Repair Railgate Torsion Assist Spring Instructions 1600/2000 Models

These instructions will assist you in retro fitting or replacing a torsion assist spring on a Rail Series Tommy Gate lift.

Removing the Old Platform Hardware (Method #1)

Use Method #1 if the platform is equipped with a torsion spring as shown (Figure 1).

WARNING! The platform could weigh up to 400 lbs. Use appropriate lifting equipment or personnel in the next steps.

1. **RAISE, CLOSE** and **LATCH** the platform.
2. **APPLY** pressure in the clockwise direction to the 1-3/4" hex nut on the passenger side of the torsion tube. Use an adjustable wrench (Figure 1).
3. **REMOVE** the 3/8" countersunk cap screw attaching the inner torsion tube holder to the slider nose. Continue to hold clockwise torque on the torsion spring holder (Figure 1).
4. **SLOWLY ROTATE** the torsion spring arm counter-clockwise until no resistance is felt.
5. **LOWER** gate to horizontal position, allowing it to rest on a mechanical lifting device.
6. **DISCONNECT** the chains from the platform.
7. **REMOVE** the 3/8" pins and cotter pins from the driver side of the torsion tube.
8. **SLIDE** the inner torsion tube assembly out the passenger side of the platform.
9. **RAISE** the passenger side slider by hand to expose the outer torsion tube holder (Figure 1).
10. **REMOVE** the 3/8" countersunk cap screw from the torsion tube holder and platform.
11. **PULL** the outer torsion tube assembly out of the platform (Figure 1).

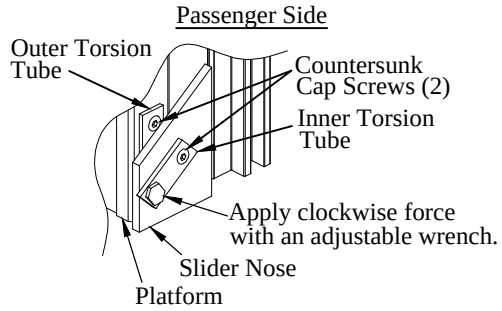

Figure 1: Torsion spring hardware.

Removing the Old Platform Hardware (Method #2)

Use Method #2 if the platform is equipped with a self-close.

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1. **OPEN** and **LOWER** the platform to the ground.
2. **REMOVE** the 3/8" bolts on both sides of the platform that hold the self-close linkage together.
3. **REMOVE** the cotter pins or set screws from both sides of the square self-close linkage rod.
4. **REMOVE** the self-close linkage rod.
5. **REMOVE** the self-close arms, extension springs, pins, and lugs that attach the self-close arms to the platform.
6. **REMOVE** the cotter pin from the driver side of the hinge tube.
7. **SLIDE** the hinge tube assembly out the passenger side of the platform.

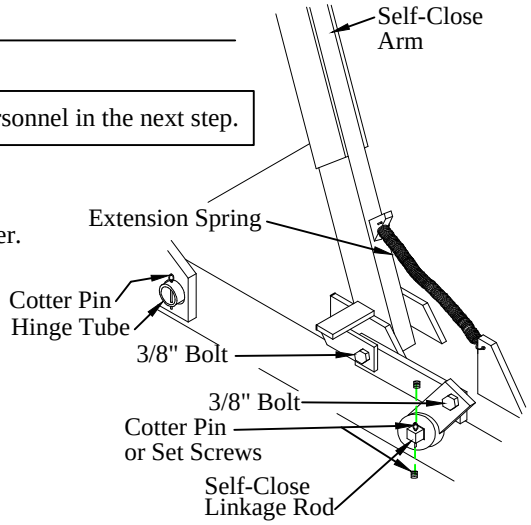

Figure 2: Self-close platform hardware.

Removing the Old Platform Hardware (Method #3)

Use Method #3 if the platform is equipped with a torsion spring holder that is the same as the replacement (Figure 3).

WARNING! The platform could weigh up to 400 lbs. Use appropriate lifting equipment or personnel in the next steps.

1. **RAISE, CLOSE** and **LATCH** the platform.
2. **APPLY** pressure in the clockwise direction to the 1-3/4" hex nut on the passenger side of the torsion tube. Use an adjustable wrench (Figure 3).
3. **REMOVE** the socket head cap screw and nut attaching the torsion spring holder to the slider nose. Continue to hold clockwise torque on the torsion spring holder (Figure 3).
4. **SLOWLY ROTATE** the torsion spring arm counter-clockwise until no resistance is felt.
5. **LOWER** gate to horizontal position, allowing it to rest on a mechanical lifting device.
6. **DISCONNECT** the chains from the platform.
7. **PULL** the passenger side torsion spring holder out of the platform and slider nose (Figure 3).
8. **REMOVE** the cotter pin from the driver side torsion spring holder (Figure 4B only).
9. **REMOVE** the platform from the slider noses (skip if Figure 4A).
10. **REMOVE** the bolt from the driver side torsion spring holder and platform.
11. **REMOVE** the driver side torsion spring holder and spring.

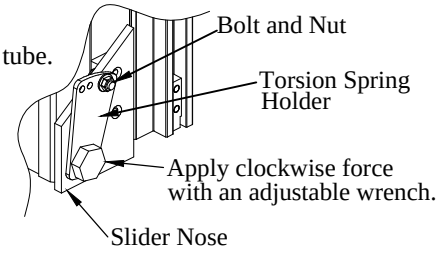

Figure 3: Passenger side torsion spring hardware.

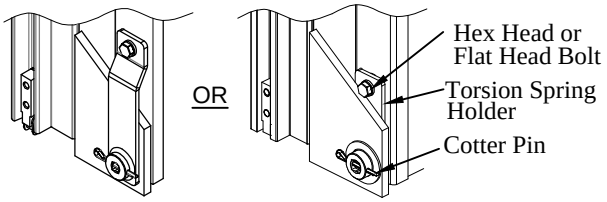

Figure 4A: Figure 4B:
Driver side torsion spring hardware.

Installing the New Torsion Spring Hardware on the Platform

1. **MARK** and **DRILL** a 25/64" hole in the passenger side slider nose at the location shown, if needed (Figure 5).
2. **INSTALL** the torsion spring holder through the driver side slider nose, washers, and into the platform (Figure 6).
3. **ROTATE** the driver side torsion spring holder so it is centered on the platform end cap.
4. **MARK** and **DRILL** a 27/64" hole in the aluminum platform end cap using the spring holder as a guide (Figure 6). For steel platforms, **DRILL** a 7/8" hole and **WELD** in the supplied threaded lug, see welding note.
5. **TAP** the hole, drilled in the previous step, with a 1/2-13 tap, aluminum platform only (Figure 6).
6. **SECURE** the driver side torsion spring holder to the platform with a 1/2-13 hex head bolt and lock washer (Figure 6).
7. **INSTALL** the torsion spring in the platform by inserting it through the driver side spring holder (Figure 6).

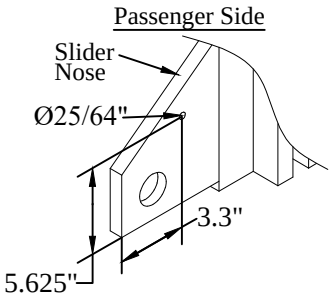

Figure 5: Torsion spring holder hole location.

IMPORTANT

WELDING NOTE!!! DISCONNECT ALL BATTERY CABLES. ALWAYS DISCONNECT THE GROUND CABLE FIRST. ATTACH THE WELDING GROUND TO THE TRUCK RATHER THAN THE LIFTGATE.

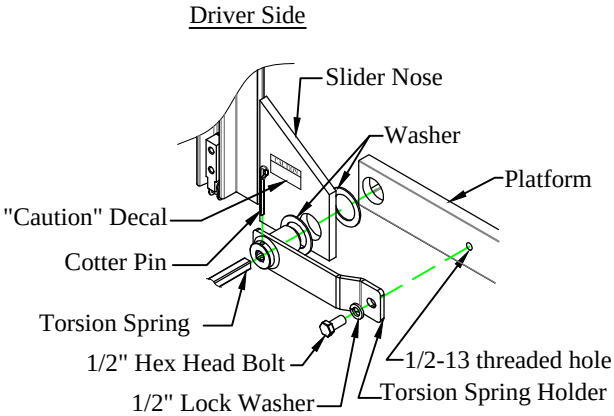

Figure 6: Torsion spring hardware.

Installing the New Torsion Spring Hardware on the Platform (continued)

8. GUIDE the torsion spring through the platform, washer, and slider nose.

9. **INSTALL** the passenger side torsion spring holder over the spring and through the slider nose, washer, and platform (Figure 7).

10. INSTALL the cotter pin in the driver side torsion spring holder (Figure 6).

11. REATTACH the chains to the platform.

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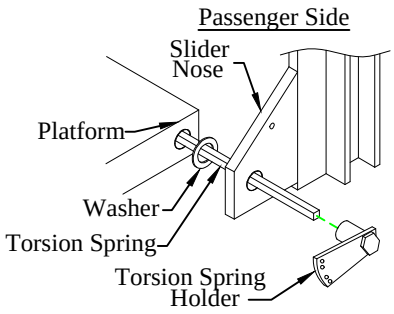

Figure 7: Torsion spring hardware.

12. RAISE, CLOSE, and **LATCH** the platform.

13. LOCATE the correct torsion spring setting for your railgate model and platform depth (Table 1).

14. ROTATE the passenger side torsion spring holder clockwise to the proper hole setting listed in (Table 1).

15. ATTACH the torsion spring holder to the slider nose using the supplied 3/8-16x1-1/2" bolt and lock nut (Figure 6). The nut goes on the outboard side of the slider nose.

16. ADHERE the two supplied "Caution" decals as shown in (Figure 8) and (Figure 9).

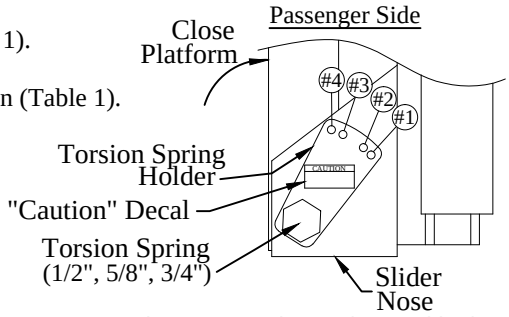

Figure 8: Torsion spring positioning.

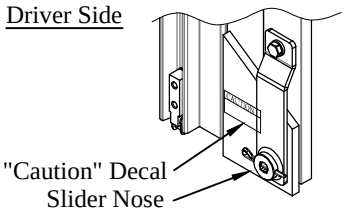

Figure 9: Caution decal location.

Table 1: Torsion spring settings.

Railgate Model 73			
Steel Platform			
Platform Depth (in)	Platform Taper (in)	Torsion Spring (req.)	Torsion Spring Setting
37	6	5/8"	1
37	11	5/8"	2
42	6	5/8"	2
Aluminum Platform			
35	0	1/2"	1
35	6	1/2"	2
35	12	1/2"	4
40	0	1/2"	2
40	6	1/2"	3
40	12	1/2"	4
45	0	1/2"	4
45	6	1/2"	4
45	12	1/2"	4
50	0	1/2"	4
50	6	1/2"	4
50	12	1/2"	4
55	0	1/2"	4
55	6	1/2"	4
55	12	5/8"	2
60	0	5/8"	2
60	6	5/8"	2
60	12	5/8"	2
65	0	5/8"	2
65	6	5/8"	2
65	12	5/8"	2
70	0	5/8"	2
70	6	5/8"	3
70	12	5/8"	3
RF Aluminum Platform			
30+15	6	1/2"	1
35+10	12	1/2"	2
35+15	6	1/2"	2

Railgate Model 79			
Steel Platform			
Platform Depth (in)	Platform Taper (in)	Torsion Spring (req.)	Torsion Spring Setting
37	6	5/8"	2
37	11	5/8"	2
42	6	5/8"	2
Aluminum Platform			
35	0	1/2"	2
35	6	1/2"	4
35	12	1/2"	4
40	0	1/2"	4
40	6	1/2"	4
40	12	1/2"	4
45	0	1/2"	4
45	6	1/2"	4
45	12	1/2"	4
50	0	1/2"	4
50	6	1/2"	4
50	12	5/8"	2
55	0	5/8"	2
55	6	5/8"	2
55	12	5/8"	2
60	0	5/8"	2
60	6	5/8"	2
60	12	5/8"	2
65	0	5/8"	2
65	6	5/8"	2
65	12	5/8"	3
70	0	5/8"	2
70	6	5/8"	3
70	12	3/4"	2
RF Aluminum Platform			
30+15	6	1/2"	1
35+10	12	1/2"	2
35+15	6	1/2"	2

Railgate Model 85			
Steel Platform			
Platform Depth (in)	Platform Taper (in)	Torsion Spring (req.)	Torsion Spring Setting
37	6	5/8"	2
37	11	5/8"	3
42	6	5/8"	3
Aluminum Platform			
35	0	1/2"	3
35	6	1/2"	4
35	12	1/2"	4
40	0	1/2"	4
40	6	1/2"	4
40	12	1/2"	4
45	0	1/2"	4
45	6	1/2"	4
45	12	5/8"	2
50	0	1/2"	4
50	6	5/8"	2
50	12	5/8"	2
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60	6	5/8"	2
60	12	5/8"	3
65	0	5/8"	2
65	6	5/8"	3
65	12	3/4"	2
70	0	5/8"	3
70	6	3/4"	2
70	12	3/4"	2
RF Aluminum Platform			
30+15	6	1/2"	1
35+10	12	1/2"	2
35+15	6	1/2"	2

Railgate Model 89			
Steel Platform			
Platform Depth (in)	Platform Taper (in)	Torsion Spring (req.)	Torsion Spring Setting
37	6	5/8"	2
37	11	5/8"	4
42	6	5/8"	4
Aluminum Platform			
35	0	1/2"	4
35	6	1/2"	4
35	12	1/2"	4
40	0	1/2"	4
40	6	1/2"	4
40	12	1/2"	4
45	0	1/2"	4
45	6	1/2"	4
45	12	5/8"	2
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55	6	5/8"	2
55	12	5/8"	2
60	0	5/8"	2
60	6	5/8"	3
60	12	5/8"	4
65	0	5/8"	4
65	6	3/4"	2
65	12	3/4"	2
70	0	3/4"	2
70	6	3/4"	2
70	12	3/4"	2
RF Aluminum Platform			
30+15	6	1/2"	1
35+10	12	1/2"	2
35+15	6	1/2"	2

Railgate Model 95			
Steel Platform			
Platform Depth (in)	Platform Taper (in)	Torsion Spring (req.)	Torsion Spring Setting
37	6	5/8"	4
37	11	3/4"	2
42	6	3/4"	2
Aluminum Platform			
35	0	1/2"	4
35	6	1/2"	4
35	12	1/2"	4
40	0	1/2"	4
40	6	1/2"	4
40	12	5/8"	2
45	0	1/2"	4
45	6	5/8"	2
45	12	5/8"	2
50	0	5/8"	2
50	6	5/8"	2
50	12	5/8"	3
55	0	5/8"	2
55	6	5/8"	3
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65	6	3/4"	2
65	12	3/4"	2
70	0	3/4"	2
70	6	3/4"	2
70	12	3/4"	2
RF Aluminum Platform			
30+15	6	1/2"	1
35+10	12	1/2"	2
35+15	6	1/2"	2