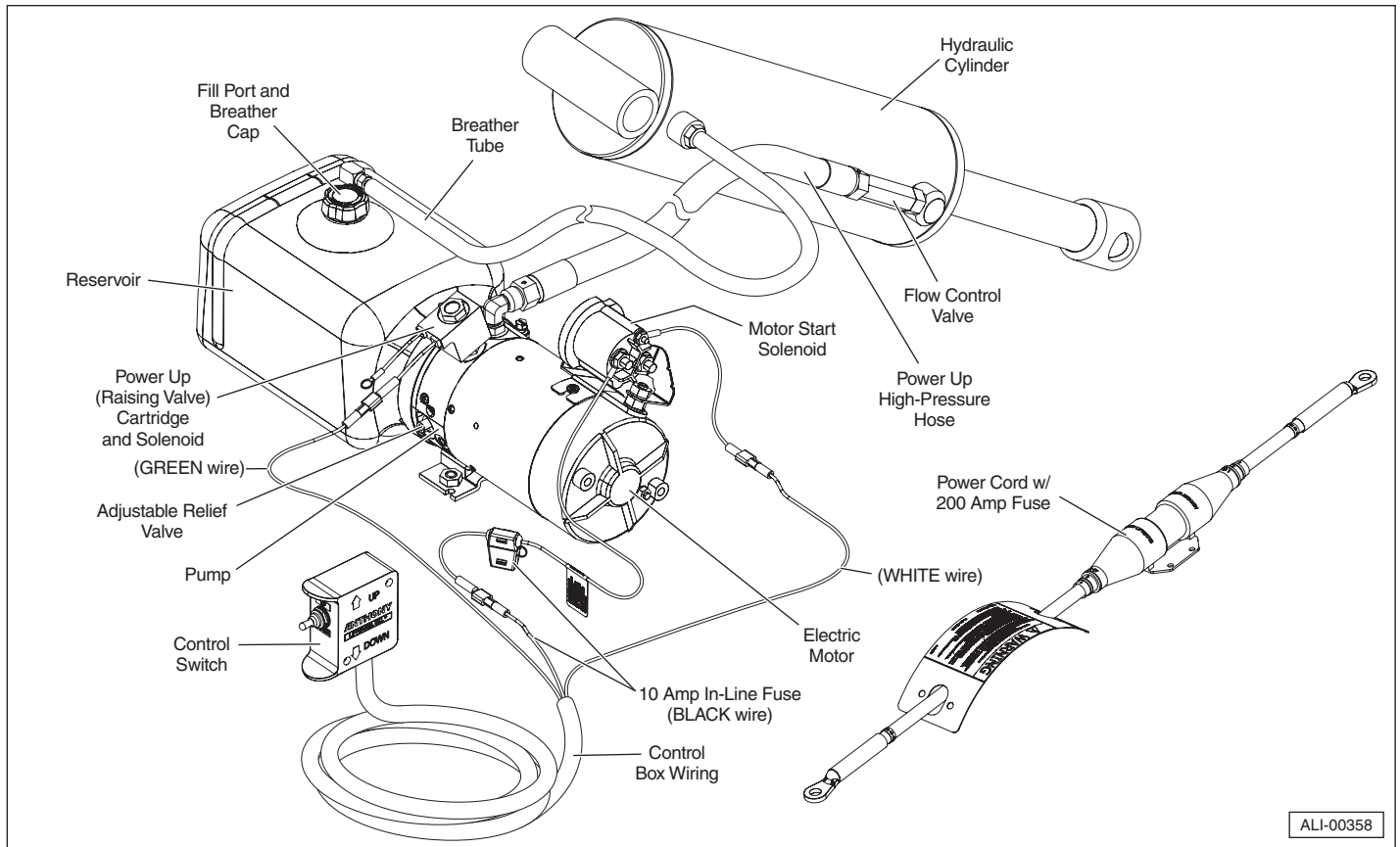
Always wear the proper breathing protection when grinding or welding. Use ventilation or vacuum systems to remove any contaminated air from the work area.

3. Nomenclature

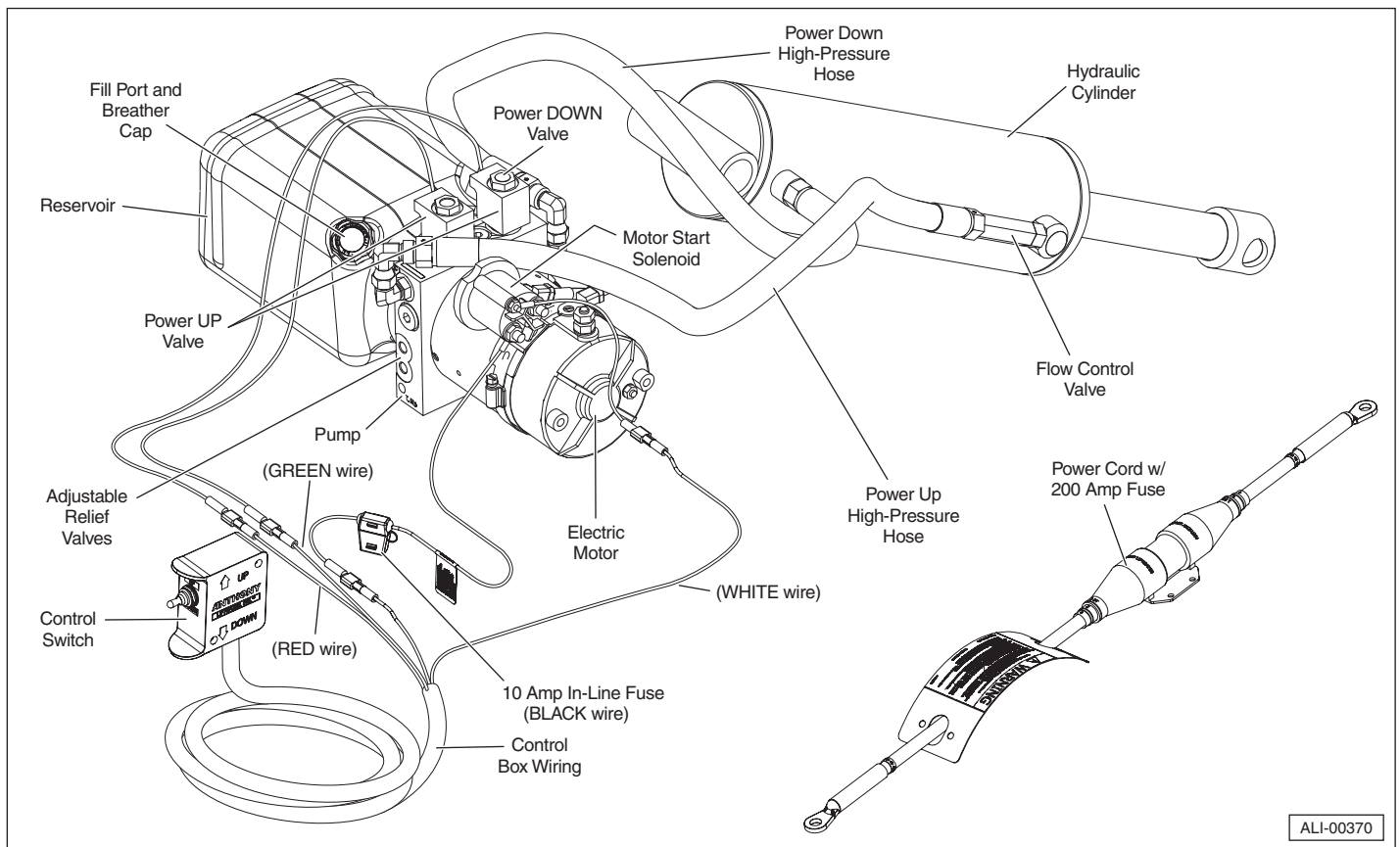
3.1 Platform Nomenclature



3.2 Gravity-Down Power Unit Nomenclature



3.3 Power-Down Power Unit Nomenclature



4. Maintenance

4.1 Monthly Inspection

All Anthony Tuckunder Liftgates are "Service-Free" which means they have lubrication-free bushings at the major pivot points.

1. Make sure the liftgate operates freely and smoothly throughout its entire range of movement.
2. Check for damage to the liftgate, such as bent or distorted parts. Check for excessively worn parts.
3. Check for cracked welds which may have resulted from overload or abuse.
4. Check all pins and pivot points. Make sure they are secured with proper retainers. Replace worn bushings and/or pins.
5. Make sure platform is angled upward from truck bed 1/2 to 3/4 inch when raised to bed height. See Platform Adjustment for shimming procedure, "4.4 Platform Adjustment" on page 11.
6. Make sure all electrical wires, switches, and connections are in good working condition and operate properly.
7. Check for oil leaks in the following areas:
 - a. Hydraulic lift cylinder.
 - b. Hydraulic hoses. Replace any hose that shows signs of leakage or excessive abrasion of the covering.
 - c. Check all hydraulic fittings for damage or leakage. Tighten fittings to stop leaks or replace if damaged.
8. Check reservoir oil level and fill as required with Dexron VI, Dexron III or Hyken Glacial Blue.
 - a. Gravity down models - With the platform on the ground, the oil level should be within 1/2 inch of the top of the reservoir.
 - b. Power down models - With the platform in the fully raised position, the oil level should be within 1/2 inch of the top of the reservoir.

NOTICE

Use only Dexron VI, Dexron III, or Hyken Glacial Blue hydraulic fluid in the power unit reservoir. For cold weather operation, we recommend Hyken Glacial Blue. If an emergency situation occurs, any anti-wear hydraulic fluid can be used, but the system should be flushed and the fluid changed as soon as reasonably possible. Hydraulic fluids should not be mixed due to possible compatibility problems.

The recommended fluids are compatible and may be mixed, however, the cold weather operating characteristics of Hyken Glacial Blue will be adversely affected.

DO NOT thin hydraulic fluid with brake fluid, and **DO NOT** use brake fluid in place of hydraulic fluid.

9. Check the fluid level of the vehicle battery. Fill as required.
10. Examine all warning, capacity, and operational decals. If they are not readable, they should be replaced. Decals may be obtained free of charge from Anthony Liftgates, Inc.
11. Oil the roller of the wheel arm and make sure it spins freely.

4.2 Semi-Annual Inspection

In addition to the items requiring monthly inspection, also inspect the condition of the hydraulic fluid.

If the oil in the hydraulic tank is dirty, drain the oil and flush the entire system. Refill the system with the recommended oil outlined in Step 8 of the "Monthly Inspection" section.

4.3 Adjusting Wheel Arm

The wheel arm helps unfold the platform as it is lowered from the stored position. The wheel arm can be adjusted so the platform unfolds with either greater or lesser effort.



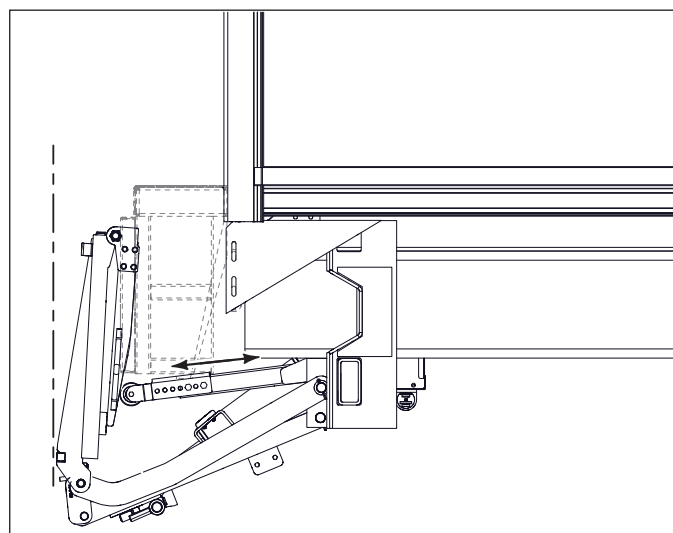
WARNING



Never stand behind the liftgate when it is opened. Always stand to the side and away from the edge of the platform.

When adjusting the position of the wheel arm, consider that the vehicle may be parked on a upward sloped surface. Adjust the wheel arm to prevent the platform from completely unfolding in this type of situation.

1. If adjustment is needed, remove the two bolts and nuts on the wheel arm.
2. Lengthen or shorten the wheel and channel assembly on the tube, as desired.

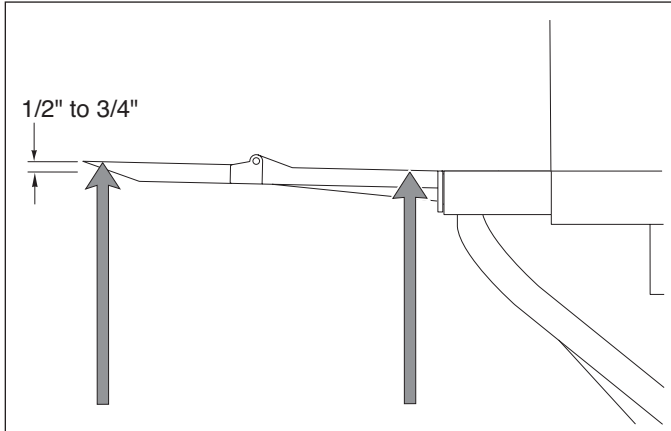


3. Align the two holes in the wheel and channel assembly with the holes in the tube nearest the desired position.

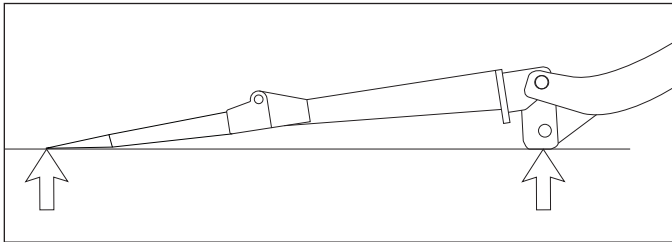
4. Re-install the two bolts and nuts. Tighten the nuts to secure the wheel and channel assembly.

4.4 Platform Adjustment

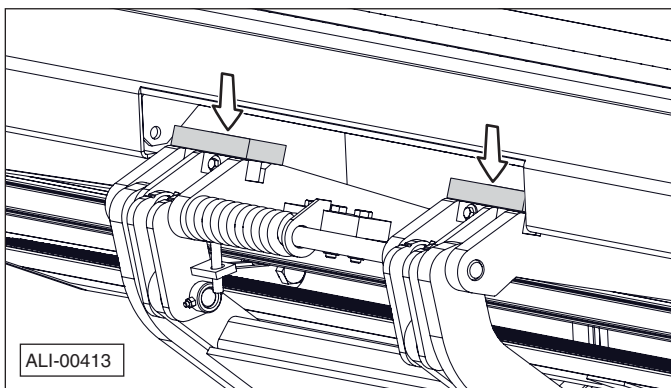
The ramp (outboard) end of the platform should be 1/2 to 3/4 inches higher than the truck floor when in the raised position. If the outboard end of the platform is sagging, add shims as described below. Shimming is a normal procedure as the liftgate ages and the parts become worn.



1. When the platform is lowered to the ground, it should touch at the lift arm end and at the ramp end (arrows).



2. To lower the ramp end:
 - a. Temporarily position a shim plate in the contact area (arrows), between the cam plates and platform, with tape.




Note: One shim can move the ramp end of the platform as much as 1/2 inch.

- b. Raise and lower the platform to recheck its position.

- c. Weld the steel shim plates to the blocks on the platform.

3. To raise the ramp end, remove material from the contact area (arrows shown in Step 2) between the cam plates and platform.
4. If the platform does not align with the floor extension, contact Anthony Liftgates for a solution to correct the problem.

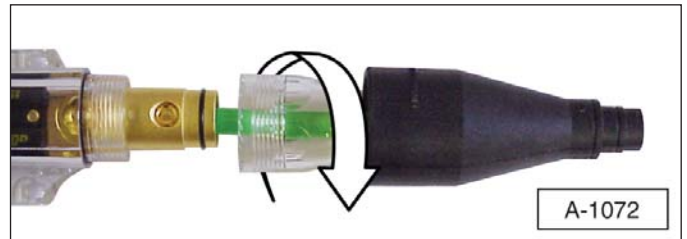
4.5 Replacing the Fuse

WARNING  An electric arc can cause personal injury or property damage. To avoid personal injury, disconnect the power cable from the vehicle battery or batteries before replacing the fuse, or before disassembling the fuse holder.

1. Slide the rubber boots away from the fuse holder.

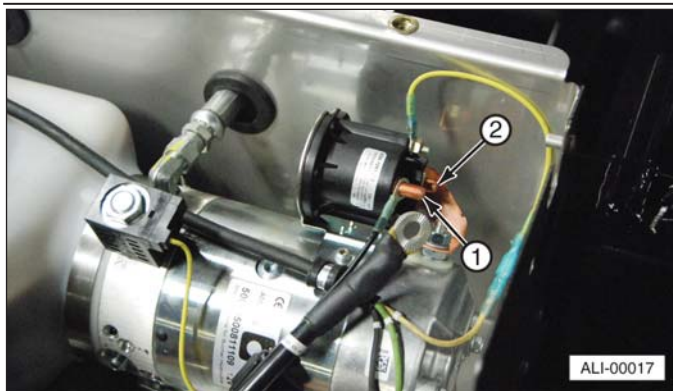


2. Unscrew the fuse holder ends from the fuse holder body and pull it apart.

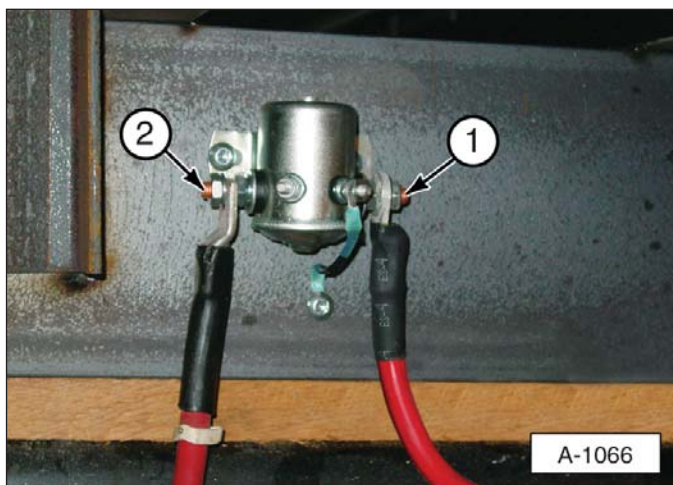


3. Slide the fuse holder body one direction (left or right) to expose the damaged fuse.
4. Loosen the screws from each end of the fuse, remove, and replace the fuse. Retighten the screws.
5. Re-assemble the fuse holder in reverse order. Be sure the rubber boots are sealed around the fuse holder and power cable.
6. Re-connect the power after you are certain the liftgate area is clear.

4.6 Checking Motor Start Solenoid and Power Cut-off Solenoid



Motor start solenoid.



Power cut-off solenoid.

Both the motor start solenoid and power cut-off solenoid can be checked by bypassing the solenoid itself.

1. Use jumper cables for this test.
2. Connect one jumper cable to battery side (1) of the solenoid. Connect the other cable to motor side (2) of the solenoid.
3. If the liftgate is activated, the solenoid is defective and should be replaced.

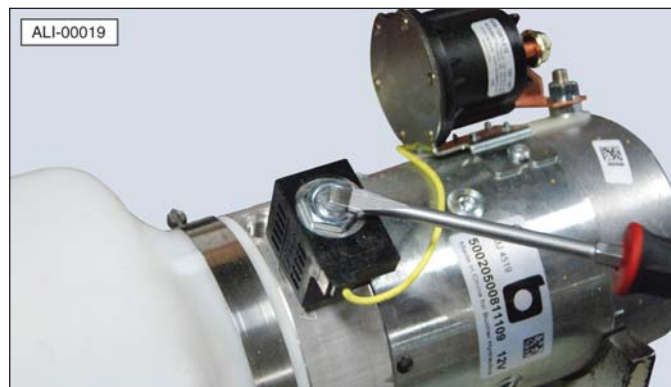
4.7 Checking the Power Cable

To check for a defective power cable, run the motor directly from a spare battery using jumper cables.

1. Remove the battery connection to the motor.
2. Connect the negative jumper cable (ground) directly to the liftgate. Connect the positive cable to the terminal on the motor start solenoid.
3. If the motor operates, the battery cable is defective and should be replaced.

4.8 Checking Lowering Valve Cartridge and Solenoid

1. Place the liftgate on the ground in the open position.
2. Place a steel screwdriver over the top of the lowering valve solenoid.



3. Momentarily activate the control switch in the DOWN position. The screwdriver should be attracted to the magnetic field created by the solenoid.
4. If no magnetic pull is produced, the solenoid is defective and should be replaced. If the solenoid is activated, check the cartridge valve.
5. Remove the solenoid from the valve assembly.
6. Remove the valve cartridge from the pump body.
7. Clean the cartridge and blow it dry with compressed air (not greater than 30 psi). Also, blow out the pump body.
8. Use a small screwdriver and carefully press on the spool inside the cartridge. If the spool moves freely, the cartridge is good. If it does not move, replace the cartridge, as the spool could be bent, pitted, or damaged in some other way.

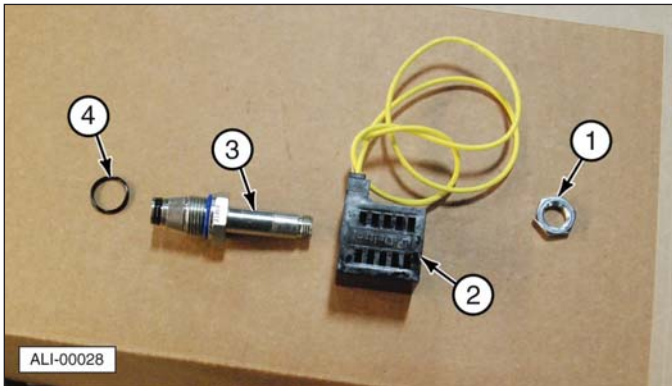


4.9 Solenoid Valve Screen



If the solenoid is working electrically, check the debris screen and clean if dirty.

4.10 Replacing Solenoid Valve



1. While installed in the pump, remove nut (1).
2. Remove coil (2) from cartridge (3).
3. Remove cartridge (3) from pump body.
4. O-ring (4) is not required on current models and can be discarded.

4.11 Checking Cylinder Piston Seals (drifting - caused by seal leakage)

Gravity Down Models

1. Remove the breather hose (gravity down models only).
2. Completely raise the liftgate and hold the switch in the "UP" position while checking for oil flowing out of the cylinder's breather port.
3. If a continuous flow of oil comes out of this port (while the liftgate is all the way up and the switch is held "UP"), then the piston seals are leaking and the cylinder should be replaced.

Power Down Models

1. Check the lowering valve. Make sure it is operating correctly and the valve is not sticking or dirty. Refer to "4.8 Checking Lowering Valve Cartridge and Solenoid" on page 12.
2. If the lowering valve is operating properly, then the drifting is most likely caused by worn piston seals. Replace the cylinder.

4.12 Checking System Pressure

For gravity down systems there is only one relief valve (power up). Power down models have two relief valve settings; one for raising the platform (power up) and one for lowering the platform (power down).

To check the "power up" pressure setting:

1. Place the liftgate on the ground and remove the pressure hose from the power up port of the pump.
2. Install a T-fitting (customer supplied) into the power up port.
3. Connect a pressure gauge and reconnect the hydraulic hose.

The pressure gauge must be rated above the maximum pressure of the liftgate. For example, use a 4000 psi pressure gauge on a 3000 psi maximum capacity liftgate.

4. Raise the liftgate and check the pressure on the gauge.

Low Pressure Threshold Chart		
Model	Power Up	Power Down
1500, 1800, or 2000	2800 psi	350 psi
2500	1850 psi	
3000 or 3500	2400 psi	



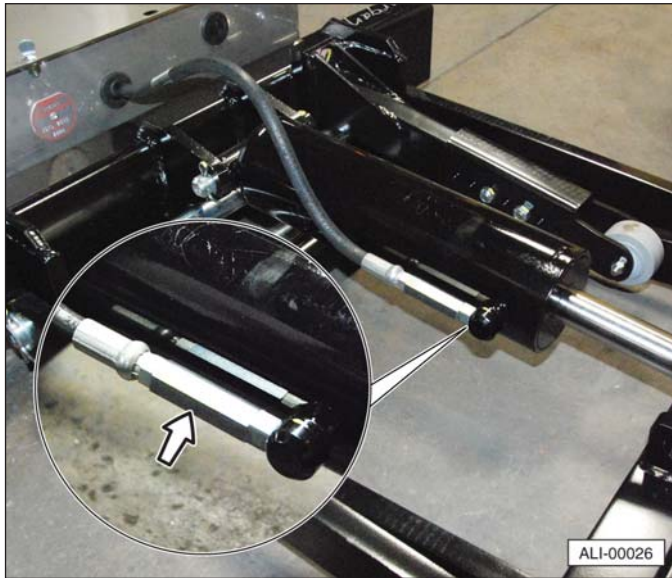
WARNING



Do not stand or work in the platform's work area while operating the liftgate. Place the pressure gauge so it can be read while operating the liftgate from a safe location. Serious injury or death could result if this action is not followed.

5. Check the power down relief valve pressure in the same way as the gravity down system by installing a T-fitting and pressure gauge.

4.13 Checking Flow Control Valve



If the cylinder does not operate or operates slower than normal, remove the flow control valve and hook the hydraulic hose directly to the cylinder. If the cylinder operates properly, replace the flow control valve.



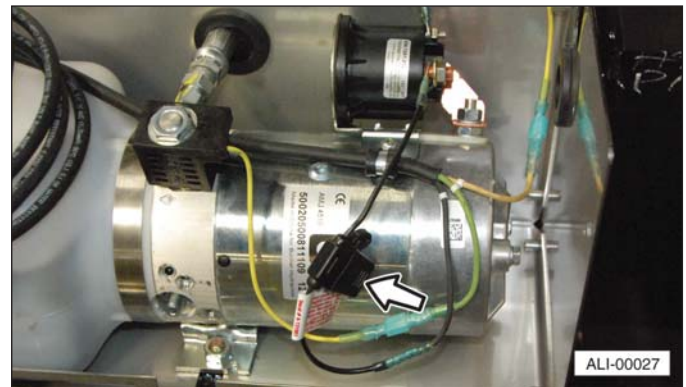
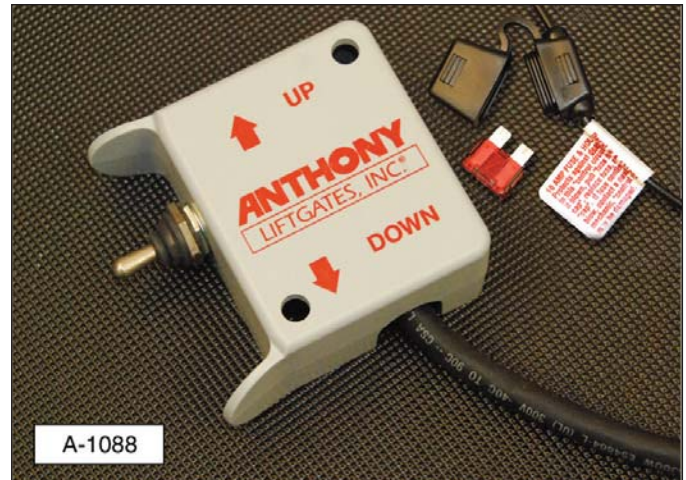
WARNING



Do not operate the liftgate without the flow control valve. Serious injury or death could result if this action is not followed.

4.14 Checking Control Switch Fuse

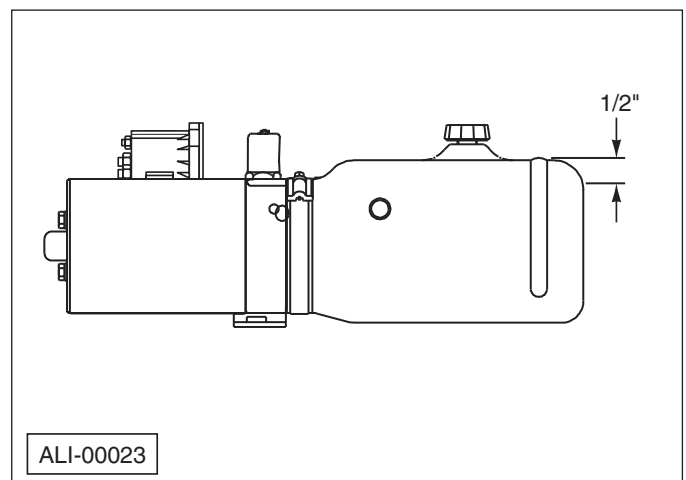
If the control switch is not operating the liftgate, check the in-line fuse located on the control cable inside the power unit box.



4.15 Power Module Fluid

Gravity down models - With the platform on the ground, the oil level should be within 1/2 inch of the top of the reservoir.

Power down models - With the platform fully raised, the oil level should be within 1/2 inch of the top of the reservoir.



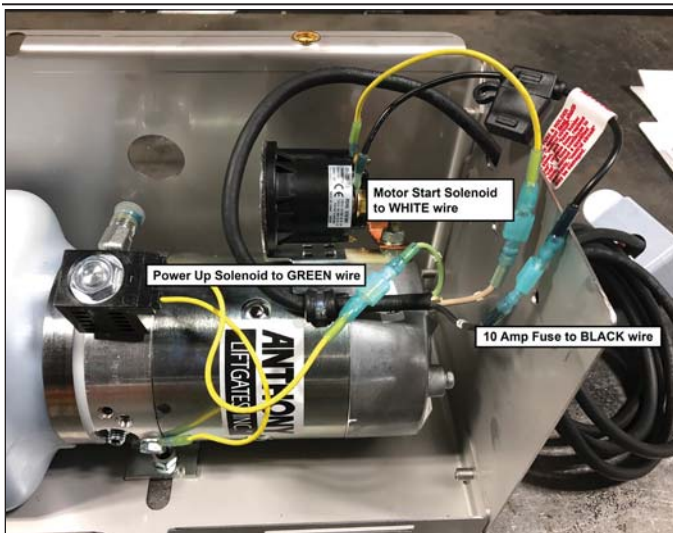
NOTICE

Use only Dexron VI, Dexron III, or Hyken Glacial Blue hydraulic fluid in the power unit reservoir. For cold weather operation, we recommend Hyken Glacial Blue. If an emergency situation occurs, any anti-wear hydraulic fluid can be used, but the system should be flushed and the fluid changed as soon as reasonably possible. Hydraulic fluids should not be mixed due to possible compatibility problems.

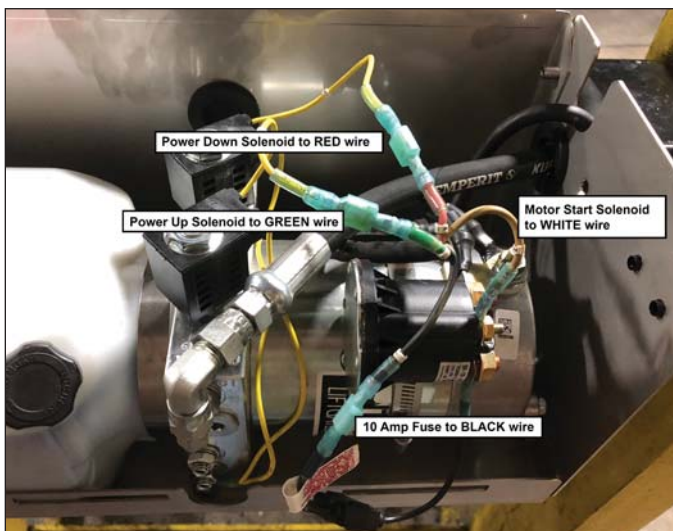
The recommended fluids are compatible and may be mixed, however, the cold weather operating characteristics of Hyken Glacial Blue will be adversely affected.

DO NOT thin hydraulic fluid with brake fluid, and DO NOT use brake fluid in place of hydraulic fluid.

4.16 Reattach Control Unit Wires To Appropriate Terminals



Gravity Down.



Power Down.

5. Decals

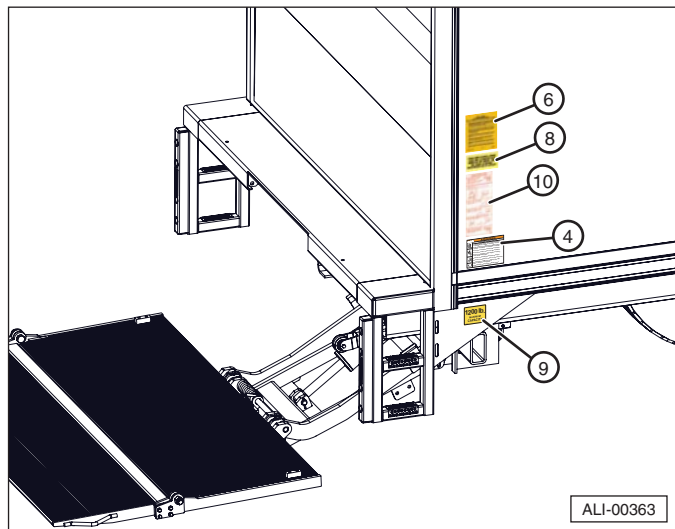
5.1 Installing Decals

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

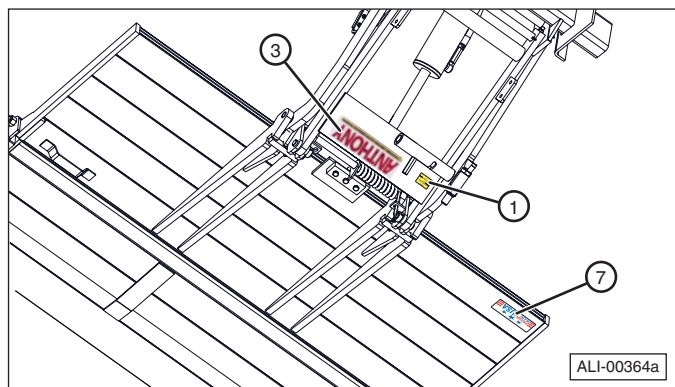


To prevent possible injuries due to improper operation, make sure all decals are attached to the liftgate and truck and are legible.

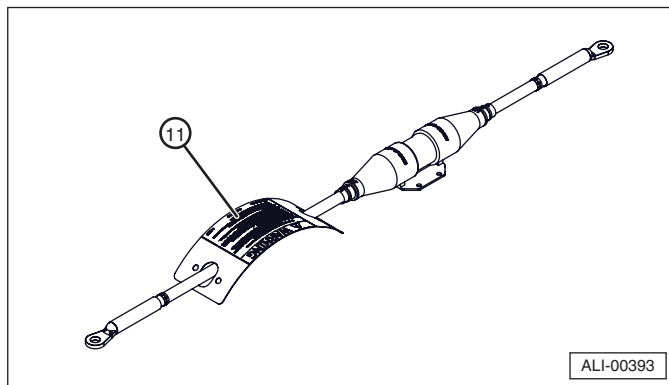
1. Attach decals 4, 6, 8, 9, and 10 to the truck body, as shown.



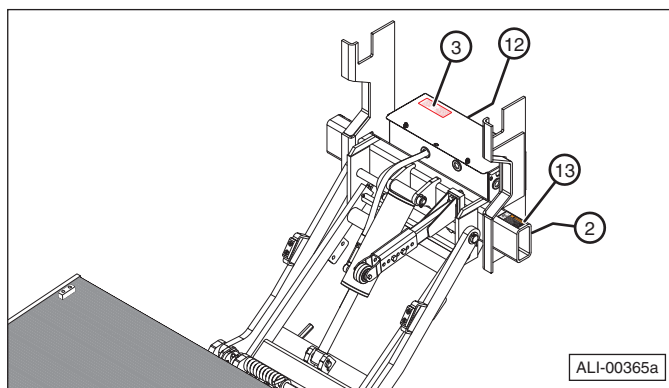
2. Make sure factory-installed decals 1, 3, and 7 are attached to the lift arms and platform.



3. Make sure the factory-installed fuse changing decal is on the power cable and is visible near the location of the fuse.



4. Make sure factory-installed decals 2, 3, 12, and 13 are installed on the power unit and the adapter frame tube.



Item	Part Number	Description
1*	A-131017	Note - Disengage Latch
2*	A-131028	Weld Warning
3*	A-131034	Anthony Label
4	A-131115	Warning, Personal Injury
5*	A-131134	Hydraulic Fluid
6	A-150238	Notice - Protected With Electrical Overload Circuit Breaker
7*	A-150601	Made In The USA
8	ATU-141	After Using Liftgate
9	A-131015 ATU-175 A-131020 ATU-174 ATU-147 ATU-177	1500 Lb. Maximum Capacity 1800 Lb. Maximum Capacity 2000 Lb. Maximum Capacity 2500 Lb. Maximum Capacity 3000 Lb. Maximum Capacity 3500 Lb. Maximum Capacity
10	ATU-423	Operating Instructions
11*	A-131036	Warning, 200 Amp Fuse Changing Procedure (attached to power cable)
12*	A-131001	10 Amp Fuse Changing Procedure (attached to control wiring in pump box)
13*	A-131125	Warning, Galvanized Fumes Hazard

*Factory Installed – Installer must make sure all decals are attached, as shown.

Note:

Disengage "latch" before attempting to use liftgate.

Engage "latch" after using liftgate.

A-131017

WELD WARNING!

For all Anthony "Service-Free" Liftgates

When performing welding during installation, service, or repair on Anthony "SF" Service-Free liftgates, the actual part being welded must be grounded. Failure to follow this instruction can cause the welding ground to travel through the high pressure hydraulic hose as the source of ground, thus causing damage to the hose from the powerful electric current. The resulting damage to the hose may or may not be visible and can cause unexpected catastrophic failure of the lift. If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Liftgates, Inc., Pontiac, Illinois, USA (800-482-0003).

A-131028

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⚠ CAUTION SECURE LATCH WHILE IN TRANSIT.

A-131034

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⚠ WARNING

PERSONAL INJURY HAZARD



Operation may require user to stand on platform. To prevent injury or death of operators or bystanders:



- Read and follow operator/owner manual for safety, operation, inspection, and maintenance instructions.



- Do not place unstable or unsafe loads on platform.

- Do not allow loads to extend over edge of platform.

- Do not exceed capacity or use liftgate for anything other than intended purpose.

- Be aware of surroundings when operating liftgate.

- Do not allow body parts to contact moving components.



- Ensure footing is stable and stand away from edge before raising or lowering platform.

- Owner/operators must properly maintain liftgate.

A-131115

This hydraulic reservoir is filled with Dextron ATF hydraulic fluid. Use ONLY the same or equivalent fluid.

A-131134

NOTICE

THIS LIFTGATE IS PROTECTED WITH AN ELECTRICAL OVERLOAD CIRCUIT PROTECTION DEVICE, EITHER A CIRCUIT BREAKER, OR A FUSE, AND IS LOCATED NEAR THE POWER SUPPLY

A-150238



AFTER USING LIFTGATE, SECURE LATCH AND, IF EQUIPPED WITH POWER CUT OFF SWITCH, TURN OFF POWER TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED USE OF LIFTGATE.

ATU-141

1500 lb.
MAXIMUM
CAPACITY

A-131015

1800 lb.
MAXIMUM
CAPACITY

ATU-175

2000 lb.
MAXIMUM
CAPACITY

A-131020

2500 lb.
MAXIMUM
CAPACITY

ATU-174

3000 lb.
MAXIMUM
CAPACITY

ATU-147

3500 lb.
MAXIMUM
CAPACITY

ATU-177

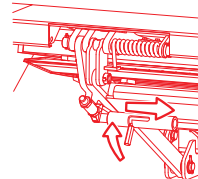


Make sure the proper “MAXIMUM CAPACITY” decal is placed on the truck for the appropriate lifting capacity of the liftgate being installed. Do not put a higher rated decal on a liftgate with a lower capacity; this could result in liftgate damage or possibly personal injury.

ANTHONY TUCKUNDER LIFTGATES OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

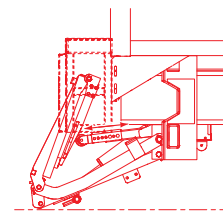
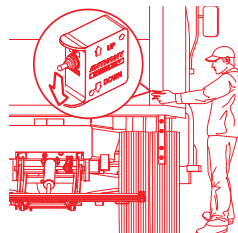
1. Raise (twist) latch pin handle upwards and then slide pin sideways to release.

Do not force the latch. Liftgate may need to be slightly raised or lowered to release pressure on latch pin.



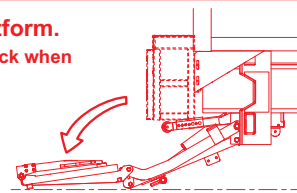
2. Press control switch DOWN until folded platform rests on ground.

Always stand on curbside of truck when raising or lowering platform with control switch.



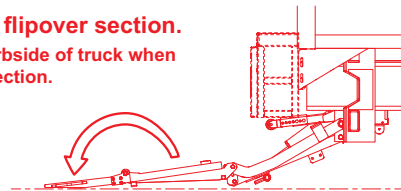
3. Manually unfold main platform.

Always stand on curbside of truck when unfolding platform.

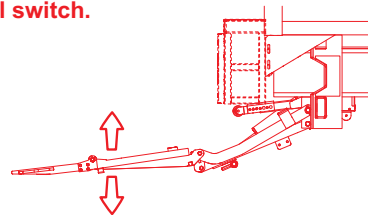
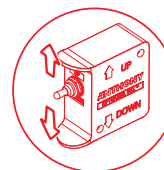


4. Manually unfold flipover section.

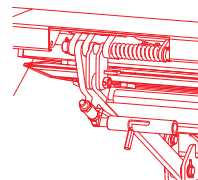
Always stand on curbside of truck when unfolding flipover section.



5. Raise and lower platform using UP and DOWN functions of control switch.




6. Reverse steps to fold and store platform. Make sure platform is locked in storage position with latch pin after use.



ATU-423

11 — A-131036 (attached to power cable)



WARNING

View fuse through clear fuse holder, if blown, replace as follows:
Liftgate fuse changing procedure.

Warning! To avoid injury, disconnect the liftgate's power from the battery(ies) before replacing the fuse, or before disassembling the fuse holder. Do not ignore this warning or an "arc" can occur and personal injury or property damage could result.

1. Pull back rubber boots from fuse holder.
2. Unscrew the fuse holder ends from the fuse holder body and pull apart.
3. Slide the fuse holder body one direction (left or right) to expose the blown fuse.
4. Loosen screws from each end of fuse, remove and replace fuse. Tighten screws.

Contact Anthony Liftgates for fuse specifications.

5. Re-assemble in reverse order. Be sure the rubber boots seal around the fuse holder and cable.
6. Re-connect power after you are certain liftgate area is clear.

Note: Check for spare fuse in liftgate manual packet. If fuses continue to blow contact a qualified mechanic to remedy the problem.

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Ph: 800-482-0003

A-131036

12 — A-131001 (attached to control cable)

10 AMP FUSE & HOLDER

Protects against dead shorts in this "control circuit".

If blown, pull "fuse holder cap", replace fuse, replace "cap". If fuse continues to blow, contact a qualified mechanic, "control circuit" may be damaged.


A-131001

10 AMP FUSE & HOLDER


Protects against dead shorts in this "control circuit".

If blown, pull "fuse holder cap", replace fuse, replace "cap". If fuse continues to blow, contact a qualified mechanic, "control circuit" may be damaged.

13 — A-131125 (attached only to galvanized liftgates)



WARNING



Welding on galvanized and stainless steel parts gives off especially hazardous fumes.

- Remove galvanizing from area to weld.
- Provide good ventilation.
- Wear suitable respirator.

A-131125

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6. Welding Stainless Steel to Galvanized

If the installation requires welding galvanized steel parts to stainless steel, special procedures must be followed to ensure the safety of the welder and the integrity of the welds.

6.1 Safety

6.1.1 Welding or Grinding Galvanized Material



Follow all OSHA and other workplace safety standards when welding galvanized steel, which creates zinc oxide fumes. Always grind the coating off in the area to be welded and provide adequate ventilation to avoid breathing the fumes.

Always wear the proper breathing protection when grinding or welding. Use ventilation or vacuum systems to remove any contaminated air from the work area.

Metal Fume Fever:

When zinc vapor mixes with the oxygen in the air, it reacts instantly to become zinc oxide, which is non-toxic and non-carcinogenic.

Zinc oxide that is inhaled is absorbed and eliminated by the body without complications or chronic effects.

Exposure to zinc oxide fumes causes a flu-like illness called metal fume fever.

Symptoms include headache, fever, chills, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, weakness, and tiredness.

There are no long-term health effects. Metal fume fever typically begins about four hours after exposure, and full recovery occurs within 48 hours.

6.1.2 Welding or Grinding Stainless Steel

Follow all OSHA and other workplace safety standards when welding stainless steel, which creates hexavalent chromium fumes that can irritate the nose, throat, and lungs.

Repeated or prolonged exposure can damage the mucous membranes of the nasal passages and result in ulcers. In severe cases, exposure causes perforation of the septum (the wall separating the nasal passages).

Always wear the proper breathing protection when grinding or welding. Use ventilation or vacuum systems to remove any contaminated air from the work area.

6.2 General Guidelines

1. Welders should position themselves upwind of the air flow that removes the fumes, so that fumes and dust do not collect inside the welding shield (helmet).
2. In addition to proper positioning, an effective method to prevent inhaling zinc oxide fumes or hexavalent chromium fumes is to wear a good fume-rated respirator.

6.2.1 Weld Wire

We recommend AWS E312T1 flux core wire, such as Midalloy Mastercor™ E312T1-1/4 or equivalent.

Do not use stainless steel weld wire.

6.2.2 Shielding Gas

100% CO₂ or 75/25 Argon/CO₂ mix can be used.

6.2.3 Welding Guidelines

1. The welding of galvanized steel is the same as welding bare steel of the same composition. It uses the same welding processes, Volts, amps, travel speed, etc.

Wire Diameter (inches)	Voltage (V)	Amperage (Amp) [Wire Feed Speed (ipm)]	
		Flat	Vertical & Overhead
.045	24-28	130-200 [250-425]	120-160 [225-300]
.062	25-30	180-250 [150-250]	180-220 [150-200]

2. Use a soft disc grinder to remove the galvanized coating in the area to be welded. This will improve weld quality and reduce the welder's exposure to zinc oxide fumes.
3. No preheating of the dissimilar metals is needed.
4. When welding is complete, and after the area has cooled, use a cold galvanizing spray to restore corrosion resistance.

7. Troubleshooting Chart

Troubleshooting Chart		
Problem	Possible Causes	Possible Solution
Motor does not run when control switch is activated.	Cab cut-off switch.	Turn switch to ON position.
	Dead battery.	Make sure battery is fully charged. Check for loose or corroded battery connections. Replace or recharge battery.
	Circuit protection (fuse or breaker).	Replace fuse.
	10 Amp fuse in power unit box.	Replace, if fuse is blown. If problem continues, check for shorts in the electrical system.
	Control box switch.	Check fuse. "4.5 Replacing the Fuse" on page 11.
	Motor start solenoid.	Check solenoid. "4.6 Checking Motor Start Solenoid and Power Cut-off Solenoid" on page 12
	Optional power cut-off solenoid.	Check solenoid. "4.6 Checking Motor Start Solenoid and Power Cut-off Solenoid" on page 12.
	Battery cable.	Connect motor directly to a spare battery using the procedure in the Maintenance section.
	Motor.	If the motor is determined to be defective, it should be replaced. Defective motors are typically caused by weak batteries (low Voltage), loose connections, corrosion, or a poor ground.
	If liftgate is installed on a semi trailer, make sure the battery wire is 2 gauge or heavier. Smaller wires can reduce the Voltage, resulting in motor failures.	
	If the motor does not operate in freezing conditions, make sure the motor housing does not contain water.	
Sagging platform.	Normal wear.	Add shims to platform. "4.4 Platform Adjustment" on page 11.
	Bushing wear where lift arms connect to platform.	Replace bushings.
	Structural damage.	Replace worn parts.
Foaming oil.	Air in the hydraulic hose(s).	Check oil level in reservoir. "4.1 Monthly Inspection" on page 10.
	Broken or loose fluid return tube.	Remove the oil reservoir and make sure the return tube is below the oil level. If the tube has turned or fallen out, reinstall it into the pump housing. Use a center punch to "stake" the tube into position.

Troubleshooting Chart		
Problem	Possible Causes	Possible Solution
Motor runs, but liftgate will not open or lower to the ground.	Structural damage. Check clearance between platform and dock bumpers.	Fix damage. Replace worn parts.
	Latch pin.	Slide the latch pin to the open position.
	Lowering valve solenoid.	Check the solenoid. "4.8 Checking Lowering Valve Cartridge and Solenoid" on page 12.
	Lowering valve cartridge.	Check, remove, and clean valve cartridge using the procedure in the Maintenance section. "4.8 Checking Lowering Valve Cartridge and Solenoid" on page 12.
	Flow control valve.	Remove flow control valve and hook hydraulic hose directly to the cylinder. If the cylinder operates properly, replace the valve. "4.13 Checking Flow Control Valve" on page 14.
Motor runs, but platform will not raise, will not raise rated capacity, or raises but drifts down when control switch is released.	Load capacity has been exceeded.	Verify load capacity and adjust load weight.
	Structural damage.	Replace damaged parts.
	Low fluid level.	Fill reservoir. "4.1 Monthly Inspection" on page 10.
	Low Voltage.	Inspect the battery connection terminals and check the battery's Voltage (9 Volts minimum).
	Faulty lowering valve.	Solenoid or cartridge may need cleaning or replacement. See Maintenance section. "4.8 Checking Lowering Valve Cartridge and Solenoid" on page 12.
	Defective piston seals.	See Maintenance section for Checking Cylinder for Leakage. "4.11 Checking Cylinder Piston Seals (drifting - caused by seal leakage)" on page 13.
	Hydraulic pump is worn.	Replace hydraulic pump.
Latch pin is broken or bent.	Operator has lowered platform without releasing latch pin.	The latch pin is only used to prevent the liftgate from opening due to a pressure leak or pressure bleed-off over an extended period of time. Always release latch before opening liftgate.
Liftgate raises truck when lowered to the ground.	Power down system pressure is set too high.	See Maintenance section for Checking System Pressure. "4.12 Checking System Pressure" on page 13.
Liftgate will not open.	Platform operating area is not clear.	Clear platform operating area.
	Latch pin will not slide freely to release liftgate.	Activate the "UP" switch and raise the liftgate to the fully stored position. The latch pin should slide freely.

Troubleshooting Chart		
Problem	Possible Causes	Possible Solution
Platform lowers extremely slow.	Low oil level on power down models.	Fill reservoir. "4.1 Monthly Inspection" on page 10.
	Improper oil in hydraulic reservoir.	See Monthly Inspection. "4.1 Monthly Inspection" on page 10.
	Bushing wear where lift arms connect to platform.	Replace bushings.
	Damaged or kinked hydraulic hose.	Repair or replace.
	Cylinder rod is scored, pitted, or bent.	Replace cylinder.
	Flow control valve.	Remove flow control valve and hook hydraulic hose directly to the cylinder. If the cylinder operates properly, replace the valve. "4.13 Checking Flow Control Valve" on page 14.
	Lowering valve.	Solenoid or cartridge may need cleaning or replacement. See Maintenance section. "4.8 Checking Lowering Valve Cartridge and Solenoid" on page 12.
Platform raises partially and stops.	Load capacity has been exceeded.	Verify load capacity and adjust load weight.
	Structural damage.	Replace damaged parts.
	Low Voltage.	Recharge battery (if less than 9 Volts).
	Low pressure.	Refill reservoir. Check pump and motor. "4.1 Monthly Inspection" on page 10.
Platform will not lower.	Platform operating area is not clear.	Clear area.
	Structural damage.	Replace damaged parts.
	Low Voltage.	Recharge battery (if less than 9 Volts).
	Lowering valve.	See Maintenance section. "4.8 Checking Lowering Valve Cartridge and Solenoid" on page 12.
	Hydraulic pump and motor.	Replace power unit.

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