

Operating Instructions

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Freighter T-Liner Curtain Operating Instructions

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Introduction

T-Liner curtains may be damaged, or their life significantly reduced, by incorrect opening and closing techniques.

The Freighter T-Liner curtain is held securely closed by a front tensioner, (and in some cases an optional rear tensioner), and the buckles on each strap securing the curtain to the coaming rail.

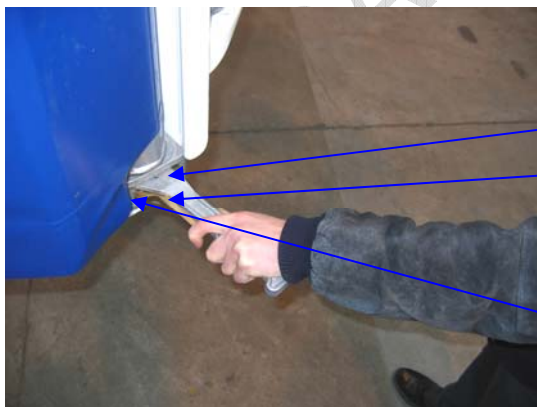


Photo 1.

Front tensioner with ratchet release

(Note correct position of curtain cut-out to clear tensioner when curtain is centrally positioned on a trailer fitted with optional rear tensioner)

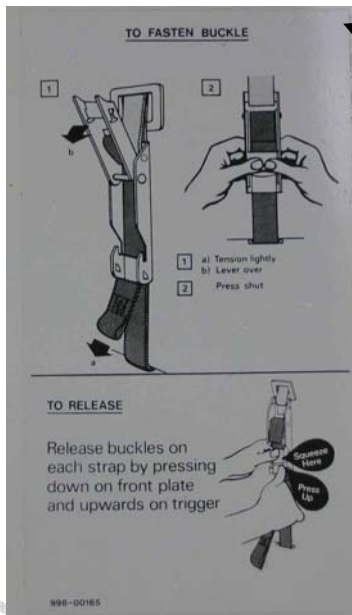
Photo 2.



(Note curtain cut-out when curtain is correctly positioned – applies when optional rear tensioner is fitted)

Optional Rear tensioner

Photo 3.



Buckle instruction decal on front of trailer

To open a section of a curtain:

1. Release the front tensioner, (or the rear tensioner if fitted and access is required to the rear section of the trailer) by pulling the tensioner handle out from beneath the coaming and releasing the ratchet lever. (see photo 1 and photo 2 above)
2. Release the curtain buckles for a distance several metres past where the curtain is required to be opened. (refer decal on front of trailer - photo 3 above - for release procedure)

3. Lift the curtain pole and remove it from its socket.
4. Pull the curtain by hand, from the last buckle opened and, progressively working along the trailer pull the next section of curtain, so that the curtain is opened in 1 - 2 metre increments. The curtain can only be pulled open and cannot be pushed from the tensioner end.

To open a curtain completely:

1. Repeat the above procedure releasing all buckles, and removing the front and rear curtain poles.
2. Commence pulling at the opposite end to that required to be opened. The curtain is opened in increments of 1 - 2 metres as described above.

To close a curtain:

1. Pull the curtain pole(s) from the open position to the front end or rear of the trailer as required and place it(them) into position.
2. Operate the front tensioner (and rear tensioner, if fitted), to tighten the curtain to the desired tension. (If a rear tensioner is fitted, the curtain should be tensioned so that it is centred - note the cut-outs on the bottom edge of the curtain to accommodate wrapping around the pole).
3. Fasten all buckles as per the decal affixed to the front of the trailer (copy in photo 3 above).
4. Care should be taken not to over-tension the buckles or the front or rear tensioners as equipment damage may result, or difficulty in releasing the buckles or tensioner may occur.

Colin Baldock
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