

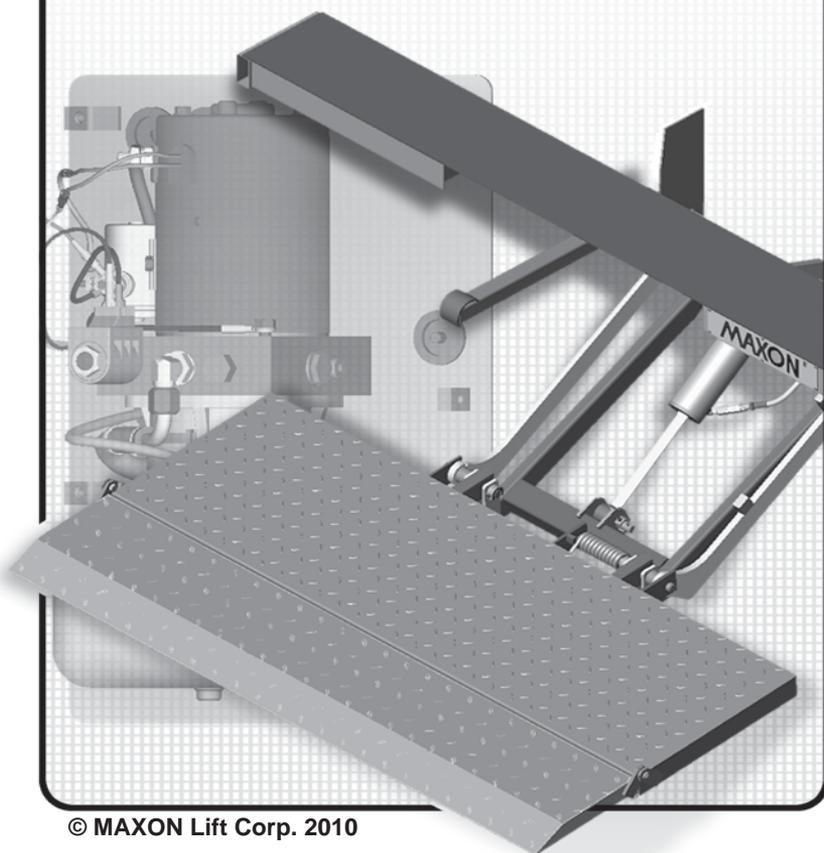
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# MAXON<sup>®</sup>

OPERATION MANUAL

72-150 & TE-20

**TUK-A-WAY<sup>®</sup>**  
LIFT GATE SERIES



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## **WARNING**

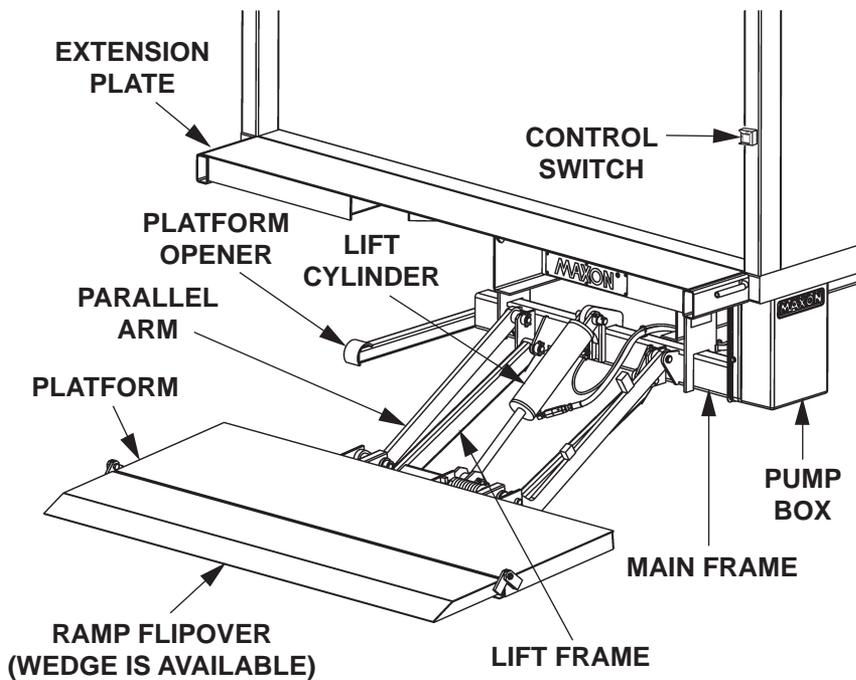
1. Incorrect operation of this Liftgate can result in serious personal injury. Comply with **WARNINGS** and Liftgate operating instructions in this manual. Do not allow untrained persons or children to operate the Liftgate. If you need to replace an **Operation Manual**, additional copies are available from:

**MAXON Lift Corp.**  
**11921 Slauson Ave**  
**Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670**  
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**NOTE:** For latest version manuals (and replacements), download manuals from Maxon's website at [www.maxonlift.com](http://www.maxonlift.com).

2. Do not exceed rated load capacity of the Liftgate which is **1500 lbs. for model 72-150 and 2000 lbs. for model TE-20**.
3. Do not allow any part of your body to be placed under, within, or around any portion of the moving Liftgate or its mechanisms, or in a position that would trap them between the platform and the floor of truck body (or between platform and the ground) when Liftgate is operated.
4. Consider the safety and location of bystanders and location of nearby objects when operating the Liftgate. Stand to one side of platform while operating the Liftgate. Be certain that the area the Liftgate will move through during operation is clear of all obstacles.
5. Comply with all attached instruction decals and warning decals.
6. Keep decals clean and legible. If decals are illegible or missing, have them replaced. **Get free replacement decals from Maxon.**
7. **Never drive a forklift on the Liftgate platform.**
8. Do not move vehicle unless Liftgate is correctly stowed.
9. **Correctly stow platform when not in use. Extended platforms could create a hazard for people and vehicles passing by.**
10. A correctly installed Liftgate will operate smoothly and reasonably quiet. The only noticeable noise, during Liftgate operation, is from the power unit while the platform is raised. Listen for scraping, grating and binding noises and have the problem corrected before continuing to operate the Liftgate.
11. Above all, **USE GOOD COMMON SENSE** when operating this Liftgate.
12. Never use a cell phone while operating the Liftgate.

# LIFTGATE TERMINOLOGY



# RECOMMENDED DAILY OPERATION CHECKS

**NOTE:** Before you check the Liftgate, park vehicle on flat ground and set the parking brake.

**NOTE:** If any of the following operation checks reveal a need to service or repair Liftgate, do not operate the Liftgate until a qualified mechanic services or repairs the Liftgate.

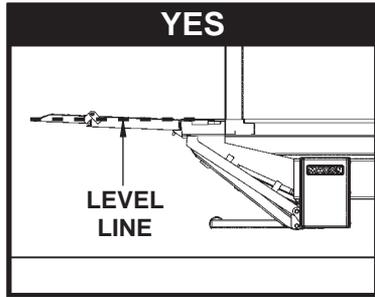
**Before operating the Liftgate, the operator should do the following:**

- Make sure vehicle battery is fully charged and battery terminal connections are clean and tight.
- Visually check that pump cover is bolted on securely and undamaged. Look for hydraulic fluid leaking from the pump box.
- Visually check that control switch is in place and undamaged.
- Visually check for cracks and bends on the extension plate. Also, make sure fasteners are in place and undamaged and extension plate is clean (no oil, debris, or corrosion).
- Visually check that all decals are in place (see **DECALS** page). Also, make sure decals are legible, clean, and undamaged.

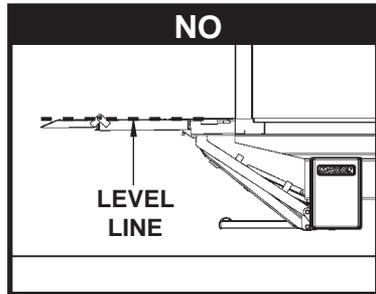
**Use the operation instructions in this manual to lower the Liftgate to the ground and open the platform and flipover.**

- Check main frame, lift arms, parallel arms and platform openers for cracks and bends. Make sure rollers, on the platform openers, roll freely. Also, make sure all bolts and pins are in place and undamaged.
- Make sure main frame, lift arms, parallel arms and platform openers are clean (no oil, debris, or corrosion).
- Check the hydraulic cylinders for leaking seals and hose connections. Follow the hydraulic hoses (or return lines for gravity down Liftgates) from the cylinders to pump box. Make sure all hoses are connected at both ends and there are no cracks, chafing, and fluid leaks.

- With the platform at vehicle bed height and no load on platform, out-board edge of platform must be higher than extension plate as shown in the **YES illustration (FIG. 7-1)**. If the platform is tilted up like the **YES illustration**, you can operate Liftgate. If platform is level at bed height like the **NO illustration (FIG. 7-2)**, do not operate the Liftgate. (See **NOTE** at beginning of the **DAILY OPERATION CHECKS**.)



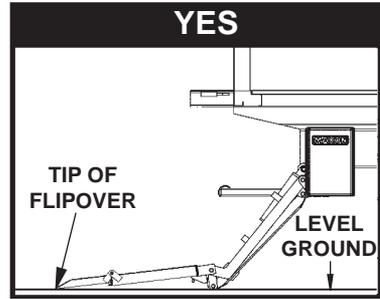
**PLATFORM & RAMP FLIPOVER  
FIG. 7-1**



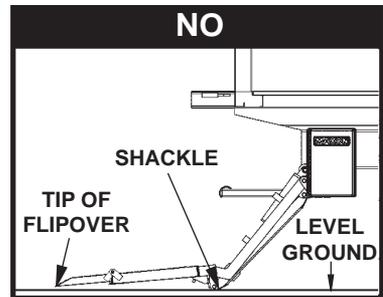
**PLATFORM & RAMP FLIPOVER  
FIG. 7-2**

# RECOMMENDED DAILY OPERATION CHECKS - Continued

- ❑ With the platform unfolded and on the ground, check if the shackles and the tip of platform touch the ground at the same time as shown in the **YES illustration (FIG. 8-1)**. If the platform looks like the **YES illustration**, you can operate Liftgate. If the tip of the platform is off the ground and platform looks like the **NO illustration (FIG. 8-2)**, or if the shackles are off the ground, do not operate the Liftgate. (See **NOTE** at beginning of the **DAILY OPERATION CHECKS**.)



**PLATFORM & RAMP FLIPOVER  
FIG. 8-1**



**PLATFORM & RAMP FLIPOVER  
FIG. 8-2**

- ❑ Check the platform and flipover for cracks, holes, and bends on the load-carrying surface and side plates. Also, make sure torsion bars, coil springs, and fasteners are in place and undamaged.
- ❑ Make sure platform and flipover load-carrying surfaces are clean (no oil, debris, or corrosion).

**Use the operation instructions in this manual to operate the Liftgate through one cycle without a load on the platform. RAISE the platform to vehicle bed height. Next, lower the platform to ground level.**

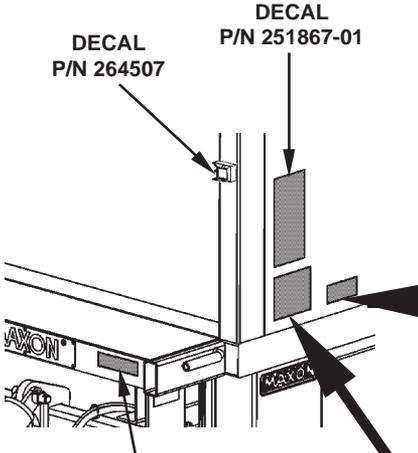
- ❑ When the Liftgate is moving, listen for unusual noises and look for jerking motion or uneven movement on either side of the platform.

**If service or repairs are not required (or if completed), stow the Liftgate.**

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# DECALS

**NOTE:** Decals for streetside are included with the streetside control switch kit.



DECAL (2 PLACES,  
LH SIDE NOT SHOWN)  
P/N 265736-03

**CURBSIDE  
VIEW**

**THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY  
OF THIS LIFT IS**

**1500 POUNDS**

**WHEN THE LOAD IS  
CENTERED ON PLATFORM**

DECAL, P/N 220386

**CAPACITY DECAL (72-150 ONLY)  
P/N 220386**

**THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY  
OF THIS LIFT IS**

**2000 POUNDS**

**WHEN THE LOAD IS  
CENTERED ON PLATFORM**

DECAL, P/N 220387

**CAPACITY DECAL (TE-20 ONLY)  
P/N 220387**

## **⚠ WARNING**

### **READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY**

- Improper operation of this Liftgate can result in serious personal injury. Do not operate unless you have been properly instructed and have read, and are familiar with the operating instructions. If you do not have a copy of the instructions, please obtain them from your employer, distributor, or lessor before you attempt to operate Liftgate.
- Be certain that the vehicle is properly and securely braked before using the Liftgate.
- Always inspect this Liftgate for maintenance or damage before using it. If there are signs of improper maintenance, damage to vital parts, or slippery Platform surface, do not use the Liftgate until these problems have been corrected.
- Do not overload the Liftgate. The load limit is based on evenly distributed cargo over the entire Platform surface. If you are using a pallet jack, be sure it can be maneuvered safely. Do not operate a forklift on the Platform or travel with the platform in an open position at any time.
- Load should be placed in a stable position close to the edge of the Platform nearest the truck. The heaviest portion of the load should never be placed beyond the center of the Platform away from the truck.
- Never allow yourself, a helper, or bystander to stand in a position where a falling load could land on either of you. Also do not allow any part of yours or your helper's body to be placed under, within, or around any portion of the moving Liftgate, or its mechanisms, or in a position that would trap them between the platform and the ground or truck when the Liftgate is operated.
- If a helper is riding the Platform with you, make sure you are both doing so safely and that you are not in danger of coming in contact with any moving or potentially moving obstacles. **USE GOOD COMMON SENSE.** If load appears to be unsafe, do not lift or lower it.

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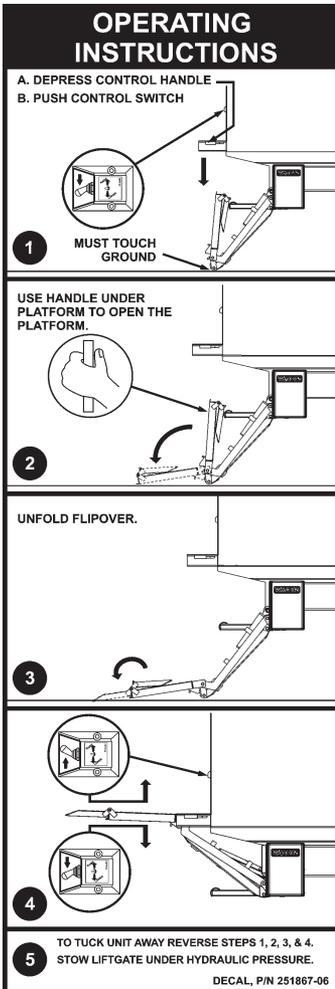
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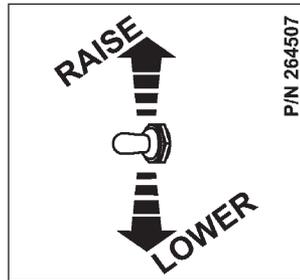
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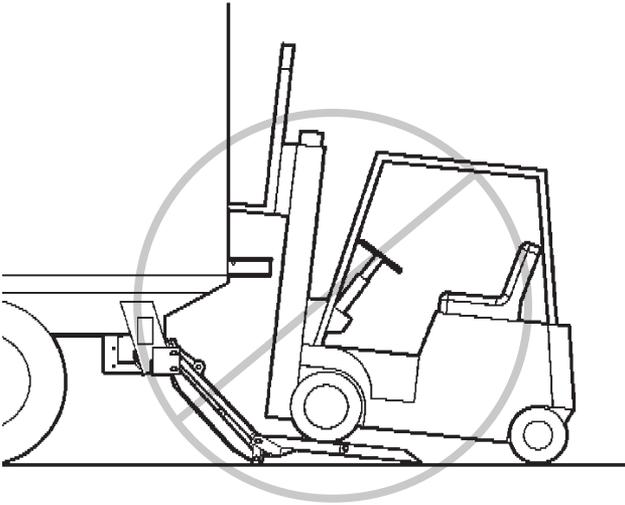
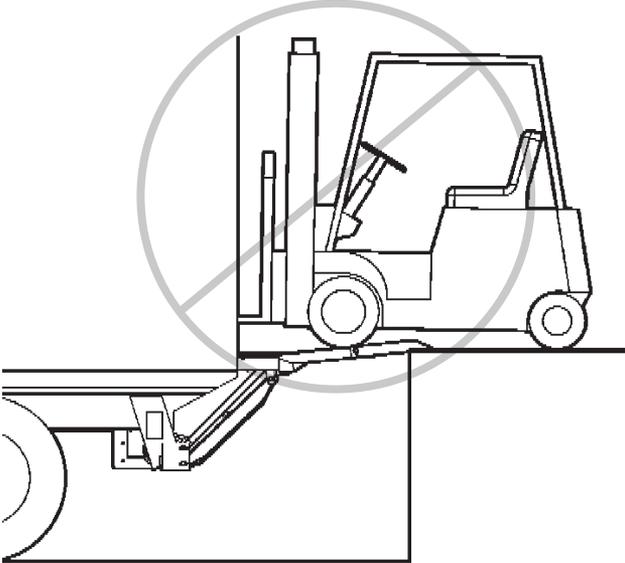


**RAISE/LOWER DECAL**  
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# FORKLIFT ADVISORY

**⚠ WARNING**

**Keep Forklift OFF of Platform.**



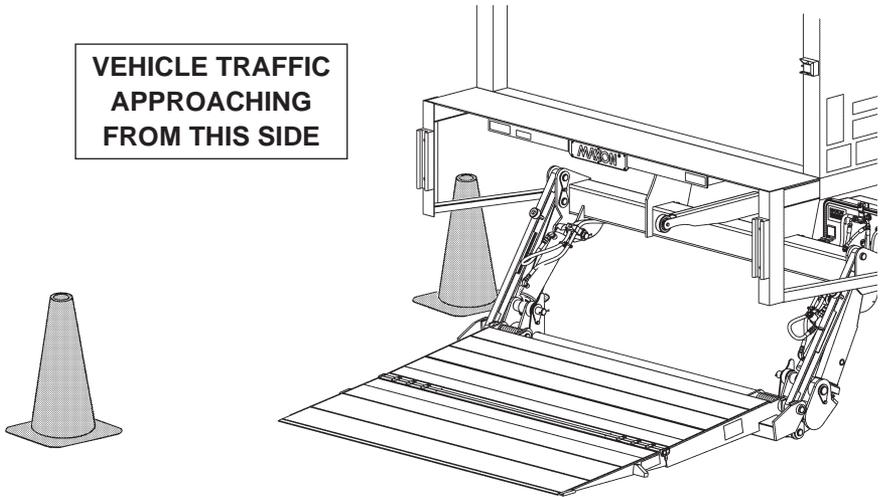
**FIG. 12-1**

# ROADSIDE OPERATION ADVISORY

## **WARNING**

Operating the Liftgate by the side of a busy road with vehicle traffic increases the chance of personal injury and damage to Liftgate, cargo & vehicle. Making the loading area more visible to passing traffic can help reduce the chance of injury and damage.

**NOTE:** MAXON recommends placing at least 2 traffic cones on the traffic side of the platform loading area as illustrated below. Remove cones after platform is stowed and before moving the vehicle.



**TRAFFIC CONES POSITIONED BY PLATFORM LOADING AREA  
(GPT LIFTGATE SHOWN)**

**FIG. 13-1**

# OPERATION

## CAUTION

Before lowering Liftgate, make sure chain (FIG. 14-1A) is secured to platform and hooked to handle on the flipover.

1. Standing to the side of platform (FIG. 14-1A), push down control handle (FIG.14-1B) and push the toggle switch to LOWER position as shown in FIG. 14-1C. Release control handle after platform is lowered about 2 inches.

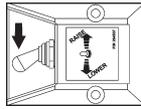


FIG. 14-1C

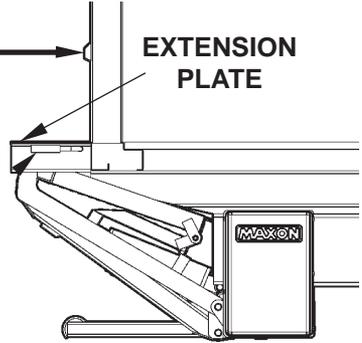


FIG. 14-1A

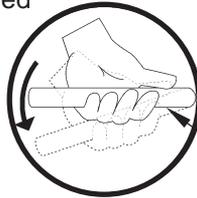


FIG. 14-1B

CONTROL HANDLE

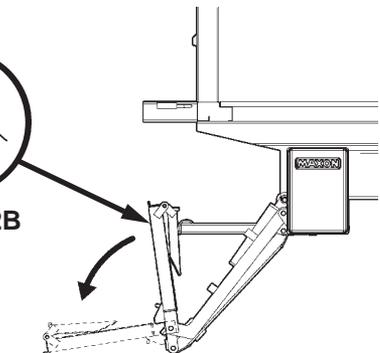
## ! WARNING

Never operate control switch while unfolding (and folding) platform and flipover. Always use handle on side of flipover to unfold (and fold) flipover. Holding the flipover any other way can create a hazard and injure operator.

2. Lower the platform (FIG. 14-2A) until it touches the ground. Use handle (FIG. 14-2B) to unfold the platform (FIG. 14-2A).

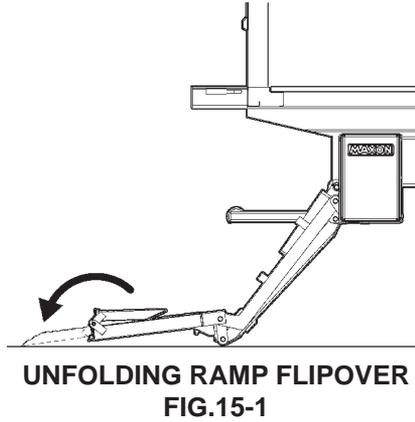


FIG. 14-2B



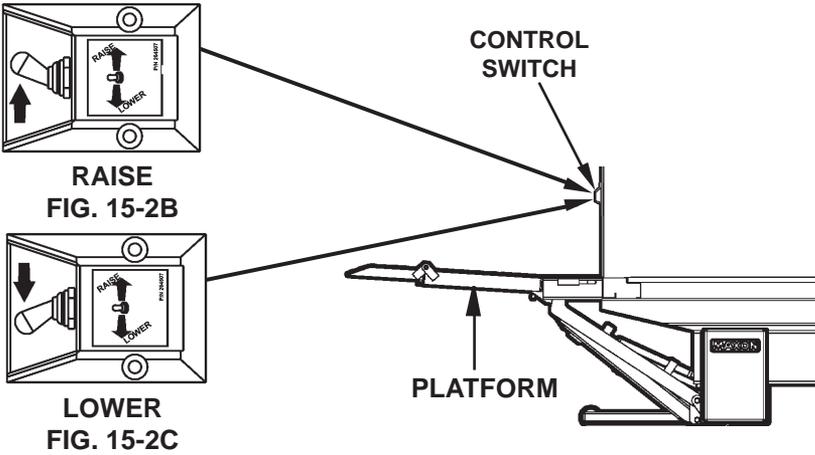
LOWERING & UNFOLDING PLATFORM  
FIG. 14-2A

3. Unfold the flipover as shown in **FIG. 14-1**.



**NOTE:** While operating the Liftgate, release toggle switch to stop the platform.

4. Raise the platform (**FIG. 15-2A**) by pushing the toggle switch to the **RAISE** position (**FIG. 15-2B**). If loading (or unloading) the platform, wait a second before releasing the toggle switch, after platform reaches bed height. To lower the platform, push the toggle switch to the **LOWER** position (**FIG. 15-2C**).



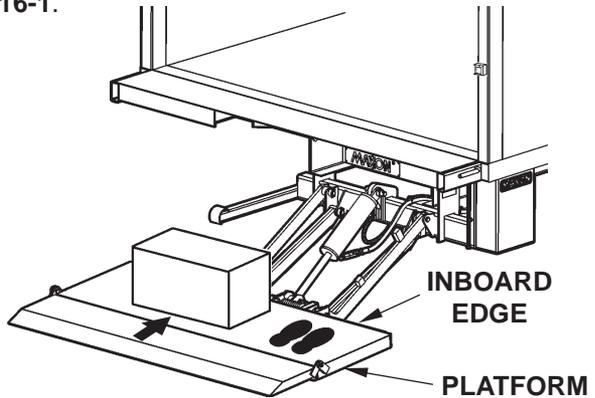
**RAISING & LOWERING PLATFORM**  
**FIG. 15-2A**

## OPERATION - Continued

### **WARNING**

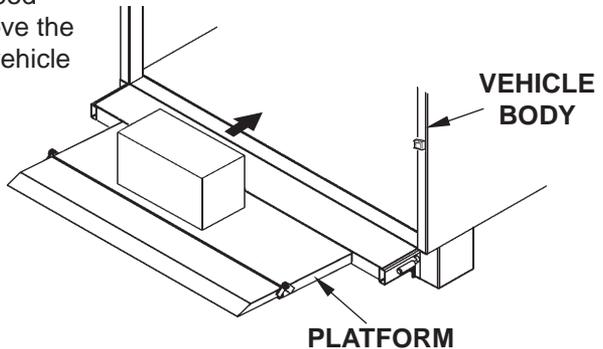
A load should never extend past the edges of the platform. Do not place unstable loads on platform and do not allow load to exceed the lifting capacity of the Liftgate. If standing on platform, do not allow your feet to extend beyond the inboard edge of the platform.

5. Load the platform at ground level as shown in **FIG. 16-1**.



**LOADING PLATFORM AT GROUND LEVEL**  
**FIG. 16-1**

6. Raise the platform to bed height (**FIG. 16-2**). Move the load off platform into vehicle (**FIG. 16-2**).

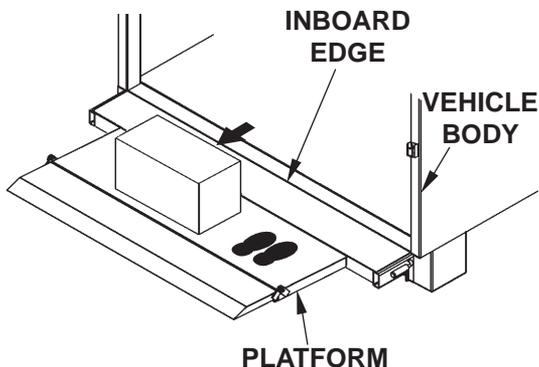


**UNLOADING PLATFORM AT BED HEIGHT**  
**FIG. 16-2**

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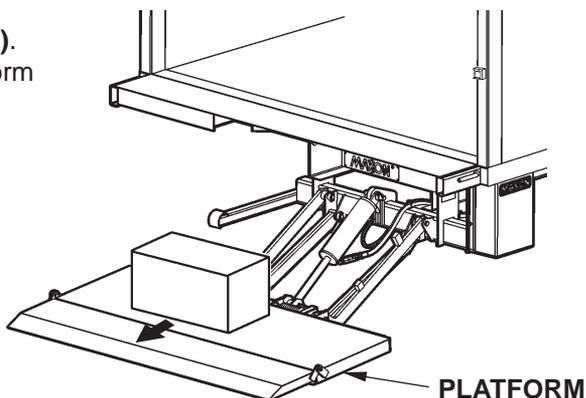
**Pulling the load from vehicle to platform can result in a fall from platform and serious injury. When unloading vehicle, always push the load out on the platform.**

7. Load the platform at bed height (**FIG. 17-1**) as follows. Push load out of the vehicle to correct position on the platform. Place all loads as close as possible to the inboard edge of the platform with heaviest part toward the truck body as shown in **FIG. 17-1**. If standing on platform with the load, stand in the footprint area shown and comply with the **WARNING** on previous page.



**LOADING PLATFORM AT BED HEIGHT  
FIG. 17-1**

8. Lower the platform to ground level (**FIG. 17-2**). Move load off the platform (**FIG. 17-2**).



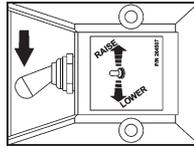
**UNLOADING PLATFORM AT GROUND LEVEL  
FIG. 17-2**

## OPERATION - Continued

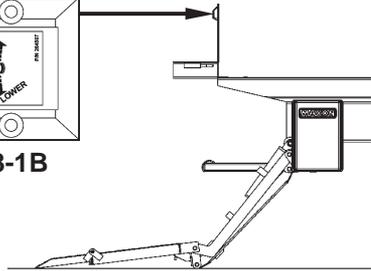
### WARNING

Never move the vehicle unless the Liftgate is properly stowed.

9. Before moving the vehicle, prepare the Liftgate as follows. Make sure load is removed from platform. If the platform is at bed height, push the toggle switch to the **LOWER** position as shown in **FIG. 18-1B**. Release toggle switch when platform touches the ground (**FIG. 18-1A**).



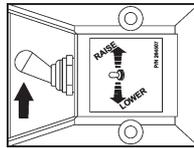
**FIG. 18-1B**



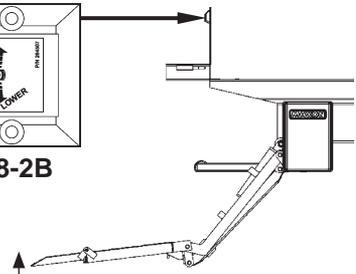
**LIFTGATE LOWERED  
TO THE GROUND  
FIG. 18-1A**

**NOTE:** Raising the platform off the ground makes it easier to grasp and fold the flipover.

10. Stow the Liftgate by doing the following. **RAISE** the platform a little above the ground (**FIG. 18-2A**) by pushing toggle switch to **RAISE** position (**FIG. 18-2B**).

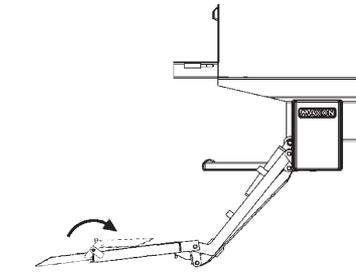


**FIG. 18-2B**



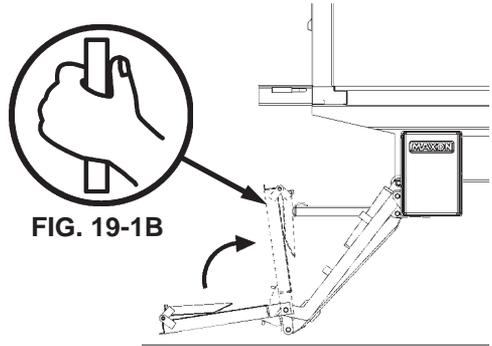
**RAISING PLATFORM  
FIG. 18-2A**

11. Fold flipover (**FIG. 18-3**).



**FOLDING FLIPOVER  
FIG. 18-3**

12. Lift the platform (FIG. 19-1A) to gain access to handle (FIG. 19-1B). Use handle (FIG. 19-1B) to fold platform as shown in FIG. 19-1A.



FOLDING PLATFORM  
FIG. 19-1A

## CAUTION

Stow Liftgate under hydraulic pressure. To prevent damage, make sure platform loop is not resting on safety hook (FIG. 19-2C).

13. Stow the platform (FIG. 19-2A) by pushing the toggle switch to the RAISE position (FIG. 19-2B). Wait a second, after platform is stowed all the way, before releasing toggle switch. Then make sure platform loop is positioned above safety hook as shown in FIG. 19-2C.

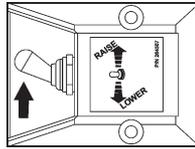
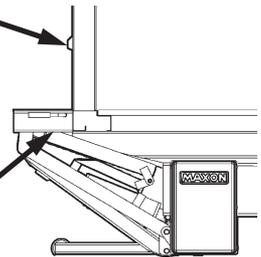
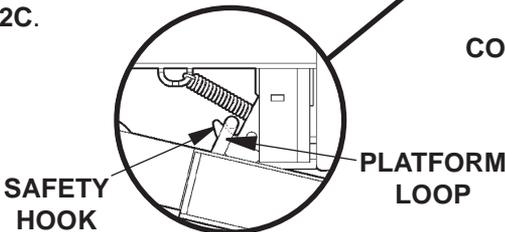


FIG. 19-2B



CORRECTLY STOWED  
PLATFORM  
FIG. 19-2A



HOOK & LOOP POSITION  
(PLATFORM STOWED)  
FIG. 19-2C

14. Liftgate is ready for transport.

