# OUTSIDE LIFTS

INSTALLATION & SERVICE MANUAL





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### INTRODUCTION

### SECTION 1

# **SAFETY**

### SAFETY DEFINITIONS



This safety alert symbol appears with safety statements. It means attention, become alert, your safety is involved! Please read and abide by the message that follows the safety alert symbol.

### **MARNING**

Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

### **↑** CAUTION

Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

### **NOTICE**

Indicates a situation which can cause damage to the lift and/or the environment, or cause the lift to operate improperly.

NOTE: Indicates a condition that should be followed in order for the lift to function in the manner intended.

### **REQUIRED PRACTICES**

NOTE: Installation of this lift requires one person, as long as the one person follows installation instructions, has completed training, has obtained certification on installation, is able to instruct the user on the correct operation and has established a safety and maintenance schedule.

# ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

The technician shall assess the surrounding conditions and verify that the location is acceptable before performing installation and/or servicing tasks. Installation shall not proceed in inclement weather conditions that jeopardize the technician's safety or ability to complete the installation in a safe manner. Tents, canopies or other outdoor provisions that help protect the work area from weather or other safety concerns are recommended when conditions warrant.

Do not proceed IF, upon visual inspection, the vehicle or hitch has severe rust, structural damage, a possible suspension issue or the battery condition or age are in question.

NOTE: If you choose to proceed, you do so knowing that the warranty may NOT apply.

If you do not understand any portion of the installation or operation procedures, please consult our LiftSquad Support or authorized mobility dealer. Do not attempt to install or use this lift if you have any hesitation or question. Serious injury or damage can result if proper procedures are not followed.



### **SECTION 2**

# **INTRODUCTION**

# **DEVICE NAME: HARMAR OUTSIDE VEHICLE LIFTS**

Indications of Use: The intended use of the Outside Vehicle Lift is to lift, secure and transport an unoccupied mobility device for patients or mobility-impaired persons.

### **READ AND UNDERSTAND**

Read and understand this manual prior to installation or operation. Having an overall understanding of the lift and proper installation techniques will help you save time, energy and avoid possible injury.

This manual provides instructions for proper installation of Outside Vehicle Lifts. Please refer to the Owner's Manual for operating instructions. Be sure to provide the Owner's Manual to the owner of the lift before it is put into service. Any alterations to the equipment without written authorization by the manufacturer may void the warranty.



### **SECTION 3**

# **PREPARATION**

Installations may vary to some degree, but below are the basic tools to have on hand for an Outside Vehicle Lift installation.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact our LiftSquad Support at 800-378-6648 or tech@harmar.com.

### **RECOMMENDED TOOLS**

- Stripper, Crimping Tool
- Work Lights (Wired or Wireless)
- Soldering Gun/Iron
- Labeler (for Wiring)
- First Aid Kit
- Box Cutter
- Torque Wrench

# **REQUIRED TOOLS**

- Socket Set:
  - 3/811
  - 7/16"
  - 1/2"
  - 9/<sub>16</sub>"
  - 3/<sub>4</sub><sup>11</sup>
- Wrench Set:
  - 7/16"
  - 1/2"
  - 9/16"
  - 3/411
  - <sup>15</sup>/<sub>16</sub>"

- Allen Wrench:
  - 1/811
  - 3/<sub>16</sub>"
  - 5/16"
  - <sup>5</sup>/<sub>32</sub>"
- Wire Cutters
- Needle Nose Pliers
- No. 2 Flat Head Screwdriver
- No. 2 Phillips Head Screwdriver
- Marking Implement
- Tape Measure
- Multimeter



# UNPACKING THE

Never attempt to pick up the lift from the box, ground or on/off a vehicle alone.

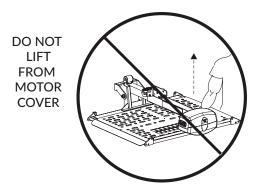
### **RECOMMENDED**

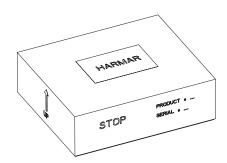
THREAD	TORQUI	WRENCH	
DIAMETER	Nylon Lock Nut Hex Nut		SIZE
1/4	8	10	7/16
5/16	17	19	1/2
3/8	30	35	9/16
1/2	69	85	3/4
5/8	135	170	<sup>15</sup> / <sub>16</sub>

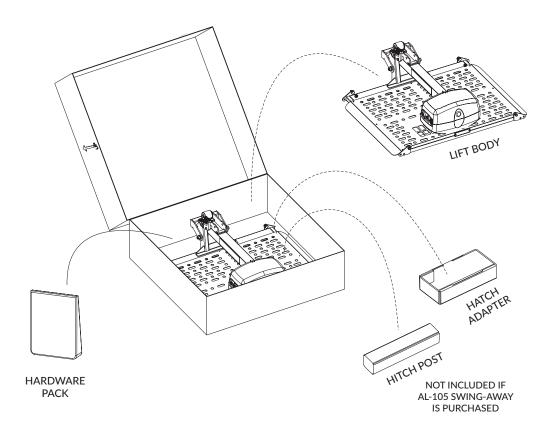


# CHECKING THE BOX CONTENTS

Before installing the lift, review each part against the packaging checklist to ensure that all parts have been included. If any parts are missing or damaged, immediately contact the dealer who sold the lift. DO NOT attempt to install or use a lift that has missing or damaged parts.









### VEHICLE HITCH

- The Outside Vehicle Lift requires a vehicle that accepts a Class 1, 2, 3 or 5 hitch. Check to ensure that the vehicle is wired using a standard four-connector trailer style of wiring.
- If you are unsure of the vehicle and hitch capability, contact a local installer who is reputable, insured and competent. The installer's performance affects the customer's perception of your mobility lift installation.

NOTE: Hitch installation is not possible on every vehicle.

3. Add the combined weights of the lift, mobility device and, where applicable, the swing-away option. Ensure that the total weight does not exceed the hitch's recommended tongue weight. Many hitches are available on the market, and all are designed to bear a specific amount of weight. See Figure 3-1. The installer must adhere to the vehicle's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating restrictions.

Understand that some states have strict license plate obstruction laws. Acquaint yourself with local and state laws.

4. The receiver tube of the hitch must be installed parallel to the ground. This is a requirement and not a recommendation, as an improperly installed hitch affects the operation of the lift.

Note that some vehicles require the rear suspension to be supplemented. If the vehicle has suspension requirements, the installer should contact a suspension specialist for additional technical support.

PRODUCT	HITCH CLASS	WEIGHT
AL003	ball, 1, 2,3 or 5	25 lb
AL010/050	1, 2,3 or 5	71 / 67 lb
AL015	1, 2,3 or 5	62 lb
AL030	ball, 1, 2,3 or 5	40 lb
AL100	2, 3 or 5	83 lb
AL100-DE	2, 3, or 5	83 lb
AL160	1, 2, 3 or 5	74 lb
AL300	2, 3 or 5	80 lb
AL300-FULL	2, 3, or 5	73 lb*
AL301XL	2, 3 or 5	100 lb
AL500	2, 3 or 5	75 lb
AL560	2, 3 or 5	89 lb
AL560XL	2, 3 or 5	101 lb
AL580	2, 3 or 5	63 lb
AL580XL	2, 3 or 5	63 lb
AL100HD	3 or 5	84 lb
AL300HD	3 or 5	82 lb
AL500HD	3 or 5	77 lb
AL301XL HD	3 or 5	102 lb
AL580-HDX	3 or 5	92 lb

\* Lift only. Weight does not include securements.

Figure 3-1



### **HITCH ADAPTERS**

The hitch adapter plugs into the vehicle's trailer hitch receiver and acts as the interface between the lift and vehicle. Hitch adapters are designed to serve the needs of different vehicles.

# PROPER MEASUREMENT AND SELECTING A HITCH ADAPTER

 Measure the bumper distance and the hitch height. The bumper distance is the length from the bolt hole of the trailer hitch to the rearmost point on the vehicle. Hitch height is the distance from the bottom opening of the hitch receiver to the ground.

Reference page 10 chart.

NOTE: The hitch class is usually imprinted directly on the trailer hitch. You can also determine the hitch class by measuring the inside of the receiver on the trailer hitch. See Figure 3-2.

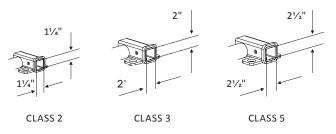


Figure 3-2

NOTE: Some shallow hitches (for example, hitches blocked by spare tires) may call for a short hitch adapter. **See Figure 3-3.** 

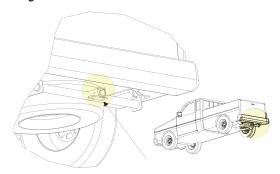


Figure 3-3

The effective range of the hitch adapter varies slightly if the lift is equipped with the standard AL107 hitch post. *See Figure 3-4.* 



Figure 3-4

If the lift is equipped with a tail gate/hatch accessibility option (either the AL105 or AL105L swing-away). **See Figure 3-5.** 

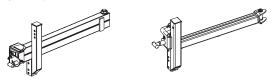


Figure 3-5

If the measurement falls between two numbers (for example, 18  $\frac{1}{2}$ "), round up if the measurement exceeds or equals  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Round down if the measurement falls between two numbers equals less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". To find the correct orientation with hitch post. See Figure 3-6.

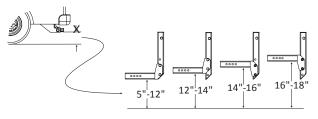


Figure 3-6

To find the correct orientation with a swing-away. *See Figure 3-7.* 

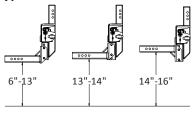


Figure 3-7



# HITCH ADAPTER SIZE CHART

To find a hitch adapter that will ensure proper lift functionality. *Reference Figure 3-8 and the chart below.* 

**HV:** Distance from the ground to the bottom opening of hitch receiver

**D1:** Distance from the center of the pin hole to the furthest point toward the rear of the vehicle.

**D2:** Distance from the center of the pin hole to the nearest point towards the front of the vehicle going through the hitch receiver. In some cases the spare tire is the nearest point.

### **MARNING**

Only use Harmar-approved hitch adapters with Harmar lifts. Hitch expanders and extenders are strictly prohibited—using them or any other aftermarket accessory may result in damage to the vehicle, lift and/or personal injury to the user.

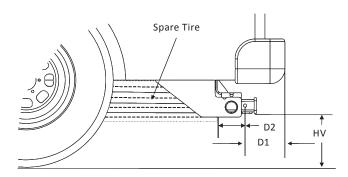


Figure 3-8

STANDARD APPLICATION					APPLICATION WITH SWING-AWAY			
Class	Part#	Description	HV	D1	D2	HV	D1	D2
Class 1	AL121	STANDARD	6"-18"	≤ 7.5"	≥ 1"	6"-16"	0"-7.5"	≥ 1"
	AL126	STANDARD	10"-18"	≤ 7.5"	≥ 2"	10"-16"	0"-7.5"	≥ 2"
	A1 10/0	STANDARD: 2" DROP INVERTED	8"-10"	≤ 7.5"	≥ 2"	6"-8"	0"-7.5"	≥ 2"
	AL1262	STANDARD: 2" DROP	18"-20"	≤ 7.5"	≥ 2"	16"-18"	0"-7.5"	≥ 2"
	*AL1265	STANDARD 4.25" DROP INVERTED	6"-8"	≤ 7.5"	≥ 2"	_	_	_
	AL1203	STANDARD 4.25" DROP	20"-22"	≤ 7.5"	≥ 2"	18"-20"	0"-7.5"	≥ 2"
	AL127	EXTRA LONG	10"-18"	7.5"-10.5"	≥ 2"	10"-16"	7.5"-10.5"	≥ 2"
	AL1272	EXTRA LONG: 2" DROP INVERTED	8"-10"	7.5"-10.5"	≥ 2"	6"-8"	7.5"-10.5"	≥ 2"
Class 2	AL1Z/Z	EXTRA LONG: 2" DROP	18"-20"	7.5"-10.5"	≥ 2"	16"-18"	7.5"-10.5"	≥ 2"
	*AI 1275	EXTRA LONG: 5" DROP INVERTED	6"-8"	7.5"-10.5"	≥ 2"	_	_	_
	AL12/3	EXTRA LONG: 5" DROP	20"-23"	7.5"-10.5"	≥ 2"	18"-21"	7.5"-10.5"	≥ 2"
	AL128	SHORT	10"-18"	≤ 5"	≥ 1.5"	8"-16"	0"-5"	≥ 1.5"
	*AL1285	SHORT: 4.25" DROP INVERTED	6"-10"	≤ 5"	≥ 1.5"	_	_	_
	AL1265	SHORT: 4.25" DROP	20"-22"	≤ 5"	≥ 1.5"	16"-20"	0"-5"	≥ 1.5"
	AL111	STANDARD: (FOR AL001 ONLY)	6"-18"	≤ 5"	≥ 2"		_	
Class 3	AL123	STANDARD	10"-18"	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	8"-16"	0"-8"	≥ 5"
Class 3	AL123HD	HEAVY DUTY: STANDARD	10"-18"	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	8"-16"	0"-8"	≥ 5"



STANDARD APPLICATION					APPLICATION WITH SWING-AWAY			
Class	Part#	Description	HV	D1	D2	HV	D1	D2
	A1 400011D	HEAVY DUTY: 2" DROP INVERTED	6"-10"	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	6"-8"	0"-8"	≥ 5"
	AL1232HD	HEAVY DUTY: 2" DROP	18"-20"	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	16"-18"	0"-8"	≥ 5"
	*AL1235HD	HEAVY DUTY: 5" DROP	20"-23"	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	18"-21"	0"-8"	≥ 5"
	*AL1235U	UNIVERSAL: STD - 5" DROP	6"-23"	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	6"-21"	0"-8"	≥ 5"
	*AL1236	STANDARD: 6" DROP	20"-24"	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	18"-22"	0"-8"	≥ 5"
	*AL1236HD	HEAVY DUTY: 6" DROP	20"-24"	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	18"-22"	0"-8"	≥ 5"
	*AL1238	STANDARD: 8" DROP	24"-26"	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	22"-24"	0"-8"	≥ 5"
	*AL1238HD	HEAVY DUTY: 8" DROP	24"-26"	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	22"-24"	0"-8"	≥ 5"
	AL124	SHORT: STANDARD	10"-18"	≤ 4"	≥ 3.5"	8"-16"	0"-4"	≥ 3.5"
	AL124HD	HEAVY DUTY SHORT: STANDARD	10"-18"	≤ 4"	≥ 3.5"	8"-16"	0"-4"	≥ 3.5"
	AL1242	SHORT: 2" DROP	18"-20"	≤ 4"	≥ 3.5"	16"-18"	0"-4"	≥ 3.5"
	AL1242HD	HEAVY DUTY SHORT: 2" DROP INVERTED	6"-10"	≤ 4"	≥ 3.5"	6"-8"	0"-4"	≥ 3.5"
		HEAVY DUTY SHORT: 2" DROP	18"-20"	≤ 4"	≥ 3.5"	16"-18"	0"-4"	≥ 3.5"
Class 3	*AL1245	SHORT: 5" DROP	20"-23"	≤ 4"	≥ 3.5"	18"-21"	≤ 4"	≥ 3.5"
Class 3	*AL1246	SHORT: 6" DROP	20"-24"	≤ 4"	≥ 3.5"	18"-22"	0"-4"	≥ 3.5"
	*AL1246HD	HEAVY DUTY SHORT: 6" DROP	20"-24"	≤ 4"	≥ 3.5"	18"-22"	0"-4"	≥ 3.5"
	AL125HD	HEAVY DUTY EXTRA LONG: STANDARD	10"-18"	7.5"—13.5"	≥ 5"	8"-16"	7.5"-13.5"	≥ 5"
	AL1252	EXTRA LONG: 2" DROP	18"-20"	7.5"-13.5"	≥ 5"	16"-18"	7.5"-13.5"	≥ 5"
	AL1252HD	HEAVY DUTY EXTRA LONG: 2" DROP INVERTED	6"-10"	7.5"—13.5"	≥ 5"	6"-8"	7.5"-13.5"	≥ 5"
	ALIZJZHD	HEAVY DUTY EXTRA LONG: 2" DROP	18"-20"	7.5"—13.5"	≥ 5"	16"-18"	7.5"—13.5"	≥ 5"
	*AL1255HD	HEAVY DUTY EXTRA LONG: 5" DROP	20"-23"	7.5"—13.5"	≥ 5"	18"-21"	7.5"—13.5"	≥ 5"
	*AL1256	EXTRA LONG: 6" DROP	20"-24"	7.5"-13.5"	≥ 5"	18"-22"	7.5"-13.5"	≥ 5"
	*AL1256HD	HEAVY DUTY EXTRA LONG: 6" DROP	20"-24"	7.5"—13.5"	≥ 5"	18"-22"	7.5"—13.5"	≥ 5"
	*AL1258HD	HEAVY DUTY EXTRA LONG: 8" DROP	24"-26"	7.5"—13.5"	≥ 5"	22"-24"	7.5"—13.5"	≥ 5"
	H300102	RV HITCH: STANDARD	6"-19"	≤ 6"	≥ 4"	6"-17"	0"-4.5"	≥ 4"
	*AL12332	RV HITCH: 12" DROP	21"-30"	≤ 6"	≥ 4"	19"-28"	0"-4"	≥ 4"
	AL123V	STANDARD	6"-18"	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	6"-16"	0"-8"	≥ 5"
	AL1232V	STANDARD: 2" DROP	18"-20"	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	16"-18"	0"-8"	≥ 5"
Class 5	*AL1235V	STANDARD: 5" DROP	20"-23"	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	18"-21"	0"-8"	≥ 5"
	*AL1236V	STANDARD: 6" DROP	20"-24"	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	18"-22"	0"-8"	≥ 5"
	*AL12358V	STANDARD: 8" DROP	24"-26	≤ 8"	≥ 5"	22"-24"	0"-8"	≥ 5"

<sup>\*\*</sup> Not applicable with AL105L

Round measures up if greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and down if less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



### **SECTION 4**

# INSTALLATION

### WIRING THE VEHICLE

Improper wiring is the main cause of operation problems with a vehicle lift. Follow the wiring instructions with care. Installing a wiring harness first will ensure there is power to the lift during the installation process and allows the motor to do the lifting for you. If you do not use a wiring harness, you must use a battery pack. The vehicle's wiring harness is located inside the hardware pack. The harness is designed to comply with SAE J1128 requirements. It is approximately 23' long and will accommodate most vehicles.

 Unwind the wiring harness and lay it flat. The lift end of the harness has a black connector. This black connector goes to the trailer hitch area where the lift will mount. See Figure 4-1.

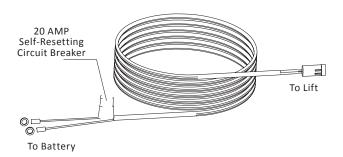


Figure 4-1

 Start routing the wiring harness at the vehicle's battery. Join the black wire to the negative terminal on the battery. DO NOT attach the red wire until the very end of the installation process. See Figure 4-2.

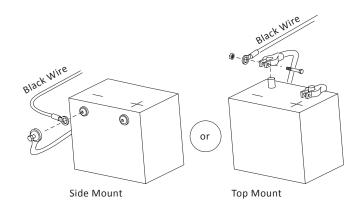


Figure 4-2

#### **NOTICE**

NEVER attempt to connect the harness to a secondary power source. Always connect both leads directly to the battery. If the vehicle has a 12-volt supply (for example, a pin connector or secondary 18-volt supply), it must be connected to the battery terminals. If you choose to use the battery pack, **go to page 14.** 

3. Route the vehicle harness under and back to the bumper/trailer hitch area. Whenever possible, route the vehicle harness through the vehicle, entering through the firewall.



### **NOTICE**

If the installation process requires the wiring harness to run on the underside of the vehicle, direct the harness away from the exhaust system, brake lines, fuel lines and gas tank. Avoid pinch points and sharp edges. Avoid positioning the harness where it can be snagged by debris from the road.

- If you wish to run the harness under the vehicle, use the supplied wire ties to secure the wire against the frame, taking care to avoid moving and/or hot parts such as the exhaust and axle.
- If the harness is too long, coil the extra wire and secure it to the vehicle's bumper using the wire ties provided. See Figure 4-3.
- DO NOT cut or shorten the harness.

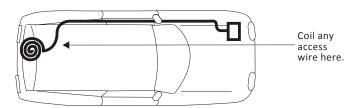


Figure 4-3

4. Once the harness has been routed through the vehicle, remove the protective cover from the pin. *See Figure 4-4.* 

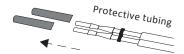


Figure 4-4

5. Examine the retaining flanges on the pin, as they may have become damaged during the process of routing the harness through the vehicle. These retaining flanges are crucial to securing the pins inside the connector. Adjust these flanges as needed. *See Figure 4-5.* 

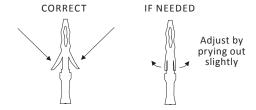


Figure 4-5

The connector is marked with an A and B. The
A side is for the Red wire and the B side is for
the Black wire. If wires are connected
incorrectly, the lift will not operate correctly.
See Figure 4-6.

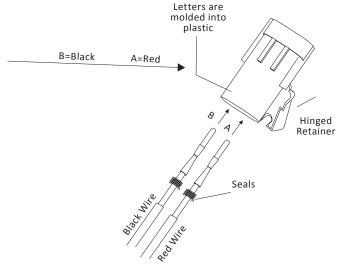


Figure 4-6



7. Attach the black wire first to the negative terminal, if not already attached, and red wire last to the positive terminal on the battery.

See Figure 4-7.

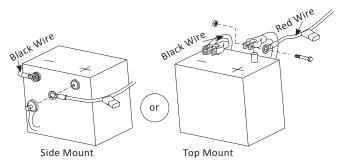


Figure 4-7

NOTE: The lift includes a standard two-contact trailer connector. Use this connector for the license plate lamp. If your vehicle is not equipped with the proper connector, use the brown wire to make a wire splice to the tail parking light to get the same result. See Figure 4-8.

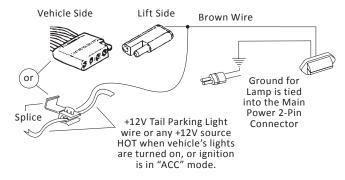


Figure 4-8

#### **BATTERY PACK**

If a customer is not comfortable with connecting the vehicle power harness directly to the battery of the vehicle, Harmar offers a stand-alone battery pack (BAT141386).

The battery pack can also be used when hybrid or electric vehicles do not have a 12-volt battery capable of supplying power to a mobility lift.

#### **TECH NOTE: MOTOR TESTING**

NOTE: Troubleshooting with a test light or voltage meter may lead to a false reading.

When you probe for 12 volts, the reading may indicate a connection even though the connection may not necessarily be sufficient. The lift's motor can draw up to 20 amps at some points, requiring all of the available wire to flow proper current. Poor connections are the main problem associated with a slow, intermittent, warm, poorly performing motor and will likely deteriorate the motor prematurely.

If a single strand of a multi-strand wire is making contact, 12V will appear on a meter or test light but will not allow the motor to operate. When troubleshooting, it is always ideal to test both the current and the voltage or run the motor with a known good shop battery or power source.



### **OPTIMIZING HITCH HEIGHT**

You can change the height of the lift by adjusting the hitch adapter's orientation and location on a standard hitch adapter. Changing the height of the lift helps you optimize the vehicle's ground clearance to ensure that the platform lies flat when it reaches the end of its travel. To select the orientation needed for the vehicle based on the hitch height (the distance of the vehicle's hitch receiver to the ground). *Refer to Figure 3-6 on page 9 and chart on page 10.* 

# HITCH ADAPTER INSTALLATION

1. Attach the hitch adapter to the hitch post, ensuring that the adapter is properly oriented with the post according to the application's hitch height. *See Figure 4-9.* 

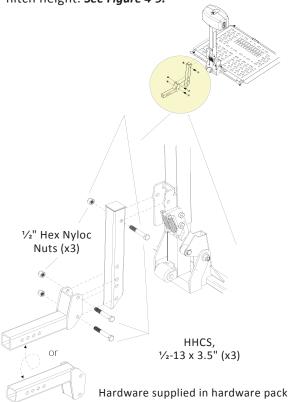


Figure 4-9

- 2. Attach the hitch post to the lift, but DO NOT overtighten it.
- 3. Insert the hitch adapter into the receiver on the vehicle's hitch. Secure the adapter according to the hitch class. *See Figure 4-10.*

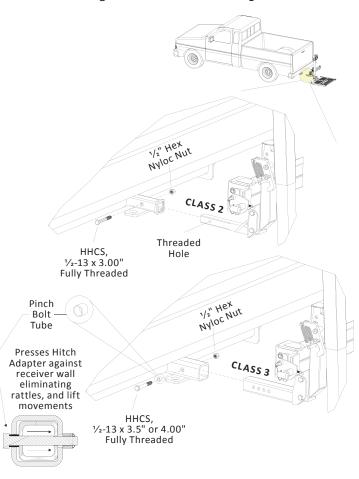


Figure 4-10

NOTE: ONLY the standard hitch adapters, class 2 - 2" drop, class 2 - 5" drop, or class 3 - 2" drop can be safely inverted.



# SWING-AWAY OR HITCH POST INSTALLATION

1. Fasten the hitch adapter to the vehicle hitch. *See Figure 4-11.* 

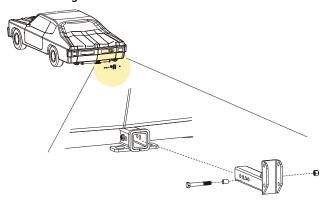


Figure 4-11

2. Fasten the swing away or hitch post to the hitch adapter. *See Figure 4-12.* 

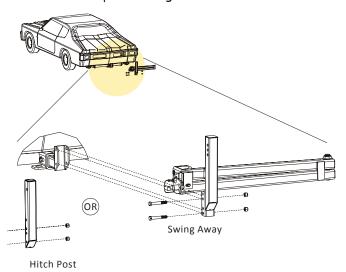


Figure 4-12

3. Position the open box behind the vehicle and connect the vehicle and lift harnesses together. *See Figure 4-13.* 

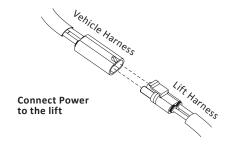
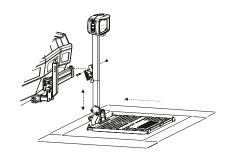


Figure 4-13

4. Stand the lift up, use the toggle switch to line up the hitch post or swing away with the lift and fasten in place. *See Figure 4-14.* 





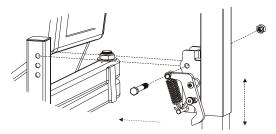


Figure 4-14



### **SWING-AWAY ADJUSTMENT SCREW**

If the lift was purchased with a swing-away option, read the following installation instructions. Not needed for AL105L.

- 1. With the swing-away closed, loosen the nut.
- 2. Tighten the bolt so the ramp touches the pin in the closed position.
- 3. Tighten the nut. Open and close the swingaway. See Figure 4-15.

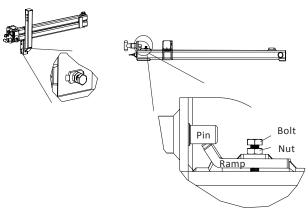


Figure 4-15

- 4. Verify the T-handle opens freely.

  NOTE: There should be slight tension when pulling the T-handle.
- 5. Verify the upper arm is locked and does not move. *See Figure 4-16.*

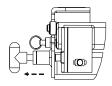




Figure 4-16

# AL030 POWER TOTE INSTALLATION WITH BALL MOUNT HITCH ADAPTER

1. Install bumper mount or flat bar.

See Figure 4-17.

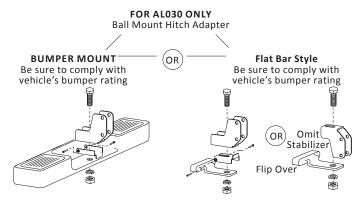


Figure 4-17

2. Install hitch post assembly. See Figure 4-18.

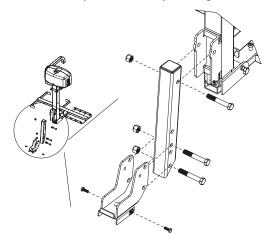


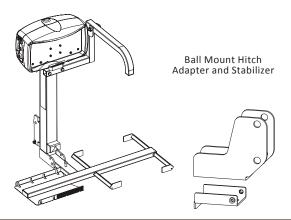
Figure 4-18

### **⚠** WARNING

Do not use ball mount adapter with swing-away.



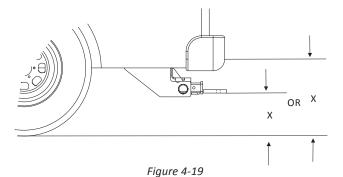
Standard equipment shipped with AL030 Power Tote. (AL030 can also be upgraded to Class 2, Class 3 or Class 5 hitch adapter)



### **MARNING**

Do not attempt to mount up from under Flat Bar.

3. Adjust for bumper height. See Figure 4-19.



# INSTALLATION

**AL300-FULL LIFT SYSTEM** 

The AL300-FULL is designed to be easily installed onto any vehicle equipped with a Class 2, Class 3 or Class 5 hitch.

### WARNING

The lift system should be installed only by an authorized LiftSquad Dealer or service technician.

NOTE: Refer to securement installation instructions that are specific to your application (i.e. product, vehicle) for further details.

# SCOOTER ADAPTABLE HOLD-DOWN FOOT KIT INSTALLATION

- 1. With the lift installed onto the hitch post or swing away, remove the  $\frac{1}{2}$  nut.
- 2. Attach the adaptable hold-down foot assembly onto the exposed threads of the hex bolt and reattach the ½" nut loose.
- With the adaptable hold-down foot assembly in the upright position, attach the HDF plates on the opposite side of the lifts outer tube and fasten them with the supplied hardware and spacers.

See Figure 4-20 and page 23 for adjustments.

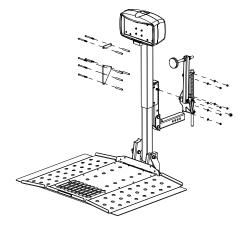


Figure 4-20



4. Tighten all hardware to recommended torque. See table on page 6.

### **POWER CHAIR HOLD-DOWN ARM INSTALLATION**

- 1. Place the power chair on the lift.
- 2. Raise lift to the most upward position.
- 3. Place the power chair hold-down bar on the seat into the cushion. Once secured, attach to outer tube with supplied hardware.

See Figure 4-21 and page 26 for adjustments.

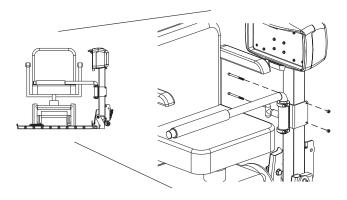
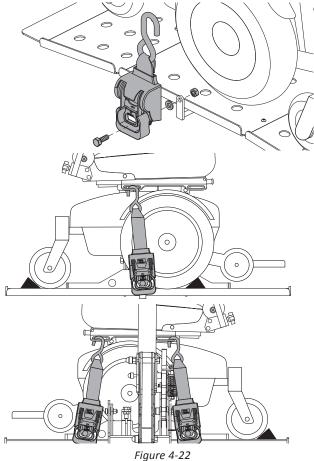


Figure 4-21

### **RETRACTABLE TIE-DOWN STRAP INSTALLATION**

- 1. Remove mounting hardware from strap.
- 2. Align the meeting position on strap to the desired mounting point hole on the platform. See Figure 4-22.



- 3. Install the hardware.
- 4. Repeat process for the second and third straps. Tighten all hardware (69 ft-lb).



#### WHEEL CHOCK INSTALLATION

The lift will be supplied with four wheel chocks that, when installed, aid in centering the mobility device during loading.

- 1. Drive the mobility device onto the platform, positioning it as near to the center as possible.
- Position the wheel chocks on the platform. Scooters: Place a wheel chock in front of the front wheel(s) and behind the rear wheels or behind the front wheels and in front of the rear wheels. Power Chairs: Place a wheel chock in front of and behind the drive wheels.
- Take note of the adjustment holes the wheel chocks align with on the platform and remove the chocks.
- 4. Remove the mobility device from the platform.
- Raise the platform high enough to be able to install hardware from underneath.
- 6. Position the wheel chock bottom on the underside of the platform, aligning it with the wheel chock top. *See Figure 4-23.*

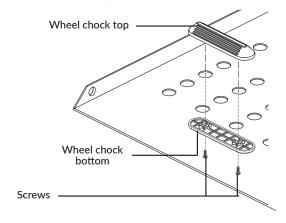


Figure 4-23

- 7. Secure the wheel chock sections to the platform using the supplied hardware (10 ft-lb).
- 8. Repeat these steps to install the remaining wheel chocks to the lift platform.



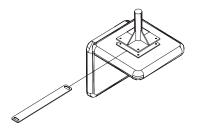
### **SECTION 5**

# **MOBILITY DEVICE PREPARATION**

A lift with securement straps offers two options for attaching strap hooks to the mobility device—the anchor plate or the U-bolt kit. The lift includes both sets of options.

### **ANCHOR PLATE**

The anchor plate is a flat plate and may vary in length depending on the mobility device used. The anchor plate attaches to the bottom of any mobility device that has a center seat post. **See Figure 5-1.** 



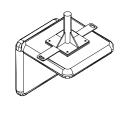


Figure 5-1

The anchor plate should extend about  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " out from the side of the cushion. To secure the mobility device to the lift, attach the strap hooks into the anchor plate slots or holes. *See Figure 5-2.* 

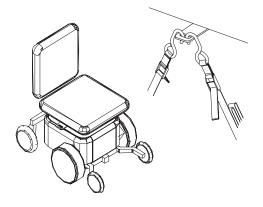


Figure 5-2

# ANCHOR PLATE INSTALLATION

- 1. Remove the seat from the mobility device.
- Loosen the screws that attach the plate to the bottom of the seat. Allow enough room to slide the anchor plate between the seat and the seat plate.
- 3. Attach the anchor plate to the center of the seat plate with the slots or holes on each end extending evenly on each side of the seat.
- 4. Retighten the screws that hold the seat plate to the bottom of the seat.
- 5. Replace the seat on the mobility device.



# **MOBILITY DEVICE PREPARATION**

### **U-BOLT HARDWARE KIT**

The U-bolts are used with mobility devices that do not have a center seat post. On this type of mobility device, the seat is normally attached to a tubular frame. Install the U-bolts, two on each side, to the frame as shown. *See Figure 5-3*.

Ensure that the loop extends to the outside of the mobility device so the user can attach the strap hooks.

Each mobility device is slightly different, so the U-bolt placement will differ among models and manufacturers. Place the U-bolts toward the center of the seat if possible. If the seat type requires the U-bolts to be installed more toward the front or rear of the seat, aim to install them as close as possible to the center of the seat.

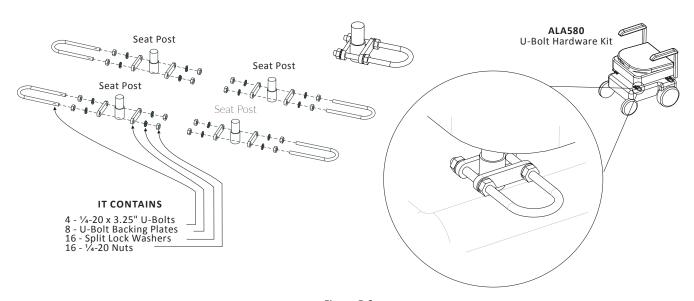


Figure 5-3



### **SECTION 6**

# **LIFT ADJUSTMENTS**

# HOLD-DOWN FOOT HEIGHT SETTING

The setting of the hold-down foot is critical to the function of the lift and may cause damage to the lift, scooter and/or person if improperly adjusted. Adjust the hold-down foot using the following instructions to ensure proper pressure to the scooter.

1. With the platform on the ground, run both nuts down onto the hold-down foot, so the foot will not catch onto the scooter's deck. Drive the scooter onto the platform, from left (driver's side) to right, until the rear wheels are positioned in the wheel cradle. Stop when the rear tires contact the ramps of the platform. See Figure 6-1.

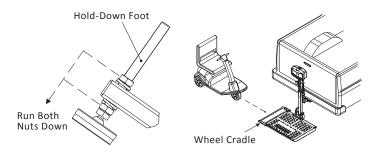


Figure 6-1

### **A** CAUTION

For AL160, be sure that the frame of the scooter is in contact with the platform. The front wheel may have to be rotated.

 Raise the platform until you hear the motor clutch, which indicates the top of travel. The hold-down foot should be above the scooter's deck. See Figure 6-2.

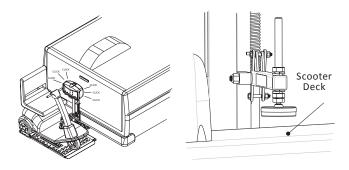


Figure 6-2

3. Raise both nuts on the hold-down foot and allow the foot to rest on top of the scooter's deck. While holding the stationary nut, run the bottom nut up to the hold-down arm and hand-tighten. Lift the hold-down arm up to eliminate slack and to ensure the arm is at its

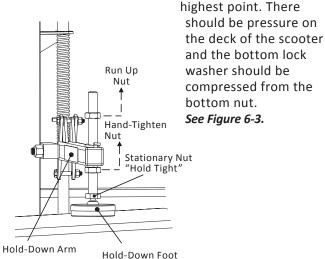


Figure 6-3



4. Adjust the top nut, so the top of the nut measures 2 ¼" to 2 ½" above the top of the hold-down arm. Once the measurement has been set, DO NOT adjust the top nut or the stationary nut. See Figure 6-4.

### **⚠** CAUTION

If the hold-down foot is set too loose, the foot may not have enough pressure to hold the scooter down. If too tight, the foot may cause damage to the scooter and/or lift.

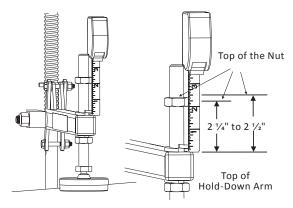


Figure 6-4

5. Lower the platform about 5" to relieve pressure from the scooter's deck. While holding the stationary nut in place, run the bottom nut up to the hold-down arm and tighten.

See Figure 6-5.

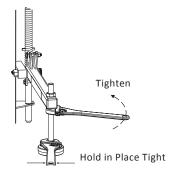


Figure 6-5

### **CAUTION**

Do not rotate the stationary nut; otherwise, it will change the pressure that was previously set.

# AL100, AL160 & AL300 WHEEL CRADLE ADJUSTMENTS

Add or replace a rear wheel cradle on an outside vehicle lift. Always adjust for tire size.

Assemble components as indicated below. *See Figure 6-6.* 

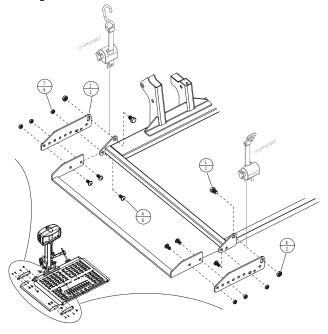


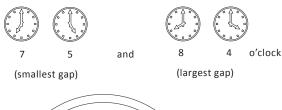
Figure 6-6

Test by positioning scooter onto platform.



The cradle's bar and platform ramp should contact the wheel between specific positions:

#### See Figure 6-7.



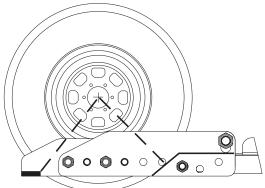


Figure 6-7

Test scooter securement with hold-down foot. Once satisfied with position of scooter's rear wheels, <u>be</u> <u>sure to tighten ALL fasteners to recommended</u> <u>torque</u>. See table on page 6.

# AL560 & AL560XL PLATFORM ADJUSTMENTS

The thread must protrude out of the top of the nylon portion of all nuts.

### **NOTICE**

For adjustment purposes, the platform component screws and nuts are loose. The platform component screws an nuts MUST be tightened (8 ft-lb) before use. **See Figure 6-8.** 

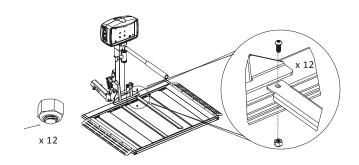


Figure 6-8

- 1. Estimate the power chair's center position depending on the entry preference (driver's side or passenger's side). Locate the drive wheel's position. See Figure 6-7. Adjust the two main cradle positions to match. Capture the smaller wheels on the two larger platform skins.
- 2. Position the power chair onto the platform. Verify that the power chair is secure and does not move in any direction once positioned between the cradles and on the platform skins. *See Figure 6-9.*

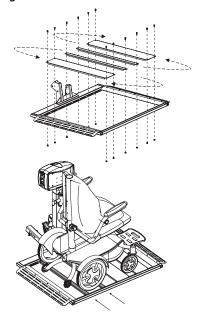


Figure 6-9



# AL300-FULL, AL560 & AL580 - HOLD-DOWN ARM ADJUSTMENT

1. Position the power chair onto the platform after the cradles or wheel chocks have been adjusted, if applicable. *See Figure 6-10.* 

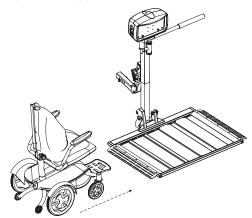


Figure 6-10

2. Raise the platform to top of travel until the motor clutches. *See Figure 6-11.* 

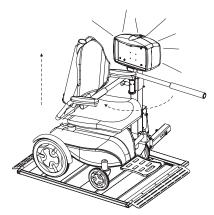


Figure 6-11

3. Loosen the two bolts and nuts in the back of the outer tube. *See Figure 6-12.* Allow the arm assembly to lower until the arm contacts the seat.

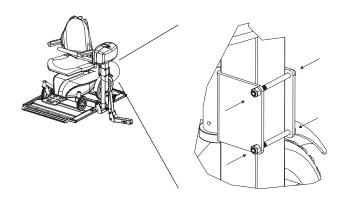


Figure 6-12

4. Lower the platform approximately 2" to 3" and allow the arm to drop along with the seat. Tighten the two bolts and nuts (8 ft-lb). See Figure 6-13.

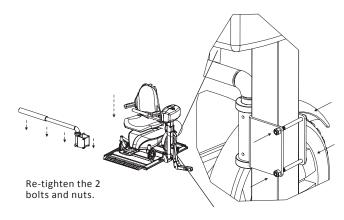


Figure 6-13

5. Run the lift up to the top of travel until the motor clutches.

### **NOTICE**

The position of the arm can be altered by removing the top shaft collar, retracting the T-handle and reinserting the arm from above or below.

See Figure 6-14.



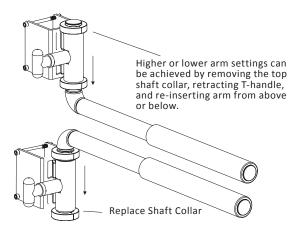


Figure 6-14

This method allows the T-handle to remain on the same side as the key and toggle switches. If the T-handle is desired on the opposite side as the key and toggle switches, the entire assembly can be flipped over.

#### **NOTICE**

Verify that the hold-down arm produces enough pressure on the seat to hold the power chair firmly on the platform. The seat should be somewhat indented by the arm. **See Figure 6-15.** 

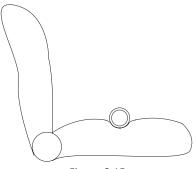


Figure 6-15

### AL580-HDX

The AL580-HDX is built to accommodate most of the complex mid-wheel power chairs produced by major manufacturers. The wheel cradles are preset for the Quantum Edge 2.0 and Edge 3.0 Power Bases. However, suspensions can change the overall ground clearance and some options change the center of gravity.

Every installation **must** be checked and validated to ensure that as much of the drive wheel is captured before the power chair frame makes contact with the platform.

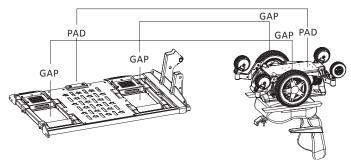
#### **NOTICE**

Having the end-user's power chair present with all its adjustments and options installed is required. It is recommended the lift be installed on the vehicle's hitch, and wired with power before proceeding.

The AL580-HDX platform will capture the mid-drive wheels in adjustable gaps and will rest the power chair's battery tray on the platform pad.

See Figure 6-16.

Figure 6-16



1. Position the power chair on the platform. Stop when the drive wheels are in the platform gaps. Raise the platform off the ground and inspect the power chair. See Figure 6-17.



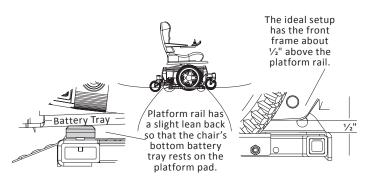


Figure 6-17

2. If the power chair's front caster frame contacts the platform, or if the power chair is leaning too far to the passenger's side, remove one or two of the three platform pads. Always reattach the top pad with a chamfer using the same screws. The platform must have at least the top pad attached. See Figures 6-18 and 6-19.

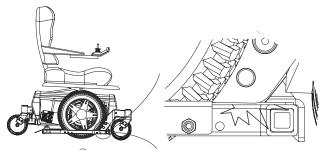


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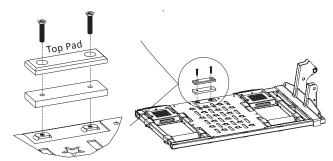


Figure 6-19

3. If the power chair is leaning to far too the driver's side of the vehicle, move the passenger side wheel chock away to create a bigger opening. *See Figure 6-20.* 

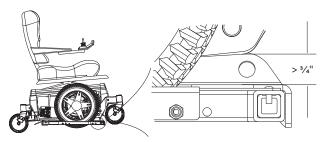


Figure 6-20

 Using a <sup>3</sup>/<sub>16</sub>" hex drive and <sup>7</sup>/<sub>16</sub>" wrench, remove the bolt and nut from each side of the platform. See Figure 6-21.

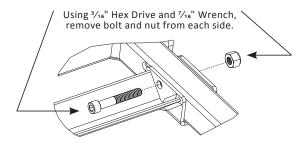


Figure 6-21

- Adjust the platform as necessary.
- Use the bolts to hold the wheel chocks in place on the platform.
- Test the platform with the power chair.
   Once satisfied, fasten platform in place with nyloc nuts (8 ft-lb). See Figure 6-22.

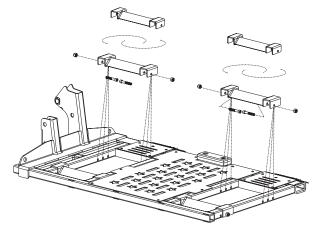


Figure 6-22



### **NOTICE**

The wheel chock's hole is designed to be off center, allowing  $\frac{1}{2}$ " increments. Rotate the wheel chock 180 degrees to move the ramp by  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". See Figure 6-23.

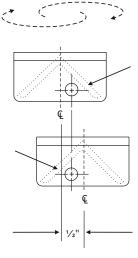


Figure 6-23

 Adjustments may also be done with the driver's side wheel chocks for power chair's with smaller drive wheels, or to adjust for better center of gravity.

The platform's wheel ramps will also need to be adjusted. Using a 1/8" Allen Wrench and 3/8" socket, remove the ramps.

See Figure 6-24.

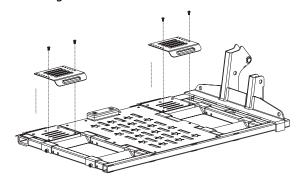


Figure 6-24

5. Once satisfied with the wheel chock positions, replace the entry ramps. *See Figure 6-25.* 

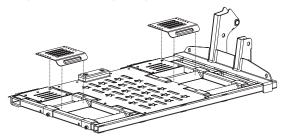


Figure 6-25

Find the closest alignment with the multiple holes of the upper ramps and the through holes of the lower ramp while the upper ramp is pressed against the wheel chock angle.

See Figure 6-26.

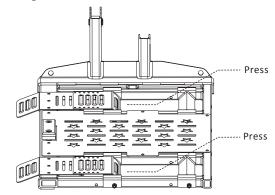


Figure 6-26

6. Reattach the ramps using a 1/s" Allen Wrench and 3/s" socket (8 ft-lb). *See Figure 6-27.* 

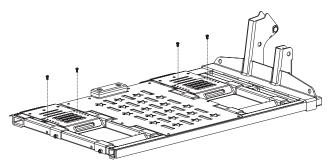


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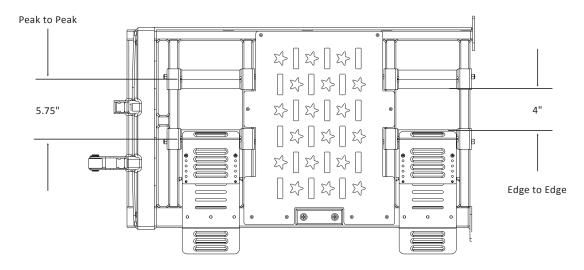
7. Test the positioning by running multiple cycles, loading and unloading the power chair. Be sure the end user is informed and comfortable walking the power chair into position onto the platform.



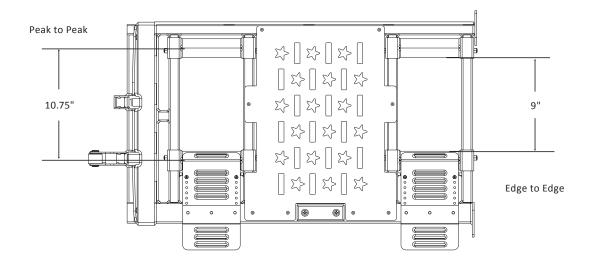
### **REFERENCES FOR AL580-HDX**

Range of setup: Adjustable in ½" increments.

#### **SMALLEST PLATFORM GAPS**



#### **LARGEST PLATFORM GAPS**





### **SECTION 7**

# TROUBLESHOOTING

The following procedures are reserved for an approved installer/dealer. Do not attempt these procedures without proper knowledge of the automotive electrical circuitry.

 Be careful when troubleshooting with the voltage meter. The instruments will detect voltage but may not indicate a tear or poor connection in the wiring. An instrument may give a false reading since it will only indicate that there is some wire connection, but this wire connection may not necessarily be sufficient. See Figure 7-1.

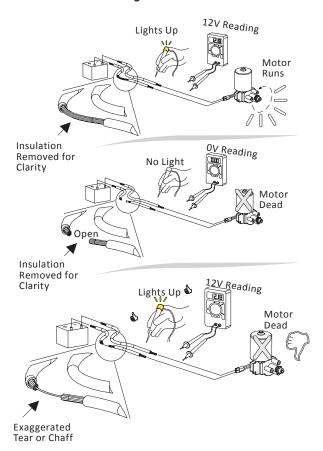


Figure 7-1

- Examine both voltage and current. As an alternative, isolate sections of the lift wiring using the process of elimination with a knowngood/fully charged 12V automotive battery or a known-good/fully charged power chair/scooter battery.
- 3. Inspect the full length of the wiring harness to ensure the insulation is not torn. The lift's vehicle harness running through or under the vehicle is subject to a possible short from road debris rubbing against the vehicle's frame.
- 4. Verify the functionality of the circuit breaker. The circuit breaker is located about 6" from the connections to the vehicle's battery. The breaker will self-reset if overloaded. However, use an ohmmeter or test light to verify that the breaker is functioning or replace the circuit breaker with a new or known-good circuit breaker and perform the following tests.



# **TROUBLESHOOTING**

# TROUBLESHOOTING TABLE

PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
<ul> <li>The lift does not operate.</li> <li>The lift operates slowly or intermittently.</li> </ul>	Bad electrical connection(s)/Circuit breaker	Check and clean all connections that might be loose or dirty. The lift motor requires quality electrical connections to operate at full capacity. Any break in the wiring will slow down the motor and will cause it to deteriorate prematurely.  NOTE: Be careful when troubleshooting with a test light or voltmeter. These instruments may give false indications.  AUTOMOTIVE VOLTAGE METER
The license plate light does not work.	The two-prong connector is not wired.	The license plate light runs from the two-prong trailer plug located on the vehicle harness that powers the lift. Most hitch installers will install this type of wiring when the hitch is installed. If no such plug exists, it may be wired or spliced directly to a tail light or the license plate light (brown wire only [+]).
A ratcheting sound occurs when the lift is all the way up or down.	Actuator clutch	In the UP direction, the ratcheting sound indicates normal overload protection and MUST be heard since it indicates that the platform is all the way up and that the mobility device and platform are secure.
		NOTICE
		DO NOT allow the lift to ratchet as it goes DOWN. Only lower the platform level to the ground. DO NOT begin to raise the car with the lift; the lift and/or vehicle can be damaged.



PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
Extra length of wire to the lift.	Extra wire was provided for the optional swing-away.	The extra wire is provided in case a swing-away option is used with the lift. If a swing-away is not installed, coil the extra wire and zip-tie it to the frame, out of the way of any moving parts. Leave the extra wire in case you need a swing-away installation in the future.
The lift does not reach the ground.	The incorrect hitch adapter was installed. Incorrect hitch adapter position	Check the attachment of the hitch adapter to the hitch post on the back of the lift. See Hitch Adapter Installation on page 15. The normal range of lift operation is 6" to 16" to the bottom of the hitch receiver of the vehicle. Any higher vehicles will require a different hitch adapter.

### **MANUAL OVERRIDE**

In the event of a power failure (for example, if your car battery dies), you can still operate the lift using the manual override system.

### **MARNING**

Always disconnect the power from the lift by unplugging the two connector plugs before attempting to use the manual override to avoid electrical shock.

1. Unplug power to the lift. See Figure 7-2.

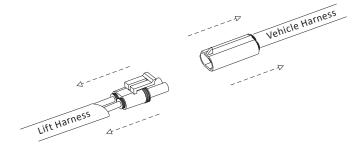


Figure 7-2

2. Using a coin or key, remove the cap on the top of the motor cover. *See Figure 7-3.* 



Figure 7-3

3. Insert a 3/8" socket wrench into the actuator and rotate the hex shaft. *See Figure7-4.* 

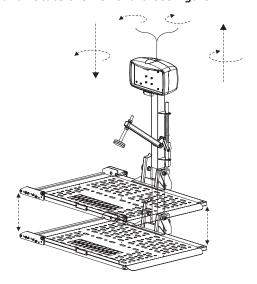


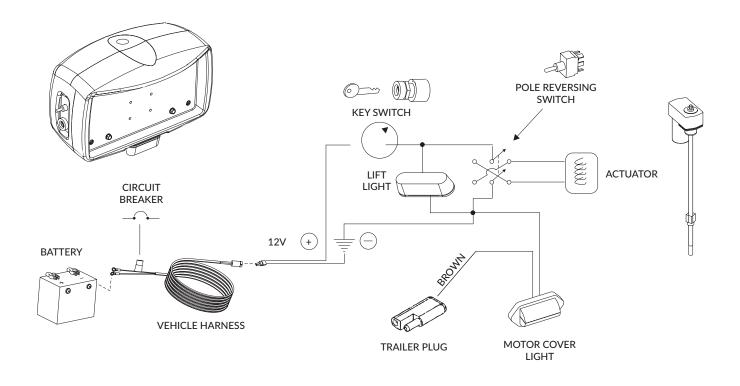
Figure 7-4



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