

LIFTGATES

Pre-Operations

- Read and comply with the liftgate operating instructions and all safety decals.
- Inspect the liftgate and do not use if there are signs of poor maintenance.
- Before loading the liftgate, ensure that the landing area is adequate for loading and unloading freight.

Operations

- Before lifting or lowering, ensure that loads are secure (i.e., brakes, chocks, sandbags.).
- Anyone riding the liftgate should position themselves so a shifting load will not harm them or knock them off the liftgate.
- Recognize and avoid pinch points.
- Keep the work area clear of people and stand to the side of the vehicle when bringing the liftgate up or down.
- If necessary (due to the nature of the load), ask for help from an employee with experience operating liftgates.
- Secure top-heavy loads with ratchets or strapping to prevent them from tipping.
- Do not lift or lower loads greater than the rated capacity of the liftgate.