

TAILGATE MAINTENANCE GUIDE

There are many areas of the tailgate that should be constantly inspected. If a tailgate were to come loose at any point during the loading, transporting, or unloading process, it could cause damage and/or injury.

STANDARD TAILGATE		
ALIGNMENT	LATCHES	HINGES & PINS
Be sure that the tailgate is properly aligned to the rear of the container. The door fork and pins should pair up easily. There should be no issue of overexertion or interference with any other parts when you are closing the gate.	Latch post and latches should be fully functioning and complete intact without any holes or shaping issues. The latch ears should help to secure the tailgate to the container.	Grease the hinges often to ensure that the tailgate can close without any overexertion or sticking. Check that door pins are not bent or interfering with proper operation of the tailgate.



SEALED TAILGATE		
ALIGNMENT	LATCHES	HINGES AND PINS
Be sure that the tailgate is properly aligned to the rear of the container. The door fork and pins should pair up easily. There should be no issue of overexertion or interference with any other parts when you are closing the gate.	Latch post and latches should be fully functioning and complete intact without any holes or shaping issues. The latch ears should assist in tightening the tailgate to the container.	Grease the hinges often to ensure that the tailgate can close without any overexertion or sticking. Check that door pins are not bent or interfering with proper operation of the tailgate.
RATCHET BINDERS	SEAL AND TRACK	OTHER
Found on both the latch side and hinge side of the container, as well as the bottom of the tailgate, ratchet binders are what tighten the tailgate to the container. Be sure that all parts are in tact and working correctly.	The most important function of a sealed tailgate is to ensure that no materials or liquids escape. Be sure that the seal track is still completely welded around the entire tailgate and that it has not gotten bent or twisted. Thoroughly check the seal, making sure that it is properly in the seal track and that there are not holes or sections missing.	Beyond the parts that are attached to the tailgate, be sure to inspect the tailgate sheet for any holes that would allow materials or liquids to escape the container during operation.



If any of these tailgate parts are rusted, worn down, misshapen, broken, or not working, replace them immediately.