### Twin Cable Top Slider

Cable Bow System Installation Instructions



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# **EXTEND TARP BEFORE TRAVELING**



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### Read Instructions Carefully and Completely Before Starting

### Important

Proper alignment of bow sliders, pulleys, and cables is critical to the smooth operation of the system. Careful measurements taken at each step are required for the system to be properly aligned. Misaligned cables and pulleys will result in binding and premature wear of the system! WARNING: Tarp must be fully extended when traveling on the roadway!

*NOTE:* Tarp must be retracted when dumping and loading.

#### Step 1. Preparation

Measure trailer at the front, middle & rear of the top rail and record the widest point. Check trailer for square and be sure mounting surfaces are plumb. Irregularities (dents etc.) in the top rail must be repaired to make the top as smooth and straight as possible. Wood sideboards should be capped with steel channel that is tied into the top rail with steel straps to form a smooth and unobstructed tracking surface on top that is parallel and square.







Little or no additional fabrication required.



B. Radius Corners:

Front corners must be squared off. Additional fabrication is required. Front Corner Bracket Part # 502-0132 may be required for 18" to 24" radius corners.



**C.** Bulkhead or ram box interference:

First Bow must stop short of front pulleys and be fixed to the trailer. Front Corner Bracket Part # 502-0132 may be required for 18" to 24" radius corners.





**D.** Radius Corners:

Front Frame Bracket Kit 502-0103 may be used to square off radiused corners.



E. Belly Dump

A front tray should be fabricated to allow tarp to clear opening while loading. Tray should be 24" long in most applications and level with top rails. Bottom of tray must be covered.



F. Cab Shield Mount

Little or no additional fabriction is required.

#### Twin Cable Top Slider Bows

For complete system orders the bows come pre-cut for your Twin Cable Top Slider System.

For parts orders the bows come punched with 5 holes on each side, allowing 19 different widths. They will need to be cut to proper length according to the chart below. When ordering replacement bows, please specify if it is a rear bow.

*IMPORTANT:* When cutting the rear bow, make sure that you cut the larger increment off on the LEFT SIDE (see rear bow drawing), failure to do this will cause your back flap and tarp to be off-centered.

**Example:** On a 100" rear bow, you will need to cut 3" off on the right side and 3 1/2" off on the left side. Refer to charts on the right.

For Bows 90 3/4" Wide
Top Slider Cutting Chart
(Cable Center Line 88.5" - 97.5")

For Bows 99 3/4" Wide

Top Slider Cutting Chart (Cable Center Line 97.5" - 106.5")

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Inside Width Cable Center Line	Cut Dimensions	Slider LEFT	Holes RIGHT	Inside Width Cable Center Line	Cut Dimensions	Slider	Holes RIGHT
97.5"	0"	A	A	106.5"	0"	Α	Α
97"	1/2" Left Side	A	В	106"	1/2" Left Side	Α	В
96.5"	1/2" Both Sides	В	В	105.5"	1/2" Both Sides	В	В
96"	1/2" Right Side 1" Left Side	A	В	105"	1/2" Right Side 1" Left Side	A	В
95.5"	1" Both Sides	A	A	104.5"	1" Both Sides	Α	Α
95"	1" Right Side 1 1/2" Left Side	A	В	104"	1" Right Side 1 1/2" Left Side	A	В
94.5"	1 1/2" Both Sides	В	В	103.5"	1 1/2" Both Sides	В	В
94"	1 1/2" Right Side 2" Left Side	A	В	103"	1 1/2" Right Side 2" Left Side	A	В
93.5"	2" Both Sides	A	A	102.5"	2" Both Sides	Α	А
93"	2" Right Side 2 1/2" Left Side	A	В	102"	2" Right Side 2 1/2" Left Side	A	В
92.5"	2 1/2" Both Sides	В	В	101.5"	2 1/2" Both Sides	В	В
92"	2 1/2" Right Side 3" Left Side	A	В	101"	2 1/2" Right Side 3" Left Side	A	В
91.5"	3" Both Sides	A	A	100.5"	3" Both Sides	Α	А
91"	3" Right Side 3 1/2" Left Side	A	В	100"	3" Right Side 3 1/2" Left Side	A	В
90.5"	3 1/2" Both Sides	В	В	99.5"	3 1/2" Both Sides	В	В
90"	3 1/2" Right Side 4" Left Side	A	В	99"	3 1/2" Right Side 4" Left Side	A	В
89.5"	4" Both Sides	A	А	98.5"	4" Both Sides	Α	А
89"	4" Right Side 4 1/2" Left Side	A	В	98"	4" Right Side 4 1/2" Left Side	A	В
88.5"	4" Both Sides	В	В	97.5"	4 1/2" Both Sides	В	В



**Step 2.** Assemble two bows and alignment rods as shown in Fig. 1. Your bows may need to be cut to the correct width. Refer to section 1 page 2 for Top Slider Cutting Chart. Insert alignment rods into holes as shown Fig. 1 & Fig. 2.



Extended Mount

Flush Hinge



**Step 3.** Place the bow set with the alignment rods on the top rail at the rear of the trailer. Center the bows on the trailer. Use the alignment rods as a guide to line up the pulleys at the rear of the trailer. Clamp or tack weld in place (Fig. 8).



Step 4. Thread studs into Pillow Block Mounting Plates (part # 502-0166 & 502-0167). Mount Pillow Block Bearings to Plates using the 3/8" Hex Nuts (part # 504-3702) and 3/8" SAE Flat Washers (part # 505-3702). Install Bearings and Plates on Shaft as shown in Fig. 9. Note: Do not tighten set screws on bearings or pulleys at the is time.



Step 6. Align front pillow block bearings with straight edge.

Step 5. Move the bow set to the front of the trailer. Use the alignment Clamp or tack weld bearing mounts in place. 506-3703 3/8x1 self thread screws can be used to bolt bearing plates in place. (Fig. 11) NOTE: Outter pillow block bearings must be mounted as close to the pulleys as possible.





rods as a guide to line up the front shaft assembly (Fig. 10)

**Step 7.** Check measurements of front and rear pulleys. Width of pulleys must be the same at the front and back (Fig. 12). Distance must be the same between pulleys front and rear on both sides (Fig 13). Weld or bolt rear pulley mounts in place and bolt front pillow block bearings in place.



Step 8. Drive Option Assembly. For larger images refer to parts drawings in Section 3 Page 2-5.



Reduction Hand Crank.

**Step 9.** Lay the tarp out on the ground with the pockets facing up. Install bows in tarp pockets and assemble sliders on bow ends. The rear bow comes punched with 11 holes on the back side for the rear back flap. Insert this bow in the pocket at the rear of the tarp. The dueal bow set is installed at the rear of the tarp. (Fig. 14 & 15)



#### Step 10. Systems with Air Gates

Insert Air Gate Bow Extensions into rear bow and measure inside width. The inside width of the airgate bows must equal the cable centerline plus 3/4". Cut equal amounts from each end of the bow as needed. After cutting, drill 9/32" hole through bow and bow extension. Install bow in tarp pocket and assemble Air Gate Bow Extension using hardware that comes with bow (Fig. 16).



**Step 11.** Gather all the bows and sliders together on the ground and instert alignment rod through the sliders. Turn the tarp over and place on the trailer.



**Step 13.** Stretch each cable out on the ground to remove any loops or twists. Then thread the cable as shown below through the Sliders. (Fig.19).

**Step 12.** Remove the alignment rods and spread the tarp out on the trailer (Fig. 18).





**Step 14.** Assemble cable clamps at both rear pulleys. Clamps must face inward at assembly. Pull the slack out of cable (Fig. 20).



**Step 16. Systems with Air Gates.** Clamps must face outward at assembly. Pull the slack out of cable. Tighten cable clamps on driver's side. Measure the height needed for the bows to just clear the top of Air Gate. Trim the Air Gate Bow Extensions as needed. Using the Air Gate Sliders as a guide, drill 9/32" hole through Air Gate Bow Extensions and bolt Bows to Sliders. Make sure Driver Side and Passenger Sides are equal hieght.



**Step 15.** On the left side (Driver Side), measure from the back of last slider to the front of the rear pulley (Fig. 21). Adjust the slider on the right side (Passenger Side) to be the same distance from pulley.



**Step 17.** System with Air Gates. On left side (Driver Side) measure from back of Rear Air Gate Slider Assy to the front of the rear pulley (Fig. 23). Adjust the slider on the right side (Passenger Side) to be the same distance from pulley.

Equal distance on both sides

Fig. 23

**Note:** Adjust cable tension until the cable just begins to slip on the rear pulley when the system is fully extended. Then add one additional full turn by turning adjustment nut on the rear pulley clockwise as shown. (Fig. 24)



**Step 18.** Extend rear bow to within two inchs of rear pulley. Pull front of tarp forward to the front of the truck bed. Double fabric over Hem Tube. Pull fabric tight and fasten to front of trailer using the aluminum mounting strips and self tapping screws (part # 506-9929) (Fig. 25). Be sure the self tapping screws go all the way through and into the trailer.



### Step 19. Attaching Tarp and Rear Back Flaps

- A. Center the tarp on the bows. Fasten the tarp to the slider or bow. Use the hex head screw(part # 506-9908) if your tarp overlaps the slider (Fig. 26). If the tarp does not overlap the slider (Fig. 27) or if it overlaps a small amount (Fig. 28), then use the self tapping screw (part # 506-9907) to go through the tarp grommet, slider and bow. Repeat these steps to attach tarp to each bow.
- B. The back flap is bolted to the last bow. The rear bow comes punched with 11 holes on one side (for the back flap). If you have a 93" rear bow it will only have 9 holes, along the back side. The back flap is two separate pieces. The pieces will be overlapped in the center. Attach the back flap to the rear bow starting from the center. Locate the holes in the rear bow by feel. Pierce the tarp with a sharp object (awl, ice pick). Insert the self drilling screw through the fabric into the bow and tighten in the order shown in Fig. 29.

Note: Bolts # 7 & 13 will only be used if you have outside grommet in your back flap.

C. If the tarp has outside grommet in the back flap, then drill a 3/16" hole in the bow and insert the self threading screws (part # 506-2505) through the outside grommet and into the bow.





**Step 20.** Hold Down Hooks are installed on every 3rd or 4th slider. Space evenly and use all hooks provided. Longer hooks are installed to the front of the trailer (Fig. 31).



**Step 22.** On steel bodies cut Body Hold Downs to allow 1" clearance between Slider Hold Down Hooks and Body Hold Downs (Fig. 33).

**Step 23.** On steel bodies weld Body Hold Downs in place (Fig 34).





**Step 21.** Install Hold Down Roller (part # 502-0450) as shown in Fig. 32.



**Step 24.** On aluminum bodies cut Body Hold Downs to allow 1" clearance between Slider Hold Down Hooks and Body Hold Downs (Fig. 35). Weld to mounting plate then bolt to body.



#### Finial testing of the system

**Step 25.** Cycle system in and out a few times. Add cable tension until the cable just begins to slip on the rear pulley when the system is fully retracted, then add one additional full turn.

**Step 26.** Check slider distance to rear pulley as shown in step 16. Recheck cable tension often during the first week of operation. Adjust cable tension and realign bows as needed.

Twin Cable Direct Drive Hand Crank Assembly (#502-0503)



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## Twin Cable Upper Gear Reduction Hand Crank (Part # 502-0504)

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### Twin Cable Standard Chain Drive Assembly (Part # 502-0505)

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### Basic Hand Crank Kit (Part # 502-0591)



## Twin Cable Motor Drive Assembly (Part # 502-0610)

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### Twin Cable Rear Pulley Mount (Part # 502-0202 w/ Part # 502-0217)





Top Sliders Hold Down Assembly (Part # 502-0007)

	Twin Cable Top Slider Front Assembly and Associated Parts (301-XXXX)					
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 11 12 13 14 GR 12/	502-0114 502-0801 504-3702 505-3702 506-3704 506-3103 502-0166 502-0167 502-0168 502-0326 502-0327 502-0321 502-0323 502-0322 502-0324 502-0324 502-0304 502-9901 502-9917	1" SHAFT - 105 7/16" PILLOW BLOCK BEARING NUT, 3/8"-16 HEX NUT N WASHER, 3/8" SAE FLAT 3/8"-16 X 1" 1/2" DBL SET SCREW, 5/16"-18 3/8" X 1" SELF THREADING PILLOW BLOCK MOUNTING SMALL PILLOW BLOCK MOUNTING 7.5" TWIN CABLE PULLEY 16" TOP SLIDER BOW - 104" LG 16" TOP SLIDER BOW - 93" LG 12" TOP SLIDER BOW - 93" LG 6" TOP SLIDER BOW - 104" LG 6" TOP SLIDER BOW - 104" LG 6" TOP SLIDER BOW - 93" LG 8" BOW SLIDER BOW - 93" LG 8" BOW SLIDER 1/4" CABLE AS REQUIRED SLIDER STOP *** QUANTITIES VARY DEPENDING ON L	1 3 6 6 4 8 2 1 2 *** *** *** *** *** *** *** *** *			

Top Slider Rear Air Gate Bow Assembly (Part # 502-0403)



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### Smart Switch Basic Kit (Part # 514-0114)

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