

COLUMN TAIL LIFTS



SIMPLE TO USE TAIL LIFT USED BY MAJOR DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES
AND OFTEN USED ON HIRE VEHICLES.

USED FOR DELIVERING ROLL CAGES AND PALLETISED LOADS TO HIGH
STREET LOCATIONS

SAFETY

Familiarise yourself with the tail lift before loading/unloading if in doubt ask. Ensure you have enough clearance to unfold and use the tail lift. Always wear appropriate footwear and gloves before use. Park the vehicle on level ground where possible. If not then utilise vehicles air suspension to level out. Ensure people on the ground stay clear of tail lift during operation. Roll cages should not be unloaded on uneven or rough ground as they can tip over. Instruct bystanders or delivery staff to stand clear. The current record for compensation for a roll cage falling on a victim is £1.2 MILLION pounds!

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

If in a rigid vehicle then turn on the tail lift switch often sited on dashboard. If an articulated vehicle, then connect the tail lift lead from the back of the tractor unit to the appropriate socket on the front of the trailer. Lower the tail lift to a suitable height using the down button located on the side of the vehicle. Then undo the stowage catch and unfold the tail lift, keeping yourself and others out of the way. Once unfolded secure the safety clip in the corner to prevent the tail lift from springing back up. Fit side and end flaps if required. Now fully check the tail lift in operation and ensure every thing works as it should. The tail lift is now ready for use. If you have to ride on the tail lift whilst loading or unloading then ensure you do not get your feet or fingers trapped. Stowing of the tail lift is a reversal of the above. Always remember to stow away the power lead securely and if in a rigid then turn off the switch on the dashboard. One thing to remember is that a plug left connected can pull the truck's battery off, if it's the type that locks with a clamp.

FAULT FINDING

Common problems include a blown fuse or flat battery. Most vehicles fitted with tail lifts have battery guards fitted to prevent a total drain on the vehicle's battery. If the tail lift suddenly dies then this is normally the problem. Reset battery guard and allow vehicle to run for a short period to recharge the batteries.

Other problems are often related to the hydraulics and best left to a qualified fitter. Also if the tail lift is very heavy whilst stowing this is usually because the torsion bars need attention. This should be reported to company workshops.