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For future use

## INTRODUCTION

### SERVICE SUPPORT

#### Emissions Warranty

In conformance with 40CFR§1037.120 this apparatus is warranted to the ultimate purchaser and each subsequent purchaser that the tires delivered with this new vehicle will be free from defects in materials and workmanship that cause the vehicle to fail to conform to the requirements of 40CFR§1037 Control of Emissions from New Heavy- Duty Motor Vehicles for 2 years or 24,000 miles.

Engine emissions related items will be free from defects in materials and workmanship that cause the vehicle to fail to conform to the requirements this standard for 5 years or 100,000 miles.

#### Obtaining Customer Service

Most questions regarding operation or service should be addressed to your apparatus dealer organization. If you are unable to obtain satisfactory assistance, or if your questions remain unanswered, please contact customer service at:

##### **Spartan Fire, LLC**

**1541 Reynolds Road**

**Charlotte, MI 48813**

**880 867 6478**

**E-mail: [www.emergencyresponse.spartanmotors.com](http://www.emergencyresponse.spartanmotors.com)**

#### Reporting an Accident

Notify Spartan Fire, LLC., any time your apparatus is involved in an accident resulting in personal injury or death. The company will investigate all such incidents. Never remove, damage, or modify any part of your apparatus that is involved in an accident investigation.

Customer Service must be notified whenever the Side Roll Protection System or Frontal Occupant Protection System has been activated. DO NOT remove or tamper with any Side Roll Protection System or Frontal Occupant Protection System components, except to extricate the occupants.

#### Safety Defect Reporting

If you believe that your vehicle has a defect which could cause a crash or could cause injury or death, you should immediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in addition to notifying Spartan Fire, LLC.

If NHTSA receives similar complaints, it may open an investigation, and if it finds that a safety defect exists in a group of vehicles, it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in individual problems between you, your dealer, or Spartan Fire, LLC.

To contact NHTSA, you may call the Vehicle Safety Hotline toll-free at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); go to <http://www.safercar.gov>; or write to: Administrator, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. You can also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from <http://www.safercar.gov>.

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To contact EPA, address concerns to:

Director Field Operations and Support Division  
Environmental Protection Agency  
401 M St. SW., Washington, DC 20460

## GENERAL SAFETY

### INTRODUCTION

#### Operator Manuals

This operation and service manual is one in a set of manuals that instructs you on how to properly and safely operate an apparatus. For a complete understanding of the safe and proper operation of your apparatus you must read, study, understand, and follow the information found in each of the manuals provided to you.

These may include the following:

- Custom Chassis.
- Commercial Chassis.
- Aerial Device.
- Pumping System.

These manuals do not replace, nor does their use absolve you from complying with any and all applicable Federal, State, or Provincial regulations, safety codes, operating limitations, fire company procedures or insurance requirements.

#### Major Component Manuals

Additional safety, operation, and service information is located in the associated major component operation and service manuals. Study the safety information found in all the manuals provided including manuals for the engine, transmission, pump, breathing air system, foam system, generator, and others included in the information provided with the delivery of your apparatus.

#### Industry Standards and Guidelines

There are many industry standards and guides that you and your department must follow to safely operate your apparatus including those shown here.

- **NFPA® 1900** *Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Vehicles, Automotive Fire apparatus, Wild-land Fire Apparatus, and Automotive Ambulances*
- **NFPA® 1910** *Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Refurbishment, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Emergency Vehicles and Marine Firefighting Vessels*
- **NFPA® 1451** *Standard for a Fire and Emergency Service Vehicle Operations Training Program*
- **NFPA® 1500** *Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety, Health, and Wellness Program*
- **NFPA® 1962** *Standard for the Care, Use, Inspection, Service Testing and Replacement of Fire Hose, Couplings, Nozzles, and Fire Hose Appliances*
- **IFSTA** *Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook*
- **FAMA** *Fire Apparatus Safety Guide* (additional copies available from FAMA.org)
- **FEMA** *Safe Operation of Fire Tankers* (downloadable from FEMA.org)

# SAFETY

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- **PSHSA** *Electrical Safety Handbook for Emergency Responders* (Public Services Health and Safety Association of Canada, [www.pshsa.ca](http://www.pshsa.ca))

## Apparatus Modifications

Modification of this apparatus from its original design without written permission from the manufacturer is strictly prohibited and may result in subjecting personnel to a risk of injury or death. The manufacturer reserves the right to change, improve, modify or expand features of its products at any time, without notice, and without incurring any obligations to change, improve, modify or expand features of previously delivered equipment.

## EXTRICATION AND AIR BAGS

Your apparatus may be equipped with occupant roll-over or front crash protection airbags and other pyrotechnic devices that may deploy during a rollover or frontal crash.

In case it is necessary to perform the extrication of an occupant of this vehicle, performing any one of the following will disable the roll or frontal sensors and any unfired protective devices:

- Move the Master/Ignition rocker switch to the off position. (If equipped with independent Master and Ignition switches, move both switches to the off position.) OR
- Disconnect the batteries, OR
- Cut the wires to the protective device actuators.

Fired protective devices pose no toxic threat to rescue personnel. After a side roll accident, the seat belts on all the occupants will be tight, but have specially designed buckles that can be released under belt tension. Use extreme care when releasing seat belt buckles and exiting a damaged vehicle. The bags will be filled with warm inert gases. The gases will be nearly invisible, but will have an acrid smell. The gases pose no harm to occupants or rescue personnel.

## TO THE APPARATUS DRIVER/OPERATOR

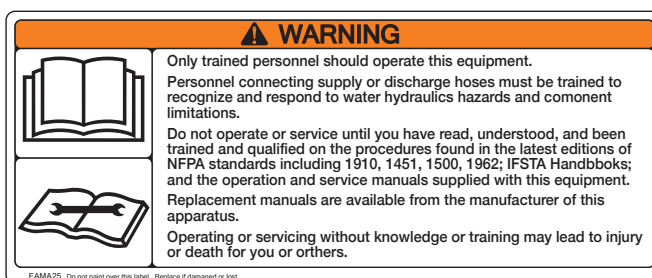
A custom fire apparatus is not a consumer product; it is a complex piece of industrial equipment. It has the potential to harm you or those around you if you use it improperly. Safe operation requires you to be trained, be experienced, be smart and use your common sense. It is essential that you be careful, physically and mentally qualified, trained in the safe operation of this equipment, and authorized by your fire department to do so.

Never work on or around a fire apparatus, or operate it, unless you have:

- Read and understood this operation and service manual.
- Watched and understood any safety video(s).
- Read and understood any other operation and service manuals associated with your apparatus.
- Read and understood the operation manual(s) of components supplied with this apparatus.
- Read and understood the **FAMA** Fire Apparatus Safety Guide.
- Read and understood all safety signs posted on your apparatus.

- Been trained in the safe operation of this apparatus in accordance with **NFPA® 1451** *Standard for a Fire and Emergency Service Vehicle Operations Training Program*.
- Been properly trained and are authorized to operate your apparatus.

If you do not feel comfortable with your knowledge, training, level of experience or the adequacy of your personal protective equipment, stop what you are doing and report this to your supervisor. If you feel that the apparatus is not functioning safely, stop what you are doing, report it to your fire department safety officer or fire chief, and do not use the apparatus until the hazardous situation can be resolved.



## TO THE APPARATUS MECHANIC

Fire apparatus are complex machines made of thousands of parts. As with all machines, they must be constantly maintained and can break down. The safety of the firefighters using your apparatus, as well as the safety of people in your community, depend on frequent and thorough inspection, service and maintenance of your apparatus and its associated equipment. Since you will probably need to operate your apparatus in the course of servicing it, you must be intimately familiar with safe methods of operation as well as safe maintenance practices.

If you do not feel comfortable with your knowledge, training, level of experience or adequacy of your personal protective equipment, stop what you are doing and report this to your supervisor. If you feel that the apparatus is not functioning safely, stop what you are doing, report it to your fire department safety officer or fire chief, and do not use the apparatus until the hazardous situation can be resolved.

Never attempt to service or maintain a fire apparatus unless you have:

- Read and understood the **FAMA** Fire Apparatus Safety Guide.
- Watched and understood any applicable safety video(s).
- Read and understood this operation and maintenance manual(s).
- Read and understood the operation and maintenance manual(s) of components supplied with your apparatus.
- Been properly trained and are authorized to maintain and operate your apparatus.

## TO THE SAFETY OFFICER

**NFPA 1521** *Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer* establishes specific and essential responsibilities for your role relating to the safe operation of fire apparatus in your department. You are expected to participate in the specification of new apparatus to ensure that the apparatus will include safe features consistent with the way your department will operate. You are also expected to monitor your apparatus while it is being used to make sure that the firefighters using your apparatus are doing so in a safe manner.

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The highly custom nature of fire apparatus makes your role and responsibilities extremely important. Fire department operations vary greatly and we cannot anticipate all the potential ways your apparatus may be used. It is your responsibility to make sure the ways your department operates are consistent with the instructions in this manual. Where a custom feature is not covered, it is your responsibility to make sure safe practices are established and followed. It is essential that you anticipate the way your department personnel will use your apparatus and how it is actually being used once it is placed in service. A custom feature, or a common feature installed in an uncommon fashion, may present a hazard that was not apparent at the time of manufacture. If you observe anything that you feel is unsafe, it is your responsibility as established by **NFPA 1521** to address it. Contact us if you need help and we will work with you to ensure that your apparatus is safe in every regard.

## TO THE TRAINING OFFICER

**NFPA® 1451** *Standard for a Fire and Emergency Service Vehicle Operations Training Program* establishes specific and essential responsibilities for training in the safe operation of fire apparatus in your department. Personnel must never be allowed to operate an apparatus unless you are convinced that they have been thoroughly trained in its safe operation, and they are experienced enough to operate safely all the time without supervision. They must be trained to operate safely all the time, not cut corners, not operate the apparatus in ways it was not intended, and not be careless with the safety of themselves or others. **NFPA® 1451**, Annex B offers a detailed checklist of potential hazards found on apparatus that every operator must be trained to avoid.

## TO THE FIRE CHIEF

As with any piece of complex industrial equipment, your apparatus is designed to be operated only by trained, experienced and sophisticated users. Many fire chiefs have had to deal with tragic outcomes when apparatus have been placed in the hands of poorly trained, inexperienced or undisciplined personnel. Such mistakes can result in injury or death to firefighters, the victims you are intending to rescue or innocent bystanders. It is essential that you support your safety and training officers, foster a culture that promotes safe operation and provide consequences for those who choose not to follow the rules.

### Parades and Public Events

Your apparatus is designed for personnel to be transported only while wearing seatbelts. Transporting people who are not seated and belted should never be allowed. Before using your apparatus in parades, educational demonstrations, charitable fundraisers, or other community events where untrained people will be in, on, or around your apparatus you must create a safety plan that will protect them from harm. Before allowing anyone other than a trained and experienced member of your department near your apparatus, you should consult with your fire department safety officer and plan for safety. Be sure to follow all the safety procedures in this manual, and ensure that the event will be conducted in a manner that is safe for everyone involved.

### Not Designed for Children

Your apparatus is designed for adult fire fighters and is not suitable for the transportation of children. Your apparatus is compliant to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards that apply to trucks over 10,000 lbs. (4,535 kg). These standards expect that operators are adult professions and they do not account for the needs of children. Features including the following may not be appropriate for accommodating children or people of extremely small stature.

- SCBA Seating.

- Seat Belt Accommodations.
- Inflatable Occupant Restraints.
- Power Window Controls.
- Child Seat Attachments.

## Vehicle Data Recorder

Your **NFPA® 1900** compliant apparatus includes a Vehicle Data Recorder (VDR). This device allows you to download data from your apparatus that will tell you certain safe driving information such as whether your apparatus is driving too fast, stopping too quickly, or being operated with unbelted occupants. The intention of this device is to assist you in monitoring, training, and enforcing safe apparatus driving practices. Download and use this data regularly to ensure that the personnel under your supervision are operating safely.

## SAFETY ALERTS

The safety signs found on your apparatus and in this manual use the ANSI Z535 safety alert symbol system. You should be familiar with this system and understand the meaning of each symbol.

### Safety Alert Symbol

The Safety Alert Symbol means: "ATTENTION! STAY ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!".



The Safety Alert Symbol identifies important safety messages on your apparatus, on your equipment, on safety signs, in manuals or elsewhere. When you see this symbol, be alert to the possibility of death or personal injury. Follow instructions in the safety message.

### Signal Words

Signal words are intended to alert you of a potential hazard, the general severity of the hazard and that a message will follow which will provide instruction on how to avoid the hazard.

 **DANGER**

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**Danger:** Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **WILL** result in death or serious injury.

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 **WARNING**

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**Warning:** Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **MAY** result in death or serious injury.

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## CAUTION

**Caution: (without safety alert symbol) Indicates a situation which, if not avoided may cause equipment damage.**

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### FOLLOW A SAFETY PROGRAM

Turnout gear is important any time you are operating on or around your apparatus. Your fire apparatus is heavy equipment, and PPE is appropriate any time you are using it.

You may need:

- Boots.
- Helmet.
- Heavy-duty gloves.
- Reflective clothing.
- Hearing protection.
- Safety glasses, goggles or face shield.

### Always Be Alert

As a first responder you are trained to be situationally aware. This means you are always looking out for what is around you even in the midst of an emergency. This awareness is just as important during mop-up, training, testing, cleaning, service, maintenance or any other time you are working in, on or around your apparatus. Don't be tempted to forget the importance of being aware and alert when there is no emergency. Many injuries occur during routine operations when your guard is down. You may be tempted to relax around the apparatus when performing tasks you have done many times before. Avoid this temptation. Your equipment must be respected at all times for your safety and the safety of those around you.

### Be Careful

Mistakes are more likely when you are tired, distracted, or overwhelmed. Call in extra assistance and let someone else take over if you become fatigued or ill. Never operate on or around your apparatus under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Operating your apparatus in an un-well condition can lead to death or injury for you or others.

### Know the Rules

Your department will have rules and procedures to keep you safe. These must include the instructions in this manual. Know the rules and follow them. If you find a conflict in the rules work with your department's safety officer to resolve the conflict.

## Commercial Driver's License Course

Your state may exempt you as a firefighter from the requirement to hold a commercial driver's license (CDL), but the rig you are driving may be bigger and heavier than most other trucks on the road. Commercial drivers must learn the right way to inspect and operate heavy trucks and demonstrate their abilities before they are issued a license. Consider taking these courses and obtaining your CDL even if not required to do so by your department. You will learn valuable safety tips, demonstrate your skills and feel more confident behind the wheel of your apparatus.

## Practice Safe Practices

It is not enough to simply be instructed on safe apparatus operation. Consistently safe operation happens because you know how to operate safely and have practiced safe operation long enough to establish safe habits that are committed to both your mental memory and your muscle memory. Never cut corners in safety during practice sessions to avoid unintentionally cutting corners during an emergency.

## Safety Signs

Read and understand all the safety signs on your apparatus before you operate the equipment. They communicate the most critical safety messages, but they are meant to remind only. You should know, memorize, and follow the instructions without needing to read them during operation.

## Operate Only What You Know

Your apparatus may have unique characteristics or features that were custom ordered by your department. Other apparatus in your fleet may have different unique characteristics or features. Only operate an apparatus that you are completely familiar with and that you have been trained and authorized to use safely.

## Operate Only Well Inspected Apparatus

Your apparatus must be in excellent working order at all times if you are going to ensure your own safety and the safety of others.

Follow the **NFPA® 1910 Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Refurbishment, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Emergency Vehicles and Marine Firefighting Vessels** and your manufacturer's operation and service manuals to keep your apparatus safe for operation. These publications will tell you what to check, what to test, how often they need to be checked or tested, and when you should remove your apparatus from service.

Your apparatus should be inspected thoroughly on a regular basis. Study the inspection criteria found in this manual, the other applicable operator manuals, the decals and markings on the apparatus itself, and your State's commercial driver's license pre-trip inspection requirements. Determine how each requirement will apply to your apparatus and consolidate this data into a single pre-trip or start-of-shift inspection. Determine when and by whom the inspections will be performed, make sure these individuals are trained and qualified to perform the inspections, and establish a regular inspection schedule. Make sure you perform each inspection in teams of two, with one person operating interior controls while the second person is checking for exterior functions such as turn signal lamps, flashers, brake lights, etc.

Record all deficiencies in compliance with **NFPA® 1910 Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Refurbishment, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Emergency Vehicles and Marine Firefighting Vessels**. Review the previous inspection report at the start of each shift to ensure that any deficiency that was noted by the previous crew has been resolved.

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## GENERAL HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

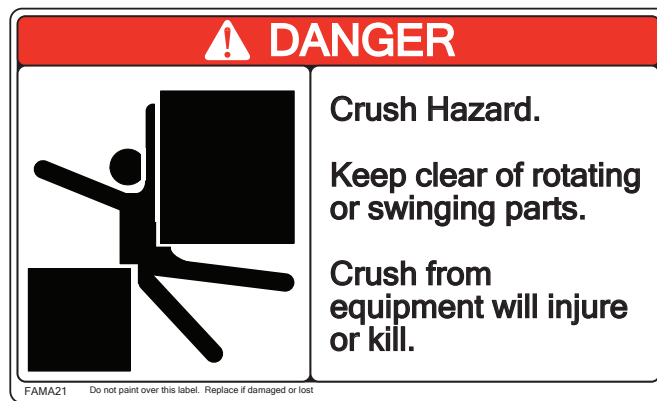
Your apparatus will have safety signs warning of the more common hazards, but not every hazard will be identified with a safety sign. You must use your common sense. Look for and avoid these general hazards. Study your apparatus to identify each hazard and develop methods of avoiding each. It is best to make this a written plan so that you can share it with all the personnel who may be working on or around your apparatus.

### Jewelry and Loose Personal Items

Loose fitting clothing, long hair, dangling jewelry and rings may catch on the apparatus or be pulled into moving equipment. Personnel working on or servicing fire apparatus should avoid wearing loose fitting clothing, long hair, dangling jewelry and rings which may catch on the apparatus or be pulled into moving equipment. Wear gloves, safety glasses and other PPE that protects you from the potential hazards of the task you are performing.

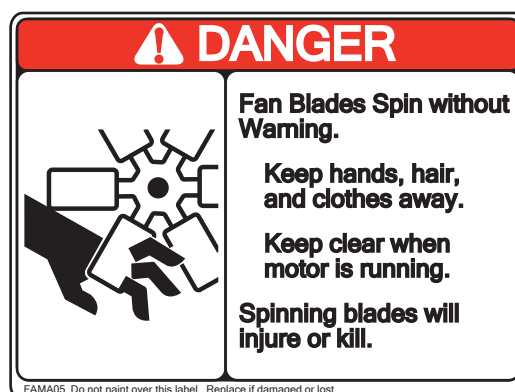
### Pinch and Crush Hazards

Look for places where there are moving parts such as folding steps, aerial ladders, rollout shelves, aerial turntables, stabilizers, cab and compartment doors, etc.



### Rotating Parts Hazards

Common rotating parts include; drive shafts, power take-off shafts, cooling fans, compressors, generators and hose or cord reel drives. Do not wear loose clothing or other items that could get tangled in the shafts or fans. Many rotating parts can begin to spin without warning; therefore, treat each hazard as if it were spinning already.



## Hot Parts Hazards

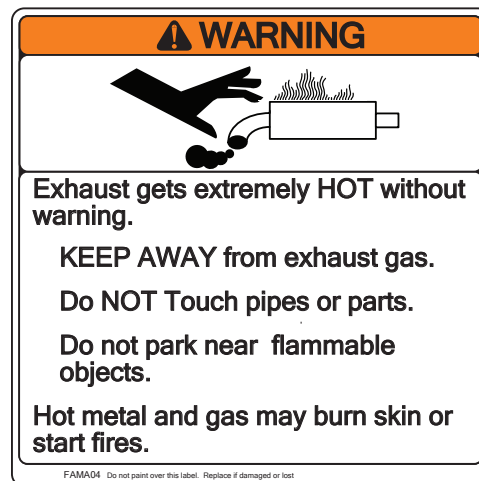
Common hot parts include; engine, exhaust, air compressors, water pumps, air conditioning compressors, foam pumps, line voltage generators, and fuel-fired heaters.

Diesel engines equipped with diesel particulate filters require regeneration that involves high heat. The exhaust system can get extremely hot without warning. Keep away from exhaust gas and do not park your apparatus where the exhaust pipe points toward or near flammable material.



## Exhaust Fumes

Internal combustion engines give off hazardous fumes while running. Never run your apparatus engine inside a building unless the exhaust discharge is connected to an extraction system. Diesel engine exhaust and some of its constituents are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. Do not operate any internal combustion engine in an area where exhaust gases can accumulate or serious injury or death may occur. If exhaust fumes are suspected of entering the vehicle cab, rectify the defect immediately. Do not perform a DPF regeneration inside a building. Do not stay inside your parked apparatus cab for extended periods of time with the engine running as exhaust fumes could seep into the cab causing illness or death.

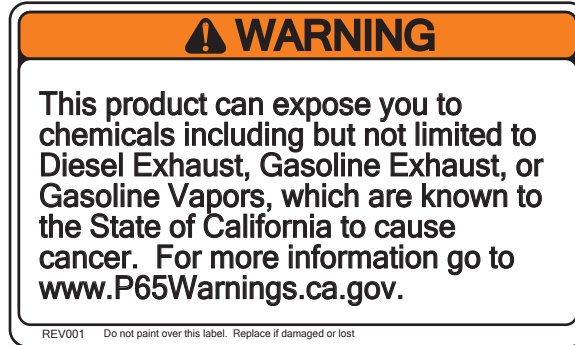


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## Chemical Exposure

Your apparatus could expose you to chemicals that the State of California has determined can cause cancer. Avoid exposure to these chemicals including Diesel Exhaust, Gasoline Exhaust, and Gasoline Vapors. Check with the California website to learn more at <https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/chemicals>.



## Fire

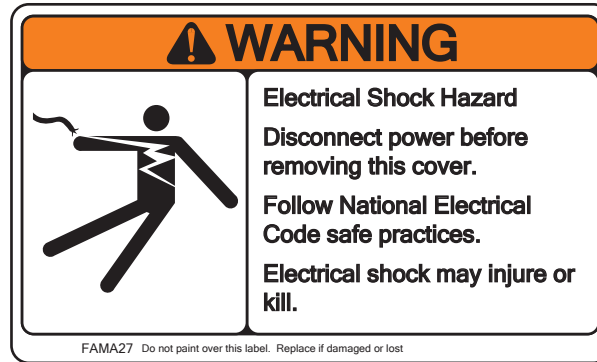
Your apparatus is composed of many parts that can catch on fire. These include fuel, oils, plastics, rubber, vinyl and cloth. It also has a source of ignition in the form of batteries and electrical wiring. Chaffed wires can cause heat or sparks that can start a fire. Avoid parking your apparatus, or any other motor vehicle, inside any structure that has common walls with a sleeping area. Install fire alarms and sprinklers in garage bays. Make sure that your apparatus is well maintained and that hot components and wire harnesses are kept free of grease, oils and other contaminants. Clean all build-up of oily or greasy dirt that can burn and spread a vehicle fire quickly.

If your apparatus catches on fire while driving:

- Bring vehicle to a complete stop as quickly as possible.
- Apply parking brake.
- Shut down engine.
- Turn off master power switch.
- Leave vehicle.

## Electrical Shock

Your apparatus may be equipped with line voltage capability (120 V, 240 V, etc.). Common sources of line voltage include invertors, gas or diesel generators, generators driven by power-take-off shafts from the main engine, or hydraulically powered generators. You will also have line voltage on board while you have your apparatus plugged in to shore power.



## Noise

Your apparatus may be equipped with audible warning devices that create loud noise to clear traffic. There may be local and state laws in your area governing the use of such devices. Use the city horn instead of the air horns and sirens unless needed.

Sirens produce loud sounds that may damage hearing:

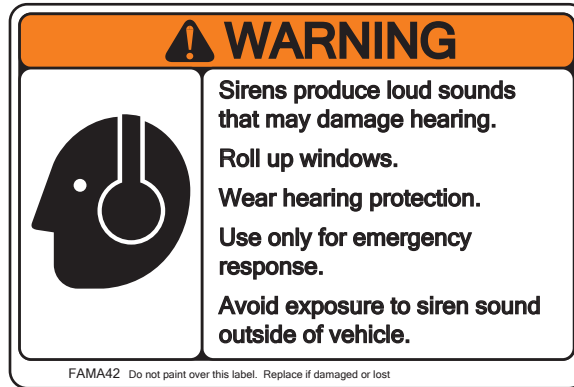
- Roll-up windows.
- Wear hearing protection.
- Use only for emergency response.
- Avoid exposure to siren sound.

Do not operate sirens or air horns with personnel standing in the immediate vicinity (within 50 ft. (15 m)) of the front of your apparatus.

Always use hearing protection such as ear plugs, muffs, or noise canceling intercom headsets to keep your noise exposure within the following NIOSH recommended limits.

Table 2-1: NIOSH Recommended Noise Limits

Duration Exposure per day (Hours)	TWA A-weighted SPL (db)
8	85
4	88
2	91
1	94
1/2	97
1/4	100
1/8 (7 min. 30 sec.)	103
1/16 (3 min. 45 sec.)	106
1/32 (1 min. 53 sec.)	109



Establish a departmental hearing conservation program to monitor the hearing levels of fire department personnel in accordance with the guidelines found in **NFPA 1500 Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety, Health and Wellness Program**.

Your apparatus is equipped with noise suppression components as part of the engine emissions system and powertrain. Do not remove or disable noise suppression components for any purpose other than maintenance, repair, or replacement.

## Undercarriage

Use special caution if you need to be underneath your apparatus for any reason. The bottom of your apparatus is not designed to be an operational area, and there are many hazards you will encounter including rotating drivelines, PTO shafts, hot exhaust, pumps, and components which may emit hot steam or chemicals. Inform others and use lock-out tag-out procedures before working beneath your apparatus.

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### Understand Your Operating Environment

#### Know Your Response Area

Your apparatus is higher, heavier, longer, and wider than many other vehicles on the road. State and Federal regulations allow fire apparatus to have higher axle weights than other commercial vehicles. These factors mean that you need to be more careful than other vehicles about where you can safely operate.

Drive your streets in your apparatus and plan your routes around the size, weight, and capability of your apparatus.

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**Any areas where your apparatus should not be driven. Plan response routes to cover your district while avoiding these hazards.**

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Pay special attention to the following:

- Road weight limits.
- Bridge weight limits.

- Low overhead wires.
- Low trestles, bridges, and under-passes.
- Low traffic signals.
- Railroad crossings.
- Cul de sacs, dead ends, and turn-arounds.
- Narrow roads and alleyways.
- Narrow roads with steep drop-offs or soft shoulders.

### Know Your Climate

Like any other machine, fire apparatus may require special consideration in inclement weather. High winds, freezing rain, flooding, snow, ice, as well as extreme heat or cold, can all present special challenges to safe operation. Think about the types of extreme weather common to your area and make a list of the special hazards these may present. You will find many weather related precautions throughout this manual. Identify special procedures to counter extreme conditions and practice them while in good weather so that you know what to do when nature turns against you.

### Know the Rules of the Road

Your local laws may allow you more road privileges than the general public, but they do not change the laws of physics. You must know the limitations of your apparatus, respect these limitations and drive defensively at all times. Your apparatus is a heavy vehicle that will take more time to accelerate, more distance to stop and is less stable in turns than your passenger vehicle. Heavy axle weights will make it more likely that if you wander onto a soft shoulder you will be drawn off the road and into a ditch. Always drive your apparatus safely and deliberately. The few extra minutes you save running the red light or driving fast through the curves will be lost if you don't arrive safely.

Check the operation of your lights and sirens prior to the start of each shift. Do not rely on your audible and visual warnings to clear the right of way. People may not hear, see or heed your warning signal. You must recognize this fact and continue driving cautiously.

### Traffic Signal Capturing

Your apparatus may include a system that works with your local traffic control signals to increase the potential that you will always get a green light at a controlled intersection. While such systems are useful to improve your response time, they are not foolproof. Like any mechanical or electrical system they are susceptible to failure. It is also possible that your apparatus gets pre-empted by another emergency vehicle with a higher priority. You should, therefore, never assume that you will get a green light. Always obey traffic signals.

## SECURING EQUIPMENT

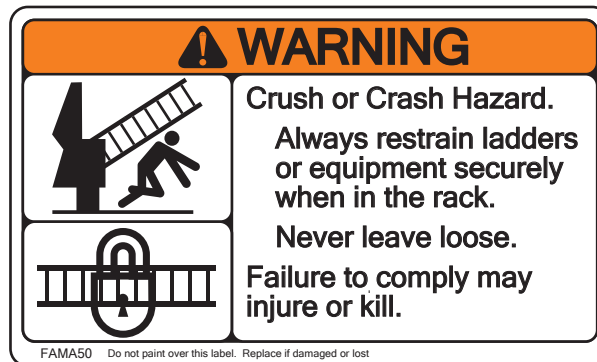
### Secure Interior Equipment

If your apparatus crashes it will stop quickly, but items inside the cab will keep going at the speed the apparatus was traveling prior to the crash. Only store items in a cab that can be secured in compartments or in strong brackets. The compartment or bracket should be able to hold the item even if you pull on it with a force equal to nine times its weight.



## Secure Exterior Equipment

Ground ladders or other equipment that falls off your apparatus can injure or kill drivers or pedestrians in your path. Make sure that every compartment door is closed and secured and every piece of equipment is locked in its bracket before you drive away. Inspect compartment door hardware and equipment brackets regularly to make sure your equipment stays on the apparatus where it belongs.



## Restrain Hose

Your apparatus includes a hose restraining method for all your designated hose storage areas. Hose that falls off your apparatus can injure or kill drivers or pedestrians in your path. Never drive your apparatus without the hose restraints securely in place.



## WORKING ON TOP OF YOUR APPARATUS

Slips, trips and falls are one of the most common ways of being injured when working around your apparatus.

### Avoid Climbing and Walking on Top

Avoid the need to climb on your apparatus by locating items you need to access during emergency operations in compartments that can be reached from the ground. Store equipment above ground level only that you can access in the station or other controlled environment where you can use safety ladders, lifts, or use fall protection equipment to retrieve them.

### Clean From the Ground

Perform routine windshield, cab glass, and mirror surfaces from the ground using brushes and squeegees mounted on extension poles. When better access is necessary for washing the entire apparatus use platforms, safety ladders or other means to avoid climbing on wet slippery surfaces.

### Use Three Points of Contact

Three points of contact means you have one hand and two feet, or two hands and one foot in contact with the vehicle at all times. If you can't find sturdy features to provide three points of contact, have the vehicle modified or repaired. When climbing, it is very difficult to maintain three points of contact without facing the vehicle. Always face your apparatus when getting on and off. Backing out is much safer.



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## Clean and Repair

Keep steps, walking surfaces, hand rails and shoes free of grease, mud, dirt, fuel, ice and snow. Inspect your apparatus steps, walking surfaces, and handrails frequently. If defects are found remove the apparatus from service until repairs can be made.

## Slip Resistant Surfaces

The NFPA standards specify the performance that slip resistant surfaces must meet. Only step or walk on surfaces that are slip resistant. If you must walk or work on a surface that is not slip resistant, do so only in a controlled environment using fall protection equipment. In addition to fall restraint devices, use rubber mats or other means to keep you from slipping.

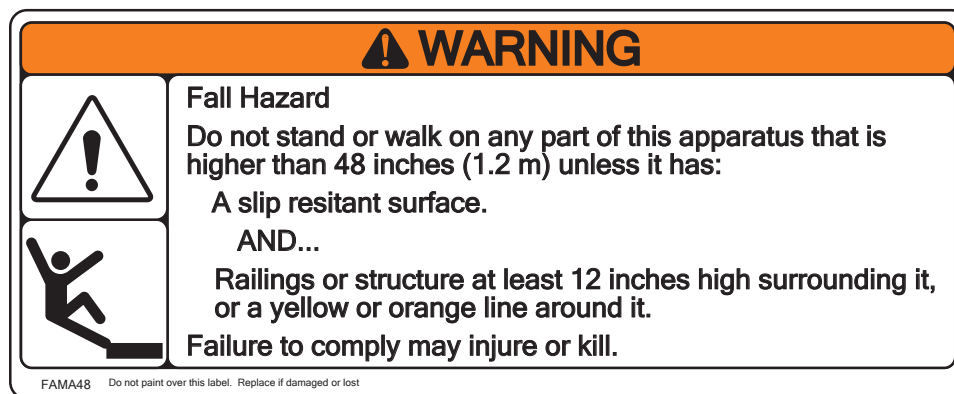
## Designated Stepping, Standing and Walking Surfaces

If your apparatus was contracted for after January 1, 2016, it will have designated standing or walking surfaces at any location above 48.0 in. (1,219.2 mm) from the ground where you may need to access during normal operation.

You can tell which surfaces are designated for standing or walking as follows:

- The surface will have a slip resistant surface. (Except for hose storage areas). AND...
- The surface will have a yellow or orange line surrounding it. OR...
- The surface will have railings or structure at least 12.0 in. (304.8 mm) high surrounding it.

Do not stand or walk on any feature of your apparatus that is over 48.0 in. (1,219.2 mm) above the ground unless it meets these criteria. Any surface over 48.0 in. (1,219.2 mm) high that does not meet these criteria must only be accessed using service ladders and a fall protection system or other safe means as determined by your fire department safety management personnel.



Some surfaces, such as diamond plate or tread plate may be used in construction of features that are not intended to be walked on. It may be used for aesthetic appeal, or to protect painted surfaces from wear. Just because a surface is constructed of diamond plate or tread plate does not mean that it is designated to be walked or stepped upon.



### Folding Steps or Ladders

Certain steps or ladders may be of a pivoting or folding design. They may deploy automatically, or they may need to be deployed by hand. In either case, make sure they are firmly engaged in the weight bearing position before using them. Also make sure they are stowed again before placing the vehicle in motion.



### Open Compartment Doors

When climbing or walking on the vehicle, never step on a horizontally hinged cover or compartment door that has been left open. Hold-open devices are not designed to support more than the weight of the door itself. Also, never step on the edge of a vertically hinged door that has been left open. In either case the doors will move and you are likely to fall.

### Working on Top of the Apparatus

For those times when working on the top of your apparatus is unavoidable, you must use extra precaution from the moment you leave the ground.

- Stay away from the edge.
- Always use three points of contact.
- Only step on surfaces that are slip resistant.
- Never step on open, horizontal compartment doors.
- Never step on open, vertical compartment door edges.

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## Climbing Prohibitions

Do not step or climb upon any vehicle surface unless it is slip resistant and handholds are provided. Never climb using features on your apparatus such as lights, sirens, inlet or outlet valves, controls, compartment doors, or other non-climbing features.

## Working Around the Apparatus

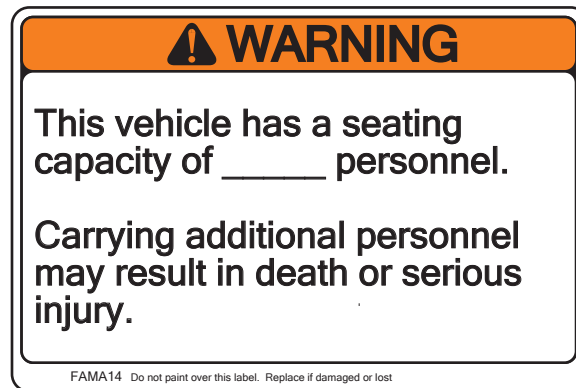
Open compartment doors that extend out from the vehicle may create a head-strike hazard to others working in the area. Take the time to close compartment doors after you have retrieved your equipment. This goes the same for other items that hang off the apparatus such as deployable ladder racks, slide-out shelves, hose trays, portable tank racks, etc. If you are working at night, be sure to light up the area to reduce the risk of running into things.

- Use scene lights during night operation.
- Always wear your fire helmet when working around your apparatus.
- Keep compartment doors, trays and equipment racks closed or stowed when not in use.

## RIDE SAFELY

### Cab Capacity

Your apparatus cab is designed to carry a maximum number of occupants while it is in motion. Never place the apparatus in motion with more than the maximum number as designated on the label in the cab and never without every occupant seated and belted.



### Seat Belts

Wearing your seat belt is the single most important thing you can do to keep yourself safe while riding in a fire apparatus. Put your gear on before you ride or plan to put it on after you arrive on the scene. Follow these rules to minimize your risk of injury during a crash:

- Always wear a seat belt when the vehicle is in motion.
- Ride with the seat back upright and your lap belt snug and low about the hips.
- Keep your shoulder belt snug against your chest.
- Never wear your shoulder belt under your arm or swing it around your neck over the inside shoulder.

- Never use a single belt for more than one person or one seating position.
- Place your seat belt inside the cab before closing the door.
- Have your belts replaced if they are damaged or worn.

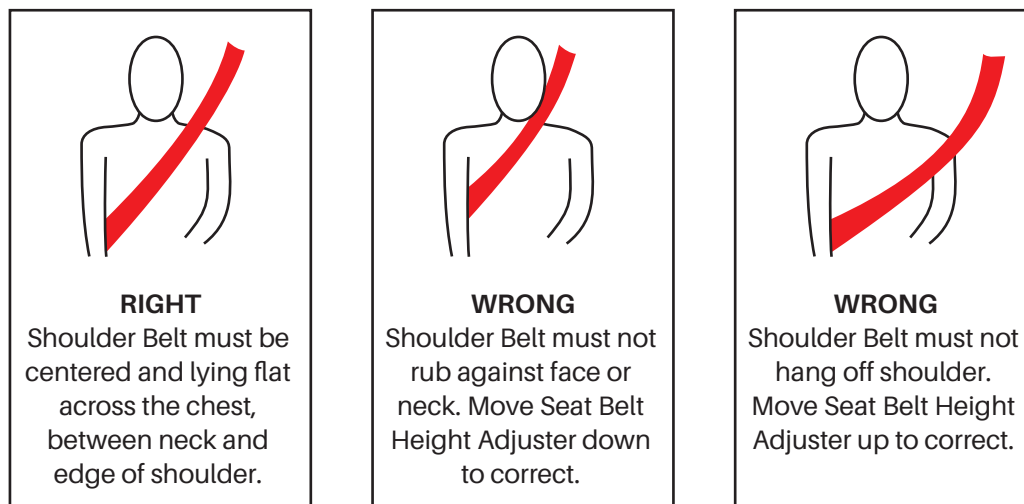


### Seat Back Position

Do not drive or ride with your seat back reclined. Your seatbelt may not function properly in a crash if the seat is reclined.

### Shoulder Belt Positioning

If your seat belt is equipped with a height adjuster, use it to move the shoulder belt into the proper position as shown.



### Safest Posture

Seat belts provide the best restraint when:

- Seat back is upright.
- Occupant is sitting upright; not slouched.
- Lap belt is snug and low on the hips.

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- Shoulder belt is snug against the chest.
- Knees are straight forward.

## Seatbelt Sliding Komfort Latch®

Your apparatus seat belts may be equipped with the Sliding Komfort Latch® that allows you to introduce a small amount of slack in the belt to relieve pressure on your chest while driving.

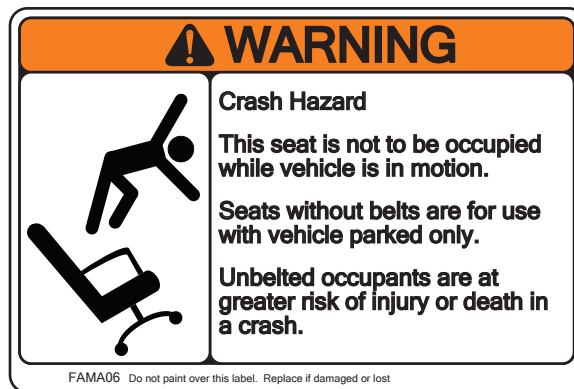
- Do not introduce more than 1.0 in. (25.4 mm) of slack when using the Sliding Komfort Latch®.
- Using the seat belt with too much slack can reduce its effectiveness during a crash.
- Always disengage the Sliding Komfort Latch® when removing the seat belt to allow the seat belt to fully retract.

## Transporting Children

Your apparatus occupant protection systems are designed to accommodate adult firefighters who may be wearing protective gear. It is not designed for transporting children. Do not transport children in your apparatus, they should be transported in appropriate passenger vehicles only.

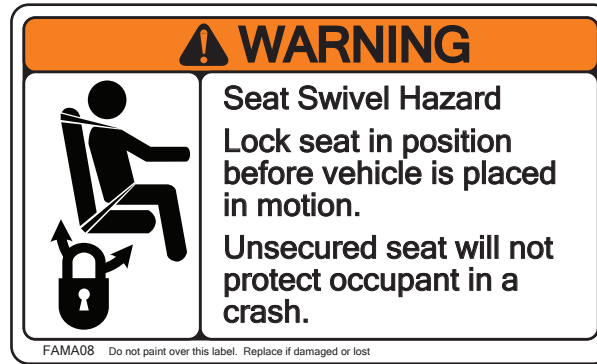
## Seats Without Seat Belts

Your apparatus may be equipped with work areas that include seats without seat belts. These seats are meant to be used only when the apparatus is stopped with the parking brake applied and the wheels properly chocked. If the seats are in an area of the apparatus that is occupied during driving, make sure they are either bolted down or otherwise secured so that they do not become a projectile in a crash.



## Swivel Seats

Your apparatus may be equipped with a seat that can be swiveled. The seat may be provided with multiple locking positions. Select the proper seating orientation before the vehicle is placed in motion and ensure that it is thoroughly engaged in the locked condition.



## Air Bags

Your apparatus may be equipped with inflatable occupant restraints (air bags) that inflate if the apparatus rolls onto its side. Your apparatus may also be equipped with inflatable occupant restraints that inflate during a frontal crash. These air bags will only be effective in helping to protect you in a crash if you are also wearing your seat belt. Your seatbelt and associated safety devices will position you to allow the air bags to be effective in a crash.

If your apparatus is equipped with both air bags and suspension style seats, then the system will include a device for pulling the suspension seat down to its lowest position prior to the air bag inflating. This will happen in a split second.

If your apparatus is equipped with air bags, you must learn where they are, where they will deploy and what other devices will deploy in a crash.

Always follow these rules:

- Learn where each air bag on the vehicle will deploy.
- Do not place objects in the path of an air bag deployment.
- Do not cover seats with clothing or other items that will interfere with air bag deployment.
- Keep items and body parts away from the path of the suspension seat mechanism and seat belt tensioning devices.

Failure to follow these precautions may increase the risk of death or injury in a crash.

## Cab Occupant Doors

Your cab hinged doors are designed with a first and second latch position. You can test this feature by closing the door so that the latch just rests against the striker, and pushing with a medium amount of force. You will be able to get the door latch to catch in the first latch position. The door will not be completely flush with the cab structure. Open the door and close it firmly to engage in the second latch position.

If your apparatus is equipped with sliding doors they will latch but may have only one latching position.

Always close your hinged cab doors firmly so that they engage completely in the second latch position. Never place your apparatus in motion unless all occupant doors are closed and latched.

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## Helmets

Fire helmets are designed for a specific purpose and are not intended to provide protection in a crash. Wear your fire helmets when working around your apparatus, but do not wear it when your apparatus is in motion. Use approved helmet holders or other means of restraining your helmet in the event of a crash.

### NFPA Instructions for Helmet Use in Structural Apparatus

Fire helmets shall not be worn by persons riding in enclosed driving and crew areas. Fire helmets are not designed for crash protection and they will interfere with the protection provided by head rests. The use of seat belts is essential to protecting firefighters during driving.



### NFPA Instructions for Helmet use in Wildland Fire Apparatus

Serious head/neck injury can result from helmet use in cab. Do not wear helmet while seated unless necessary during suppression operations. Fire helmets are not designed for crash protection and they will interfere with the protection provided by head rests. Reduction of head clearance can increase the risk of spinal compression injury from roof contact. The use of seat belts is essential to protecting firefighters during driving.



## SCBA Storage

Your apparatus may be equipped with SCBA storage in the seat backs. Some SCBA storage devices must be adjusted to the specific SCBA bottle size or SCBA pack make or model. Make sure the bracket is adjusted properly and that any straps, buckles or latches are fully engaged so that the pack will not come loose during a crash. Leave your pack straps off or keep them loose while sitting in the seat as the bracket is not designed to take the weight of both you and your pack during a crash.

Before placing your apparatus in motion:

- Ensure SCBA bottles and packs are properly secured.
- Use seat back insert in seats where SCBA pack is not being stored.
- If wearing the SCBA harness, make sure it is loose.
- Place movable headrests in the closed position.
- Adjust SCBA holders for the SCBA pack make, model, and size.



## SCBA Pack Buckles and Receivers

Your SCBA pack harnesses may be equipped with buckles and receivers that are similar to the buckles and receivers of your seat belts. Take care to ensure that you do not mistake one for the other. You will not be protected during a crash if the seat belt buckle is inserted into your SCBA pack receiver or vice versa.

## DRIVE SAFELY

### Controls Adjustment

It is important to keep your driving related controls properly adjusted for the person who will be driving. Make your adjustments at the start of your shift, and never make adjustment while driving. If you must readjust while driving, pull over when it is safe, stop the vehicle, place the transmission in neutral, apply the parking brake, and then make adjustments safely.

Adjust all controls prior to driving including the following:

- Steering wheel.
- Driver seat.
- Mirrors.
- Seat belt.
- Sun visor.

### Driver Seat Adjustment

Adjust your driver seat at the start of your shift. Do not adjust seats with apparatus in motion. To obtain best ride quality, adjust suspension seats to the center of their vertical travel. Ensure proper reach to steering wheel and pedals.

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## Mirror Adjustment

Adjust seat before adjusting mirrors. Adjust your mirrors at the start of your shift. Adjust mirrors in a way that will optimize visibility to the sides and the rear. Using a partner, have them walk around the sides and the rear of the vehicle to determine where the blind spots are. Make sure any exterior view cameras are pointed properly and that their lenses are clean and unobstructed.

- Know your blind spots.
- Adjust seats and mirrors at the start of every shift or before driving.

## Visibility Check

Ensure that you have excellent visibility using the following checklist:

- Windshield glass is clean.
- Cab side glass is clean.
- Mirrors are clean.
- Rear, side, or birds-eye cameras are clean and functioning.
- Windshield wipers function and blades are in a condition to wipe thoroughly.
- Washer fluid reservoir is full with commercial non-freezing washer fluid and washer sprayer is functioning.

## Seat Belt Monitoring

Your apparatus includes a seat belt monitoring system that will alert you when an occupant is sitting in a seat but has not buckled their seat belt. Always check this monitor and do not release the parking brake until all occupants are seated and belted.

## Know Your Tire Limitations

Fire apparatus axle weights are often higher than typical heavy trucks. Tire manufacturers recognize the need for fire apparatus to carry higher loads and that in most cases a fire apparatus does not travel at high speeds for long periods of time. Tire manufacturers will rate some of their tires with a special "fire service" intermittent duty rating. This allows the tire to carry greater loads or attain higher speeds as long as it does not have to do so for extended periods of time. To avoid tire degradation, fire service rated tires have limits on the amount of time they can be driven at high speed and high load before they must be allowed to cool down. Study your tire ratings, compare them to your in-service tire loads and know the speeds you can operate and any cool down periods that may be required.



## FEMA Fire Tanker Guidelines

The US Fire Administration's "Safe Operation of Fire Tankers" report is available as a pamphlet from **FEMA**, or it is available as a download from their website. Read this report completely, learn about the precautions and techniques it describes, and practice driving your fire tanker or tender safely. This report can be downloaded from the **FEMA** website at [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).

## Liquid Loads and High Center of Gravity

If your apparatus includes water, foam or other fluid tanks, you must take special precautions while driving. Liquid surge results from the movement of liquid in a partially full tank. There are two common times when liquid surge becomes a problem. The first is when you change directions, such as when negotiating a curve in the road. If you enter the curve too fast, centrifugal force will cause the liquid to surge against the wall of the tank and push your apparatus away from the turn. In severe situations, this surge can be sufficient to push you off the roadway or cause you to rollover.

Liquid surges will also affect your apparatus when stopping. During braking, the liquid surges toward the front of the tank. This additional force surging forward can further increase the stopping distance of your apparatus. After you come to a stop, the liquid in the tank will continue to slosh back and forth. On slippery road surfaces, this could cause your apparatus to be pushed forward into a hazard such as an intersection or a railroad crossing.

Whenever possible, do not drive with partial water loads. Keep the water tank full or empty when driving.

In addition to the hazard of a liquid load, your apparatus has a higher center of gravity (CG) than a passenger vehicle. A high CG makes your apparatus more likely to roll over in a turn. Never exceed the posted cautionary speed limit.

These combinations of factors mean that you need to slow down and be extra careful when making maneuvers such as:

- Lane changes.
- Curves at highway speeds.
- Tight radius turns.
- Downgrades leading into ramps.
- Curves on roads without a bank.
- Tight radius exits and off-ramps.

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- Driving on any road with a cautionary speed limit posted.

## Driving on Rough Roads

Your apparatus is primarily designed to operate on smooth paved surfaces. Driving on un-paved or poorly maintained roads will require you to slow down and proceed with caution. Your seating systems may not compensate for severe road conditions leading to injury. Slow down and use caution prior to encountering severe road conditions such as:

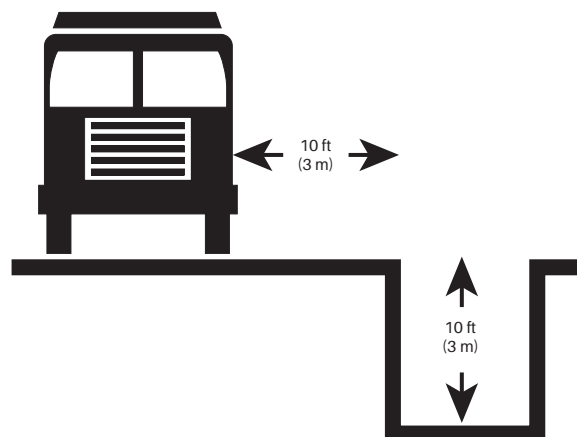
- Potholes, ruts or sinkholes.
- Speed bumps.
- Railroad crossings.
- Road construction.

## Driving Off-Road

When you leave the public roads you must take extra precautions to ensure the safety of yourself, your vehicle, and those around you. It is likely that your apparatus has higher axle weights than typical off-road capable trucks and will be more susceptible to sinking into soft soil. A fluid load and higher center of gravity also require additional caution.

Know the capability of your apparatus and follow these guidelines:

- Always drive straight up or down a hill; never drive sideways on a hill.
- Get out and look. Walk the terrain before proceeding into unknown conditions.
- Check off-road conditions in your response area ahead of time so that you will know what to expect.
- Stay clear of excavations that are not properly shored up. Stay as far away from an excavation as it is deep (One to one ratio rule).
- Look for off-road hazards such as marshy areas, buried culverts, private bridges, animal dens, or other features that may not support your weight.



One-to-One Ratio Stay-Away Rule

## No-Spin Axle Differential

Your apparatus may be equipped with a No-Spin differential or differential lock. With this feature engaged, use extreme caution when accelerating or decelerating on slippery or unstable surfaces. Vehicles equipped with traction or locking differentials are inherently more sensitive to side-slip.

Operate in low gear when coasting downhill into a turn. Braking capacity is reduced when a No-Spin or locking differential equipped vehicle makes a turn while coasting downhill.

## Tire Chains

Never install tire chains on the steer tires. Installation of tire chains on the front tires may cause extensive damage to the cab as well as safety critical parts of the steering and brake systems. Damage to these components may lead to serious injury or death.

## Water Fording

Your apparatus is not designed for operation in deep water. Your apparatus is capable of fording fresh stationary water at a depth not to exceed the center of the tire at slow speeds and for short distances only. Fording deeper water, at faster speeds, and for longer distances, can damage apparatus components leading to equipment failure, loss of apparatus capability, and expensive repairs. Never drive into flowing water like flash floods, rivers, creeks or streams. Flowing water has tremendous power and can sweep your apparatus away.

Components that will be affected by high water operation include:

- **Engine air intake** - Water in the air intake will cause the engine to stop and may cause extensive damage.
- **Drive Axles** - Breathers on the top side of drive axle housings can ingest water causing axle gear damage.
- **Engine Fan** - Operating in high water can cause fan blade damage.
- **Electronics** - Connectors, wiring, electronic modules, can be damaged or shorted out by submersion.
- **Batteries** - Submersion of the apparatus batteries will kill the batteries and stall the engine.

Operation in salt water will cause damaging corrosion and lead to equipment failure.

Always know the depth of water before proceeding.

## Heater Shut-Off Valve

Your apparatus may be equipped with a heater shut-off valve. This valve may have been specified by your department to ensure that there is no hot coolant supplied to the cab heater core during hot seasons of the year. Use this valve with caution and make sure it is open whenever needed. Use of the heater shut-off valve will prevent warm air from circulating through the defroster system and may lead to a reduced ability to clear humidity from the windshield and subsequent reduced driver visibility.

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## STOP SAFELY

### Brake System Pressure

Your apparatus braking system relies on air pressure created by a pump that runs off the apparatus engine. Do not release the parking brake and move the vehicle until the front and rear air gauges indicate at least 60 psi. (413.68 kPa) in both circuits. 100 psi. (689.47 kPa) is preferred for maximum stopping capability.

### Anti-Lock Brake Systems

Your apparatus is equipped with an anti-lock braking system (ABS). ABS monitors the rotation of the wheels and pulses the brakes when it senses a skid. This can help you maintain control during a stop. ABS can greatly increase the control you have when stopping on wet or slippery surfaces, but it cannot provide more braking performance than the road conditions will permit. Your apparatus is big and heavy and should always be operated with caution knowing that it takes a lot of energy to bring it to a stop.

### Maintaining Control

- Do not pump brakes on vehicles equipped with ABS. Anti-lock type brakes pulsate to prevent lock-up. Pumping brakes defeats the anti-lock function.
- Hold the steering wheel with both hands on opposite sides of the wheel.
- Always look 12 to 15 seconds ahead of where you are driving.
- Ensure adequate distance between the vehicle you are driving and the vehicle ahead. Braking distances can double when the vehicle is loaded.

### New Brake Lining Performance

If your apparatus has had its brake linings replaced, they will need to be broken in before they will perform as well as the old linings did. Brake linings need to be “burnished” after installation. This is the process of wearing the high spots off the linings so that they grab over their entire surface. Be alert to any service work on your apparatus involving brake lining replacement and adjust your driving accordingly. The vehicle’s stopping distance and the capability of the vehicle to hold on a specific grade may decrease temporarily whenever new brake lining material is installed.

### Quick Build-Up Air Brake Pressure System

Your apparatus may include a quick build-up air brake feature as required by **NFPA® 1900 Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Vehicles, Automotive Fire apparatus, Wildland Fire Apparatus, and Automotive Ambulances**. The quick build-up feature allows the vehicle to be driven even though the front air brake reservoir may not have sufficient air pressure to enable sustained or full force braking.

While this is a requirement of the **NFPA** standard, it is not recommended ever beginning to drive your apparatus without the air reservoirs fully charged. If you chose to make use of the quick build-up feature you must drive slowly and cautiously until your brake reservoirs are charged to above 60 psi. (413.68 kPa).

You can reduce the risk of leaving on a call with low air pressure by always connecting the air brake system to an external air supply whenever it is in the station.

### Auxiliary Braking Systems

If your apparatus is over 3,600 lbs. (1,632 kg). GVW, it will be equipped with one of the following auxiliary brake systems:

- Allison transmission retarder.
- Telma electromagnetic retarder.
- Jake Brake.
- OEM Engine Compression brake.
- OEM Exhaust brake.

All of these systems apply braking force through the drive wheels only.

During slippery road conditions or inclement weather, an auxiliary braking system may cause rear wheel lock-up and loss of vehicle control. Turn your auxiliary braking system(s) off before encountering slippery conditions.

If you forget or fail to turn off your auxiliary brake in slippery conditions and begin to lose control, apply the service brakes and make a safe stop. If the ABS senses a loss of braking control it will disengage the auxiliary brake and initiate an ABS event, helping you maintain control.

### Descending Steep Grades

You should use a combination of service brake application, transmission down-shifting, and auxiliary braking when descending a steep grade. Anticipate steep grades and downshift before you begin to descend. Downshifting to a lower transmission range increases engine braking and helps you to maintain control. Apply the vehicle brakes or other retarding device to prevent exceeding engine governed speed in the lower range selected. Service brakes can overheat and lose effectiveness if used too much. To help avoid loss of control, use a combination of downshifting, braking, and other retarding devices.

### Electronic Stability Control

Your apparatus may be equipped with an Electronic Stability Control (ESC) system. This system knows which direction you are pointing the wheel and pumps the brakes appropriately to help point the apparatus in the direction that you are turning. This system is most effective on slippery surfaces.

ESC cannot prevent accidents or loss of control of the vehicle. You can still exceed the physical limitations of the system with either excess speed or extreme cornering, causing a loss of directional control or rollover.



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## Parking Brakes and Wheel Chocks

Your apparatus has a parking brake knob that must be engaged any time you leave the driver's seat. You must always place the transmission in Neutral (N) and then engage the Park Brake. As soon as you leave the cab, you must chock the wheels. Wheel chocks will help keep your apparatus from rolling in the event that the parking brakes malfunction or are released unintentionally.

## Auxiliary Front Wheel Lock

Your apparatus may be equipped with an auxiliary front wheel lock system. The auxiliary front wheel lock feature uses air brake system pressure to keep the front brakes applied while parked. This system uses air pressure (rather than a passive spring) to keep the front brakes engaged and should only be used with the engine running and a qualified attendant present at all times. This feature is meant to enhance the parking performance of the vehicle, but it does not take the place of the spring brakes or the act of chocking the wheels. Always use wheel chocks.

## Backing Your Apparatus

According to the National Safety Council, one out of four vehicle accidents can be blamed on poor backing techniques. Avoid backing hazards by planning ahead and avoid situations where you will need to back up:

- Choose pull-through parking spaces.
- If parking in an alley, back into it so that you are pulling forward onto the street when you leave.

### Before backing:

- Get to know your vehicle's blind spots. In a typical truck, blind spots can extend up to 16 ft. (4.87 m) in front of and 160 ft. (48.76 m) behind a vehicle. Use a helper who can walk around your vehicle while it is parked to get to know when you can and cannot see them. Remember, mirrors can never give the whole picture while backing.
- Check for people, children or obstructions in the area.
- Check for soft soil, potholes, tire hazards, low hanging trees, powerlines or other dangers.
- Agree with your spotter that they will use hand signals and make sure your both understand their meaning.
- Equip spotter with reflective vest or other reflective gear.
- If backing at night, provide spotter with illuminated wands.

### While backing:

- Use a spotter to assist.
- Don't allow your spotter to walk backwards while giving instructions.
- Keep your spotter in your mirror and don't let them stand in the path of your apparatus.
- Place your transmission in reverse and listen for the back-up alarm before taking your foot off the brake.



## PARKING SAFELY

### Parking On a Grade

Park on level ground whenever possible. Never park on a steep grade (a grade that is more than 20 percent). A 20 percent grade means that the ground rises one foot vertically for every 20 ft. (6.10 m) of horizontal distance. Your apparatus is not designed to park safely on any grade that is steeper than 20 percent.

When parking on any grade, set the parking brake and then remove your foot from the service brake pedal slowly. Observe the ground to make sure your apparatus is not moving. If your apparatus moves, relocate your apparatus to a more level location. Chock your wheels immediately upon exiting.

### Park Away From Fire

When positioning your apparatus at a fire scene, be aware of where the fire is and where it is likely to spread. Park up-wind from the fire and in an area where the apparatus will be protected from direct heat and flames. High heat will melt lights, damage paint and, in extreme cases, catch the apparatus on fire.

Burning embers in the engine air filter can start the engine and vehicle on fire. Your apparatus is equipped with an ember screen to reduce the likelihood of burning embers catching the air cleaner media on fire, but it is not a guarantee. Determine where the air intake opening is located on your apparatus and avoid running the engine in an ember rich environment to minimize any possibility of catching the rig on fire.

### Park Away From Fuel Vapors

Your apparatus is powered by a diesel engine. A diesel engine does not require a spark for ignition and will continue to run as long as there is fuel available. If you run your engine in an atmosphere that is laden with fuel vapors, such as at a fuel spill or gas leak, the engine may increase speed uncontrollably. If turning the ignition switch or battery switch OFF does not cause the engine to stop running it may be in a runaway situation. The only way to stop the engine in this situation is to eliminate the fuel source. Engage the emergency engine stop (if so equipped), eliminate the source of the fuel vapors, or cover the engine air intake to starve the engine of air and vapor.

### Leaving Apparatus Unattended

Never leave your apparatus unattended. If your apparatus includes an aerial device, stow the aerial and retract the stabilizers. Park the apparatus in a secured location, and take other precautions as necessary to ensure that unauthorized personnel are prohibited from operating it.

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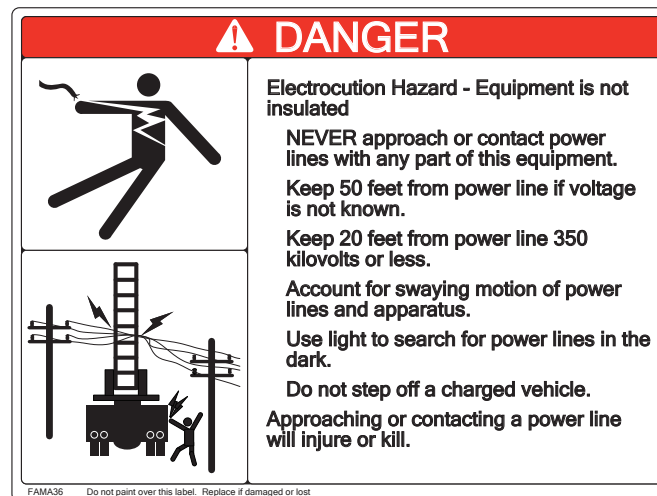
## Park Away From Power Lines

Look up and live. Always check the area and identify power lines before positioning your apparatus. Make sure you are well clear of power lines before raising equipment such as aerial devices or light masts. Never climb onto the apparatus if it will bring you closer than 20 ft. (6.10 m) from an overhead wire. Overhead power lines are not insulated. Some lines have a weather covering and appear to be insulated; they are not.

You or your apparatus do not need to touch a power line to be energized. Electricity arcs across ionized paths of air when a conductor is close enough. Consider all overhead wires or cables to be hazardous and dangerous. Never touch the outside of a vehicle you suspect may be energized while you are standing on the ground. Electricity will flow from the vehicle through you and into the ground. Move away from the vehicle and stay away. Warn others to stay away.

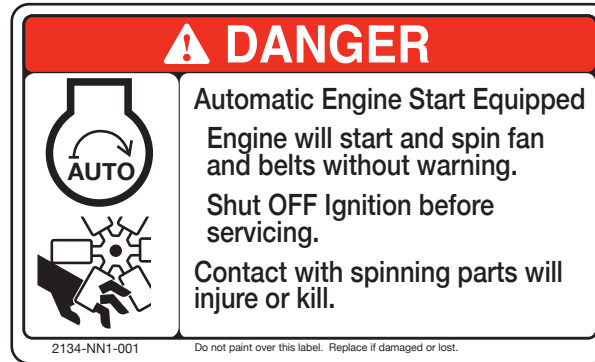
Unless the vehicle is on fire, it is safer to stay in the charged vehicle than to attempt to exit. If it is necessary to exit the vehicle, jump as far away as possible while landing with both feet together. Maintain your balance. Fall forward and away from, rather than backward and towards the vehicle. Once clear of the vehicle, don't return until a power company representative confirms that it is safe and that the line has been de-energized and grounded. Do not attempt to rescue a person in or on a charged vehicle.

- Look up and live.
- Stay in or on a charged vehicle.
- Stay away from vehicles charged by power lines.
- Keep vehicle, people and equipment away from power lines.



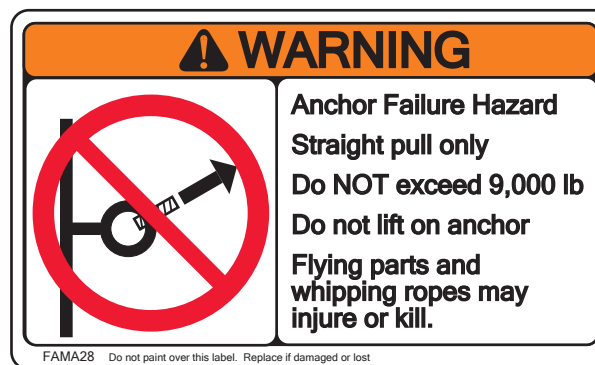
## Idle Mitigation

Your apparatus may be equipped with idle mitigation technology to improve fuel economy and reduce the carbon footprint of the apparatus. This system shuts the main chassis engine off and then starts it again when the idle mitigation batteries require recharging. When the engine starts, the fan, belts, and other components will spin. Keep hands, clothes and other body parts clear of all powertrain components. Never crawl or work beneath your apparatus or work near your apparatus powertrain unless the ignition switch and the battery switch are both in the OFF position. Use lock-out tag-out procedures before servicing or maintaining.



### Winch and Rope Anchors

Your apparatus may be equipped with a hitch receiver or other device intended to anchor a portable winch or to be a tie-off point for rope operations. Pulling in a direction other than a straight line away from these anchors must be done with extreme caution. Your anchor is designed for maximum pull in a straight line away from the apparatus only. Align your apparatus with the pull or the capacity of the anchor will be significantly reduced and you risk an anchor failure.



### FUEL SAFELY

Before fueling, turn off the engine. Put your apparatus in neutral, set the parking brake, turn off the ignition switch, and chock the wheels.

Use only ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel (15 ppm sulfur).

Disable or turn off any auxiliary sources of ignition such as on-board fuel operated line voltage generators or fuel-fired heaters.

Do not smoke, light matches or lighters while refueling.

Use only the refueling latch provided on the dispenser nozzle.

Stay at the nozzle until the tank is full.

Never blend gasoline, gasohol and/or alcohol with diesel fuel. This practice creates an extreme fire hazard and under certain conditions an explosive hazard.

Check and fill the DEF tank with DEF if required.

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Never add DEF to the Diesel fuel tank, and never add Diesel fuel to the DEF tank. In either case severe engine and/or emissions system damage will occur.

## BEFORE PLACING YOUR APPARATUS IN-SERVICE

No truck should be placed into service if there is any doubt or evidence of improper or inadequate function of any of the components or systems.

### Install Electronic Equipment Properly

Do not add electrical devices to your apparatus unless they are installed by qualified service technicians who understand how to provide proper circuit protection. Always replace fuses or circuit breakers with the correct size. Improper fuse or circuit breaker sizing can cause wires to overheat and burn.

Do Not Install Equipment in Air Bag Path.

If your apparatus includes Inflatable Occupant Restraints, determine where each of the air bags is located, and where their deployment path will be. Never mount equipment in the path of an air bag. This includes the following areas.

- The outboard area between a seat and the side of the cab.
- Between the front passenger seat and the dash (officer knee area).
- Between the driver seat and the dash (driver knee area).
- Under any seat suspension.
- On the steering wheel.

### Install Front Bumper Mounted Equipment Properly

Avoid mounting equipment in a manner that blocks airflow to the grill. Large items blocking air to the grill may degrade cooling performance and cause the engine to overheat during heavy use and high ambient temperatures.

When mounting equipment to the bumper deck plate of a tilt cab, consider the motion of the cab when tilting to avoid interference in the tilted condition.

When mounting equipment to the bumper deck plate, do not block headlights, warning lights or flashers, turn signals, and side markers. Blocking any of the above can put the apparatus and personnel in danger of a collision that may cause injury and/or death.

### Install Cab Interior Equipment Properly

Consider the effect of cab tilt on equipment storage to avoid damage from items falling forward when the cab is tilted for service or maintenance.

Monitor the weight of items installed in a tilt cab, or stored in tilt cab storage areas. Too much weight inside the cab may prevent the cab from being tilted for service or maintenance.

Refer to **NFPA** guidelines when mounting equipment inside the cab to avoid unnecessary risk of injury from flying objects during a collision.

Use caution if drilling into cab walls and headliners to mount equipment, as there may be wiring, heater hoses, or air conditioning hoses hidden beneath the surface.

Never mount any equipment in the deployment path of an air bag, seat belt pretensioner, or suspension seat pull-down device.

## **Install Air Pressure Operated Equipment Properly**

Any air-operated equipment must only be added to the air system downstream of a pressure protection valve.

Consider the airflow requirements of any air-operated accessory that will draw pressure from the vehicle system. The engine air compressor output is but a fraction of its total capacity at engine idle and will not keep up with the continuous operation of most shop type air tools.

Pressure protection valves are installed in both front and rear brake systems to ensure that no other air pressure requirements of the vehicle are allowed to deplete the vehicle braking system capabilities.

Addition of any air pressure equipment added by the end user up-stream of these pressure protection valves will negate the conformance of the vehicle to this **NFPA** recommendation and property damage, personal injury and/or death could result.

## **Consider Dissimilar Metals When Mounting Equipment**

Consider the metal types whenever mounting accessories. Dissimilar metals placed in direct contact with each other and subjected to moisture will form a galvanic reaction that will lead to rapid corrosion and possible failure of the mount, fastener, or base material. Select mounting material and fasteners to avoid dissimilar metals, or coat all mounting surfaces, base material, and fasteners with a commercial grade-rust proofing agent such as those conforming to MILC-0083933A specification.

## **Load your Apparatus Properly**

Before placing the apparatus in service, load all compartments with the intended equipment and manpower. Top off all fluid tanks and obtain front and rear axle weights from a certified scale. Compare the results to the axle capacities listed on the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) information decal located inside the cab. In service weights must not exceed the axle capacities listed on the tag. If the scale weights are higher than the gross axle weight rating (GAWR) values listed on the label, move or remove equipment and re-weigh the apparatus until you are within the axle's limits.

Once you have each axle within its GAWR limits, obtain individual wheel weights and be sure you are within 7% weight difference from side to side.

Establish a routine of repeating the axle weight review at least annually to ensure that changes in equipment storage or other variables have not increase the axle loading beyond their placarded capacity.

## **Establish Correct Tire Pressure Values**

Use the in-service axle weights to determine the correct tire pressure values using the latest information from your tire manufacturer (available on-line). Each tire manufacturer provides charts that will tell you the proper tire pressure for the load that the tire is carrying. Be sure to use the correct data based on your specific tire make, model, and size. Record the correct tire pressure settings on your vehicle inspection checklist. Adjust your tire pressure to match these values.

## NOTICE

The tire pressure indicated on the FMVSS label located in your apparatus cab will be based on loading your tires to the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR). If your apparatus in-service axle weight is less than the GAWR, then you should decrease the tire pressure to the correct value based on your in-service load. Failing to do so will reduce handling performance and lead to a rougher ride.

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### Leaf Spring Suspensions With U-Bolts

Your apparatus may be equipped with a leaf spring suspension at the front, the rear, or both. Leaf springs can settle during the initial run-in process, dropping by as much as 0.50 in. (12.7 mm) U-bolts must be tightened to their proper torque after the first 500 miles (804.672 km) of apparatus driving, or 500 miles (804.672 km) after a spring has been replaced.

### Safety Equipment

Ensure that all of the safety equipment required by **NFPA**, your department policy, and applicable regulations are on the apparatus or available including:

- Personal Protective Ensembles.
- Fall Protection Belts, Tethers, or Harnesses.
- Wheel Chocks.
- Traffic Cones or Flares.
- Fire Extinguishers.
- Safety Vests.
- AEDs.

### Demonstration and Training

Factory or dealer demonstration may be provided to familiarize you or a department with the apparatus. Training is the responsibility of the department and should include instruction, experience, and skills testing. All personnel that will operate the apparatus should have completed department authorized training in accordance with **NFPA 1451 Standard for a Fire and Emergency Service Vehicle Operations Training Program**.

## PUMPER SAFETY

### Storing, Deploying and Retrieving Hose Safely

Your apparatus may be equipped with hose storage areas. There are hazards related to stowing and laying hose and you must develop safe procedures for doing both.

Your department may choose to drive your apparatus during the hose laying or stowing procedure. This must be done with extreme caution and under the supervision of fire department authorities. Your apparatus is designed to transport personnel while seated and belted in the cab only. Any procedure that involves personnel riding on the apparatus, working around a moving apparatus or handling hose that is being dropped off a moving apparatus, involves risks that your apparatus was not designed to avoid. Understand these risks and develop your safety procedures accordingly. Your procedure should address the following risks:

## **Snags and Snarls**

Hose storage areas may have structural features or components that can snag hose while it is being pulled out. Such features may include hose chutes, hose bed cover supports, emergency lighting, access steps, hand rails, pre-connect piping, etc. You will need to develop hose packing and deploying methods that will reduce the possibility of snags.

Pack hose carefully in any hose storage area to minimize the risk of hose or connections snagging or snarling during deployment. Hose that snags or snarls during deployment from a moving vehicle can whip violently, causing death or injury.

## **Slips and Falls**

Develop hose practices that will protect yourself and others from slips and falls. This may include the use of auxiliary ladders, scaffolding, safety harnesses or other methods while stowing hose in areas that are high up on your apparatus.

## **Driving while Deploying**

If you choose to drive your apparatus to deploy hose, never drive faster than you have determined to be safe, and definitely never faster than 5 mph (8 kph). Your apparatus is very heavy and powerful. It will not be stopped by a hose. If the end of the hose is held firmly to a hydrant or other object and the deploying hose catches on part of the apparatus, the hose in between will whip violently and forcefully causing damage, injury or death.

Do not stand on or near hose and hose couplings when vehicle is moving. Never wrap hose around you or others while deploying. Serious injury may result.

## **Driving while Retrieving**

Do not reload hose by backing the vehicle up while personnel are walking behind the vehicle. This is an extremely hazardous practice. Drive forward over the top of the hose so that you can always see where you are driving. Stop after each section has passed the rear bumper, place the transmission in neutral, and apply the parking brake. Only when you are sure the vehicle is stopped and the parking brakes are set should you signal that it is safe for personnel to approach the apparatus and load the section of hose that is now behind the vehicle. When that section has been loaded, clear the area and drive forward over the next section. Repeat this process until all the hose has been loaded.

Consider other methods such as using hose rolling devices that make it easy to roll each section of hose and wheel it by hand to the parked apparatus. Whatever method you choose, always place the safety of your crew ahead of time or efficiency considerations.



## Hose Bed Covers

Your apparatus may be equipped with solid hose bed covers. These covers are heavy and will be affected by strong winds and the grade the vehicle is parked on. The vehicle should be parked on level ground when the cover is lifted. Do not lift the cover in strong winds. Use two people to lift the cover. Make sure the cover restraining devices are in place and secured before releasing the hold of the cover. Make sure personnel have a secure hold of the cover when releasing the restraint device. Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious injury.

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### Hose on the Fire Scene

If your apparatus is equipped with a pump it can produce very high water pressure. Fire hose under pressure can burst without warning. Use only tested hose with your apparatus and never straddle or stand over a charged hose. Hose fittings can fail without warning. Inspect hose fittings for cracks, chips or other damage and replace when worn or damaged. An uncontrolled hose discharging foam or water will whip violently. Never pressurize a hose unless the discharge nozzle is closed and the nozzle is held or secured firmly.

### Testing Hose

Your apparatus was never designed to be a hose testing device. While **NFPA® 1962** *Care, Use, Inspection, Service Testing and Replacement of Fire Hose, Couplings, Nozzles, and Fire Hose Appliances* does include a procedure for using a stationary pump or apparatus for hose testing, we recommend employing a proper hose testing machine as a much safer alternative. Hose test machines can develop the required test pressure at very low power levels. Since the whole point of hose testing is the assumption that your hose has seen service that might render it incapable of standing up to the test pressure, it is much more prudent to perform hose tests with the proper equipment. **WE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURY IF YOU DECIDE TO USE YOUR APPARATUS TO TEST HOSE AS YOUR APPARATUS WAS NOT DESIGNED TO DO SO SAFELY.**

## DISCHARGE WATER SAFELY

Your water pump is a powerful machine which can hurl many tons of water every minute. This type of power can do great good in suppressing fire, but it can do great damage if not handled properly. Always treat pressurized hose and piping with the greatest respect and be thoroughly trained on safe pumping procedures before operating your pump. Be sure to avoid the following potential hazards:

### Water Stream

You should use water streams for fire suppression only. Never direct your water stream at a person. Never open a discharge valve where the stream could strike a person. Water streams may knock people to the ground, causing injury or death.

### Power Lines and Fire Suppression

Water is a conductor of electricity. Recognize the ability of water to conduct electricity. Never spray water around high voltage electrical wires. Electricity can travel down a water stream. Never spray water or foam through or onto live electric wires.

### Boiling Discharge Water

It is essential that you always keep your pump water cool. This means that you must always circulate cool water through the pump. Your apparatus may include a recirculation valve that must be opened, or your apparatus may require the tank-to pump valve be open and the tank-fill valve to be opened slightly. You must know how your pump works and the necessary steps to keep the water cool. A pump without a constant supply of cool water flowing through it can quickly overheat the water. Hot water and steam may cause severe burns if overheated water is discharged on you or another person.

### Matching Equipment to Pump Pressure

Your apparatus was manufactured with fittings, valves and piping connections as specified by your department. You must be sure that fittings, valves, connections, hoses and nozzles that you use with your apparatus are compatible, tested and capable of the flow rates and pressures that you will be using them with. Hoses, valves and fittings can explode if pressure capacity is exceeded. Never exceed the working pressure of downstream devices.

### Pump Operation

Your pumping apparatus will power the pump using either the main truck driveline, a power-take-off from the engine or transmission, or a separate dedicated engine. You must study and learn how to properly engage, disengage and operate the pump on your apparatus. As a custom apparatus, every pump control layout may be different as specified by your department. The operation of your pump was demonstrated by your apparatus dealer at the time of delivery to members of your department who are responsible for training you in proper operation. Also study the *IFSTA Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook* to learn critical information on proper pumping procedures.

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## Emergency Pump Procedures With Failed Engine Control

Your apparatus may control pump pressure with a manual engine control and a relief valve or with a pressure governor. In either case, you should learn what to do if your primary pump control fails. Many apparatus can continue to pump after a control system failure by stationing an operator in the driver's seat and having them control engine speed with the foot accelerator. This procedure can be used in an emergency, but the firefighters on the lines should be immediately recalled from imminent danger, and the apparatus should be replaced on the fire scene as soon as possible. Take great care to keep a steady foot on the pedal to avoid sudden fluctuations in pressure.

## Pressure Fluctuations

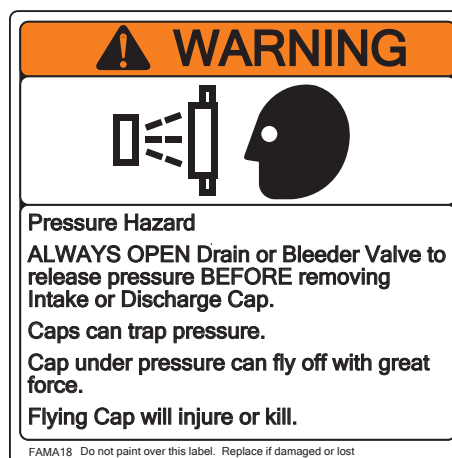
Sudden changes in water pressure are hazardous to firefighters at the end of a hose. Rapidly fluctuating pressure in a fire hose can cause the hose to whip. You must learn to avoid the many causes of pressure fluctuation including:

- Turning off a pressure governor.
- Sudden adjustments to engine speed.
- Opening or closing valves too quickly.
- Failing to remove air from pipes and hoses.

Always bleed the air from the intake lines before opening the intake valve at the apparatus. Stay alert for fluctuations in hose pressure and react quickly and safely when they do occur.

## Intake and Discharge Caps

Your pumping apparatus may be equipped with either threaded or Storz-type couplings. In either case, you must avoid the hazard of removing intake or discharge caps that have pressure behind them. Intake and discharge caps can trap pressure if the valve controlling the connection is opened and then closed again when there is pressure in the system. This pressure can remain trapped between the cap and the valve for a long time. Always open the drain or bleeder valves first to relieve any pressure that may be trapped behind the cap before attempting to remove it. Open caps slowly and never stand in front of a cap during its removal. If you open a cap with pressure behind it, the cap may blow out at you with extreme force. You or others may be injured or killed.



## Pump and Roll

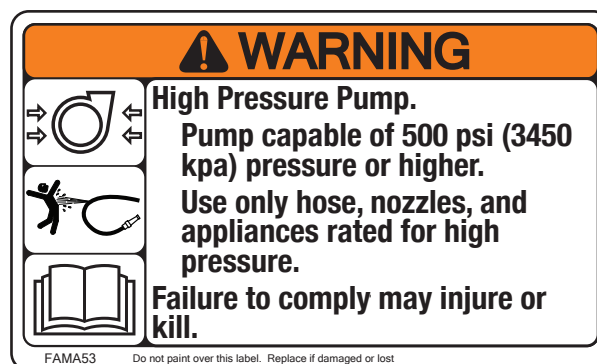
Your apparatus may be designed to Pump and Roll. This means that you can discharge water while the apparatus is moving. This may be beneficial for fighting grass or wildland fires. While the apparatus may have this capability, you must take particular care if you use this capability.

Remember that your apparatus is designed to transport personnel only if they are seated and belted. You should only discharge water from a moving apparatus by using a method approved by the National Fire Protection Association. If you choose to move the apparatus with firefighters using charged lines walking with the apparatus, use the following precautions:

- Drive at slow speeds only.
- Always stay clear of a backing vehicle.
- Never walk in front of a moving vehicle.
- Keep walking personnel alongside the apparatus and in view of the driver at all times.
- Keep walking personnel far enough from the apparatus so that they won't be crushed if the apparatus were to roll onto its side.
- Develop and practice procedures to get walking firefighters quickly into the apparatus and belted into a seat in the event that the fire shifts, and you need to retreat from the area.

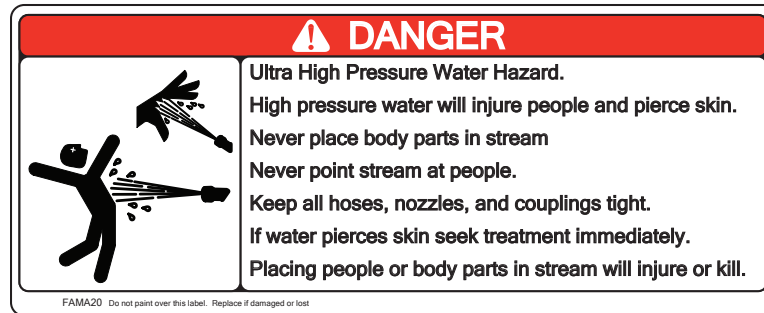
## High Pressure Two-Stage Pump

Your apparatus may be equipped with a two-stage high pressure pump. A two stage pump can be operated in the VOLUME mode at typical municipal fire suppression pressures of 80 to 120 psi (551 to 827 kPa). In the PRESSURE mode, this same pump can discharge at pressures up to 600 psi (4136 kPa), useful for charging standpipes in high rise structures. Normal fire suppression hose, nozzles, wyes, and other appliances are not likely to be rated for these high pressures. Train your personnel to use only specially rated high pressure hose and components when operating in the PRESSURE mode.



## Ultra-High Pressure Water Stream

Your apparatus may be equipped with Ultra High Pressure (UHP) streams of water or foam solution to fight fires. UHP presents unique hazards and should be used only by trained, safety-conscious personnel. UHP water or foam solution is discharged at pressures over 1,000 psi (6894 kPa). At this pressure, the discharge stream may be capable of puncturing human skin, thus entering the blood stream. Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, turn-out gear, boots and a mask with a face shield should be worn whenever using UHP.



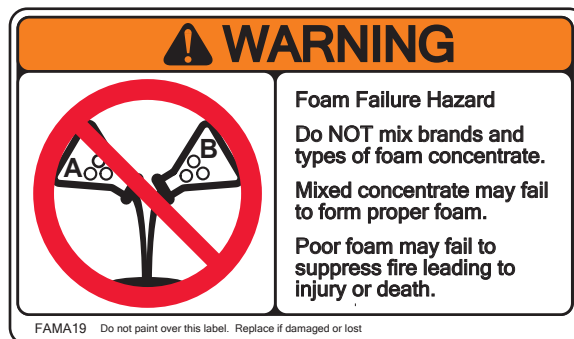
Tighten all fluid connections before operating this equipment and check the hoses, nozzles, and couplings after every use. A leak in a high pressure line can inject fluid into human skin just as it can from the nozzle. Never search for leaks with your hands or other body parts. Use a piece of wood or cardboard to detect leaks, keeping hands and other body parts well away from the potential source of the leak. Replace worn, damaged or loose parts immediately.

## Ultra-High Pressure Piercing Equipment

Your apparatus may be equipped with an ultra-high pressure device used for piercing structural material. These devices use an aggregate added to the water stream that will cut through solid objects. It will also cut through skin and bones. Use safety precautions and treat a UHP piercing device with all the respect you would use with a firearm.

## Foam Concentrate Types

If your apparatus is equipped with a foam system, you should know and understand the type of foam solution that it's capable of using. Never mix brands or types of foam concentrate, or the foam produced may not be adequate for the fire suppression capability desired.



## Water Monitor

Your apparatus may include a water monitor on the front bumper, cab roof, apparatus top, or other location. You may also choose to use a ground monitor when pumping. Following these practices when discharging water from a monitor:

- Charge your monitor slowly. Rapid charging may cause a pressure surge which has the potential to cause an injury, or damage the monitor.
- Aim your monitor in a safe direction before discharging water.
- Never direct the stream at power lines or people.

- If there is a nozzle attached, ensure that it is tight and not over tightened before using the monitor. Do not use with a loose nozzle. A loose nozzle is a dangerous projectile. Ensure the thread on the nozzle swivel matches the thread on the monitor outlet. Do not over tighten the nozzle onto the unit.
- Read and follow the warning tag instructions on the lock pin lanyard.
- Do not exceed the maximum pressure or flow ratings of the monitor. Exceeding these ratings may lead to an injury or may cause damage to the monitor.
- If not equipped with the automatic drain valve, drain the monitor after use to prevent freeze damage.

## Ground Water Monitor

In addition to the above instructions, a ground monitor (water monitor not attached to your apparatus), must be properly secure staked down or otherwise secured before use. Water discharge force will cause a loose monitor to fly about with great force causing injury or death.

## AERIAL SAFETY

Your aerial device is a very complex machine that requires specific knowledge, training and experience to operate safely. You must study and learn how to properly set up and operate your aerial device. Study this manual and the *IFSTA Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook* to learn the proper procedures.

### Emergency Stop Feature

Your aerial device will have an emergency stop (E-Stop) feature at the primary operator station controls. This may be a switch on the panel, or an operator present foot pedal. This is a very important safety feature on the aerial. If something goes wrong and the aerial is behaving in a manner you don't understand, use the emergency stop feature to stop all aerial functions.

Once aerial functions have ceased, clear personnel from the area and determine what is wrong before resetting the emergency stop feature and continuing operation. Practice using the emergency stop feature during training sessions until it becomes second nature so that your mind will react quickly in an emergency.

### Emergency Power Unit

Your aerial device uses power supplied by a hydraulic pump that is driven by a power take-off from the engine. It is always possible that a mechanical, electrical or hydraulic failure can occur that will interfere with the operation of your aerial device. The Emergency Power Unit (EPU) will provide back-up power and, in most cases, allow you to continue operation until you can recall personnel from harm's way, stow the device and remove it from the fire scene for repair. Do not rely on the EPU for extended use as it is not designed for continuous operation.

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## Over-Ride Controls

Your aerial device has certain over-ride features that will allow “out of the ordinary” operation in certain cases of equipment malfunction. You should learn where these controls are located and how to operate them. Practice using your override controls until you are just as proficient with them as you are with the standard controls.

If the normal control system does malfunction, recall personnel from harm’s way immediately and take the device out of service until it can be repaired. Use emergency override controls with extreme caution and only when all non-essential personnel are well clear of any hazard.

## Interlocks

Your aerial apparatus will be equipped with a number of interlock functions, many of which are required by **NFPA® 1900 Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Vehicles, Automotive Fire apparatus, Wildland Fire Apparatus, and Automotive Ambulances**. Interlock devices are intended to reduce the possibility of unsafe actions, but they should never take the place of careful, thoughtful and prudent operation. Interlocks rely on the proper functioning of sensors, wiring, relays and computers. These are physical components that have finite lives and can fail from a number of causes such as wear, corrosion, accidental damage or aging. You should identify each interlock and develop a procedure on how to safely ensure that each is functioning.

Aerial device interlocks may include:

- **Stabilizers Set:** The aerial device will not operate unless the stabilizers are deployed.
- **Nozzle Stow:** Device will not drop into the cradle if the master stream nozzle is not properly positioned.
- **Body Collision:** The device will not move into regions where it would make contact with the body or cab.
- **Maximum Elevation Slow-Down:** The device will slow down prior to reaching maximum elevation or extension.
- **Rotation Interlock (Short-Jack):** The aerial device will not rotate over the side of the apparatus where the stabilizers are not sufficiently extended.
- **Tiller Operator Present Interlock:** Prohibits tractor drawn aerial road operation by preventing transmission shift or engine start, until the Tiller Operator activates an interlock override in the tiller cab.
- **Aerial Function Interlocks:** The aerial device will not operate until the parking brakes have been set, and the transmission has been placed in neutral, or the transmission is in the drive position with the fire pump engaged.

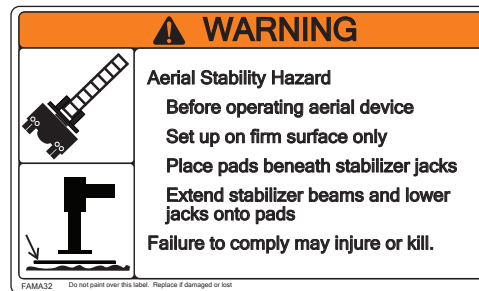
## PREPARE FOR SAFE AERIAL OPERATION

### Select a Site

Selecting the right spot to position your aerial apparatus is critical. You must anticipate fire ground needs and identify areas where to position so that the aerial tip can reach your intended targets. Select a position that will support your apparatus weight and meet all of the following criteria:

- Clear of areas exposed to falling debris.

- Clear of overhead power lines.
- Flat enough to allow leveling within the green or yellow zone.
- Firm and stable surface. Avoid loose objects, underground utility access covers, broken pavement and areas that drop off suddenly.
- Never position on a railroad track or an active airport runway.



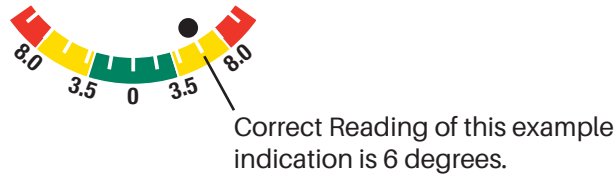
## Set-Up

Once you have selected a set-up location, clear the area of personnel and use spotters to maneuver your apparatus into position. Follow the instructions in this manual to place your apparatus in operation ensuring the following:

- Use auxiliary stabilizer pads (If Equipped).
- Keep the stabilizers in your sight at all times while deploying. Use spotters if needed.

## Setting Up Within Safe Limits

Your aerial device must be within a few degrees of being level for safe operation. Check your level indicators to make sure that the device is properly leveled. The correct angle reading is where the center of the ball lines up with the gradation lines marked on the tube.



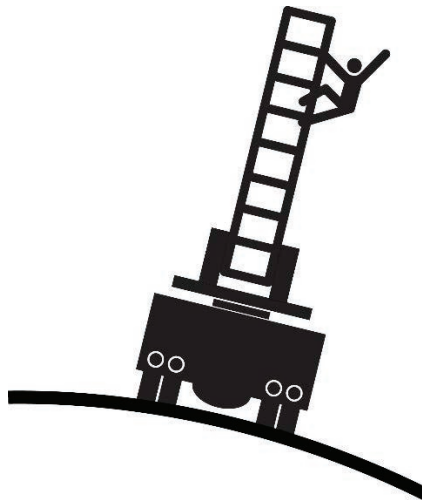
**Figure 2-1. Level indication of 6 degrees**

You can still operate safely even if your device is not perfectly level, but only if you keep it within the safe limits as indicated on the load chart for either the green or yellow zone. Do not operate with either the front-to-back or side-to-side level indicators in the red zone.

Table 2-2: Working Zone

Level Indicator Reading		Working Zone
Front-to-Back	Side-to-Side	
Green	Green	Green
Green	Yellow	Yellow
Yellow	Green	Yellow
Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Yellow	Red	Red
Red	Yellow	Red
Green	Red	Red
Red	Green	Red
Red	Red	Red

Avoid operating your ladder in a condition where the ladder rungs are not level to the earth as this will make climbing more difficult.



## Short-Jacking

Your apparatus may allow for partial extension of the stabilizer beams. Partial extension may result in no operation on that side of the apparatus. (A short set condition.) Apparatus equipped with the Multi-Stance™ system may allow for reduced loads on the ladder. This capability allows your apparatus to be set up in an area where obstructions or surface conditions do not allow them to be extended completely on one side.



**Figure 2-2. Short Set Rotation Interlock Stop Points**

Set up the apparatus so that the stabilizers can be sufficiently extended in the direction that you will be working and extend them as far as possible on the opposite side. If a stabilizer beam is not extended far enough to achieve a load rating, you will not be able to safely rotate the device over that side. Whenever possible, a safety officer should observe aerial operations when you are using short-jack procedures.

## OPERATING YOUR AERIAL SAFELY

### Primary Control Operator

Operation of your aerial requires a qualified operator to be stationed at the primary controls on the turntable of the device at all times. You must also have a qualified operator at the controls any time there are personnel on the device, even if the device is not moving. The primary operator must be thoroughly trained, experienced and authorized by your department to perform primary control operation. A primary operator at the turntable controls is responsible for the safety of the operation, and is there to make immediate changes as needed to avoid imminent or changing hazards such as:

- Heat.
- Flames.
- Wind speed.
- Icing conditions.
- Wind and smoke direction.
- Power lines.
- Structural obstacles.



## Secondary Control Operator

Your apparatus may have secondary controls at the tip of the ladder or at the platform bucket. These controls are only meant to be used with an authorized operator still at the primary controls. The primary operator must be prepared to override the tip or platform bucket operator if unsafe conditions are encountered. Both operators should be in communication with each other and with other personnel on the device at all times. If your apparatus is not equipped with a platform, keep the aerial ladder extended and use the fold-down steps with toe-guards and keep your fall protection tether secured to the device.

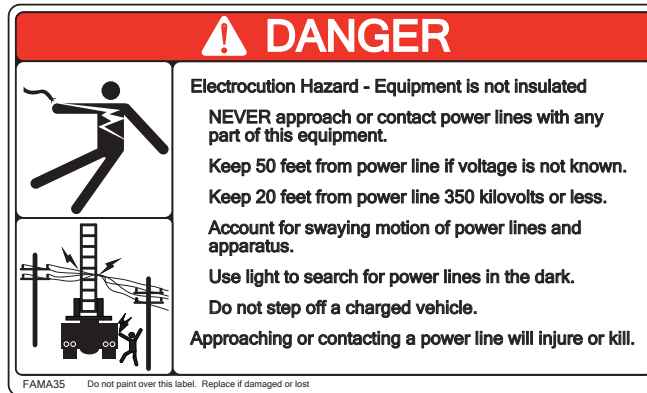
## Use of a Spotter

During operation you may find that you are not able to see clearly through smoke or fog, or due to obstructions located on the far side of the device from where the controls are positioned. In situations such as these, you must use a spotter. Agree upon and train using standard verbal commands and visual signals until the team can perform operations safely and efficiently. If multiple spotters are required to ensure that all blind spots are covered, practice methods of ensuring that only one spotter at a time is giving directions.

## Avoid Overhead Power Lines

Power lines are everywhere, and they present an extreme hazard to you and your aerial device. Unlike utility bucket trucks, your device is not insulated and will conduct electricity. Electrical arcs will burn, maim and kill you and others on or around the device if you get too close to them.

- Look up and Live. Always watch for power lines overhead.
- If operating at night, use powerful lights to search for power lines or poles.
- Stay 20 ft. (6 m) from power lines less than 350,000 volts.
- Stay 50 ft. (15 m) from lines over 350,000 volts or if the voltage is not known.
- Account for the swaying or bouncing motion of both the power lines and the device.



### Extra Precautions Around Power Lines

If your apparatus is being operated around power lines you must take extra precautions. If the apparatus contacts a power line it will be electrified and the current will seek a path to the ground. If you are standing on the ground and touching the apparatus at the same time, you will be electrocuted. It is safer for you to be either completely on the apparatus, or completely off it and not touching it. If your apparatus includes a pump it will have a pump operator platform. Always stand on this platform while operating the pump so that you will be safer if your apparatus becomes electrified.

### If Your Device Becomes Electrified

If you are on or inside a vehicle that becomes energized by a power line, stay where you are. Exiting the vehicle is more hazardous than remaining on it. Stay in or on the vehicle until a power company representative informs you that the line has been de-energized, grounded, and that the area is safe.

If it is critical that you leave the vehicle, JUMP as far away as possible, landing with both feet together. Maintain balance or fall forward; don't fall back towards the vehicle which could result in your body becoming a pathway between the vehicle and the ground. No part of your body should touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time.

If you are outside of the vehicle that contacts or is energized by a power line, move away from the vehicle, and stay away. Warn others to stay away.

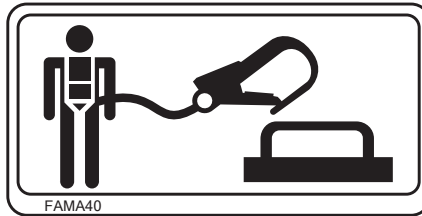
### Rungs Aligned

Before allowing personnel to climb a telescoping aerial ladder or the ladder section of an elevating platform, you must ensure that the rungs are aligned. This will allow personnel to maintain proper foot angle while climbing and avoid the possibility of their feet getting caught between misaligned adjacent rungs. Your controls will indicate when the rungs are properly aligned for climbing. Always observe your ladder rungs directly to ensure that they are aligned.

### Fall Protection

Any time you are climbing your device or operating from the platform bucket you must be wearing a ladder belt and tether or other approved fall protection PPE. The belt or PPE should be properly sized to fit you, and the length of the tether should be selected by the fire department safety officer based on your department's procedures.

If you are operating from inside the platform bucket, tie off to a fall protection anchor indicated by this symbol:



If you are on the ladder, tie off to a structural feature of the ladder such as a rung that will not allow the tether hook to slide downward. Do not tie off to non- structural features such as wires, cables, lights, brackets, etc...

You must be tethered to a structural feature of the ladder or platform bucket any time:

- The device is in motion.
- You are not actively entering or exiting the platform bucket.
- You are not actively climbing or descending the ladder (If you stop at any point during your climb, connect your fall protection to a ladder rung).



## Climbing the Aerial Ladder

The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health has considered the aspects around determining the optimum ladder elevation for climbing. NIOSH points out that there are several variables that must be considered when positioning an aerial ladder. One of these variables is the angle of elevation that is best for climbing. Steep angles of climb, even when kept within accepted standards, can make climbing and tool carrying more difficult for some persons.

Choosing an optimal climbing angle may require more than simply implementing a 1:4 or 75 degree angle "rule". This rule has been derived from OSHA standards that may not account for to the heights firefighters may climb nor the bulk, weight and positioning relative to the body of the tools that they carry. Firefighters' tools, PPE and SCBA place burdens on the body that should be considered. Adjust your angle of climb accordingly to minimize stress on climbers and allow them to maintain balance during the climb.

Use three points of contact and grasping the rungs as you climb. Grasping the rungs has several safety advantages over holding onto the rails:

- Your hands have more holding power when they are grasping a round bar than when they are grasping a rectangular object.
- If your feet slip and you are holding onto the rails, your hands may slide down the rails, and you may fall. If you are holding on to the rungs, it is more likely that your hands will have enough grip force to help you recover.
- If your feet slip and you are holding onto only one rail at the time, the weight of your body will be offset from your line of grip and your body will twist. If you are holding onto the rung, your grip force is lined up with your body, and your chance of staying in control is much greater.

There are four times as many falls from descending as from ascending a ladder. Pay close attention to your footing on the way down.

## **Water Towers**

Your apparatus may be equipped with a water tower boom that is not equipped with a ladder and not designed to carry people. Keep personnel off the apparatus during any boom operation. The boom is designed for fire suppression only and is not designed nor equipped for carrying people. Do not climb or ride on this equipment, and do not allow others to do so.

- Do not climb or ride on boom.
- Do not lift people.
- Do not lift objects.

## **Boom Style Platform**

Your apparatus may be equipped with a boom-style platform bucket that is not equipped with a ladder and not designed to carry people. Keep personnel off the boom during operation. The boom is designed for supporting the platform bucket only and is not designed nor equipped for carrying people. Do not climb or ride on the boom, and do not allow others to do so.

- Do not climb or ride on boom.
- Do not lift people.
- Do not lift objects.

## **Wire Rope Hazard**

Your aerial device uses wire rope (cables) to extend and retract the ladder. Anywhere wire rope comes close to or contacts other mechanical parts such as pulleys, sheaves, roller guides or structural features on the device, a pinch hazard may exist. Anyone operating, climbing on, or supervising others on an aerial device that uses wire rope should study the wire ropes and follow these safe practices:

- Stay clear of wire rope, pulleys, and sheaves during operation.
- Never touch wire rope while someone else is at the control or during operation.
- Never touch wire rope while in tension or under load.



## Operating With Personnel on the Aerial Ladder

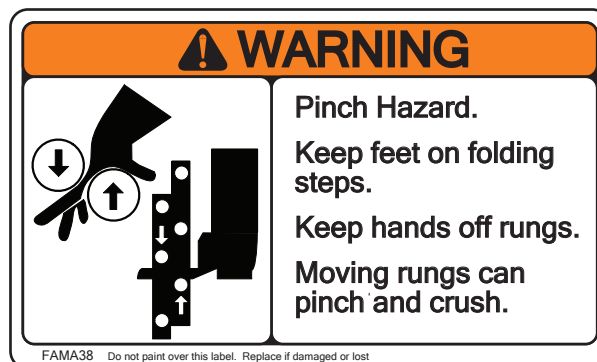
You must never allow personnel to climb, ride or work on your aerial device unless they are thoroughly trained in safe operation and the importance of using the three points of contact method of climbing. Make sure that when people are climbing while carrying equipment that they have such equipment in their pockets or tethered to themselves in a way that allows them full use of both feet and both hands.

Before allowing climbers ensure that the ladder will not move. Do this using one of the following methods (depending on device design).

- Stand away from the controls.
- Lock the system using the system lock.
- Remove your foot from the operator present foot switch.
- Depress the Emergency Stop button or machine stop button.

Never extend or retract the ladder with people on the ladder unless they are at the secondary operator station at the ladder tip and their feet are securely on the supplied folding step(s). Never retract the ladder past where the section overlaps the secondary operator position. Extending or retracting the ladder with climbers on the ladder will crush their hands or feet.

Never rotate, raise, or lower the device unless personnel are secured to a structural feature with a ladder belt and tether.



## Ladder Base Pinch and Crush

Your aerial device is made from heavy structural parts that are constantly moving past each other during operation. This creates dangerous pinch or crush hazards all around you. You must study your device carefully and keep yourself and others well clear of these areas during operation. Never allow people to hold onto or lean against the device while they are waiting for you to position it.

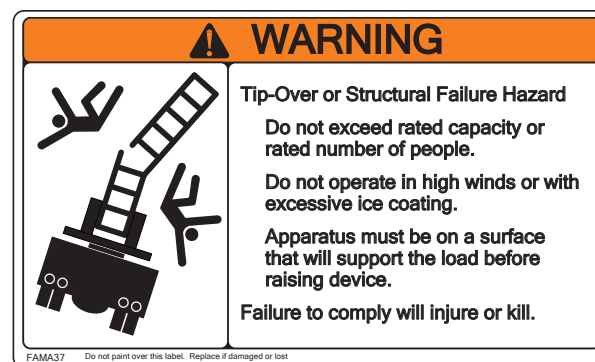


## Operating with Personnel Near the Aerial

There may be times during operation when other personnel are working in the same vicinity. Instruct and train your department personnel that they should approach a working aerial device apparatus only after getting the all-clear from the primary control operator. Keep personnel clear of swinging structures and other moving parts. Keep them away from the area beneath the device and from around the apparatus. Items accidentally dropped by personnel on the device may injure or kill those below. Falling items may bounce off the ladder, turntable or other parts of the apparatus and strike personnel at some distance from the apparatus. Take extra precautions during icing conditions to keep personnel from being injured by ice falling from the device.

## Operating Within Safe Limits

Your aerial device will have a load chart that is specific to your device make and model and will be located near the primary operator station. You must study and memorize your load chart so that you will not need to refer to it constantly during operation. The load chart criteria should be so familiar that you can instantly recognize when the device is nearing a critical or overload condition.



Your load chart will tell you how many people you can have in various locations on the device depending on the elevation of the device, whether you are flowing water or not, and whether you are leveled within the green or yellow zones. Your device can support more people as the angle of elevation increases.

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The safety of your operation also depends on factors that cannot be measured precisely and may change rapidly including:

- Level condition (Green or Yellow).
- Monitor water flow and direction.
- Wind speed.
- Wind gusts.
- Ice build-up.

You must be familiar with conditions that will reduce the capacity of your device and stay alert to changes in these situations.

You should always operate the device slowly, carefully and cautiously. Keep in mind that the load ratings on the chart are static ratings. This means that they assume only the weight of the personnel or equipment is acting on the device without bouncing or other sudden changes. Dynamic loading may be much higher than a static load. Do not allow personnel to bounce, swing or jump onto the device.

## Load Chart Limits and People on the Ladder

Your load chart will indicate the maximum number of people that can be placed on each section of your ladder depending on the position of the device. Never exceed these limits.

Over 250 Counts for Two - the load chart is valid only if each person does not weigh more than 250 lbs. (113 kg) including clothing, gear, etc. If you have a person on your device who is significantly heavier than this value you must adjust accordingly. For persons who are heavier than 250 lbs, count them as if they were two people.

**FAMA** studies have shown that the average firefighter with PPE and SCBA weighs 250 lbs. (113 kg) NIOSH studies suggest this value may be even higher. Take the time to weigh your personnel in PPE, SCBA, and the equipment they will have while climbing so you know when to adjust for heavier personnel.

One Person One Rung - the load chart assumes that people on a ladder are never sharing a rung. Keep your climbers spread out appropriately.

## Approaching Structures

Your aerial device is designed to handle loads in the downward direction only. It will be damaged if it is loaded by resting the tip on a structure, powering it down onto a structure, powering it into the ground, or by using it to span a structure like a bridge. It may also be damaged if it is rotated into a structure. Never use it as a battering ram to knock over structures, break windows, or for any purpose other than fire suppression or rescue operations.

Never push or pull sideways on your aerial device. Do not use it as a crane.

During rescue operations, always aim the tip of your device above the victim and the structure and slowly lower toward the target. Stop the device 6.0 in. to 12.0 in. (152.4 to 304.8 mm) above the target. Personnel weight on the device will then cause the device to settle onto or just above the structure without risking a reverse-loading condition.

## Operating Above Structures

There are times when you may wish to extend your aerial device over the top of a structure. Do not do this if there is a risk of a flashover or sudden roof ventilation. You should never position the device over high heat or open flame as exposure to high temperatures will weaken structural members, melt wires and hoses, and present a hazard to personnel on the device.

## Icing Conditions

If you are operating your aerial device in freezing temperatures, you must be alert to the possibility of ice forming on the device. This can happen from freezing fire streams, freezing rain, freezing fog, or snow that melts and then re-freezes. You must use extreme caution when retracting or extending an aerial device that is coated with ice, both for the safety of personnel and to protect the device from damage. Keep personnel clear of the path of falling ice. Move the device slowly to allow ice to fall away.

Inspect the device thoroughly after operation in an icing condition as the operation with an ice coating can damage many components of the device and render it unsafe for future use.

## Windy Conditions

High winds can tip over any aerial device. See your load chart to determine what wind speed your device is rated for. You must then select a method that you will use to determine the wind speed while you are operating. The best method is a wind speed indicator mounted at the tip of the device. You can estimate wind speed in an emergency using the Beaufort Scale if your wind speed indicator quits working or is unavailable.

Table 2-3: Beaufort Scale (For Reference Only)

Beaufort Number	Wind Speed (mph)	Description	Land Conditions
0	0	Calm	Calm. Smoke rises vertically.
1	1-3	Light Air	Wind motion visible in smoke.
2	4-7	Light Breeze	Wind felt on exposed skin. Leaves rustle.
3	8-12	Gentle Breeze	Leaves and smaller twigs in constant motion.
4	13-18	Moderate Breeze	Dust and loose paper raised. Small branches begin to move.
5	19-24	Fresh Breeze	Smaller trees sway.
6	25-31	Strong Breeze	Large branches in motion. Flags waving near horizontal. Umbrella use becomes difficult.
7	32-38	Near Gale/Moderate Gale	Whole trees in motion. Effort needed to walk against the wind.
8	39-46	Fresh Gale	Twigs broken from trees. Cars veer on road.
9	47-54	Strong Gale	Light structure damage.

Wind speeds usually increase the higher up you climb, and the wind speed at the tip of the device will have the greatest over-turning impact. Retract and stow your device before the wind conditions increase above the wind speed rating.

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Just because your device is rated for a certain wind speed does not mean it is safe for people to be operating on the ladder or in the platform. High or gusting winds will be a hazard to climbers and people in a platform bucket. Consider removing people from the device in high winds and using the device for water delivery only.

## Flying Flags

Your department may wish to use your aerial apparatus for tasks it was not designed for. Any use other than fire suppression or emergency rescue is not recommended. Flying flags, for instance, is a popular practice, but the forces imposed on your device are unpredictable and may exceed the load chart ratings. The risk increases as the wind speed and variability increases. Your safety officer should study any such practice carefully and take responsibility for the safety of the apparatus and for personnel in the area. Never exceed the load chart ratings.

## Lightning Threat

Your apparatus will not protect you from lightning strikes. To avoid the risk of death or injury, retract your device and seek shelter before lightning storms enter your area.

## Rope Rescue

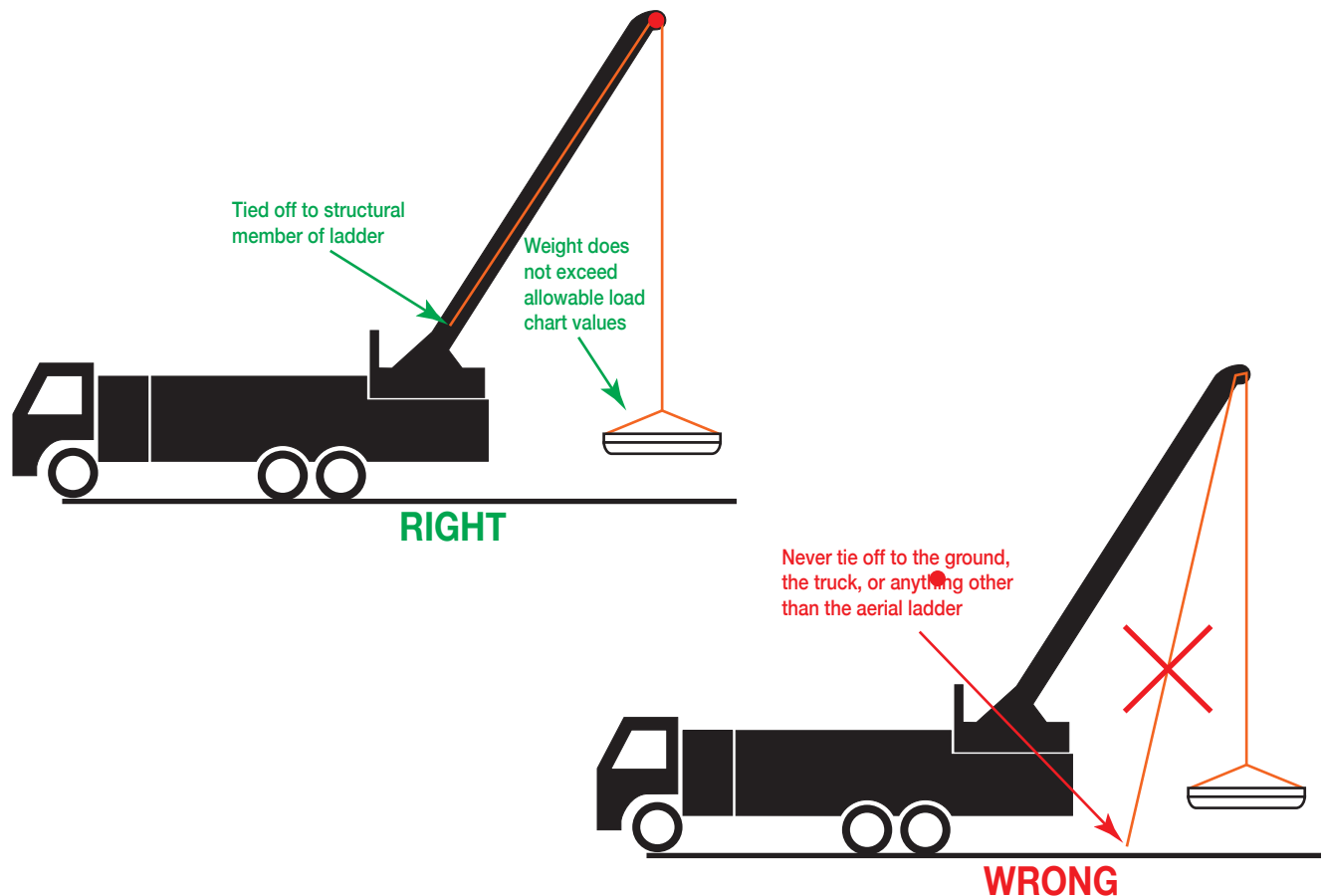
Your aerial device may be equipped with a feature to facilitate rope rescue operations. The top portion of this feature may be an anchor point on your platform bucket, or a pulley device that attaches to the tip of your ladder. The bottom portion of this feature may be a fixed tie-off appropriately labeled near the base of the ladder, or a Change of Direction Bar that attaches to the ladder near the base of the ladder. Only use these provided features and/or devices to perform rope rescue with your apparatus.

Your apparatus is not a crane, and it is not designed to be used as such. Refer to your apparatus load chart. The weight that you lift should never exceed the load chart ratings, and it should never exceed the rated capacity indicated on the rope rescue anchors or change of direction bar. Anchor points or devices provided with your apparatus are intended to be used as a single anchor for a single rescue rope only.

To ensure that the capacity is not exceeded, it is essential that you lift in a smooth manner, without causing the device or the load to bounce, jerk or sway. Use appropriate methods to stabilize the load while it is being lifted.

If you are using the pulley provided for rope rescue, or if you have attached a single pulley to the anchor on your platform bucket, the working end of the rope must follow along parallel with the ladder to the turntable anchor, or be passed through the Change of Direction Bar pulley properly attached at the turntable. In this configuration, the rope will be raised when the device sections are extended and lowered when the device sections are retracted. Never use additional pulleys or block and tackle as the load on the device will be multiplied.

The working end of the rope should never be anchored to other parts of the ladder, other parts of the apparatus, static structures, or to objects on the ground. If the rope is anchored to a point that is not in-line with the ladder, the load on the device will be doubled and you will exceed the ratings and overload your aerial device. Overloading will risk device damage, tipping or collapse leading to injury or death.



Proper rigging for rope rescue, attachment of ropes to rescue baskets, and all other operations involved in rope rescue other than those outlined in this manual are the responsibility of you and your department. Guidelines that you may find useful when determining how to safely perform rope rescue operations with your apparatus include:

- **NFPA 1983** *Standard on Life Safety Rope and Equipment for Emergency Services.*
- **NFPA 1670** *Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents.*
- **IFTSA** *Fire Service Technical Search and Rescue manual.*

### Positionable Waterway Monitor

Your device may be equipped with a pre-piped waterway that allows the monitor to be positioned at the tip for fire suppression, or on a lower section for rescue. If your device includes this feature it is essential that you always be sure that the monitor is secured in its anchor. If water pressure is applied when the monitor is not securely anchored, the pressure will cause the waterway to extend rapidly on its own. The rapid movement of the pipe sections can damage equipment or harm people who may be on the ladder at the time. Study the waterway on your device, understand the monitor anchoring mechanism, and always be sure the monitor is secured prior to charging the waterway.

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## Aerial Ladder Pipe Operation

Your department may choose to use a ladder pipe nozzle supplied by a fire hose that you lay along the ladder rungs. Only use this method with extreme care and under the supervision of trained personnel who understand the extra loads created by the weight of the hose and the reaction forces of the nozzle. Use only ladder pipes designed for the application and follow all ladder pipe manufacturer operator instructions and fire industry best practices.

Lay the hose along the middle of the ladder so that it rests on the rungs only. Tie off the hose so that it stays in the middle of the ladder when charged. Never hang the hose off the side of the ladder. Never use more than one ladder pipe nozzle and hose on your aerial ladder. Do not use an aerial ladder pipe and fire hose on an apparatus that is equipped with a pre-piped waterway and water monitor.

## TRACTOR DRAWN AERIAL OPERATIONS

### Tiller Steering Lock

If your apparatus is a tractor-drawn aerial there are two ways in which the trailer can be towed, with the rear steering functional or with it locked. Always check the steering lock before placing the vehicle in motion unless you have a tiller operator at the wheel. Driving without a tiller operator while the steering is unlocked will cause the trailer to steer uncontrollably.

Never attempt to lock or unlock the steering with the apparatus in motion.

### Tiller Steering

If you choose to operate your aerial tiller with the rear steering unlocked, you must have a tiller cab operator seated and belted prior to placing the apparatus in motion. The tiller operator must be alert at all times to keep the trailer tracking behind the tractor, or to avoid traffic and other road hazards.

### Tractor Operator Training

Obtain a Class-A Commercial Driver's License or the equivalent fire department training and authorization prior to driving from the tractor position. This training must include the special aspects of driving a heavy combination vehicle.

### Tiller Operator Training

The tiller operator must be trained, experienced, and authorized to occupy this role. Training should be conducted under supervision and in a controlled location.

### Tiller Cab Safety

When operating from the tiller cab, follow the same safety procedures that you would follow if you are driving the tractor (see Riding Safety and Driving Safety in this manual) including the following:

- Seat Belts: Seat belts in good condition. Seated and belted prior to vehicle motion.
- Seat Adjustment: Seat adjusted to allow proper reach of operational controls.
- Doors: Doors fully closed and latched.
- Helmets: Helmet off and secured for travel.
- Equipment Secured: No loose equipment in the cab.

- Mirror Adjustment: Mirrors and/or cameras adjusted properly.
- Visibility Check: Glass clean and free of fog or ice, wipers operational, defroster operational.

## Fifth Wheel Lock

Your tiller aerial apparatus may include a feature to lock the tiller trailer turntable connection (fifth wheel) from articulating up and down. It does not lock the connection from rotating. This locking feature is critical to providing stability while the ladder is being operated. This lock allows the weight of the tractor to contribute to stability. If you attempt to operate the ladder without the fifth wheel locked, the ladder could tip over.

The fifth wheel must be unlocked before moving your apparatus. Driving your apparatus with the fifth wheel locked would cause uneven loading on the axles. This could lead to serious driving hazards including reduced steering control, reduced braking control, and poor handling. Never place your apparatus in motion unless the fifth wheel is unlocked.

## ELECTRIC FIRE APPARATUS

### High Voltage Hazard

Your vehicle may operate on high voltage electric power rather than, or in addition to, diesel or other fuel. Exposure to high voltage can cause shock, burns, and even death. The high voltage components in the vehicle can only be serviced by technicians with special training.

Do not remove, open, take apart, or modify high voltage electric components.

High voltage cable or wiring has orange covering. Do not probe, tamper with, cut, or modify high voltage cable or wiring.

### First Responder Cut Loop

Your electric fire apparatus will have a First Responder Cut Loop of wire located behind a panel. In the event of a crash or other emergency the wire loop can be cut with a side-cutter, knife or other cutting tool. Once the wire has been cut the high voltage electricity should be contained within the high voltage battery housings. This will reduce the possibility of electric shock when working around the vehicle during an emergency. Follow your vehicle manufacturer's operator manual instructions for safe battery disconnection during service and maintenance situations.

### Emergency Response Guide

Your electric fire apparatus will have an Emergency Response Guide. This guide is intended to provide all the information that a first responder will need if your apparatus is in a crash. Study the Emergency Response Guide and share it with other first responders in your department or in your response area.

## PERFORM MAINTENANCE SAFELY

### Maintenance Records

The safety of your apparatus will depend on how well it is maintained, and good maintenance depends on keeping accurate maintenance and repair records. Maintenance and repair records should be maintained as permanent records and kept in a secure location. Acceptable records include itemized bills, dealer work orders, owner's vehicle log, and service facility receipts, stating the date service was performed.

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Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), mileage (kilometers), engine hours, and service performed. Consult **NFPA® 1910 Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Refurbishment, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Emergency Vehicles and Marine Firefighting Vessels** for apparatus inspection and maintenance recommendations.

## Use OEM Parts for Repair

- Your apparatus is designed to operate as a system. Every part has been selected to ensure proper performance. While some common service parts such as fluids and filters may be available from heavy truck supply sources, purchasing repair parts from any place other than your authorized dealership may put the safety or performance of your apparatus at risk. All safety-critical components should always be sourced through your authorized dealer including:
  - Chassis structural components.
  - Chassis steering, suspension, and brake components.
  - Apparatus related electronics.
  - Aerial and stabilizer hydraulic cylinders including valves and manifolds.
  - Hydraulic rod-end pins, hardware, and locking devices.
  - Ladder or boom slide pads.
  - Aerial extension cables, sheaves, and anchors.
  - Turntable rotation bearings, rotation gears, drive gears, and motors.
  - Rotation sensing components (proximity switches, encoders, limit switches, etc...).
  - Extend or retract sensing components (proximity switches, limit switches, etc...).
  - Stabilizer extension sensing components (proximity switches, limit switches, etc...).
  - Jack plant sensing components (proximity switches, limit switches, etc...).
  - Wire harnesses and connectors.
  - Wire bulkhead connector or other pass-through component for wires entering rung rails or hand rails.
  - Corrosion inhibitor material for the interior of aerial ladder structural tubes.
  - Mounts for securing equipment on the device (pike poles, roof ladders, etc...).
  - Safety signs, load charts, and other instructional material.
  - Hydraulic tubes, hose assemblies, fittings etc...
  - Hydraulic valves, velocity fuses, filters, manifolds, solenoids, etc...
  - Rotation swivel and associated components.
  - Waterway including mounting brackets and seals.
  - Cable tracks, raceways, and associated components used to guide cables and hoses (igus or similar).
  - Rung covers.

- Aerial control valves, switches, levers and joysticks.
- Aerial motion control computing devices (plc or similar).
- Aerial remote control receivers, transmitters, controls pads, tethers, and associated equipment.
- Optional equipment such stokes basket mounts, rope rescue pulleys and anchors, parapet ladders, etc...
- Fall protection anchors.
- Platform basket components including doors, gates, latches, handrails, etc...
- Stepping, standing, and walking surfaces.
- Access ladders and handrails.

## Running the Engine

Unless a maintenance routine specifically states otherwise, turn off the engine and all other equipment prior to performing maintenance tasks.

## Preparing for Maintenance

Remove all jewelry prior to working on your apparatus. Metal jewelry is a conductor and can cause burns if in contact with electrical power, and other injuries if worn while performing maintenance. Rings can get caught on projections leading to loss of fingers. Hanging jewelry can get caught in moving machinery.

Always use appropriate PPE including gloves, eye protection, hearing protection, safety shoes, and protective headwear when working on your apparatus.

Depressurize air, hydraulic and cooling system lines prior to removing or replacing components.

Ensure working areas are free from oil, grease, and foreign materials.

## Compressed Air for Cleaning - DO NOT USE

The use of compressed air for cleaning is not recommended. Using compressed air for removing debris creates an environment of propelled foreign particles, which can cause injury to personnel.

## Chemicals and Cleaners

Use only non-flammable solvents for cleaning component parts.

Keep chemicals and cleaners in approved safety containers and in minimum quantities.

Use approved protective equipment and clothing, such as gloves, apron, and eye protection, when handling chemicals and cleaners. Some chemicals have an adverse effect on skin and eyes.

Ensure adequate ventilation when using chemicals and cleaners. Some chemicals have an adverse effect on the respiratory tract.

Observe all manufacturers manuals, warning labels and current safety directives.

Use chemicals and cleaners in authorized areas only.

Dispose of all soiled clothes and materials in accordance with national and local directives for hazardous waste.

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## Decontamination Chemicals

Decontamination chemicals that contain hydrogen peroxide (such as Decon 7) should be used with caution and strictly following the manufacturer's instructions. Hydrogen peroxide is an oxidizing agent that will cause corrosion when applied to bare metal. It will also damage exposed electronics.

Follow these guidelines:

- Apply in the cab interior as a fine fogging mist only. Do not spray directly on bare or unfinished metal surfaces, or painted surfaces that have been scratched or marred.
- Do not spray or foam on switches, gauges, display screens, or other electrical or electronic devices.
- Remove accidental over-spray using water and a clean cloth.

Always follow the manufacturer's safety recommendations while working with decontamination chemicals including:

- Use only EPA registered products.
- Avoid breathing mist or vapors.
- Wear Gloves (resistant to chemical products [butyl rubber, nitrile and neoprene, polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride]).
- Wear protective clothing.
- Wear eye protection (face shield or safety glasses).
- Wear Respiratory protective equipment (air respirator or SCBA).

## Tilting the Cab

Always ensure that the vehicle is on a flat and level surface before tilting the cab. Tilting the cab on an inclined or non-flat surface may produce interference between components as the cab is lowered.

Before tilting cab:

- Check the front bumper and bumper extension to ensure that covers are shut and plumbing swivels are rotated forward. Remove all loose items from the cab as contents may shift or drop.
- Close the crosslay cover and stow any other body related feature that hangs over the cab.
- Raise any aerial device if located over the top of the cab.
- Ensure that there is clearance above the cab and the area is clear of power lines.

Always check to make sure that people working on or around the cab are clear before raising or lowering the cab. Immediately after raising ensure that the stay-arm or mechanical support is secured in the support position. Hydraulic cylinders can leak or drift and should not be relied upon to support the cab on their own.



If the cab fails to lower after following the proper instructions, do not attempt to force it. Have the system checked by a qualified technician and refer to the cab tilt system instructions in the service manual.

### Lock-Out Tag-Out

You may come across an apparatus in your facility with a sign that says Lock-Out Tag- Out (LOTO) on it, or you may need to perform work where LOTO procedures are required. LOTO is the procedure used for preventing the unexpected release of hazardous energy while servicing and maintenance activities are performed.

Never operate a vehicle or equipment that is marked with LOTO devices. Always use LOTO procedures as required; failing to do so may expose you to hazards associated with hazardous energy sources. Follow your department procedures, which should conform to **OSHA 1910.147** regulations.

### Access Features Not Provided

Your apparatus may have methods to access equipment or machinery for service or periodic maintenance. These areas may or may not be equipped with a means of access that allows three points of contact at all times. If it is necessary to climb onto, into or around portions of your apparatus that are not equipped for three points of contact, special accommodations must be made for safe access in a controlled, service environment. Use overhead safety harnesses and tethers, step ladders, access platforms, scaffolding or other means to ensure that service and maintenance personnel are protected from stepping, standing and climbing hazards.

### Confined Space

Your apparatus may contain spaces such as water tanks that are considered to be "confined" because their configuration hinders the activities of employees who must enter into, work in or exit from them. In certain instances, employees who work in confined spaces also face an increased risk of exposure to serious physical injury from hazards such as entrapment, engulfment and hazardous atmospheric conditions. Confinement itself may pose entrapment hazards, and work in confined spaces may keep employees closer to hazards such as machinery components. Limited access and restricted airflow can result in hazardous conditions that would not normally arise in an open workplace.

OSHA's standard for confined spaces (29 CFR 1910.146) contains the requirements for practices and procedures to protect employees, in general industries, from the hazards of entering confined spaces. Evaluate your apparatus to determine if there are confined space hazards and take proper precautions before working in a confined space. Use lock-out /tag-out procedures where appropriate.

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## Welding

Your chassis has high-strength steel frame rails that should not be welded on unless you are following a specific factory authorized repair procedure. Welding on your chassis frame in any manner not prescribed by the factory may result in serious structure failure.

Your apparatus includes electronic components that can be damaged from the high voltage and current generated during the welding process leading to apparatus failure.

Disconnect electronic devices prior to welding on your apparatus including:

- Bosch or WABCO ABS ECU.
- Cummins Engine ECU.
- Allison Transmission Control Module (TCM).
- Foam Pro foam system ECU, pump, and gauge connections.
- Flasher modules.
- Side Roll and Frontal.
- Occupant Protection system ECUs.
- Multiplex system modules.

Do not weld on galvanized frame rails or other galvanized components as serious adverse health reactions may result.

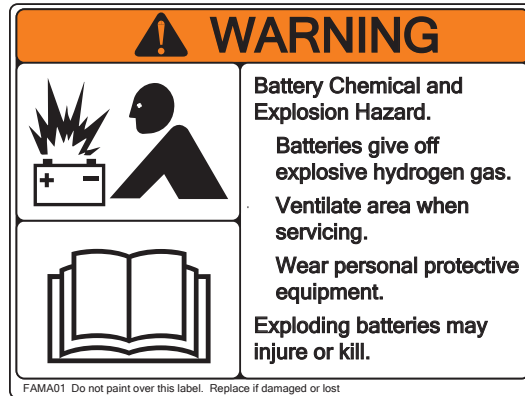
## Interlocks

Your apparatus may include protective interlocks that modify or prevent certain functions. These interlocks were designed into your vehicle for your safety and the safety of your operators. Never place an apparatus back in service unless all factory interlocks have been restored to their proper function. Never bypass a safety interlock device.

## Batteries

Always wear safety goggles and protective clothing when working on or around batteries. Do not check battery condition by shorting across terminals. Inhaling hydrogen gas produced by the normal operation of the battery could result in partial or permanent damage to the respiratory system. Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds — chemicals known to cause cancer and reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

Before servicing batteries on your apparatus, become familiar with safe handling techniques. Batteries give off hydrogen gas that is highly explosive. Keep all sources of ignition away when working around batteries, including matches, lighters, and cigarettes. Sparks caused by connection of battery terminals, jumper cables or charging systems can be a source of ignition. Whenever disconnecting battery terminals, always disconnect the ground terminal first. When reconnecting, always connect the ground terminal last. Do not attempt to jump-start a vehicle having a frozen battery because the battery may rupture or explode. If a frozen battery is suspected, examine all fill vents on the battery. If ice can be seen, do not attempt to start with jumper cables. Thaw out battery before jump-starting or recharging.



## Battery Charging

Never disconnect a battery while charging: this could cause sparks.

Do not use battery charging equipment in the rain, in areas used for washing or in damp areas.

Gases generated during charging are explosive. Do not smoke in the vicinity of the batteries. Use battery chargers only in well ventilated areas.

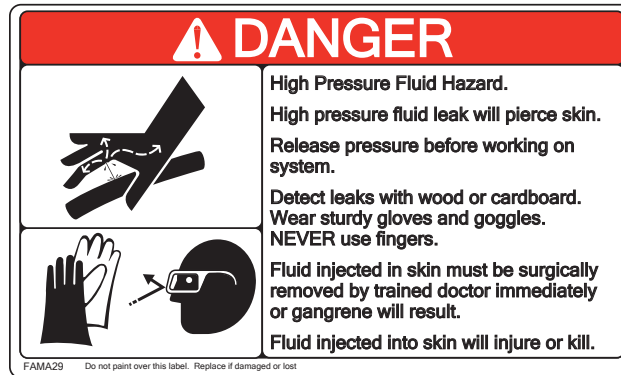
Before starting to charge, make sure the voltage of the equipment suits the voltage of the battery, that the charging current suits the capacity of the battery and that the selected charging curve (for lead-acid batteries or airtight gel batteries) is correct for the type of battery to be charged. In addition, make sure the rated input voltage of the charger suits the available supply voltage and the system is equipped with grounding.

## High Pressure Hydraulic Fluid

Your apparatus develops high pressure fluid in the fuel lines of your engine. You may also have features powered by high pressure hydraulic fluid. If you see or suspect a fluid leak, shut down the equipment and call a service technician trained in safe methods of troubleshooting and servicing high pressure equipment.

Never search for leaks with your hands or other body parts. High pressure fluid can penetrate skin. Use a piece of wood or cardboard to detect leaks, keeping hands and other body parts well away from the potential source of the leak.

If you suspect that you have been exposed to high pressure fluid through skin penetration, seek medical help immediately. The high-pressure injection of a fluid such as fuel, hydraulic oil, grease and paint constitutes a medical and surgical emergency, requiring access to appropriate, surgical specialists as soon as possible. Often, the injury appears minor; don't be fooled. Fluids injected under the skin are highly toxic. The injury will lead to gangrene, amputation or death if not treated promptly.



## Aerial Device Equipment Mounting

Anything mounted on your aerial device subtracts from the load capacity. Your load chart assumes that you have not mounted any additional equipment or modified the device in any way. Never add any equipment or mounting provisions that add weight to the device without written permission from this manufacturer.

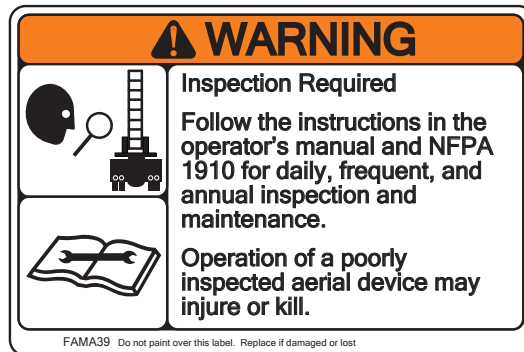
## Aerial Device Inspection

Your aerial device is a complex machine that requires constant care and thorough inspection. Study your aerial device's manufacturer's operation and maintenance manuals, the *IFSTA Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook*, and the **NFPA® 1910 Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Refurbishment, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Emergency Vehicles and Marine Firefighting Vessels** to determine the critical points on the device that should be regularly inspected. Inspect these points and look for signs of wear, corrosion or impending failure.

Critical points of inspection should include, but not be limited to:

- Pins.
- Cables (Wire Rope).
- Sheaves.
- Lighting.
- Cylinders.
- Wire Insulation.
- Wear Pads and Surfaces.
- Weld Joints.
- Electrical Cabling.
- Mounted Equipment.
- Slip Resistant Surfaces.
- Structural Members.

Follow the **NFPA 1910** recommendations for annual inspection.



## Radiator Cap

The radiator cap serves an important function. It holds the pressure of the cooling system so that coolant flows continuously through the radiator. You may need to remove the radiator cap on occasion to fill the radiator with coolant or to test the cooling system. Before attempting to remove the cap, allow the radiator to cool down completely. The cooling system is both hot and under pressure. At normal operating temperature, the coolant can reach several hundred degrees Fahrenheit, cause serious burns on your skin, or cause you to go blind if it gets into your eyes. To prevent splashing, cover the cap with a rag.

## Seat Belt Inspection and Replacement

You should inspect the seat belt components of your apparatus regularly to ensure they will function properly in a crash. Webbing can be abraded, soiled, or torn more quickly in a fire apparatus than in your personal vehicle due to the heavy duty service they will experience. The entire seat belt assembly should be inspected for corrosion, wear, fraying, or weak spots. The retractor, latch and buckle should be checked for proper function, and all seat belt mounting bolts should be tight at all times.

Seat belt webbing should be considered for replacement at least every five years. Replace seat belts as a complete assembly. Replace any seat belt assembly that is exposed to a serious crash before the vehicle is placed back in service.

Do not bleach or dye seat belt webbing. Bleaching or dying may cause a severe loss of belt strength resulting in failure during a crash.

Inspect the seat belts as follows:

- Webbing should be free from frays, cuts, and excessive wear. Pay attention to the area near the buckle latch plate and in the D-loop guide area.
- Webbing should be clean, and not severely faded from exposure to the sunlight.
- Buckle receiver should slide together easily with a positive click when they latch.
- Sliding Komfort Latch® should operate properly.
- Seat belt retractor should retract the webbing completely with no or minimal assistance.
- All mounting bolts should be tight.

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## Side Roll or Frontal Crash Occupant Protection

Your apparatus may be equipped with inflatable occupant restraints (air bags), seat belt pretensioners, and suspension seat pull-down devices. These devices operate in a split second and are powered by pyrotechnic (explosive) charges. Never attempt to remove, modify, or repair any of these devices without the express permission and instructions from a factory representative. Tampering with or removing an inflatable occupant protection system sensor (the black box that controls the firing of the devices) can cause the devices to fire which may lead to injury or death. Consult the factory before attempting any removal, modification or repair of any air bag, air bag sensor, seat belt pretensioner, or suspension seat pull-down device.

Pyrotechnic devices can be dangerous if modified or removed. When activated in a crash or rollover they will exhaust harmless blue smoke. Never service, attempt to salvage, or reuse side roll or frontal protection components. Never weld or apply heat on or near side roll or frontal protection components. Never grind, puncture, or drill on side roll or frontal protection.

Information on all component caution and warning labels must be complied with. Labels are placed in visible locations on each component of the Side Roll Protection System. If labels have been removed or are not visible, please contact your customer service representative for the proper replacement labels.

After one of these systems has been deployed, the major components cannot be reused. The Suspension Seat Safety System (S4S), roll & slave sensor(s), Integrated Gas Pretensioners (IGP) / Integrated Belt Pretensioners (IBP), and Inflatable Head Curtains (IHC) / Supplemental Restraint Airbags (SRA) must be replaced. In addition, the wiring harnesses will require inspection and possible replacement. After all system components are inspected and/or replaced, the integrity of the system must be checked by an authorized technician. This service must be performed by a service facility authorized by customer service.

## Suspension Seat Tethers

Your apparatus may include a suspension seat that uses a seat tether. Inspect each suspension seat and identify any web-type tether that connects the suspension seat to the cab floor structure. If the tether includes an adjustment feature, ensure that it is adjusted to allow full travel of the seat suspension only. The tether should be taut when the seat is adjusted to its full forward and upward excursion of travel.

## Tire Inflation Pressure

Proper tire inflation is vital to the safety and performance of your apparatus and should be checked with an accurate tire pressure gauge only. Never reduce inflation pressure to attain a softer ride. Under-inflation causes excessive flexing within a tire, resulting in heat build-up which can cause a blowout. An under-inflated tire running at highway speeds and under heavy load can cause severe handling problems.

## Tire Wear Inspection

Inspect tires for signs of abnormal or excessive wear. Sufficient tread depth is essential to proper handling and braking performance. Refer to the tire manufacturer's manual for minimum tread depth requirements. Replace tires before minimum tread depth is reached.

Tire tread life is dependent on many factors including the following:

- Tire load.
- Brake power.
- Engine horsepower.

- Suspension alignment.
- Proper inflation pressure.
- Frequency of tight cornering maneuvers.
- Driving habits of acceleration and braking.
- Tire footprint (area of rubber in contact with the road).
- Tandem scrub (inherent to all non-steering tandem suspensions).
- Frequency of dry-steer maneuvers (steering the vehicle in the absence of forward motion).

### Tire Replacement

Tire rubber degrades over time, even if the tire is not used. Replace your tires after they have been on the apparatus for more than seven years, even if the tread is still satisfactory.



The tires installed on this vehicle at the factory as original equipment are certified for compliance with federal greenhouse gas and fuel efficiency performance regulations. In order to maintain the same level of tire performance, replacement tires must be of equal or lower rolling resistance level (TRRL or CRR). Consult with your tire supplier(s) for appropriate replacement tires.

### Manual Parking Brake Release (Caging the Brakes)

If your apparatus must be towed and sufficient air brake pressure is not available, the spring brakes will need to be manually released or “caged.” Remember that caged brakes will not hold your apparatus from rolling. Never leave a vehicle with caged brakes unattended, park it on flat surface only, and chock the wheels in both directions before caging the brakes. Perform lock-out/tag-out to secure the vehicle and make sure no one drives it or removes the wheel chocks until repairs are complete.

### Line-Voltage Components and Wiring

Your apparatus may be equipped with a line-voltage generator that produces high 120V, 240V, single or three-phase alternating current. Line voltage generators, components, wiring, and circuit protection should be maintained by qualified and authorized electricians trained in all aspects of the National Electrical Code (NEC) safety practices.

Disconnect power before removing any line voltage breaker box cover or junction box cover or working on line voltage wiring. Follow National Electrical Code safe practices. Electrical shock can injure or kill.

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To avoid property damage, personal injury, or death, refer to the component manufacturer's service information before working on any high voltage equipment. By definition, high voltage circuits and components contain voltage levels that may cause equipment damage, electrical shock and/or electrocution if handled incorrectly.

All electrical circuits associated with Auxiliary Power Units (APUs), shore power, and inverters should be considered high voltage.

## Shoreline Electrical Connection

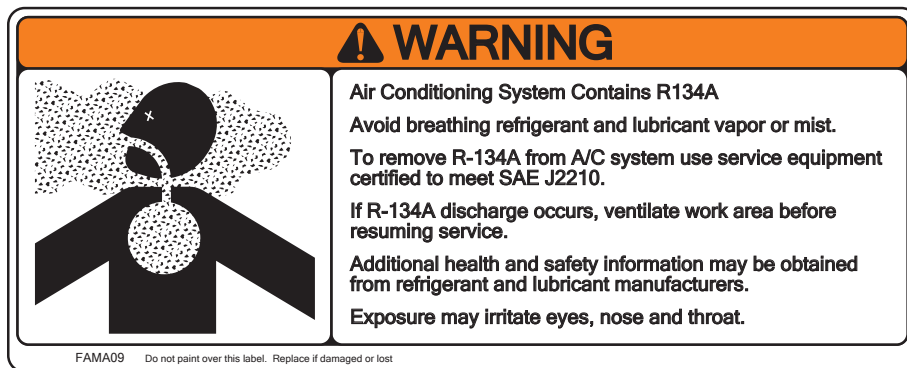
Your apparatus may include an electrical connection to keep the batteries charged while in the station (commonly referred to as a shoreline connection). A compatible power cable is required to make this connection. It is essential that the source of power is the correct electrical phase, polarity, voltage and current capacity. Refer to the placard near the shoreline connection. Only connect the vehicle to a trusted source that you are sure meets these criteria and NEC and local electrical codes.

## Wire Rope Inspection or Maintenance

Your apparatus may use wire rope (cable) that needs to be inspected or serviced. Wire rope, through use, can develop "barbs" which can slice skin. It is extremely important to wear protective gloves while handling wire rope. Avoid loose fitting clothes or anything that could become entangled in the wire rope and other moving parts.

## Air Conditioning Refrigerant

Use only refrigerants approved for use in air conditioning systems. Some unapproved refrigerants are flammable and can explode, causing injury to personnel. The air conditioning system contains refrigerant under high pressure. To avoid risk of personal injury or damage to the system, only a certified technician should add refrigerant or perform any repair requiring lines to be disconnected.



## Towing Your Apparatus

Only allow your apparatus to be towed by a trained, authorized, and experienced tow operator. Tow only with a sufficiently capable heavy duty wrecker. To prevent damage, injury or death,

- Do not lift apparatus from front bumper or front bumper extensions.
- Only lift apparatus from front axle, front suspension, or chassis frame rail or frame rail crossmember that is bolted directly to the frame.
- Disconnect the driveline or remove the axle shafts from the drive wheels.

- The wrecker operator is responsible for following all warnings associated with equipment, controls, and operation.

## **No-Spin or Locking Differentials**

If your apparatus is equipped with a No-Spin or Locking Differential be sure to distribute the load evenly side-to-side; do not exceed the vehicle's rated payload capacity; keep the diameter of the tires equal. Failure to observe these measures can create a difference in individual wheel speeds which can cause the No-Spin or locking differential to deliver power to only one side of the vehicle and thus cause steering problems.

Turn the engine off and raise all driving wheels of a No Spin or locking differential equipped axle when changing tires to prevent the vehicle from moving. Axles equipped with No-Spin or locking differentials deliver power to both wheels - even when only one wheel is on the ground.

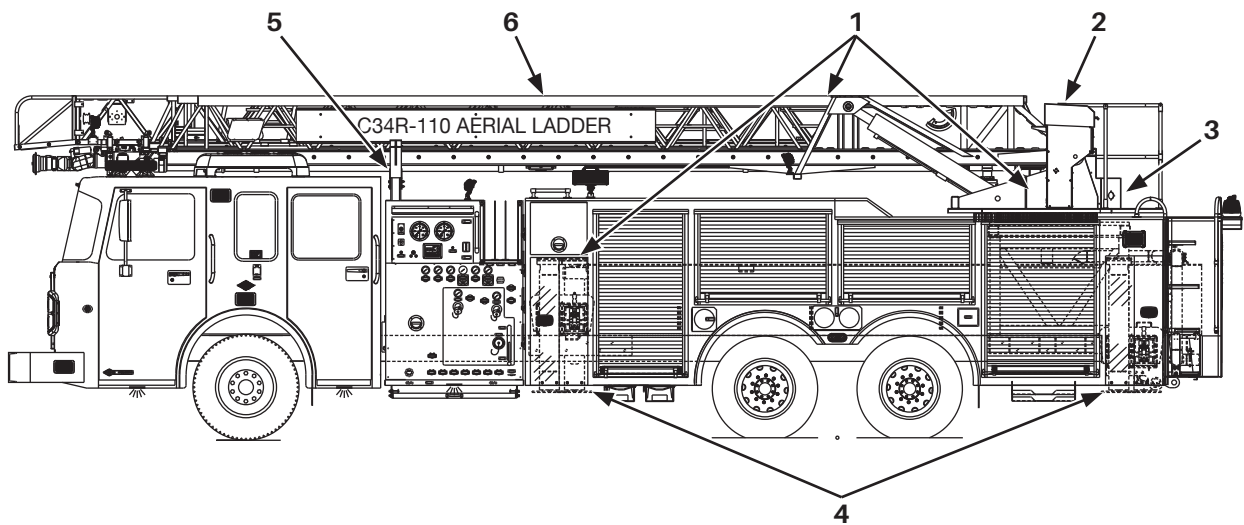
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## CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

### OVERVIEW

This section of the Operator's Manual describes the controls you will need to be familiar with to safely and properly operate your aerial device. The Operating Procedures Section of this manual will go on to explain how to use these controls for safe and proper operations. As fire apparatus are by nature customized to the needs of particular departments, your aerial apparatus controls may have certain variations from the descriptions in this section. If you need assistance or further explanation, contact your department safety or training officer.

### MAJOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION



**Figure 3-1. Major Component Description**

1. **Aerial Ladder** - An aerial device consisting of the turntable, ladder, stabilizers and all associated equipment.
2. **Primary Operator Station** - Control station on the device turntable from where the aerial ladder is operated.
3. **Turntable** - That part of the aerial ladder that is attached to the vehicle and provides rotation of the aerial ladder through 360 degrees. The primary operator control station is located here.
4. **Stabilizer** - A system designed to transfer the weight of the apparatus from the tires and suspension to a solid structure consisting of horizontally extending beams and vertical jacks.
5. **Ladder Cradle** - Supports the aerial ladder when the device is stowed.
6. **Ladder** - That part of the aerial ladder that is attached to the turntable and provides the ability to extend, retract, and elevate. The ladder is composed of two or more sections. (A four-section ladder has a base section, lower-middle section, upper middle section, and a fly section.) The ladder structure provides integral climbing rungs and handrails.

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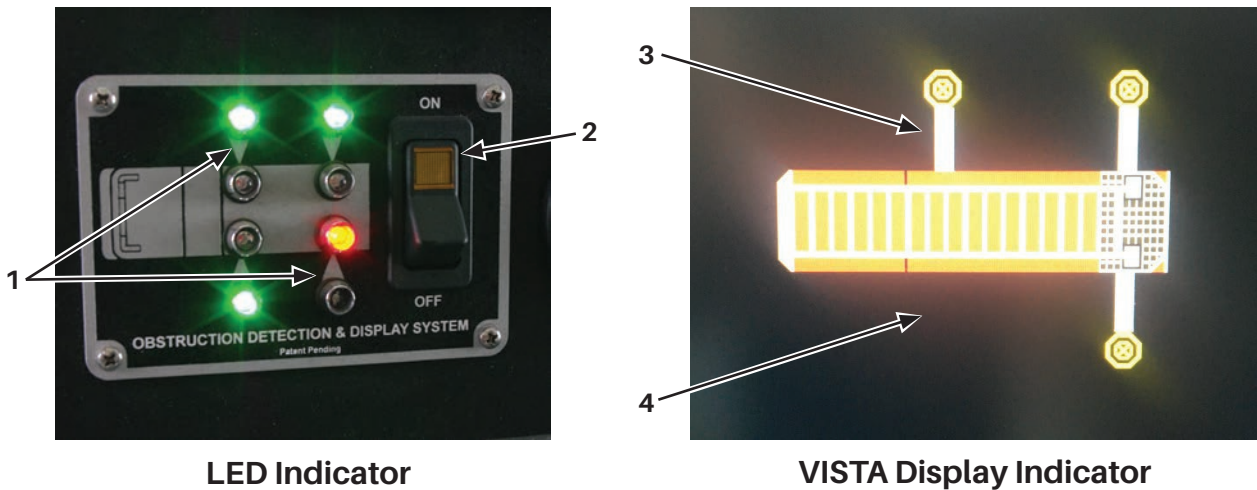
## AERIAL RELATED CONTROLS IN THE CAB



**Figure 3-2. Cab Controls**

1. **Parking Brake** - Engages the service brakes on either the rear axles, or all the axles (optional), when activated.
2. **Transmission Selector** - Controls transmission gear selection.
3. **Aerial Master Power** - Single Switch that engages the aerial power and the PTO drive to the aerial hydraulic pump. Your apparatus may be equipped with separate Aerial Master and PTO switches. Where this manual indicates Aerial Master Power switch, you will need to engage or disengage the Aerial Master and PTO switches.
4. **High (Fast) Idle** - Raises engine speed to optimal rpm for aerial operation. Will not engage if fire service pump is engaged.
5. **Fire Truck Leveling System (Optional - Not Shown)** - If equipped, this will indicate whether the system is enabled for operation or disabled due to severe slope.
6. **Front Wheel Lock (Optional Not Shown)** - Engages the service brakes on the front wheels.

## Stabilizer Obstruction Detection and Display System (ODDS)



LED Indicator

VISTA Display Indicator

**Figure 3-3. Stabilizer Obstruction Display In Cab**

This system detects an obstruction that may be in the path of each stabilizer beam as they extend. On the LED indicator a green light indicates a clear area for that beam, with full extension possible. Red light indicates an obstruction in the beam extension path - this will result in a short set configuration (page 4.7). On the VISTA Display a stabilizer icon on solid, or flashing, indicates a clear area for that beam, with full extension possible. No stabilizer icon indicates an obstruction in the beam extension path - this will result in a short set configuration (page 4.7).

### LED Indicator

1. One red and one green light for each stabilizer beam.
2. On/Off switch for system power.

### VISTA Display Indicator

3. Stabilizer icon.
4. No Stabilizer Icon.

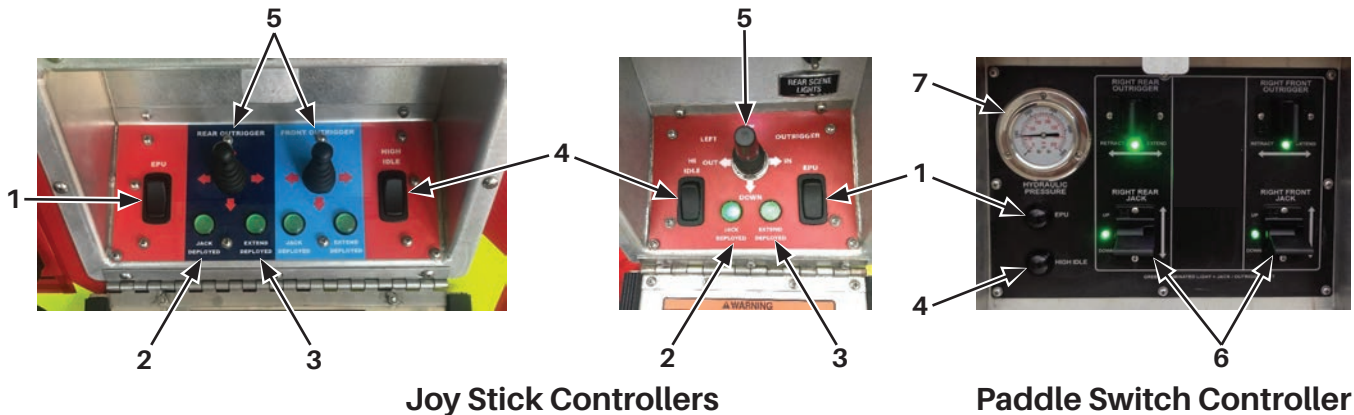
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## STABILIZER CONTROLS

### Traditional Stabilizer Controls



**Figure 3-4. Location of Drivers Side and Passenger Side Stabilizer Control Panels**



**Joy Stick Controllers**

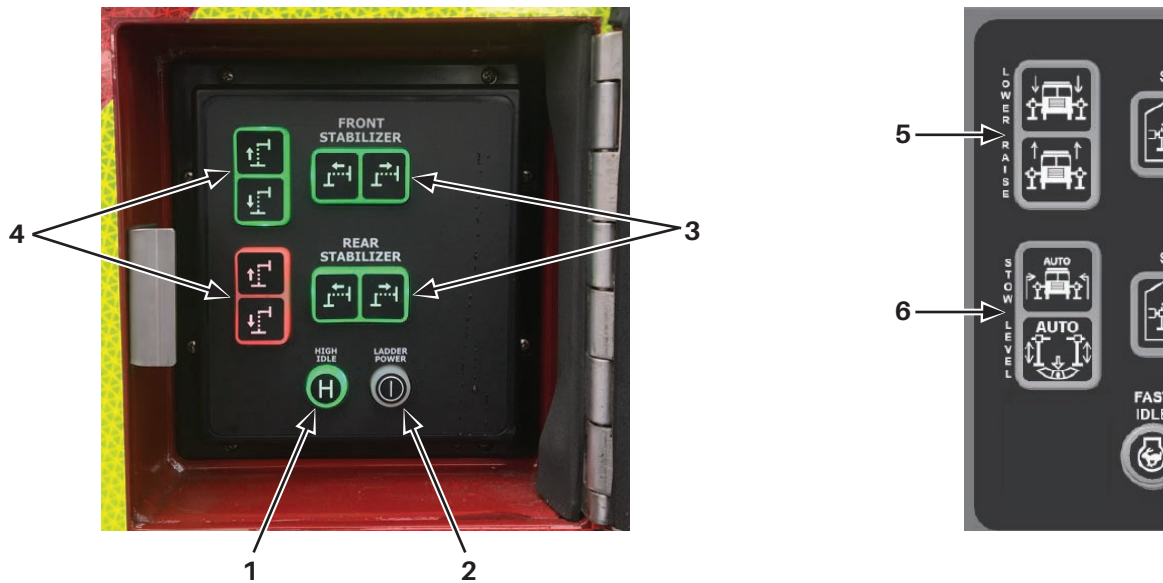
**Paddle Switch Controller**

**Figure 3-5. Stabilizer Control Panels**

1. **EPU Switch** - Engages the electrical auxiliary hydraulic back-up pump.
2. **Jack Deployed Indicator Light** - Illuminates when the jack is deemed by the system to be deployed satisfactorily.
3. **Extend Deployed Indicator Light** - Illuminates when the beam is deemed by the system to be deployed satisfactorily.
4. **High (Fast) Idle Switch** - Momentary switch to activate or deactivate high idle function.
5. **Stabilizer Control** - Joy stick that controls extend/retract and raise /lower functions of the stabilizer.

6. **Stabilizer Function Controller** - Three position momentary paddle switches that control either beam extend/retract, or jack up/down. The adjacent indicator light illuminates when that stabilizer beam or jack is deemed by the system to be deployed satisfactorily. A set is provided for each front and rear stabilizer.
7. **Hydraulic Pressure Gauge** - Show the hydraulic pressure in the stabilizer circuit.

## Advanced Stabilizer Controls



**Figure 3-6. Stabilizer Control Panel - 4 Beams and 4 Jacks**

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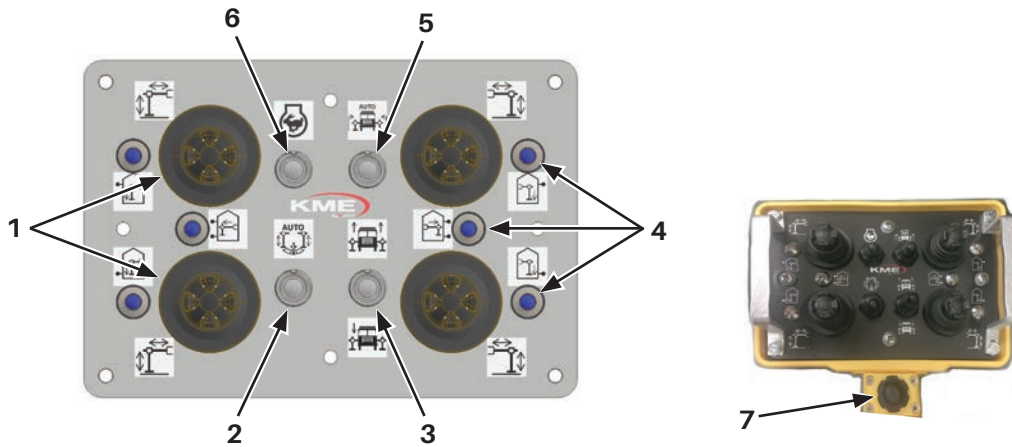
**Apparatus equipped with 2 beams and 2 jacks have a single beam and single jack control.**

1. **High (Fast) Idle Switch** - Momentary button that activates or deactivates high idle function. Press and release to control function. Illuminates when engine is in high idle.
2. **Ladder Power Indicator** - Illuminates when all jacks are load bearing. This indicates that hydraulic power is available for ladder operation.
3. **Stabilizer Beam Control** - Three position momentary switch that extends and retracts the stabilizer beams. Illuminates red when not deployed sufficiently. Illuminates green when the beam is deemed by the system to be deployed satisfactorily.
4. **Stabilizer Jack Control** - Three position momentary switch that raises and lowers the stabilizer jacks. Illuminates red when not deployed sufficiently. Illuminates green when the jack is deemed by the system to be deployed satisfactorily.
5. **Simultaneous Jack Control (If Equipped)** - Three position momentary switch that, when activated, all jacks extent or retract at the same time.

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6. **Auto Level/Stow Control (If Equipped)** - Three position momentary switch. Press the lower half of the switch to activate the automatic leveling function. Press the upper half of the switch to activate the automatic stow functions.
7. **Emergency Override (Optional Not Shown)** - Illuminates when the emergency override is activated.

## Stabilizer Pendant Control - (Optional)



**Figure 3-7. Stabilizer Pendant Control**

1. **Stabilizer Controls** - A four position control lever that controls movement of the beams and jacks. One lever for each stabilizer.
2. **Auto Level** - Momentary switch that activates the automatic leveling feature.
3. **Simultaneous Jack Control** - Three position momentary switch that when activated, all jacks extend or retract at the same time.
4. **Indicator Lights** - Illuminates when the system determines the function is properly deployed. Indicator lights are provided for each stabilizer
5. **Auto Stow** - Momentary switch that activates the automatic stow feature.
6. **High Idle** - Momentary switch that activates or deactivates the high idle function. Push and release to control function.
7. **Operator Present Button** - When button is depressed pendant controls are functional.



**Figure 3-8. Level Indicator**

**Level Indicator** - The level indicators assist the operator in setting up the apparatus as level as possible and to provide the load limit based on apparatus leveling. One or more are positioned for indication on the rear of the apparatus, the other is positioned for front to back indication on the side of the apparatus, typically in the turntable access ladder area.

## AERIAL LADDER CONTROLS

### Primary Operator Control Station - Traditional



**Figure 3-9. Primary Operator Control Station - Traditional**

1. **System Lock Foot Switch** - When foot switch is depressed, aerial controls are functional.
2. **Aerial Extension Control** - Controls extension and retraction of the aerial ladder sections.

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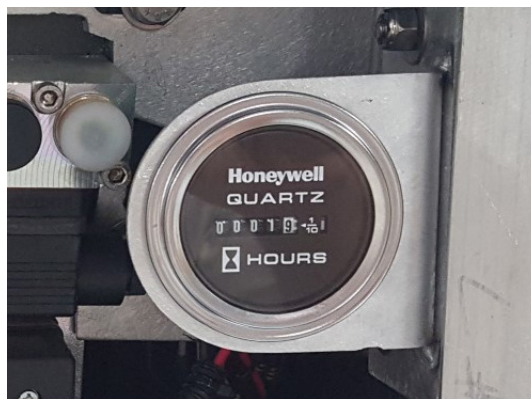
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3. **Aerial Rotation Control** - Controls infinite right (Clockwise) and left (Counter Clockwise) rotation of the turntable.
4. **Aerial Elevation Control** - Raises and lowers the angle of the ladder.
5. **Monitor & Nozzle Control (Optional)** - These controls are provided by the monitor manufacturer. They control all movement and stream pattern of the master stream device.
6. **Cradle Aligned Indicator Light** - This light will illuminate as you rotate the aerial in close proximity to the cradle. When this light is illuminated, you may lower the aerial into the cradle.
7. **Monitor Deploy/Stow Control & Light (Optional)** - This momentary switch activates the automatic deploy or stow feature on the waterway monitor. When monitor is in the correct stow position the indicator light is on.
8. **Flowminder** - Indicates flow in gallons per minute through the ladder waterway system.
9. **Body Collision and Rotation Stop Alarm (Optional)** - Sounds as the ladder is approaching the stop point prior to contacting the apparatus body or stabilizer short set stop point.
10. **Low Angle Aerial Loading Display & Audible Alarm (Optional)** - Shows percent of ladder rated load and forces acting on the aerial ladder sections through an LED bar graph display 0% indicates no live load, 100% indicates maximum live load. This indication is accurate for low angles of elevation only.
11. **Tip Control Power (Optional)** - Momentary switch, when activated, allows ladder control from the Tip Control switches at the tip of the ladder.
12. **Rungs Aligned Indicator Light** - Illuminates when the aerial section rungs are in alignment for climbing the aerial ladder.
13. **Stabilizer Not Deployed Indicator Lights (Optional)** - A light on indicates that one or more of the outriggers on that side of the apparatus is in a short set configuration.
14. **Aerial Override Switch (Optional)** - A momentary switch that allows ladder operation when a stabilizer is in a short set configuration.
15. **High (Fast) Idle** - Raises engine speed to optimal rpm for aerial operation. Will not engage if fire service pump is engaged.
16. **Walkway Lights** - Operates the rung illumination lights.
17. **Tracking Lights (Optional, Not Shown)** - Operates the lights typically mounted at the turntable end of the base section of the ladder.
18. **Tip Lights (Optional, Not Shown)** - Operates the 12 volt lights at the tip of the ladder.



**Figure 3-10. Load Chart and Ladder Communications System**

19. **Load Chart** - Provides ladder loading and stabilization information.
20. **Communication System** - Consists of either a communication speaker with a push to talk button, or a jack where the department can plug in various makes of headsets.



**Figure 3-11. Hour Meter**

21. **Hour Meter** - Located inside the Primary Control Station pedestal. Indicates hours of operation of the aerial device.
22. **Incline Meter** - Indicates the angle of the ladder relative to the earth.



**Figure 3-12. Incline meter**

23. **Extension Indicator** - Hash marks at 5 ft. (1 m) increments that provide the approximate extension of the ladder tip, in feet.



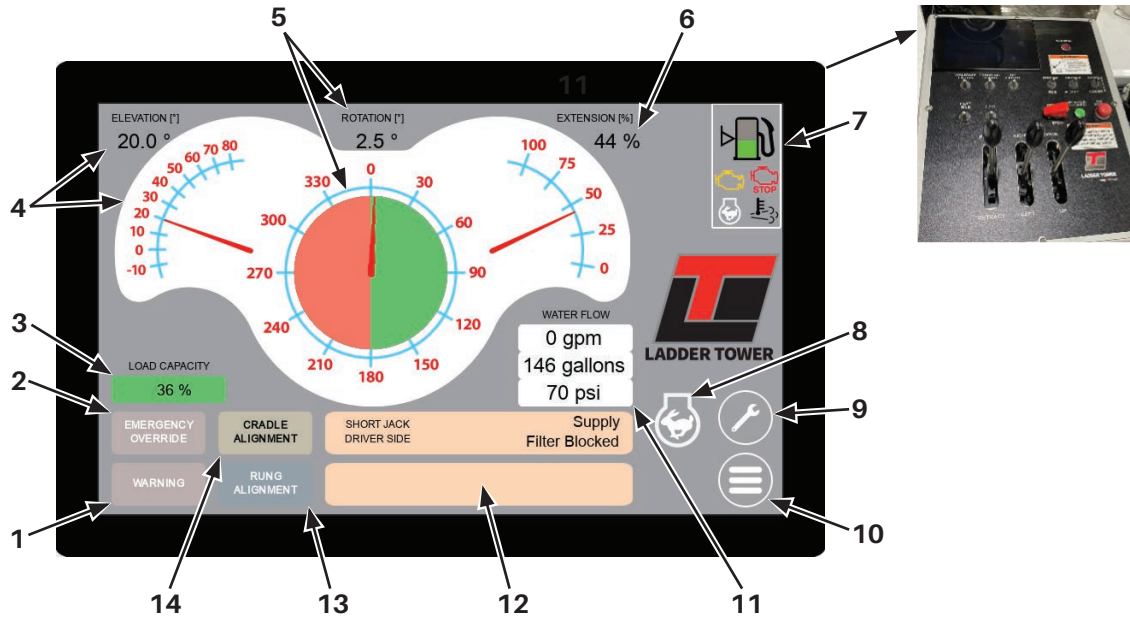
**Standard Indicator**

**Figure 3-13. Extension indicator**

## Aerial Master Display

This display may be provided as part of a Traditional Primary Operator Control system. The screen is a touch screen for navigating the menus and screens.

## Aerial Screen



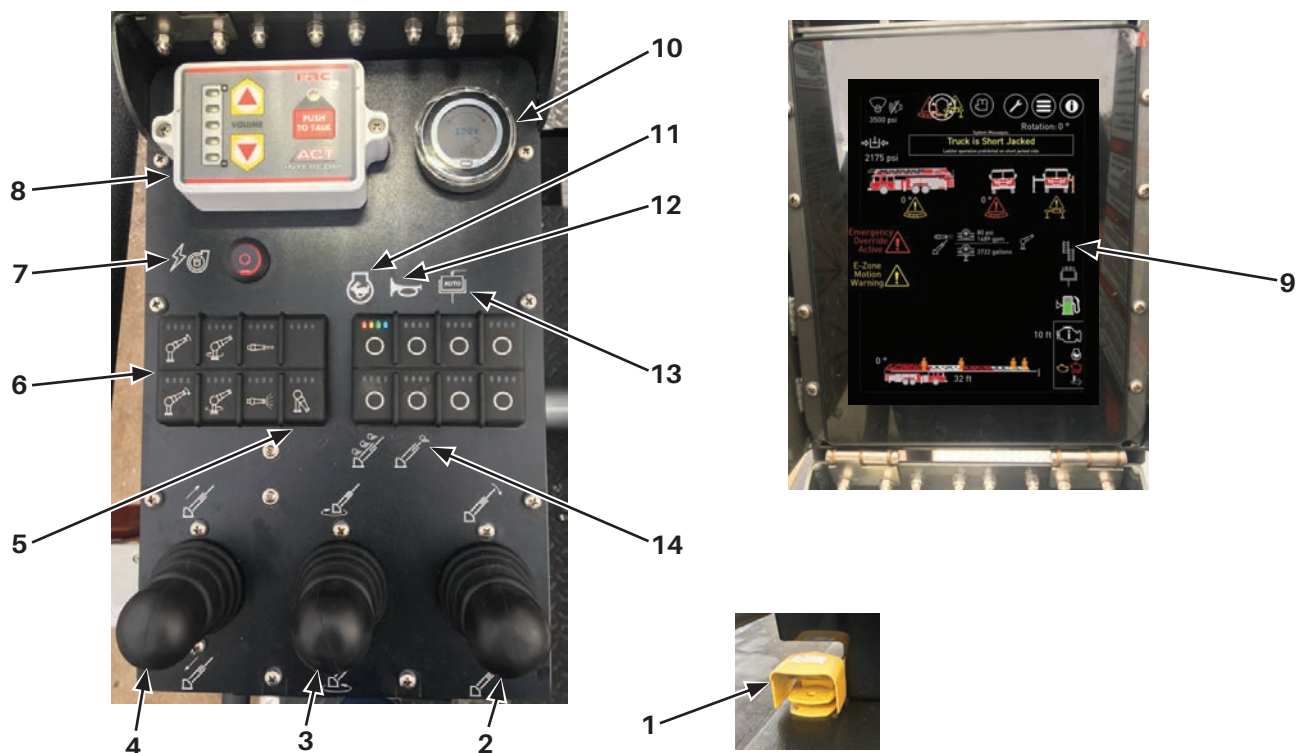
**Figure 3-14. Aerial Master Display**

1. **Warning** - Illuminates as the ladder is approaching the stop point prior to contacting the apparatus body or the rotation stop point for stabilizer short set.
2. **Emergency Override** - Illuminates when the Emergency Override system is activated.
3. **Load Capacity (Optional)** - Shows percent of ladder rated load and forces acting on the aerial ladder sections 0% indicates no live load, 100% indicates maximum live load. This indication is accurate for low angles of elevation only.
4. **Elevation** - Provides the elevation of the ladder in degrees, from horizontal.
5. **Rotation** - The red needle indicates the position of the ladder in reference to the apparatus. Also, indicates by pink shading, when a short-set condition is present.
6. **Extension** - Indicates the amount of ladder extension in percentage. 0% is fully retracted, 100% is fully extended.
7. **Engine Information** - Telltales inform the operator of problems with the apparatus engine and the fuel level in the tank.
8. **High Idle Icon** - Illuminates when the engine is in high idle mode.
9. **Wrench Icon** - Icon is used to access service menus. Certain screens require an access code to open. Only qualified technicians should access these screens.

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10. **Ladder Menu Icon** - Icon is used to access other information screens. These include trouble shooting and settings screens. Certain screens require an access code to open. Only qualified technicians should access these screens.
11. **Aerial Monitor Water Flow (Optional)** - For a ladder equipped with a waterway. Provides the gallons per minute, total gallons flowed, and water pressure at the monitor.
12. **System Messages** - Provides information in addition to the warning icons.
13. **Rungs Aligned** - Illuminates when the ladder section rungs are in alignment for climbing.
14. **Cradle Aligned** - Illuminates as you rotate the aerial over the cradle. When this light is illuminated, you may lower the aerial into the cradle.

## Primary Operator Control Station - Advanced Aerial Control System

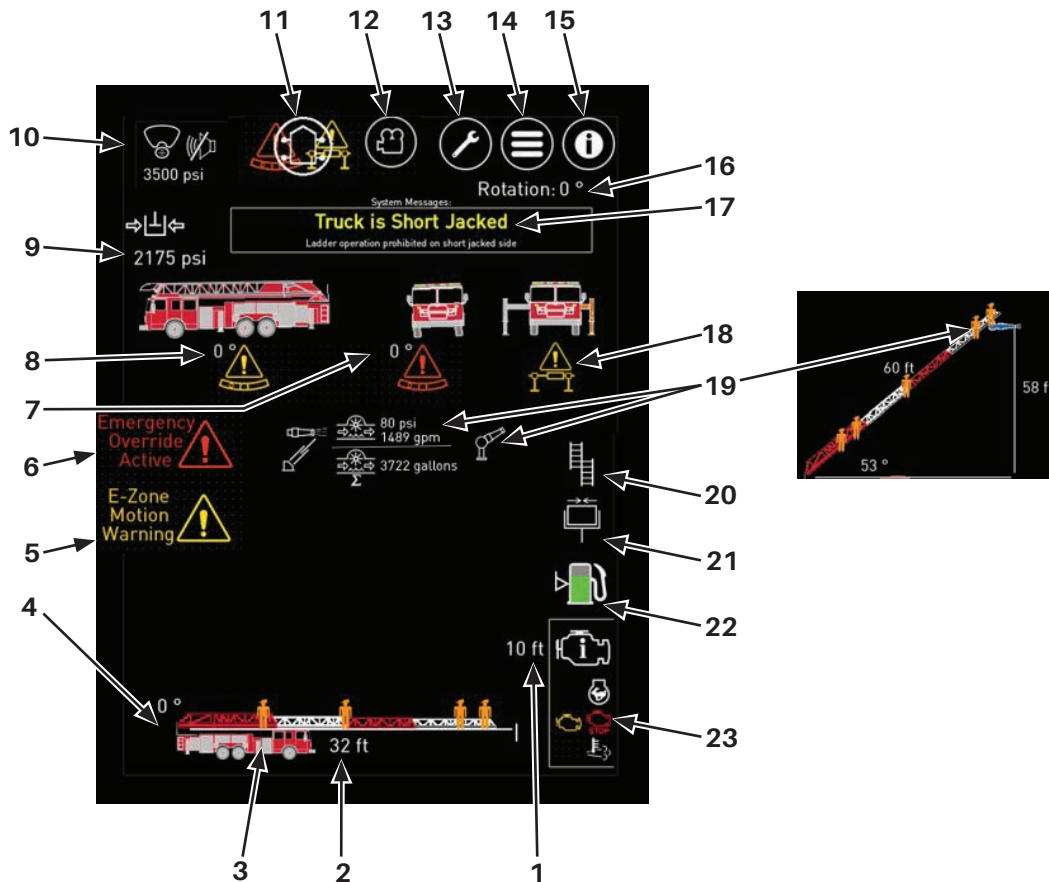


**Figure 3-15. Primary Operator Control Station - Advanced Aerial Controls**

1. **Operator Present Foot Switch** - When foot switch is depressed, ladder controls are functional.
2. **Aerial Elevation Control** - Raises and lowers the angle of the ladder.
3. **Aerial Rotation Control** - Controls infinite right (Clockwise) and left (Counter Clockwise) rotation of the turntable.
4. **Aerial Extension Control** - Controls extension and retraction of the aerial ladder sections.
5. **Monitor Stow Control (Optional)** - This momentary switch activates the monitor automatic stow feature.

6. **Monitor & Nozzle Controls (Optional)** - A momentary switch is provided for each monitor and nozzle movement.
7. **Emergency Pump** - A momentary switch that activates the back-up emergency hydraulic pump.
8. **Communication System** - Consists of either a communication speaker with volume control and push to talk button, or a jack where the department can plug in various makes of headsets.
9. **Advanced Aerial Display** - Multiple screens provide aerial device information, various load charts and tip load ratings based on the stabilizer deployment and aerial device position.
10. **Ladder Movement Speed Control** - Controls the maximum speed of the ladder movements. Turn clockwise to increase speed to maximum. Turn counter clockwise to decrease speed to minimum.
11. **High (Fast) Idle** - A momentary switch that raises engine speed to optimal rpm for aerial operation. Will not engage if fire service pump is engaged.
12. **Air Horn (Optional)** - Activate the fire apparatus air horn.
13. **Aerial Auto Stow** - Push and hold button to active automatic stowing of the aerial device into the cradle.
14. **Ladder Lighting Controls** - Momentary push buttons to turn on and off aerial lighting features. May include:
  - **Ladder Rung Lights (Optional)** - Operates the rung illumination lights.
  - **Tip Lights (Optional)** - Operates 12-volt spotlights on the tip of the fly section.
  - **Ladder Base Lights (Optional Not Shown)** - Operates both spotlights on the turntable end of the base section.
  - **Tip Light 110V (Optional Not Shown)** - Operates high voltage flood lights on the aerial device.
  - **Panel Light** - Illuminates the light on the control panel for added visibility.

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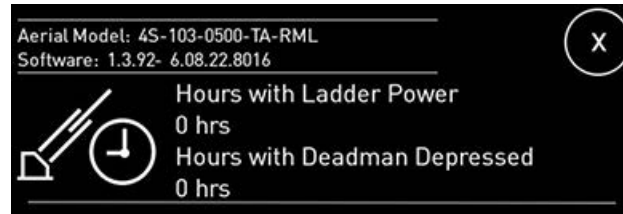


**Figure 3-16. Advanced Controls Load Chart and Information Display**

1. **Elevation Measurement** - Number provides elevation of the tip of the ladder.
2. **Extension Measurement** - Number provides extension of the tip of the ladder.
3. **Firefighter Stick Figure** - Each stick figure indicates a load of 250 lbs. (113.4 kg) multiplied by the number of stick figures, or the number in the circle, to show maximum load that can be placed on that section of the ladder.
4. **Elevation Angle** - The number shows the degrees of elevation. As the ladder is raised, the ladder image on the screen will change to the next load range for that elevation angle.
5. **E-Zone Warning Indicator** - Illuminates as the ladder is approaching the stop point prior to contacting the apparatus body or the rotation stop point for stabilizer short set.
6. **Emergency Override Active Indicator** - Illuminates when the Emergency Override system is activated.
7. **Side to Side Level Indicator** - Informs the primary operator of the position of the apparatus to earth and if load restrictions are required.
8. **Front to Back Level Indicator** - Informs the primary operator of the position of the apparatus to earth and if load restrictions are required.
9. **Hydraulic Pressure Indicator** - Shows the hydraulic pressure at the pump.

10. **Breathing Air System Pressure Indicator (Optional)** – Shows pressure in the breathing air system. (If Equipped.)
11. **Stability Warning Indicators** – Illuminates when the stabilizers are deployed adequately for aerial operation.
12. **Camera Icon (Optional)** – Activate to switch the screen to see the image from a video camera. (If Equipped.)
13. **Wrench Icon** – Icon is used to access service menu's. Certain screens require an access code to open. Only qualified technicians should access these screens.
14. **Ladder Menu Icon** – Icon is used to access other information screens. These include troubleshooting and Settings Screens. Certain screens require an access code to open. Only qualified technicians should access these screens.
15. **Information "I" Icon** – Tap the "I", then tap another symbol. A screen for that symbol will appear. Tap the "I" again to return to the previous screen.
16. **Rotation** – Provides the rotation position of the ladder/turntable. Zero (0) degrees is over the cradle.
17. **System Messages** – Provides information in addition to the warning icons.
18. **Stabilizer Beam Extension Indicator** – Informs the Primary Operator that a stabilizer beam is in a short set condition.
19. **Aerial Monitor Information** – Informs the Primary Operator of the –
  - Pressure and flow in the waterway system.
  - The total volume flowed.
  - The position of the monitor – Water Tower (Tip of the Fly Section) or Rescue (Next lower fly section). (Optional)
  - Whether the monitor is in the deployed (Nozzle pointing up) or stowed (Nozzle pointing down) position.
  - The blue nozzle symbol indicates waterflow. Nozzle symbol does not display when there is no waterflow.
20. **Rungs Aligned Icon** – Illuminates when the ladder section rungs are in alignment for climbing.
21. **Cradle Aligned Icon** – This icon will illuminate as you rotate the aerial over the cradle. When this light is illuminated, you may lower the aerial into the cradle.
22. **Fuel Pump Icon** – Informs the Primary Operator of the amount of diesel fuel in the tank.
23. **Engine Information Telltales** – Telltales inform the Primary Operator of problems with the apparatus engine.

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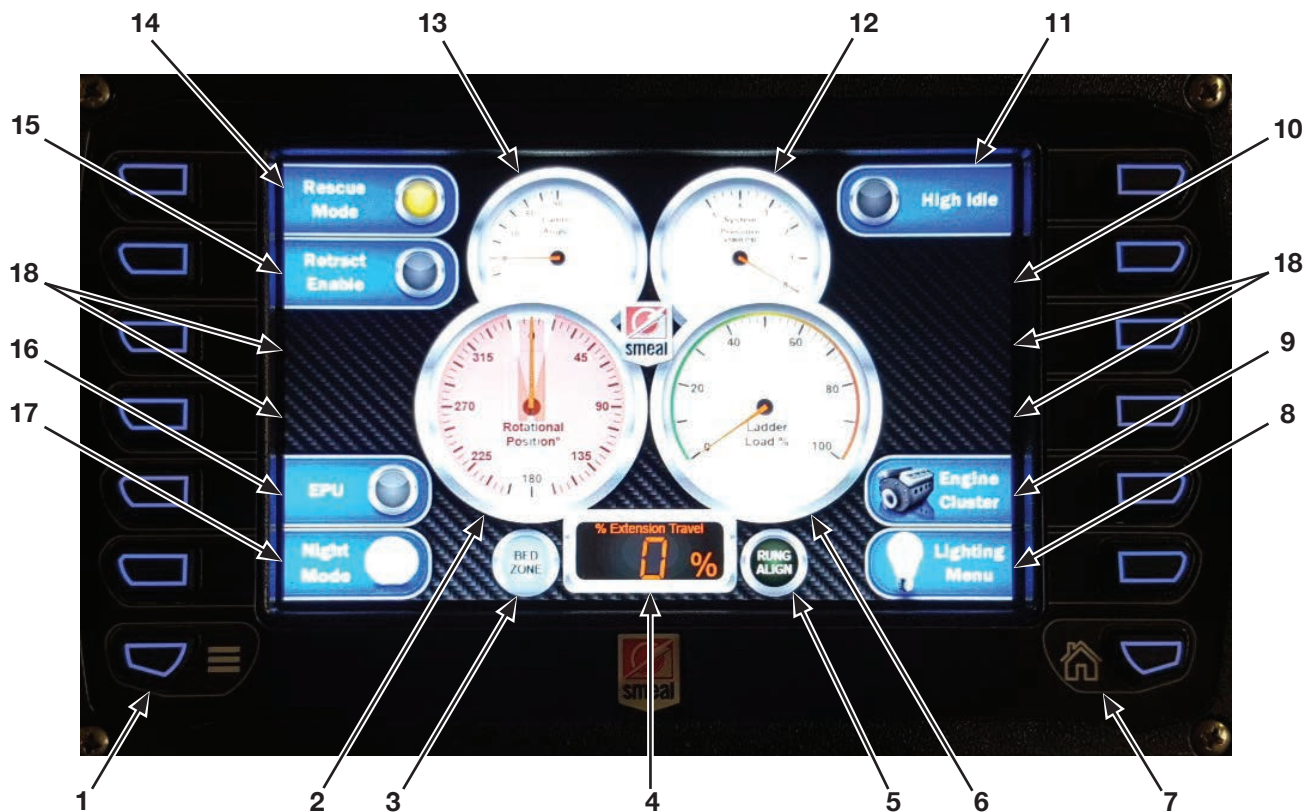
**Figure 3-17. Advanced Controls Display Hour Meter**

24. **Hour Meter** - Provides the number of hours with the Ladder Power switch engaged and with the Operator Present Foot Switch activated. This is found on the Wrench Icon Screen.

## Primary Operator Control Station - AL-11

The AL-11 control interface allows operation and monitoring of the ladder through the electronic display and corresponding buttons.

### AL-11 Ladder Control



**Figure 3-18. AL-11 Ladder Control Screen**

1. **Calibration Screen** - To go to the calibration access screen. For factory authorized persons only.
2. **Rotational Position** - Indicates the position of the ladder in reference to the apparatus. Also, indicates by pink shading, when a short-set condition is present.

3. **Bed Zone (Cradle Aligned) Indicator Light** - This light will illuminate as the operator rotates the aerial over the ladder bed. When this light is illuminated, the operator may lower the aerial into the ladder bed.
4. **Extension Travel** - Indicates the amount of ladder extension in percentage. 0% is fully retracted, 100% is fully extended.
5. **Rungs Aligned Indicator Light** - Illuminates when the aerial section rungs are in alignment for climbing the ladder.
6. **Loadminder Display & Audible Alarm** - Shows percent of ladder rated load and forces acting on the Aerial ladder sections through a digital display 0% indicates no live load, 100% indicates maximum live load. This indication is accurate for low angles of elevation only.
7. **Home Screen** - Activate to return to the home screen which is the Ladder Control Screen.
8. **Lighting Menu** - Activate to switch to the Lighting Control Screen.
9. **Engine Cluster** - Activate to go to the Engine Monitor Display Screen.
10. **Creeper (Tip Control) Enable** - For ladders equipped with creeper controls at the tip of the ladder. Momentary switch, when activated allows ladder control from the creeper switches at the tip of the ladder (icon not shown).
11. **High (Fast) Idle** - Raises engine speed to optimal rpm for aerial operation. Will not engage if fire service pump is engaged.
12. **System Pressure Gauge** - Shows operation pressure of the ladder hydraulic system.
13. **Ladder Angle** - Indicates the angle of the ladder for reference to the load chart.
14. **Positional Waterway Selector - (If Equipped)** This switch changes the position of the master stream device from the tip of the ladder to the end of the next section, back.
15. **Retract Enabled - (If Equipped)** Allows retraction of the ladder when the fly steps are in overlap with the next lower section.
16. **Emergency Power Unit Switch (EPU)** - Activates the back-up emergency hydraulic pump. Light illuminates when the EPU switch is engaged and the emergency pump is operating.
17. **Night Mode** - Changes the background of the display to a less intense light for dark conditions.
18. **Open Positions** - May be used to control other optional features such as;
19. **Remote Control Master - (If Equipped, Not Shown)** For aerials equipped with hand-held remote control unit this momentary switch, when activated, will allow operation of the ladder by the remote control.
20. **Monitor Stow Control - (If Equipped, Not Shown)** This momentary switch activates the automatic stow feature.
21. **Flow Meter - (If Equipped, Not Shown)** Indicates flow in gallons per minute through the ladder waterway system.

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## AL-11 Lighting Control Screen



**Figure 3-19. AL-11 Lighting Control Screen**

1. **Aerial Control Screen** - Activate to return to the aerial control screen.
2. **High Voltage Tip Lights (Optional)** - To turn on or off any high-voltage flood lights mounted at the ladder tip (icon not shown).
3. **Tracking Lights Switch** - Operates both spotlights on the base end of the base section.
4. **Ladder Lights** - Operates the rung illumination lights.
5. **Panel Light Switch** - Illuminates the light on the control panel for added visibility.
6. **Tip Light Switch** - Operates both spotlights on the tip of the fly section.

## AL-11 Engine Cluster Screen

This screen provides a display of the driver's instrument panel. Critical engine information is displayed with gauges and warning symbols similar to those found on the instrument panel.



**Figure 3-20. AL-11 Engine Cluster Screen**

## NOTICE

That the indicators and controls on the left and right sides of the display are the same as on the aerial screen.

## AL-11 System Reboot

In the event that the control functions on the AL-11 screen “lock up” or the information does not appear to be correct. You will need to reboot the system. This is accomplished by cycling the aerial power switch in the cab.

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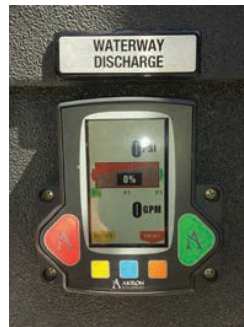
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## AERIAL MASTER STREAM CONTROLS

### Aerial Waterway (Optional)

An Aerial Inlet is provided at the rear, or side, of the apparatus. Standard configuration does not provide a control valve on this intake, control of flow and pressure is provided by the apparatus supplying the water.

Aerial ladders equipped with a fire service pump will have a control valve, and pressure gauge at the pump operators panel to control water flow to the waterway.



Electronic



Manual

**Figure 3-21. Waterway Controls - Electronic and Manual Valve**

**Waterway Drain:** There is a waterway drain valve control located at the lowest point of the aerial waterway at the rear of the apparatus. On aerial apparatus equipped with a fire pump, there may be an additional drain valve located on the pump operator's panel.



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**When supplying water from the onboard pump, water pressure will be present at the Aerial Inlet cap DO NOT remove this cap when supplying water from the onboard pump, injury or death may result.**

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**Figure 3-22. Waterway Drain and Aerial Inlet**

## Monitor & Nozzle Control (Optional)

These controls are provided by the monitor manufacturer. They control all movement and stream pattern of the master stream device.

Typical controls include:

- Sweep - Left/Right
- Elevation - Up/Down
- Nozzle - Fog/Straight
- Monitor Stow/Deploy



**Figure 3-23. Monitor and Nozzle Control**

## Master Stream Remote Control

Remote controls for the ladder master stream device may be provided by the device manufacturer. Basic controls include;

1. Power Switch to turn on and off the remote control.
2. There are three momentary switches for Master Stream control;
  - Sweep - Left/Right
  - Elevation - Up/Down
  - Nozzle - Fog/Straight

# CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

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## Traditional Positional Waterway Control Lever (Optional)

Mechanical lever that secures the master stream device to either the tip of the fly section or the tip of the next section back.



**Figure 3-24. Waterway Control Level**

## OTHER CONTROLS AND SYSTEMS

### Ladder Tip Controls - (Optional)

**Traditional Ladder Tip Controls (Optional)** – Momentary switches, when activated, move the ladder in all directions. Ladder movement is limited to a reduced speed. There are three momentary switches for ladder control.

- Ladder - Raise/Lower
- Ladder - Left/Right
- Ladder - Extend/Retract



**Traditional Tip Control**



**Advanced Tip Control**

**Figure 3-25. Ladder Tip Controls**

**Advanced Ladder Tip Controls (Optional)** – Electric over hydraulic proportional control levers, when activated, move the ladder in all directions. Ladder movement is limited to a reduced speed.

## Body Collision Avoidance

The ladder is equipped with a system intended to reduce the risk of accidentally striking the apparatus body with the ladder. This system is a pre-programmed envelope that stops ladder movement prior to the ladder striking the body or other fixed devices attached to the body. This envelope is programmed with all movable objects and devices in the stowed/road ready position. Conditions such as the cab being tilted, telescope lights extended, are not part of the collision avoidance programming. The operator must be aware of the position of all of these devices to avoid striking them.



**Figure 3-26. Ladder Movement Stops Prior to Contacting Body of Apparatus**

## Breathing Air System - (Optional)

This system consists of:

- High Pressure Cylinders: One or more large, high-pressure compressed air cylinders certified for breathing air. These are mounted on the outside of the bed section of the ladder.



**Figure 3-27. Breathing Air System High-Pressure Cylinder**

- Regulators and adapters: Provided to allow for the distribution of air and the refilling of the cylinder(s).

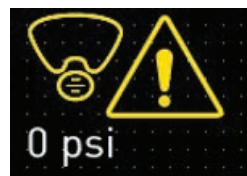
# CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

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**Figure 3-28. Breathing Air System Gauges**

- Connections: Quick connect outlets of the type compatible with, and located as required by, the purchasing department are provided.



**Figure 3-29. Air Pressure Gauges**

- A pressure monitoring system is provided that shows air pressure in the breathing air system and provides a visual and audible warning when the system is low. This is either a gauge on the pedestal or displayed on the AL-11 Screen or Advanced Control Display.

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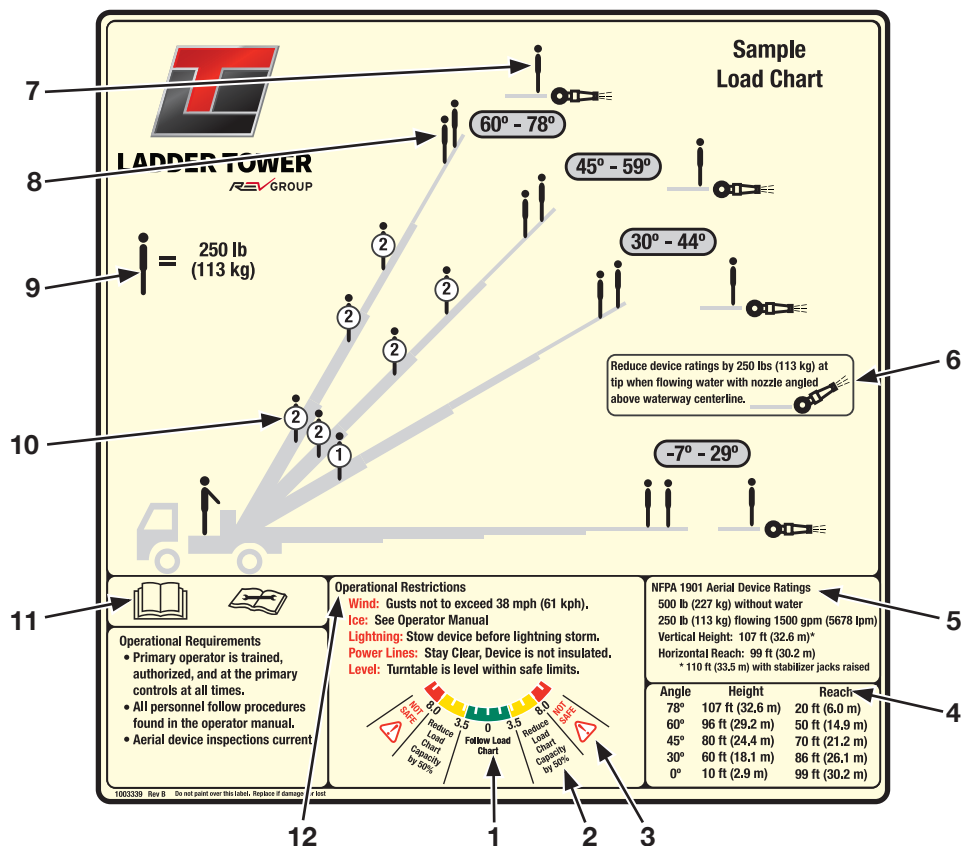
### OVERVIEW

The procedures contained in this section of the Operator’s Manual explain how to safely and properly operate your Aerial Ladder. Any deviation from these procedures increases the risk of an accident occurring. Accidents may result in damage to the apparatus, as well as injury or death to firefighters and other people using this Aerial Ladder.



Read and follow the instructions found in the **Safety Section** of this manual before operating.

### UNDERSTANDING THE LOAD CHART



**Figure 4-1. Sample Load Chart - Aerial Ladder**

### Level Indicators

There are level indicators on the apparatus body. One Level Indicator shows side to side level and the other Level Indicator shows front to back level. There are three color coded ranges indicated. These ranges may vary depending upon aerial device model. Always reference the load chart on your aerial device.

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1. **Green Range (0 - 3.5°)** - indicates the aerial device can be loaded to 100% capacity.
2. **Yellow Range (3.6- 8.0°)** - indicates the aerial device can be loaded to 50% capacity.
3. **Red Range (Over 8.0°)** - indicates that the aerial device should not be used.

## Angle, Height, and Reach Chart

4. This chart is for reference only, to be used to lay out the best location for your device during training or planning exercises. In an emergency you will not have time to measure out the scene, so you must hone your special judgment through practice and experience.
  - The Angle column is the degrees the Aerial Ladder is above horizontal.
  - The Height column is the distance from the ground to last rung on the fly section at the corresponding angle, when the Aerial Ladder is at full extension.
  - The Reach column is the horizontal distance from the center of the Turntable to the last rung on the fly section, with the Aerial Ladder at the corresponding height.

## NFPA® 1900 Aerial Device Ratings

5. This list provides the height, reach, load, and water flow capability as determined per **NFPA® 1900** standards.

## Extended Range Monitor

6. This box describes load reduction requirements that are necessary when operating the waterway nozzle at certain angles.

## Aerial Device Loading

7. This icon indicates the maximum load that can be carried on the fly section of the ladder while flowing water at the rate shown in Aerial Device Ratings (#5), when the apparatus is leveled in the Green Range (#1). The load must be reduced by 50% when the apparatus is leveled in the Yellow Range (#2).
8. This icon indicates the maximum load that can be carried on the fly section of the ladder with a dry waterway, when the apparatus is leveled in the Green Range (#1). The load must be reduced by 50% when the apparatus is leveled in the Yellow Range (#2).
9. **Load Icon** - Stick figure indicates a 250 lbs. (113.4 kg) load. A stick figure with a number indicates a load of 250 lbs. (113.4 kg) multiplied by the number in the circle.
10. **Distributed Loads on the Ladder Sections** - As the elevation increases from 0 degrees, additional load can be distributed on the lower sections of the ladder. These icons indicate the maximum load on a ladder section, when the apparatus is leveled in the Green Range (#1). The load must be reduced by 50% when the apparatus is leveled in the Yellow Range (#2).

## NOTICE

If the Load Chart shows an odd number of personnel allowed, then you must always round down to the nearest whole number of people. For example, if the capacity in the green range is 3 people, then in the yellow range half of 3.0 people would be 1.5 people. Since you can't have half a person, you must round down to 1.0 people.

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**Aerial Ladder Capacity in Red Range (3):** After leveling the apparatus, if either Level Indicator is in the **Red Range** DO NOT use the Aerial Ladder.

## NOTICE

Always reference the Load Chart provided with your aerial ladder for specific allowable loads. This can be found at the PRIMARY OPERATOR CONTROL STATION on the turntable. Optional equipment and department specific requirements may affect the rated capacity of your aerial ladder compared with the load chart.

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### Operational Requirements

11. Lists several requirements for Operators before and during aerial device operation.

### Operational Restrictions

12. Lists conditions that may impact the loading or operation of the aerial device.

### Factors that Reduce Live Load Capacity

The load capacity of your aerial ladder is based on standard conditions. As the aerial operator, you are responsible for taking into account environmental factors or other non-standard conditions. Such factors or conditions may include:

- Wind
- Snow
- Ice
- Water Monitor Operation
- Hose and Other Added Equipment

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## PREPARING THE APPARATUS FOR LADDER OPERATIONS

### Pre-Operation Readiness

Prior to operating your aerial ladder, inspect the apparatus and aerial ladder in accordance with Service Section of this manual and your Department's procedures.



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Read and follow the instructions found in the **Safety Section** of this manual pertaining to driving and riding safely prior to operating. (see page 2.23.)

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Read and follow the instructions found in your **Chassis Operator Manual** prior to operating. Before driving your apparatus you must make sure it is safe and in good working order. Follow the pre-trip inspection found in your chassis operator manual.

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Before operating the aerial ladder read and follow the **Prepare For Safe Operation** instructions found in the safety section of this manual. (see page 2.1.)

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### Selecting a Set-up Site



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Read and follow the **Safe Aerial Set-Up** instructions found in the safety section of this manual.

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Using a spotter, position your apparatus at a site that meets the following criteria:

- As flat and solid as possible (i.e., reinforced concrete, asphalt, etc.).
- Avoid manhole covers, sewer lids and grates, non-compacted gravel or soil, etc.
- Use cribbing or shoring to spread out load if setting up on soft surfaces.
- Provide room for stabilizer deployment on both sides or provide room for stabilizer deployment on the side over which the ladder will be used on, if department SOPs allow short-jacking.
- Clear of overhead obstructions such as electrical cables, buildings, trees, etc.
- When possible position the apparatus to operate the aerial over the side or rear to provide maximum reach and low angle operation.
- Position to minimize water monitor spray onto the ladder to avoid ice build-up in freezing temperatures.
- Position apparatus outside of collapse zones or high heat areas.

### Provide Aerial Power

To engage the PTO, follow instructions in the chassis manual to start the engine.

1. Ensure the **Parking Brake** is set.
2. Ensure the **Front Wheel Lock** is set (If Equipped).

3. Place **Transmission Selector** in neutral.
4. Ensure that the engine speed is 900 RPM or less.
5. Activate the **Aerial Master Power/PTO** switch.
6. Deploy wheel chocks.

## Engaging the Fire Service Pump after the PTO is in Operation

If the PTO has been engaged and it now becomes necessary to engage the fire service pump, follow these steps.

1. Deactivate the **High (Fast) Idle Switch** at any of the control locations.
2. Engage the fire service pump using the procedures found in the pump operation manual.
3. Place the **Transmission Selector** in drive.
4. The fire service pump and aerial ladder are now both operational. The high idle function is now disabled.
5. Use the fire service pump controller to set the engine speed for required discharge pressure.

## Engaging PTO after the Fire Service Pump is in Operation

If the fire service pump has been engaged and the engine speed set to supply pressure, and it then becomes necessary to engage the PTO for aerial or hydraulic generator operation, follow these steps.

1. Lower the RPM's of the engine to 900 RPM or less.



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**Prior to lowering the engine RPM, and subsequently the pump discharge pressure, ensure that lowering the discharge pressure WILL NOT impact the safety of firefighters, or fire fighting operations.**

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2. Activate the **Aerial Master Power/PTO** switch. (The **High (Fast) Idle** function is now disabled.)
3. Use the fire service pump controller to set the engine speed for required discharge pressure.

## Wheel Chock Positioning



**Figure 4-2. Wheel Chocks**

1. Place chocks on those tires that will have the greatest contact with the ground after stabilizer deployment.

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2. Place chocks on the down-hill side of tires if positioned on a grade.
3. Place chocks on both sides of the tires if positioned on level ground.

## STABILIZING THE APPARATUS



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Read and follow the **Safe Aerial Set-Up** instructions found in the safety section of this manual.

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### Placing the Auxiliary Stabilizer Pads

Always use auxiliary stabilizer pads when the stabilizers are deployed and the ladder is put into operation.

1. Clear all personnel from the stabilizer deployment area.
2. Inform personnel that you are about to set stabilizers.
3. Activate the **High (Fast) Idle** switch. (If the fire pump is not engaged).
4. Use the **Stabilizer Beam Controls** to extend all stabilizer beams completely. (Ensure that the stabilizer audible warning sounds when a stabilizer control is activated.)
5. Position the stabilizer pads under each jack with the handle positioned between the jack and the apparatus body.

### Leveling the Apparatus Using the Stabilizer Control Panels on the Rear of the Apparatus

Leveling Apparatus Equipped with Four Stabilizers - Front and Rear Outriggers or Rear Outriggers and Front Jacks.

#### Manual Leveling

1. Using the **Stabilizer Jack Controls**, lower the jacks on one side of the apparatus, making contact with the ground and raising that side several inches to take the bulge out of the sidewalls of the tires.
2. Lower the jacks on the opposite side until the side to side **Level Indicator** is in the green range, as close to zero degrees as possible and the bulge is out of the tire sidewalls.
3. Check that the front to back **Level Indicator** near the turntable access ladder is in the green range, and as close to zero degrees as possible.
4. If the apparatus is parked on a slope (side to side) or grade (front to back);
  - Lower the jacks on the uphill side of the apparatus first, just making contact with the auxiliary stabilizer pads.
  - Lower the jacks on the downhill side until the side to side **Level Indicator** is in the green range, as close to zero degrees as possible, then lower the appropriate jacks so that the front to back **Level Indicator** is in the green range, as close to zero degrees as possible.

## NOTICE

Refer to load chart and Safety Section of this manual for operation in the yellow range.



**Figure 4-3. Leveling an Apparatus with 4 Stabilizers**

5. Ensure that at least one tire is in contact with the ground and that it has been properly chocked.
6. Ensure that all **Stabilizer Deployed Indicator Lights** at each stabilizer control station are illuminated.

## NOTICE

Operation of the aerial ladder over the cab is permissible with the front tires off of the ground.

### Automatic Leveling

## CAUTION

Have a spotter watch the jack movement on the side of the apparatus you are unable to observe. Keep people away from stabilizer pinch points.

1. To active the automatic leveling system, press and hold the level button on either control pad. All jacks should extend together and the Stabilizer movement warning alarm sound.
 

If at any time the automatic levelling process must be stopped, release the Level button.
2. Once the apparatus has reached level condition and the stabilizer movement warning alarm has stopped sounding, check the level indicators.
3. If further leveling is needed, use the manual stabilizer controls.
  - Use the **Simultaneous Jack Control** to extend or retract all jacks at the same time.
  - Use the **Stabilizer Jack Controls** to adjust individual jacks as needed.
4. Ensure that at least one tire is in contact with the ground and that it has been properly chocked.
5. Ensure that the background light on all **Stabilizer Control Switches** are illuminated in green.
6. When all jacks are supporting the apparatus, the **Ladder Power Indicator** will turn green.

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## NOTICE

If the slope or grade is too great and the automatic leveling system is unable to achieve a satisfactory level condition, the automatic leveling system will time-out after 60 seconds.

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### Leveling Apparatus Equipped with Rear Stabilizers Only

1. Using the **Stabilizer Jack Controls**, lower the jack on one side of the apparatus, making contact with the ground, and raising that side several inches to take the bulge out of the sidewalls of the tires.
2. Lower the jack on the opposite side until the side to side **Level Indicator** is in the green range, as close to zero degrees as possible and the bulge is out of the rear tire sidewalls.
3. Check that the front to back **Level Indicator** near the turntable access ladder is in the green range, and as close to zero degrees as possible.

## NOTICE

When positioning the apparatus for aerial operation on steep grades, it is best to have the cab facing uphill. The rear stabilizer jacks can be extended to raise the rear axle off the ground in order to level the apparatus as close to zero as possible.

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Refer to load chart and Safety Section of this manual for operation in the yellow range.

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**Figure 4-4. Leveling an Apparatus with 2 Stabilizers**

4. Ensure that the front tires are in contact with the ground and that they have been properly chocked.
5. Ensure that all **Stabilizer Deployed Indicator Lights** at the stabilizer control stations are illuminated.

### Leveling the Apparatus Using the Pendant Control

#### Manually Leveling Using the Pendant Control

## CAUTION

Stand in a position where you can observe the jacks that you are deploying or use a spotter. Keep people away from stabilizer pinch points.

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1. Press and hold the **Operator Present Button**.

2. Using the **Stabilizer Controls**, fully extend all stabilizer beams.
3. Using the **Stabilizer Controls**, lower the jacks on one side of the apparatus, making contact with the ground and raising that side several inches to take the bulge out of the sidewalls of the tires.
4. Lower the jacks on the opposite side until the appropriate **Level Indicator** is in the green range, as close to zero degrees as possible and the bulge is out of the tire sidewalls.
5. Check that the front to back **Level Indicator** near the turntable access ladder is in the green range, and as close to zero degrees as possible.
6. If the apparatus is parked on a slope (side to side) or grade (front to back);
  - Lower the jacks on the uphill side of the apparatus first, just making contact with the auxiliary pads.
  - Lower the jacks on the downhill side until the side to side **Level Indicator** is in the green range, as close to zero degrees as possible, then lower the appropriate jacks so that the front to back **Level Indicator** is in the green zone, as close to zero degrees as possible.

## NOTICE

Refer to load chart and Safety Section of this manual for operation in the yellow zone.



**Figure 4-5. Leveling an Apparatus with 4 Stabilizers**

1. Ensure that at least one tire is in contact with the ground and that it has been properly chocked.
2. Ensure that the Indicator Lights for each stabilizer is illuminated.
3. When all jacks are supporting the apparatus, the **Ladder Power Indicator** will turn green.
4. Release the **Operator Present Button** and stow the Pendent.

### Automatic Leveling Using the Pendent Control

## CAUTION

Stand in a position where all jacks can be observed, or use a spotter to observe the jack(s) you cannot see. Keep people away from stabilizer pinch points.

1. To activate the automatic leveling system, press and hold the **Operator Present Button** and the **Auto Level** switch. All jacks should extend together and the Stabilizer movement warning alarm sound.

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2. If at any time the levelling process must be stopped, either release the **Auto Level** switch or the **Operator Present Button**.
3. Once the apparatus has reached level condition and the stabilizer movement warning alarm has stopped sounding, check the level indicators.
4. If further leveling is needed, use the manual stabilizer controls.
  - Use the **Simultaneous Jack Control** to extend or retract all jacks at the same time.
  - Use the **Stabilizer Jack Controls** to adjust individual jacks as needed.
5. Ensure that at least one tire is in contact with the ground and that it has been properly chocked.
6. Ensure that the Indicator Lights for each stabilizer is illuminated.
7. When all jacks are supporting the apparatus, the **Ladder Power Indicator** will turn green.

## NOTICE

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**If the slope or grade is too great and the automatic leveling system is unable to achieve a satisfactory level condition, the automatic leveling system will time-out after 60 seconds.**

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### Short-Set Operation

## WARNING

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**Read and follow the instructions found in the safety section of this manual pertaining to **Safe Aerial Set-Up**. Assign a safety observer to ensure that safe practices are followed with the apparatus set up in a short-set configuration.**

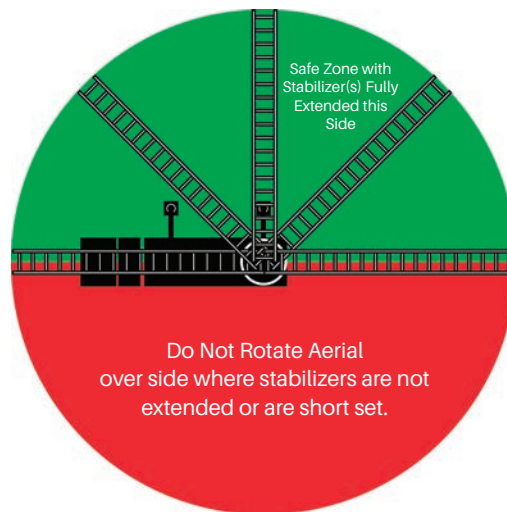
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You may operate your aerial ladder over any side where the stabilizers are fully deployed and the green **Stabilizer Deployed Indicator Lights** are illuminated. To operate in the short-set mode follow these procedures:

1. Fully extend the stabilizer beams on the working side of the apparatus.
2. Extend the stabilizer beams on the short-set side as far out as possible, even though you will not be working off that side. This will improve stability by moving the stabilizer weight away from the center of the truck.
3. Deploy stabilizer pads as described in **Placing the Auxiliary Stabilizer Pads**.
4. Level the apparatus as described in **Leveling the Apparatus**.
5. The **Stabilizer Beam Deployed Indicator Light** will not illuminate green for the stabilizers that are short-set.
6. Follow leveling instructions in the **Leveling the Apparatus** section for levelling on slope or grade.

## NOTICE

All stabilizer jacks must be in contact with the ground and load bearing before you can begin ladder operation. The stabilizer jacks may raise off the ground during normal operation.



**Figure 4-6. Short Set Rotation Interlock Stop Point**

## LADDER OPERATIONS



Read and follow the **Operate Your Aerial Safely** instructions found in the safety section of this manual. (see page 2.42)

### Before Aerial Operations Begin

1. Close all **Stabilizer Control** access doors.
2. Deploy the turntable access ladder.
3. Climb onto the turntable platform using the three points of contact method.
4. Secure the safety chain or other device to close off the railing.
5. Open the **Primary Operator Control Station** cover.
6. Make sure your waterway (if equipped) is either drained or that the discharge valve at the monitor is open to allow the waterway to extend or retract freely without stressing the seals.
7. If operating at night, turn on scene lights, ladder lights, and/or spot lights and search the operating area for potential hazards.
8. Determine the wind speed and ensure that it is below the maximum allowable wind speed (see load chart).

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9. Consider the following conditions and determine whether load chart values will need to be modified to accommodate your environment:
  - Wind speed.
  - Icing conditions.
  - Short-jack configuration.
  - Apparatus leveling (green or yellow zone on the apparatus level indicators).
10. Look for obstacles in your path and plan out how you will avoid them and maintain safe distance from power lines.

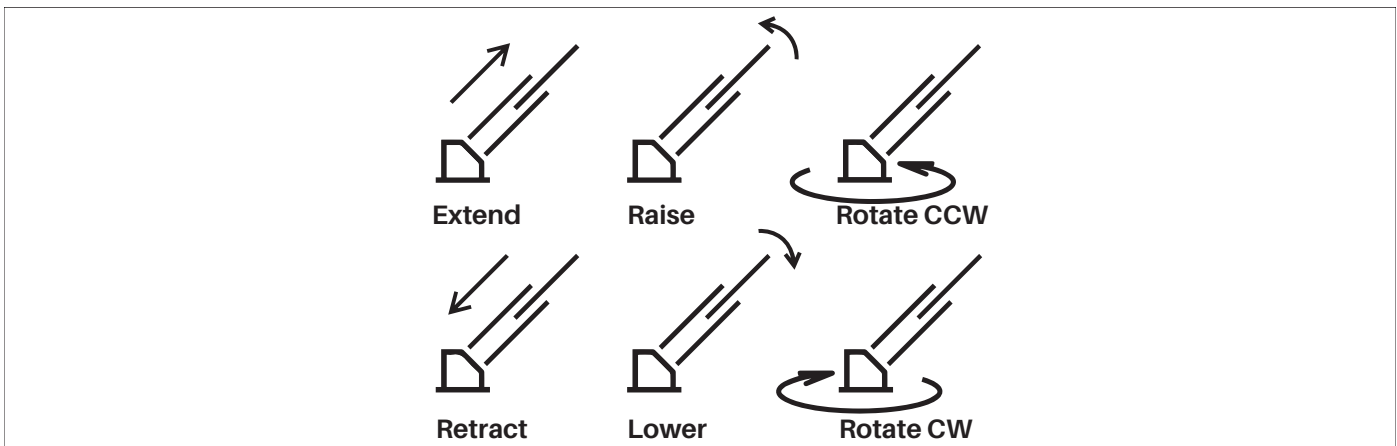
## Basic Ladder Operations

Keep people on the turntable away from the ladder and other parts on the ladder that will move.

Assign spotters to help you avoid hazards that are not visible to you.

Communicate to spotters and personnel in the area that you intend to move the aerial ladder.

1. Unlock the ladder controls by depressing the **Operator Present Foot Switch**.
2. Activate the **High (Fast) Idle** switch. (Do not do this if the fire pump is in use.)



**Figure 4-7. Aerial Operation Motions**

3. Operate using the **Aerial Extension Control**, **Aerial Rotation Control**, and **Aerial Elevation Control** slowly and smoothly. Place the ladder into operation as follows:
  - Raise the ladder from the cradle to the desired elevation - so that the tip will be above the point you intend to reach (The Target).
  - Ensure that the ladder is elevated sufficiently to avoid collision with other parts of the apparatus.
  - Rotate the turntable so that the ladder is in line with the target.
  - Extend the ladder sections a sufficient length to reach the target.
  - Lower the ladder into the target.

- Do not rest the tip of the ladder on anything - ladder must remain in cantilever, unsupported, configuration.

## NOTICE

If your aerial device is equipped with an Aerial Override switch, this must be activated and held for aerial operation when there is a stabilizer short set condition.

## WARNING

Stopping any aerial function rapidly may cause the device to jerk. Operating with a jerking motion is less safe and may be damaging to your device.

## CAUTION

Aerial Ladders equipped with electric over hydraulic proportional controls utilize automatic ramping to provide smoother operation of the ladder. Ramping will slow the ladder prior to stopping, to prevent tip lash. With full ramping, the ladder may move after you have returned a control lever to the neutral position. Stepping off the Operator Present Foot Switch will stop all ladder movement.

4. If your ladder is equipped with Advanced Aerial Controls, utilize the **Speed Control** to increase or decrease the speed of ladder movements. The ladder speed setting also affects ramping. The slower the speed, the less ramping. The higher the speed, the more ramping.
5. Approach the ground or any structure slowly and carefully, stopping before you make contact. Your ladder is not designed for reverse loading and you should never power your ladder into the ground or onto a structure.
6. Step off of the **Operator Present Foot Switch** to lock out the ladder controls when the ladder is in position. Particularly when firefighters or other persons are climbing the ladder.
7. During cold weather, monitor the ladder for ice buildup. Extend and retract the ladder to minimize ice buildup.



**Figure 4-8. Maintain sufficient ladder clearance**

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## STOWING THE AERIAL LADDER

### Stowing the Ladder

1. Fully retract the ladder.
2. If your aerial ladder is equipped with a monitor stow feature, make certain that the monitor is stowed. The monitor indicator stowed light should be on. If it is not, activate the **Monitor Stow Control** in order to stow the monitor and turn the indicator light on.
3. To Manually Stow the ladder:
  - Activate the **Operator Present Foot Switch**.
  - Fully retract the ladder.
  - Rotate the ladder until the **Cradle Aligned Indicator Light** is illuminated.

## NOTICE

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**The cradle aligned indicator light will not illuminate until the ladder is over the cradle and, if equipped, the monitor is properly stowed with the monitor stow light on.**

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- Lower the ladder into the cradle, making sure that the bottom rail of the ladder is aligned with the cradle.
  - Ensure that the ladder is firmly bedded in the cradle. Once in the cradle activate the down lever for approximately 2 seconds.
4. To **Auto Stow** the ladder using the Advance Control System:
    - Position the ladder over the cab, but not over the cradle.
    - Lower the ladder below 30 degrees.
    - Verify that the green enable light on the **Auto Stow** switch, is illuminated.

## NOTICE

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**The indicator light will not illuminate until the ladder is in the correct orientation and, if equipped, the monitor is properly stowed with the monitor stow light on.**

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- With the **Operator Present Foot Switch** activated, press and hold the Auto Stow button.
  - The ladder will lower to about 15 degrees, center itself over the cradle, then lower into the cradle.
  - When the Hydraulic Gauge shows 1200 psi (8273.70 kPa), release the Auto Stow button.
5. Step off the **Operator Present Foot Switch** and push down the **Ladder Power** button, if equipped.
  6. Turn off any lights that were on during ladder operations.
  7. Close **Primary Operator Control Station** cover.

8. Climb off the turntable using the access ladder and the three points of contact method.
9. Stow the turntable access ladder.

## Stowing the Stabilizers

### Manually Stowing Stabilizers

If using the rear Stabilizer Control Panels, operate the **Stabilizer Jack and Beam Controls**. If using the **Stabilizer Pendant Control**, press and hold the **Operator Present Button** while you operate the appropriate **Stabilizer Controls**.

1. Clear the area of personnel.
2. Raise the jacks on the low side of the apparatus.
3. Raise the jacks on the high side of the apparatus.
4. Retract the stabilizer beams fully.

### Automatically Stowing Stabilizers using the Advance Control System

1. If using the rear **Stabilizer Control Panel**.
  - Have a spotter watch the jack movement on the side of the apparatus you are unable to observe. Keep people away from stabilizer pinch points.
  - Press and hold the top of the **Auto Level/Stow Button**. If the automatic stow needs to be stopped, release the **Auto Level/Stow Button**.
  - All Jacks will raise at the same time. There is an approximately 15 second delay, then all beams will retract into the apparatus body at the same time.
  - Once stowing is complete, release the **Auto Level/Stow Button**.
2. If using the **Stabilizer Pendant Control**.
  - Stand in a position where all stabilizers can be observed, or use a spotter to observe the stabilizers you cannot see.
  - Press and hold the **Operator Present Button** then the top of the **Auto Stow Button**. If the automatic stow needs to be stopped, release the **Auto Stow Button**.
  - All Jacks will raise at the same time. There is an approximately 15 second delay, then all beams will retract into the apparatus at the same time.
  - Once stowing is complete, release the Auto Stow Button and the **Operator Present Button**.

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## LADDER OPTIONAL FEATURES

### Pre-Piped Waterway and Monitor

Your apparatus may be equipped with a pre-piped waterway that will provide a continuous path for water flow from the aerial inlet or fire service pump to the monitor at the tip of the ladder. To use the pre-piped waterway follow this procedure:



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Read and follow the **Work Safely** instructions found in the safety section of this manual.

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1. Deploy the monitor so that the nozzle is directed at the fire.
2. Charge the waterway - Open valves slowly to prevent a water hammer in the piping or a shock load to the ladder due to excessive nozzle reaction.
3. Do not exceed 250 psi (385.55 kPa) in the waterway system.

## NOTICE

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There is a relief valve on the bed section of the waterway that discharges at 250 psi (385.55 kPa) to protect the waterway system if water is trapped in the waterway and retracted.

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4. Watch the flow meter and adjust the pressure to optimize the amount of water flowing.



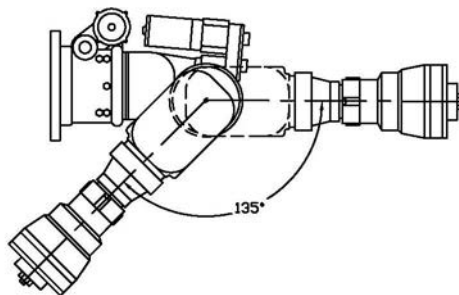
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Do not exceed the maximum flow capacity as stated on the load chart.

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The automatic nozzle or smooth bore tips may be used on the monitor.

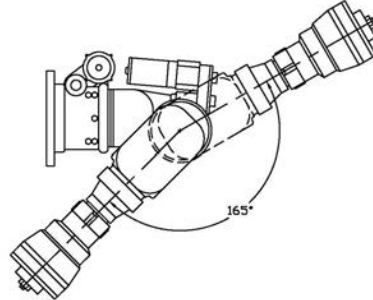
- When using smooth bore tips, select the appropriate size tip for the available water supply.
- Insufficient water flow or poor stream quality may result from improper tip size.



**Figure 4-9. Nozzle motion - Standard Range**

The standard range monitor can be directed through the full range of motion with no change to tip load.

- Monitor will sweep 90 degrees to the right or left of the ladder centerline.
- Monitor will elevate from parallel with the ladder centerline to 135 degrees below ladder centerline.



**Figure 4-10. Nozzle motion - Extended Range**

The extended range monitor travels an additional 30 degrees up past the ladder centerline when in water tower mode. When in this position and flowing water, reduce the tip load by 250 lbs. (113.4 kg).

## CAUTION

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**When the monitor is in the extended range and flowing water additional downward force is applied to the tip of the ladder, reduce the tip load by 250 lbs. (113.4 kg) to avoid overloading the ladder.**

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## NOTICE

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**There is an interlock that only allows the monitor into the extended range when the waterway is in the water tower (Fly) position. When the waterway is in the rescue (Mid) position, extended range is prohibited.**

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### Draining the Pre-Piped Waterway

1. When finished using the pre-piped waterway, shut off the water supply to the ladder.
2. Shut valves slowly to prevent a water hammer to the fire service pump, water supply hose, and water mains.
3. Drain the waterway system using the following procedure.
  - Raise the ladder a minimum of 30 degrees.
  - Fully extend the ladder.
  - Open the waterway drain valve located near the aerial intake connection on the rear or side of the apparatus.
  - If equipped with a fire service pump, open the waterway drain valve located on the pump panel.
  - When complete, close all drains.

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4. Stow the monitor by either manually positioning the monitor to your department's travel position or, if equipped, by activating the **Monitor Stow Switch**. Monitor is stowed when the indicator light illuminates.

## Wireless Remote Control Monitor Operations - (Optional)

Your aerial ladder may be equipped with a wireless remote control for the monitor. This is provided by the monitor manufacturer. Operation is by powering up the control and activating the appropriate toggle switch for the movement you desire.

## NOTICE

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Remote control incorporates a battery saver feature, inactivity of the function switches will render remote non-functional. To reset shut off power switch momentarily and reactivate.

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## Positional Waterway

Your ladder may be equipped with a positional waterway feature that can be positioned either at the tip of the fly section or the end of the next lower section. The different positions are:

- Water Tower Fly - Monitor secured to the end of the fly section.



**Figure 4-11. Monitor at the End of the Fly Section**

- Rescue Mid – Monitor secured to the next section back from the fly section to avoid monitor damage when working near structures during rescue operations.



**Figure 4-12. Monitor at the End of the Mid-Fly Section**

To change the position of the monitor;

1. If flowing water through the waterway, shut this off.

2. Fully retract the ladder.
3. Using the three points of contact method, climb to the tip of the ladder.
4. Move the monitor position lever to the water tower (Fly) or rescue (Mid) position. Verify by observation that the locking mechanism is in the correct position.

## **WARNING**

**Do not move the positional waterway control lever unless the ladder is completely retracted. If the lever is moved while the ladder is extended, the monitor will no longer be in either position. Damage to the aerial device, serious injury or death may result.**

## **NOTICE**

**If your aerial is equipped with an extended range monitor, there is an interlock that only allows the monitor into the extended range when the waterway is in the water tower (Fly) position. When the waterway is in the rescue (Mid) position, extended range is prohibited.**

5. Climb back to the turntable using the three points of contact method.
6. Raise and extend the ladder and direct the monitor at the fire.
7. Charge the waterway.

### **Aerial Standpipe Connection**

If the waterway system is equipped with an aerial standpipe connection, this provides a gated 2-1/2 in. (63.5 mm) hose connection at the monitor.



**Figure 4-13. Aerial Standpipe Connection**

1. Set the positional waterway to the water tower position.
2. Position the tip of the ladder at the desired location to attach hose lines.
3. Close the monitor butterfly control valve.
4. Connect hose lines to the 2-1/2 in. (63.5 mm) outlet and deploy the hose lines.

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5. Charge the waterway to the desired pressure.
6. Slowly open the 2-1/2 in. (63.5 mm) control valve to charge the hose lines.
7. When hose line operations are completed:
  - Shut off the water supply to the ladder.
  - Shut off the 2-1/2 in. (63.5 mm) control valve to the hose lines.
  - Disconnect hose lines and replace cap on connection.
  - Open the monitor control valve fully.
  - Drain the waterway as described in "Pre-Piped Waterway and Monitor". (see page 4.16.)

## Secondary Operation from the Ladder Tip

Your aerial ladder may be equipped with secondary tip controls that will allow an operator at the tip of the ladder to make small adjustments to the ladder position. This secondary position must only be used with a trained, experienced, and authorized operator at the primary operator control station. It is the job of the primary operator to watch for hazards, and to regain control of the ladder prior to encountering any unsafe condition.

To make fine adjustments to the aerial ladder position from the ladder tip, use the following procedures:

1. Use the **Aerial Extension**, **Aerial Elevation**, and **Aerial Rotation** controls at the Primary Operator Control Station to position the ladder near the target
2. Extend the ladder out so that the foot-rests on the fly section are beyond the next lower ladder section. Ensure that the ladder rungs are aligned for climbing.
3. Allow a firefighter to climb to the ladder tip.
4. The firefighter at the ladder tip should clip their fall protection tether to the center of a ladder rung at the point of the K-brace.
5. Deploy the folding steps.
6. Place both feet on the folding steps.
7. Establish communication with the primary operator.
8. Request permission to operate the **Tip Controls**.
9. Ask the primary operator to engage **Tip Control** switch.
10. The primary operator should depress the **Operator Present Foot Switch** and activate and hold the **Tip Control** switch.
11. The secondary operator can move the ladder by using the **Ladder Tip Controls** at the tip of the ladder.
12. To stop ladder tip operations either release the **Tip Control** switch or step off of the **Operator Present Foot Switch**.

## Rope Rigging Eyelets



**Figure 4-14. Rope Rigging Eyelets**

At the tip of the fly section there are two eyelets, one on each rail. These eyelets may be used to rig ropes for rescue operations.

- The eyelets are rated at 250 lbs. (113.4 kg) each. There is a label indicating the maximum load by each eyelet.
- Always rig to both eyelets using a sling or bridle. This will provide for a 500 lbs. (226 kg) maximum load.



**WARNING**

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Read and follow the **Rope Rescue** instructions found in the safety section of this manual ([see page 2.56](#)). The capacity of the eyelets is the remaining tip load after subtracting for equipment or personnel on the ladder.

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## Rope Rescue Roller Assembly

The Roller Assembly is intended to be used for rope rescue operations only.



**WARNING**

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Read and follow the **Rope Rescue** instructions found in the safety section of this manual. ([see page 2.56](#).) The capacity of the pulley system is the remaining tip load after subtracting for equipment or personnel. Tie off the fixed end of the rope to the bed section of the ladder.

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**Do not allow the rescue safety rope to come in contact with abrasive surfaces. Ladder rungs are abrasive and will cause damage to rescue safety rope. Failure to comply may result in death or serious injury.**

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Set up the Rope Rescue Roller assembly using the following procedure:

1. Position the ladder tip over the rear or side of the apparatus with the tip near the ground.
2. Place the positional waterway into the Rescue Mode.

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3. Attach the roller assembly to the end of the bolt on part of the fly section.
  - Align the rod with the U channels on each of the bottom rails.
4. Lock into place at the top of the U channel using the pin.



**Figure 4-15. Rope Rescue Roller Assembly**

## Breathing Air System

Follow all applicable local breathing air regulations including all **NFPA** standards.

Use caution when removing connections and fittings from high pressure devices. If a device is unusually difficult to remove, check for trapped pressure.

Refill the cylinders as follows:

1. Open cylinder access covers.
2. Inspect breathing air system and cylinders for damage.
3. Check cylinders for current certifications and hydrostatic test dates.
4. Identify service pressure stamped on the cylinder or cylinders to be filled.
5. Remove cap slowly from the aerial refill CGA fitting and connect filling system fill hose to the aerial CGA male connector.
6. Open the aerial storage cylinder valve or valves to be filled slowly and completely.
7. Set breathing air filling system to the correct pressure.
8. Open breathing air filling system to the recommended fill rate as per the system manufacturer or local jurisdiction, as applicable.
9. Start filling the ladder system.
10. Shutdown filling system when cylinder or cylinders are full.
11. Close aerial storage system cylinder valve or valves.

12. Bleed system fill line and then remove from aerial fill connection.
13. Reinstall cap on aerial fill connection.
14. Check aerial breathing air system for leaks.
15. Properly close and lock cylinder access covers, stow all equipment.

Recalibration of the Airminder System may be needed. See Airminder Owner's Manual for proper recalibration procedures.

## Breathing Air Operation

Open storage cylinder valve or valves slowly and fully to supply air to the aerial breathing air system.

Supply air pressure is monitored by an Airminder and is reflective of what cylinder valve or valves are opened.

Airminder Display will flash and an audible alarm will sound when approximately 30% air is remaining in supply air.

## Low Angle Aerial Loading (Loadminder)

Your aerial ladder may be equipped with a **Loadminder** to indicate if you have too much load on the ladder when it is at low elevations (near horizontal). The **Loadminder** is only accurate at these low angles of elevation. Always use the load chart to determine safe loading. Do not count on the **Loadminder** to keep you in a safe condition, but never disregard the **Loadminder** warning if it sounds. Always be conservative when loading your aerial ladder.

The **Loadminder** display will indicate the percentage of allowable low-elevation load by either a stand-alone bar graph or an icon on an aerial display screen.

When an overload condition exists, a visual and audible alarm will sound.

Correct the overload by the safest of these methods.

- Remove the ladder occupants or load from the ladder sections.
- Reposition the personnel further down the ladder sections.
- Retract the ladder. (Only if ladder is unoccupied.)
- Slowly increase ladder elevation.

## Rescue and Firefighting Equipment Stored on Ladder

Any equipment that is to be carried on the ladder must be secured in approved mounting brackets, hardware and enclosures.

- Verify that all equipment is stored in its proper location.
- Verify that all equipment is secured with positive locking devices such as brackets and locking straps, covers, pins, etc.

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## OPERATION OF SAFETY INTERLOCK OVERRIDES AND BACKUP SYSTEMS

### **⚠ WARNING**

The safety interlocks on your aerial ladder are intended to reduce the risk of damage, injury or death due to improper operation of the aerial ladder. The safety of your aerial apparatus is the responsibility of the trained, experienced, and authorized operator. Never rely on interlocks to keep you safe. **ALWAYS** operate the ladder properly, within the safe limits as described on the load chart.

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Interlock overrides are provided so that you can take charge and bypass the safety interlock in the event that a sensing component fails and this failure is preventing you from stowing your aerial ladder and removing it safely from service. Safety interlock overrides should never be used in this case to continue normal operation. Remove personnel from the ladder, operate within the load chart limits, and remove the apparatus from service immediately until it can be properly repaired. The use of any safety interlock override must be appropriate for the condition or situation, improper use could result in death, injury to personal, or apparatus damage.

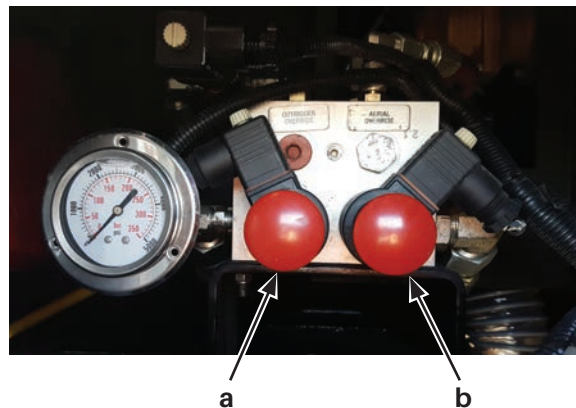
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### Ladder/Stabilizer Interlock - Traditional Controls

### **⚠ WARNING**

Read and follow the instructions found in the safety section of this manual pertaining to **Safe Aerial Set-Up**. Assign a safety observer to ensure that safe practices are followed any time an interlock is being over-ridden. (see page 2.47.)

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**Figure 4-16. Diverter Valve and System Pressure Gauge**

### For Ladder Operation

1. Locate the **Diverter Valve**.
2. When ready instruct the person at the **Diverter Valve Manual Override** to pull out and hold the Aerial Override control knob (b) while the operator at the primary control station operates the ladder back to the cradle.

## For Stabilizer Operation

1. Locate the diverter valve.
2. When the operator is ready to operate a stabilizer function, instruct the person at the **Diverter Valve Manual Override** to pull out and hold the stabilizer override control knob (a) while the operator at the stabilizer control station stows the stabilizers.
3. The stabilizer override control knob must be held out during all stabilizer operations.
4. If the electric over hydraulic stabilizer controls are not functioning, use the manual hydraulic controls located on the passenger side rear of the apparatus.



**Figure 4-17. Stabilizer Manual Controls**

### **WARNING**

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When retracting the outrigger beam adjacent to the diverter valve, use extreme caution. This is a potential pinch point for the person operating the diverter valve override control. Serious injury or death could occur.

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### Rotation Limiting for Stabilizer Short Set

### **WARNING**

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Read and follow the instructions found in the safety section of this manual pertaining to **Safe Aerial Set-Up**. Assign a safety observer to ensure that safe practices are followed with the apparatus set up in a short-set configuration.

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**Figure 4-18. Rotation Override Valve Located Inside the Turntable Step to the Ladder**

The ladder is equipped with a turntable rotation limit interlock system that will prevent the turntable from being rotated on the side of the apparatus where the stabilizer beams have not been fully extended. If the interlock system fails and the system is showing a short-set configuration even with the stabilizers fully extended, the interlocks can be overridden. To override the short-set rotation interlock use the following procedure:

1. Have a second operator locate the **Rotation Override** valves and depress all three at the same time by applying downward pressure.
2. The primary operator may then depress the **Operator Present Foot Switch**.
3. Activate and hold the **Aerial Override Switch**. (If Equipped.)
4. Move the **Aerial Rotation Control** in the direction, of the cradle. Turntable will now rotate to the interlocked side of the apparatus.
5. To stop rotation release the **Aerial Rotation Control** and release the **Rotation Override** knob.
6. For all other ladder movements use the appropriate control, do not operate the **Rotation Override** knob.

**⚠ DANGER**

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Rotating the aerial to a side where the outriggers are not fully extended and planted will result in overturning of the apparatus and possible death, injury to personal, and/or apparatus damage.

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### **Body Collision System Interlock - Traditional Controls**

This ladder is equipped with an interlock that will stop lowering of the ladder so that the cab or the apparatus body is not accidentally damaged by the ladder.

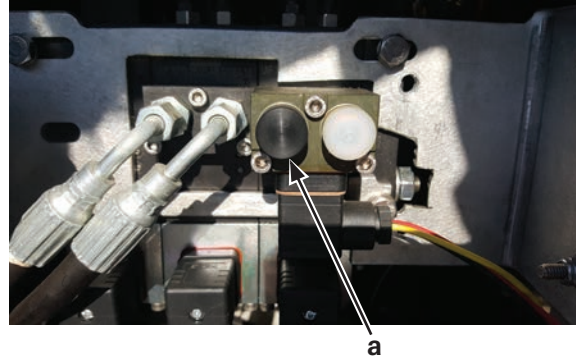
In the event that the **Cradle Aligned Indicator Light** will not illuminate and/or the ladder will not go into the cradle, follow this procedure to stow your ladder.

**CAUTION**

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A defective body collision interlock will no longer prevent you from damaging your cab or body. Assign a safety observer to ensure that safe practices are followed any time an interlock is being over-ridden.

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**Figure 4-19. Ladder Down Override Button**

1. Ensure that the ladder is fully retracted and the water monitor is in the stowed position.
2. Align the ladder with the cradle.
3. Open the **Primary Operator Control Station** door and locate the **Down Override** (a) button.
4. Activate and hold the **Down Override** (a) button while lowering the ladder into the cradle.

## **Emergency Power Unit (EPU)**

Your aerial apparatus includes a backup hydraulic pump to provide emergency hydraulic power in case of an engine failure or main hydraulic pump failure. The pump is powered by a 12-volt motor that runs off the apparatus batteries, or a 120 volt motor that is powered by a line voltage power source (optional). The EPU's hydraulic pump inlet tube is mounted lower in the reservoir than the main pump inlet. This provides a back up reservoir of sufficient capacity for emergency use only.

## **CAUTION**

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**The EPU pump is not intended for frequent or prolonged use.**

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**Never operate the EPU without a ladder or stabilizer control in operation.**

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**When powered by the EPU, the ladder operates at a slower speed than normal.**

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**The 12-volt EPU has a duty cycle that must be observed or the pump may burn out. The pump may be operated for a maximum of 5 minutes in every 60 minutes. The 120-volt EPU does not have this duty cycle restriction.**

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## Operation of the 12-volt EPU

### 1. Provide Power to the EPU

- The 12 volt EPU is wired direct to the apparatus battery.
- The EPU switches at the stabilizer control stations are wired direct to the EPU.
- If equipped with an EPU switch at the Primary Operator Control Station, ensure that the master and ignition switches are in the ON position and activate the Aerial Power switch.
- If equipped with Advanced Controls, the EPU switch will be on the control panel by the diverter valve.

### 2. Aerial Operations

- Depress the **Operator Present Foot Switch**.
- Activate the **Aerial Extension**, **Aerial Rotation**, or **Aerial Elevation** control for the motion desired. Recommend this order - retract, rotate, lower into cradle.
- At the same time activate the EPU motor using the **EPU Switch**.
- When the movement is complete release the control and the **EPU Switch**.
- Only operate one aerial motion function at a time.
- Repeat this process until the ladder has been stowed.
- Monitor the duty cycle time - If you reach 5 minutes of operation and stowing is not complete, stop operations for about one hour to let the EPU cool off.

### 3. Stabilizer Operations

- Perform operations in this manner - raise stabilizer jacks, then retract stabilizer beams.
- Actuate one of the **Stabilizer Controls**.
- At the same time actuate the EPU motor using the **EPU Switch**.
- When the movement is complete release the **Stabilizer Control** and the **EPU Switch**.
- Only operate one function at a time.
- Repeat this process until all the jacks have been raised and beams retracted fully.
- Monitor the duty cycle time - If you reach 5 minutes of operation and stowing is not complete, stop operations for about 1 hour to let the EPU cool off.

### 4. Power Down the EPU

- Turn OFF the **Aerial Master Power** switch.

## Operation of the 120 volt EPU

Operation of the 120-volt EPU is the same as the 12-volt EPU except that you will need to connect a 120-volt power source to the power supply plug for the EPU if applicable, or activation of the high voltage generator or APU is necessary.

## NOTICE

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**The 12 volt EPU is wired directly to the apparatus batteries.**

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For future use

## SERVICE PROCEDURES

### INTRODUCTION

This section of the operator's manual provides guidelines for service checks, inspections and preventive maintenance that need to be conducted on your aerial device. The items to check and the frequency of the inspections are provided. It is paramount that required inspections and preventive maintenance be properly performed to ensure that the aerial device operates safely and properly.

Some of the inspections are simple visual checks of the aerial device. Other inspections require hands-on operation of the stabilizers and aerial ladder. It is recommended that the inspection, maintenance and testing procedures in this manual and the procedures from the latest edition of the **NFPA® 1910 Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Refurbishment, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Emergency Vehicles and Marine Firefighting Vessels** be followed to ensure safe, efficient and dependable aerial operation.

### ROUTINE INSPECTIONS

#### Daily checks of the Aerial Device

The following inspections should be conducted daily or within 24 hours of a run. Departments may elect to conduct these checks at the beginning of each shift.

- Follow department check sheets and standard operating procedures for apparatus inspections.
- Review the maintenance log from the previous shift and make sure any defects have been repaired.
- Review the inspection record to ensure that any scheduled inspections or maintenance has been performed and that the device has been properly adjusted and lubricated.
- Walk the apparatus looking above and below for drips, wet spots, or puddles of fluid.
- Look over the ladder and turntable for;
  - Loose or missing equipment.
  - Any damage to the ladder structure.
  - Damaged rung covers.
  - Branches or other foreign objects in the ladder structure.
  - Cracks in the structure, particularly weld points along the entire ladder and turntable.
- Check aerial device hydraulic fluid level at the site glass on the hydraulic oil tank.

### NOTICE

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**The apparatus must be level, the aerial ladder in the cradle and the stabilizers retracted and in the road ready position when checking the hydraulic oil level.**

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- Check that all control access doors are closed and secured.
- Inspect all mounted equipment on the ladder to ensure it is fastened securely in place.

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- Check that the positional waterway is in the proper position per your department's SOP.
- Check that the Waterway Monitor Control Valve is in the proper position per your department's SOP (if equipped).
- Check that the aerial and all stabilizers are properly stowed.
- Check that the turntable access ladder(s), pullout platforms, fold down steps, auxiliary pads, and wheel chocks are properly stowed.

## Weekly Inspection of the Aerial Device

In addition to the items listed in Daily Checks, the following inspections should be conducted at least weekly.

- In the cab ensure that aerial related controls function and lights/indicators illuminate. (see page 4.4.)
  - Aerial Master Power and/or PTO switch activates and indicator light illuminates.
- Stabilizer Operation (see page 4.6.)
  - Verify that aerial cannot be raised prior to all stabilizer jacks being load bearing.
  - Check auxiliary pads for damage.
  - Deploy the stabilizers as described. Observe the speed and smoothness of all functions while deploying the stabilizers.
  - Check that all indicator lights on the stabilizer panel are operating.
  - Check the hydraulic pressure gage for proper operating pressure.
  - Visually check each stabilizer for fluid leaks, damage, cracks, pin retention, etc.
  - Check all stabilizer warning and scene lights for proper operation.
  - Listen for abnormal noises when operating stabilizers.
- Ladder Operations (see page 4.11.)
  - Raise the ladder out of the cradle.
  - Check the hydraulic pressure gage for proper operating pressure while raising the ladder at full speed.
  - Visually check elevation / lower, extension / retraction, and rotation components for fluid leaks, damage, cracks, pin retention, etc.
  - Operate the ladder controls paying attention to the speed and smoothness of all ladder functions. Listen for abnormal noises when elevating/lowering, extending/retracting, and rotating the aerial device.
  - Verify that short-set interlocks function properly - Short set a stabilizer. Rotate the ladder to that side of the apparatus. Rotation should stop when the ladder is about 10 degrees off center.
  - Activate all controls for functionality.
    - Cradle Alignment Light.
    - Rung Alignment Light.

- Loadminder for low angle live load indication - With the ladder fully extended off the rear or side of the apparatus, position the tip near the ground. Have two or more persons hold the ladder rails, on opposite sides of the ladder, and pull down on the ladder. The loadminder should show the additional loading that is on the ladder.
- Communication System.
- Monitor movements.
- Positional Waterway - Ensure locking mechanism engages with the appropriate latch assemblies in both positions.
- Ladder Tip Controls.
- Wireless Remote Control.
- All low voltage lights on the turntable and ladder.
- Listen for abnormal noises when elevating/lowering, extending/retracting, and rotating the aerial device.

### SAMPLE AERIAL LADDER PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CHECK LIST

#### Daily/Weekly Inspections

Department Name: _____								
Address: _____								
City: _____	State/Province: _____					Postal or Zip Code: _____		
Department Apparatus #: _____						Chassis Type: _____		
Vin: _____						Aerial Model: _____		

Inspection Description	Frequency	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Weekly	
<b>Date:</b>									
<b>Daily Checks</b>									
Inspect for hydraulic leaks.									
Inspect the ladder and turntable for;									
Loose or missing equipment.									
Damage to the ladder structure.									
Foreign objects in the ladder structure.									
Loose or missing hardware, nuts, bolts, pins, ETC.									
Cracks in the ladder structure.									
Check hydraulic fluid level.									
Aerial device controls access doors are secure.									
Mounted equipment is secured.									
Ladder and stabilizers are properly stowed.									
Positional waterway mechanism is in the correct position.									
Access ladder(s), pull out platforms, & fold down steps are stowed properly.									
Auxiliary pads and wheel chocks are not damaged and stowed properly.									

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Inspection Description	Frequency	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Weekly	
<b>Weekly Aerial Operation Inspection</b>									
Aerial Master Power a switch engages and indicator light illuminates..									
Inspect auxiliary pads for damage.									
All outriggers extend and retract properly. No unusual noises.									
Jack extend and retract properly.									
Inspect stabilizer system for leaks.									
Stabilizer warning lights illuminated.									
Raise ladder out of cradle, checking system pressure gauge for proper reading.									
Ladder elevates, rotates, extends/retracts properly.									
Inspect the ladder for hydraulic leaks, cracks, damage and pin retention.									
Rung Alignment light illuminates.									
Short set and collision avoidance interlocks operate normally.									
Loadminder indicates live load at low angle.									
Aerial Communication System operates properly from all positions.									
Positional waterway mechanism functions properly.									
Monitor elevates, sweeps and nozzle pattern adjusts properly.									
Ladder Tip Controls operate properly.									
Wireless Remote Control operates all ladder functions properly.									
All ladder low voltage lights illuminate.									

## LUBRICATION AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

Proper lubrication is the most beneficial preventive maintenance prescribed for the aerial device. It is also a warranty requirement!

Lubrication guidelines set forth are specified for normal operation where moderate temperature, humidity and atmospheric conditions prevail. In areas of extreme use, extreme heat & humidity, and/or extreme cold, and/or lack of use; the servicing intervals and lubrication specifications should be adjusted to satisfy existing conditions.

### Hour Meter

The importance of proper inspection and lubrication at specified time intervals cannot be over emphasized.

- The aerial device is equipped with an hour meter located inside the **Primary Operator Control Station**. The aerial hours can also be access through the Master Control screen or the Advance Control screen.
- The analog hour meter logs time only when the **System Lock Foot Switch** is activated. The Master Control and Advanced Control screens show PTO and Footswitch Depressed hours. Use the Footswitch Depressed hours for aerial device service intervals.

## Lubricants

### Recommended Extreme Pressure Lubricants

Following are the lubrication specifications that shall be used on the apparatus. Should other lubricants be used in place of these, or mixed with these; damage to the apparatus is possible. If this occurs, the warranty on specific parts, or the entire apparatus may be void.

### Special Lubrication Recommendations

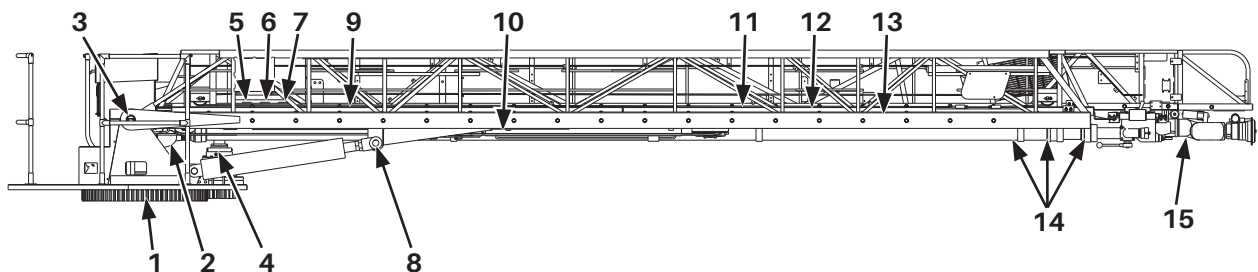
- Extreme Pressure Multi-Purpose Grease – Recommend Lub-A-Boom Friction Reducing Grease.
- The planetary gear swing drive uses an S.A.E. 80/90 Wt. All Purpose Gear Lubricant.
- Lubricate extension cables with Lube-A-Rope chain and cable lubricant.
- The waterway tubes use a light coating of Dexron III automatic transmission fluid and a lithium based grease at the grease fittings.
- Optional ladder retaining tube, bottom cord and section guides use Lube-A-Boom Friction Reduction Lubricant.
- Hydraulic oil – Grade ISO 46 all temperature.

## Lubrication Chart

Following is a numbered lubrication chart. This chart shall be used in conjunction with the 6- and Twenty Five-hour Lubrication Schedules.

## NOTICE

**Be sure to lubricate like items on opposite side of apparatus.**



**Figure 5-1. Lubrication Chart**

## NOTICE

For the purposes of this manual, a "Shot" of grease dispensed from a single hand stroke, or a single trigger squeeze of a battery operated grease gun, should produce 0.1 ounce of grease. Departments should calibrate the grease guns used to lubricate the aerial device to ensure that the proper amount lubricant is used. Excessive lubrication, as well as inadequate lubrication, can cause excessive wear.

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Table 5-1: Lubrication Service Points

Item Number	Description	Lubricant	Lub Intervals
1	Swing Bearing.	1 shot of Lub-A-Boom Friction Reduction Grease	6 Hours
2	Waterway Swivel.	1 shot of lithium based grease	6 Hours
3	Ladder Heal Pins (Raise & Lower Ladder).	2 shots of Lub-A-Boom Friction Reduction Grease	6 Hours
4	Swing Drive Planetary Gearbox.	80 - 90 weight gear oil	6 Hours
5, 6 & 7	Fly, upper-mid fly, and lower-mid fly sections - Load Transfer Plates.	Brush on Luba-A-Boom Grease	6 Hours
8	Lift Cylinder Rod End Shaft.	2 shots of Lub-A-Boom Friction Reduction Grease	6 Hours
9	Ladder Extension/Retraction Cables.	Lub-A-Rope Chain and Cable Lubricant	6 Hours
10	Extension Cylinder Track Channel.	Brush on Luba-A-Boom Grease	6 Hours
11, 12 & 13	Ladder sections bottom rail - Fly, upper-mid fly, and lower-mid fly sections.	Brush on Luba-A-Boom Grease	6 Hours
14	Aerial Waterway Pipe Sections.	Wipe on thin coat of Dexron III Automatic Transmission Fluid	6 Hours
15	Aerial Master Stream Device.	Lubricate Per Device OEM Recommendation	6 Hours
Not Shown	Return Line Filter.	Replace Filter	25 Hours or Annually
Not Shown	Pressure (Supply) Line Filter.	Replace Filter	25 Hours or Annually

## SIX-HOUR LUBRICATION AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The six-hour and twenty five-hour lubrication and maintenance schedules should only be performed by a fire apparatus service technician or competent individual appointed by the AHJ who has had proper factory instruction on the maintenance and repair of Spartan Aerial Devices.

After six-hour of aerial device operation, or quarterly, whichever comes 1st, conduit the following inspections.

1. Check PTO for proper engagement and operation. ([see page 4.5.](#))
2. Verify the engine hi-idle speed and operation by activating the switch located at the stabilizer control panel and the turntable. Engine speed should be 1250 RPM.
3. Deploy the stabilizers in accordance with the Stabilizing the Apparatus Section of this manual. ([see page 4.6.](#))
4. Check the stabilizer system for proper operation.
  - Check outrigger pads for proper installation.
  - Check rubber bumpers on top of the jack plates.
  - Extension/retraction travel of the extension beams on outriggers should be smooth.
  - The up/down functions on each jack should be smooth.
  - Check for oil leaks by visually inspecting the stabilizer shaft and foot plate.
  - Check for proper operation of the stabilizer stowed proximity switches.
  - Verify that all indicator lights are working properly.
  - Verify that the hydraulic pressure is correct for stabilizer operations.

5. Deploy the aerial ladder in accordance with the Ladder Operators Section of this manual. (see page 4.11.)

- Verify that all ladder controls at the pedestal are working properly.
- Verify that all indicator lights and gauges are working properly.
- Check the aerial rotation system and swivel. Include checking the swing unit and the swing brake holding ability.

With the ladder at full extension and at zero degrees or low angle, rotate the ladder to the right and put the rotation control back to the neutral position. The ladder should come to a complete stop and hold in that position. Repeat the test rotating the ladder to the left.

With the ladder at full extension and the tip approximately 2 ft. (0.61 m) - 3 ft. (0.91 m) from the ground, push the ladder gently to the right. The tip of the ladder should move slightly, then come to a stop and not rotate. Repeat the test to the left.

- Inspect drive pinion and turntable bearing gear teeth for visible damage, proper meshing and alignment, evidence of wear and adequate lubrication of bearing mechanism. Inspect turntable bearing bolts for visible damage and security (loose / missing). Neither the drive or bearing gear should be greased, only the internal ball race at grease nipple.
- Check the aerial extension cylinders, cables, and sheaves for proper operation and damage.
- Check the aerial electrical cables, sheaves, and E-track.
- Check hydraulic hoses, strain reliefs for damage, stretching, kinking, cracks.
- Check all aerial ladder section slide pads for wear, damage, security.
- Inspect security of all fasteners and clamps on each ladder section.
- Check all spring retainers for proper operation and security.
- Check the aerial elevation system. Check elevation cylinders for synchronization and top out at the same time. Check for loose/missing components.
- Check the operation of all warning lights and audible warning systems.
- Check the operation of the tracking lights, the tip lights and ladder lights for proper operation.
- Check the rung alignment light.
- Check all controls at the pedestal, ladder tip and remote control for correct operation of all the ladder and devices.
- Check operation of the hydraulic pressure gauge for proper pressure reading during ladder operation.
- Inspect the rung covers and clips on the ladder sections. They must be secure and shall not be able to turn on the rungs. They must be free of cuts or rips.
- Operate the positional waterway and inspect locking mechanism and latches are engaged properly in both positions.

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6. Extend the ladder fully over the side of the apparatus, lowering the tip a few feet from the ground.
7. Lubricate the aerial device. Refer to Lubrication Schedule and Lubrication Chart. ([see page 5.5.](#))
  - Grease the turntable bearing. The bearing should be rotated clockwise through one full revolutions while greasing through one fitting. Select a different grease fitting and repeat the lubrication process counter clockwise.

## NOTICE

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**If the old grease is in good condition and free of contaminants, the interval may be extended. Conversely, if the old lubricant is contaminated or deteriorated, the interval should be shortened, or the old grease removed and replaced.**

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- Check lubricant level in the swing unit.
8. Check waterway piping system for proper alignment and lubrication.
    - Inspect all water pipes for proper alignment, attachment and lubrication.
    - With the aerial device fully extended near the ground, clean the waterway of all lubricant, clean wiper seals and inspect for damage, scoring, alignment. Do not use caustic or acid type cleaners. Lacquer thinner or brake cleaner are acceptable cleaners.
    - Check monitor carriage for proper locking between rescue and water tower modes.
    - Check the water system monitor from all control positions for proper operation; up, down, right, left, shape, and stream.
    - The rotation points of the monitor should be lubricated as per the manufacturer of the monitor.
  9. Check all aerial interlock systems that apply to your apparatus. ([see page 4.23.](#))
    - Jacks not in contact with the ground, aerial lock out.
    - Stabilizer lock out when ladder is out of the cradle.
    - Short Set Rotation Interlock. Check appropriate green outrigger deployed indicator lights at the stabilizer control stations and red stabilizer not deployed indicator lights at the **Primary Operator Control Station** reflect actual stabilizer deployment.
    - Body/Cab Collision Avoidance.
    - Extended Range Monitor disable when in rescue mode (If Equipped).
    - Monitor Stow (If Equipped).
    - Check operation of all manual overrides, all functions.
  10. Check the Loadminder system. ([see page 4.22.](#))
    - Position the ladder over the rear or side of the apparatus.
    - Engage the monitor in the water tower position.
    - Fully extend the ladder at zero degrees elevation.

- Have a sufficient number of persons gently pull down at the tip of the Loadminder should indicate 100%.
  - Monitor the Loadminder gauge. The reading on the gauge should increase as the live load increases.
  - Advanced Control, Class 1, or Master Display readout system, should go into alarm at approximately 50 lbs. (22.68 kg) over the 100% capacity, the gauge should provide a visual warning indication, the audible alarm should sound, and the bed section strobe lights should activate.
  - AL-11 system should go into alarm at approximately 90% indication on the display gauge. The gauge should flash white/pink, audible alarm sound, and amber strobes at tip of base section should flash. At full rated capacity indicator should read 100%.
11. Check the breathing air system and its components (if provided) for proper operation. (see page 4.20.)
- Open the tank valve(s).
  - Check the pressure in the storage tank(s).
  - Drain moisture filters one at a time
  - Open air cylinder and charge system, close cylinder and document readings on regulator gauges. Leave system undisturbed for one hour then recheck gauge readings, reading should remain unchanged.
  - If a loss of pressure is found. Pressurize the system and check for any leaks. (Do not use hands or any part of the body to check for leaks). Use a solution of 10% mild liquid soap with 90% water, spray all components and connections with atomizer type device. Repair leak with the manufacturer's recommended procedures or industry best practices and retest.
  - Check all breathing air hoses through all ladder sections and over sheaves for damage, stretching, cracks, kinks, ETC.
  - Check sheaves for operation and damage.
  - Attach a respiratory device and check for air flow.
  - Class 1 airminder, check visual display activates at 25% and audible alarm activates at approximately 20% of system pressure.

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**Audible alarm will not activate when there is less than 50 psi. (344.73 kPa) air pressure in the system.**

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- AL-11 airminder, check visual display and audible alarms for activation at between 1,000 psi (6894.7 kPa) and 50 psi. (344.73 kPa) system pressure.
  - When complete, shut off the tank valves and release pressure from the system or leave system as per your departments SOP.
12. Check the intercom system at the turntable and at the tip of the fly section. If there is a pump-mounted speaker, it should be inspected for operation as well.

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13. Check the emergency power unit for proper operation. (see page 4.26.)
14. Inspect all hydraulic lines for damage, security, chafing and leakage.
15. Ensure all safety signs/placards are in place and legible.

## **TWENTY FIVE-HOUR LUBRICATION AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**

The six-hour and twenty five-hour lubrication and maintenance schedules should only be performed by a fire apparatus service technician or competent individual appointed by the AHJ who has had proper factory instruction on the maintenance and repair of Spartan Aerial Devices.

After twenty five-hour of aerial device operation, or annually, whichever comes 1st, in addition to the six-hour lubrication and preventive maintenance schedule, perform the following.

### **Twenty Five-hour Lubrication Schedule**

Refer to the Lubrication Chart on [page 5.6](#).

### **Twenty Five-hour Preventive Maintenance Inspection Schedule**

For departments that have a third-party inspection/testing conducted on the aerial device annually, verify with your testing company which of the following items are covered in their inspection. The department will need to make certain that any item not inspected by the 3rd party is inspected.

In additional to the six-hour preventive maintenance inspection schedule, inspect the following.

1. Inspect PTO and hydraulic pump installation.
  - The PTO and the hydraulic pump should show no signs of external leakage or excess vibration, which would indicate a possible problem with the installation.
2. Check stabilizers for;
  - Proper alignment.
  - Inspect hoses for leaks or wear on the hoses in the beam.
  - Check all retaining bolts and pins.
  - Inspect extension cylinders for proper rigging and mounting.
  - Check outrigger beam for scoring.
  - Check inner jack box for scoring.
  - Re-torque jack cylinder bolts.
  - Re-torque end cap bolts.
  - Conduct drift test on cylinders.

3. Inspect the hydraulic, electrical and waterway swivel.
  - Check the assembly for a secure mounting.
  - Check for oil leaks, water leaks and loose electrical connections.
4. Inspect the aerial pivot assembly and pivot pins, as well as all retaining bolts at the turntable for wear, security and lubrication.
5. Inspect the elevation cylinders;
  - Proper mountings and rigging.
  - Hoses and tubing wear/secure mounting and leaks.
  - Inspect cylinder rods for pitting, scoring or other damage.
  - Inspect mounting pins at both the rod and barrel ends for secure mounting.
  - Inspect bolts, which keep mounting pins in place for security.
  - Conduct drift test on cylinders.
6. Inspect the extension/retraction cylinders including;
  - Proper mountings and rigging.
  - Hoses and tubing wear/secure mounting and leaks.
  - Inspect cylinder rods for pitting, scoring or other damage.
  - Inspect mounting pins at both the rod and barrel ends for secure mounting.
  - Inspect bolts, which keep mounting pins in place for security.
  - Conduct drift tests.
7. Check for proper adjustment of extension/retraction cables.

## NOTICE

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**The ladder must be adequately lubricated before any cable adjustments are made.**

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- Lower the ladder so it is horizontal.
- Extend the ladder.
- Retract the ladder.
- Cables should remain taut, somewhat like a guitar spring.
- Identify and note what cables are loose or have slack in them.

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**Slack in the retraction cables will be evident during extension of the ladder. Slack in the extension cables will be evident during retraction of the ladder. The cable diagram in the manual will help in identifying the cables as well as documenting areas that need adjusting.**

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- Identify if one or more sections continue to move after the others have reached their stops. Check the position of the ladder sections and the section stops for both the fully retracted and fully extended positions.
  - Check if cables scrape or pull a section to one side or another. Note any offending cables or sections.
8. Inspect the water system pipes for proper alignment, attachment, lubrication and scoring.
  9. Inspect the water system monitor for proper alignment. Check for water leaks, secure mounting and for excess wear in the gears that activate the monitor.
  10. Check the torque on the turntable bearing mounting bolts (both upper and lower) and pinion gear mounting bolts.
  11. Replace the return oil filter located on the oil tank and pressure filter cartridge if applicable.
  12. Check the torque on the frame mounting bolts. See Structural Bolt Torque Specifications on [page 5.15](#).
  13. Inspect the cradle for cracks in the welds or structure.
  14. Inspect the torque box for cracks in the welds or structure.
  15. Inspect the aerial ladder structure and its' components for cracks in the welds or structure.
  16. Visually inspect all torque box to frame mounting plates for cracks, fractured welds, and damage.
  17. Inspect lift cylinders and pins for proper rigging and mounting.
  18. Inspect base pads, each mid pad, all slide pads, lateral adjustment guides.
  19. Inspect heel pins.
  20. Perform aerial function timing checks, 0 - 75 degrees, 75 - 0 degrees, retract, extend, right and left swing.
  21. Check aerial circuit pressures, relief, lower, raise, extend, retract.
  22. Check hydraulic reservoir mounting for security.
  23. Sample hydraulic oil for analysis.

## NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING

Non-destructive testing of the aerial device shall be conducted for any of the following conditions.

1. Every 5 years or 125 hours, whichever comes first.

2. If visual inspection or load testing indicates a potential structural or safety problem.
3. If there is a desire to further confirm continued operational safety.
4. After any major repairs or overhaul to the aerial structure or systems.
5. Aerial has been subjected to unusual operating conditions of stress or loading.
6. When there is reason to believe that usage has exceeded the manufacture's recommended aerial device operating parameters.

The requirements of the **NFPA® 1910 Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Refurbishment, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Emergency Vehicles and Marine Firefighting Vessels**, latest edition shall be referenced. Any Federal, State, Provincial or Local regulations or standards that are applicable shall also apply.

## NOTICE

**These procedures shall all be repeated on a cyclic basis, as long as the aerial is in service. The department is responsible for ensuring procedures have been followed!**

### AERIAL ANNUAL INSPECTION CRITERIA

**NFPA® 1910 Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Refurbishment, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Emergency Vehicles and Marine Firefighting Vessels** requires an annual inspection. This section provides the manufacturers recommendations for the required inspections and tests.

#### Rotation Gear Backlash

Measure the rotation gear backlash by setting up the aerial apparatus and completely extending the device. Push on the tip of the device by hand in one direction and make a mark at the edge of the turntable platform to indicate the ladder location relative to the platform. Push on the tip of the device in the opposite direction and make another mark on the edge of the turntable platform. The space between the marks should not exceed the appropriate value in the table:

#### Rotation Bearing Clearance

Measure the rotation bearing clearance by mounting a dial indicator or other accurate measuring device so that it is measuring the position of the inner bearing race with respect to the outer bearing race. Measure the position with the device resting in the cradle, and then again with the ladder out of the cradle. The difference between these measurements should not exceed the value in the table.

Table 5-2: Rotation Bearing Clearance

Aerial Device	Measurement	Motion	
		(in.)	(mm)
75 ft. Rear Mount Ladder - 3 Section	Gear Backlash	.5	12.75
	Bearing Clearance	.05	1.27
110 ft. Rear Mount Ladder - 4 Section	Gear Backlash	.5	12.75
	Bearing Clearance	.05	1.27

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## Structural Bolt Torque Specification

Table 5-3: 75 ft. (22 m) Rear Mount Ladder

Location	Size	Grade	Torque N/A
Torque Box to Frame	Huck Bolts		N/A
H-Box to Frame	Huck Fasteners		N/A
H-Box to Torque Box	5/8 in. (15.875 mm)	8	200 ft-lb (271.16 N*m)
Rotation Bearing to openbase	7/8 in. (22.22 mm)	8	560 ft-lb (759.26 N*m)
Swing Drive	3/4 in. (19.05 mm)	8	360 ft-lb (488.09 N*m)
Cradle to Frame	3/4 in. (19.05 mm)	8	360 ft-lb (488.09 N*m)
Bearing to Turntable	7/8 in. (22.22 mm)	8	560 ft-lb (759.26 N*m)
Front Suspension	5/8" (Prevailing torque nut)		98-125 ft-lb (132.87-169.48 N*m)
Extension Cylinders	3/4 in. (19.05 mm)	8	360 ft-lb (488.09 N*m)
Torque Box to mounting foot-rear	3/4 in. (19.05 mm)	8	360 ft-lb (488.09 N*m)













Table 5-4: 110 ft. (33 m) Rear Mount Ladder

Location	Size	Grade	Torque N/A
Torque Box to Frame	3/4 in. (19.05 mm)	8	360 ft-lb (488.09 N*m)
Rotation Bearing to openbase	7/8 in. (22.22 mm)	8	560 ft-lb (759.26 N*m)
Swing Drive	3/4 in. (19.05 mm)	8	360 ft-lb (488.09 N*m)
Extension/Retraction Cylinder Attachment	3/4 in. (19.05 mm)	8	360 ft-lb (488.09 N*m)
Rotation Bearing to Turntable	7/8 in. (22.22 mm)	8	560 ft-lb (759.26 N*m)
Cradle to Frame	3/4 in. (19.05 mm)	8	360 ft-lb (488.09 N*m)
Front Suspension	5/8" (Prevailing torque nut)		98-125 ft-lb (132.87-169.48 N*m)

## Structural Fasteners

The following fastener torque chart applies to all fasteners on the Aerial Device unless otherwise specified. This includes, but is not limited to, Torque Box mounting and Ladder Cradle fasteners.

Table 5-5: Structural Fasteners

FINE OR COARSE THREAD FASTENER	GRADE DESIGNATION	TENSILE STRENGTH MINIMUM	MATERIAL	3/8	7/16	1/2	9/16	5/8	3/4	7/8	1	1-1/4	1-1/2
				TORQUE FOOT/POUNDS (MIN-MAX.)									
 CAP SCREW	S.A.E. 2 A.S.T.M. A-307 STEEL	64,000 P.S.I.	Low Carbon Steel	17	26	41	56	83	140	182	270	449	718
				19	30	45	66	93	150	202	300	500	797
 CAP SCREW	S.A.E. 3 STEEL	100,000 P.S.I.	Medium Carbon Steel	26	43	59	93	135	214	332	491	822	1327
				30	47	69	103	145	234	372	551	922	1471
 CAP SCREW	A.S.T.M. A-449 S.A.E. 5 STEEL	105,000 P.S.I.	Medium Carbon Steel or Low Alloy Heat Treated	27	46	65	100	140	220	338	523	747	1194
 CAP SCREW	A.S.T.M. 354BB STEEL			31	50	75	110	150	250	378	583	833	1323
 CAP SCREW	A.S.T.M. A-325			-	-	90	-	180	305	465	710	1019	1771
 CAP SCREW	A.S.T.M. A- 354-BC STEEL	125,000 P.S.I.	Low Alloy or Med. Carb. Quenched Tempered	30	50	71	109	147	239	377	574	1024	1522
				34	54	81	119	167	269	427	644	1053	1695
 CAP SCREW	S.A.E. 6 STEEL	133,000 P.S.I.	Med. Carbon Steel Quenched Tempered	39	59	96	140	189	310	490	735	1242	1989
 CAP SCREW	S.A.E. 7 STEEL		Med. Carbon Alloy, Quenched Tempered Roll Threaded	43	69	106	150	209	350	550	825	1372	2205
 CAP SCREW	S.A.E. 8 STEEL	150,000 P.S.I.	Med. Carbon Alloy Quenched Tempered	42	65	105	145	185	330	531	803	1331	2153
				46	75	115	165	225	370	591	893	1486	2383
 SOCKET CAP SCREW	SOCKET HEAD CAP SCREW ALSO N.A.S. AIRCRAFT STD.	160,000 P.S.I.	High Carbon Alloy Quenched Tempered	46	71	111	156	210	345	569	864	1804	2947
 CAP SCREW	N.A.S. 144 AIRCRAFT STD. MS 20000 MIL. STD.			50	81	121	176	240	395	629	964	1964	3147
 CAP SCREW	N.A.S. 624 NATIONAL AIRCRAFT STANDARD STEEL	180,000 P.S.I.	High Carbon Alloy Quenched Tempered	52	81	126	188	255	419	668	1025	2105	3355
				56	91	136	198	270	444	708	1085	2255	3855

## Relief Hydraulic Pressure

The correct hydraulic system pressure is indicated on either the load chart or an instruction label near the load chart, or on the Advanced Control display service menus.

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## Hydraulic Cylinder Allowable Drift

Measure the hydraulic cylinder drift in accordance with the instructions in **NFPA® 1910**. Drift in one hour with the engine off should not exceed the values in the following chart:

Table 5-6: Hydraulic Cylinder Allowable Drift

Component	Allowable Drift	
	(in)	(mm)
Stabilizer Cylinder	.375	10
Aerial Lift Cylinders	.500	13
Aerial Extension Cylinders	.500	13

## Aerial Device Deployment

Your aerial device should be able to deploy within a reasonable amount of time, but not so quickly that it cannot be controllable or that it would create discomfort for people on the device. Measure the speed of operation and deployment. Operate your device for this test in the fast idle mode. Times should fall within the values on the following chart.

Table 5-7: Aerial Device Deployment

Operation	Test Description
Stabilizer deployment	Measure one stabilizer at a time. Begin with stabilizer stowed and end with the stabilizer fully extended and the jack on the ground.
Aerial Device Elevation	Begin with device retracted and in the cradle. Keep the device retracted for this test. Measure the time to raise the device to full elevation.
Aerial Device Depression	Begin with device retracted and at full elevation. Keep the device retracted for this test. Measure the time to lower the device to 0 degrees elevation.
Aerial Device Rotation	Place the device in a position where it can be rotated 360 degrees without the need to elevate, depress, extend or retract. Measure the time to make one complete revolution.
Aerial Device Extension	Position the device at 0 degree elevation and fully retracted. Measure the time to fully extend the device.
Aerial Device Retraction	Position the device at 0 degree elevation and fully extended. Measure the time to fully retract the device.

Table 5-8: Performance Values

Aerial Device	Elevation or Depression (sec)		Rotation (sec)		Extension or Retraction (sec)		All Stabilizers Deployed (sec)	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
75 ft. Rear Mount Ladder - 3 Section	30	60	30	100	60	130	20	40
110 ft. Rear Mount Ladder - 4 Section 500# Rated	35	65	35	120	65	150	35	55
110 ft. Rear Mount Ladder - 4 Section 750# Rated	35	65	35	120	65	150	40	60

## Ladder Section Alignment

While your aerial device should be reasonably straight, the design does expect that some amount of twist is acceptable. Use either Method A or Method B to measure twist:

### Method A

- Position your apparatus in a manner where the turntable can be made level when the aerial is extended over a flat surface.
- Extend the ladder completely at a zero degree elevation.
- Measure from each rung rail to the ground and determine the difference between measurements.
- The ladder at the end of the fly section should not show difference between these measurements of more than 1/2 in. (12.7 mm) per ladder section. (1-1/2 in. (38.1 mm). for 3 section ladders or 2 in. (50.8 mm for 4 section ladders.)

### Method B

- Position your apparatus in a manner where the turntable can be made level when the ladder is extended over a flat surface.
- Extend the ladder completely at a zero degree elevation.
- Place a straight edge across the base section rung rails as near the base of the ladder as practicable.
- Measure the angle of the straight edge with an inclinometer with an accuracy of +/- 0.1 degrees.
- Place a straight edge across the fly section rung rails as near the end of the ladder as practicable.
- Measure the angle of the straight edge with an inclinometer with an accuracy of +/- 0.1 degrees.
- The difference between these measurements should not exceed 1/2 in. (12.7 mm) per ladder section. (1-1/2 in. (38.1 mm) for 3 section ladders or 2 in. (50.8 mm) for 4 section ladders.)

## Slide Pad Wear

Slide pad wear is expected due to the rigors of operation. The amount of wear will depend on the lubrication frequency and the cleanliness of the lubricant. Lubricant that becomes contaminated with dirt, sand, or other gritty materials will accelerate slide pad wear. Slide pads should be replaced when wear exceeds 25% of their original thickness.

## Hydraulic Cylinder Leakage

Place the equipment into a position where the cylinder is half-way between fully extended and fully retracted. Wipe the seal and the rod thoroughly clean. Leave the apparatus sit for one hour with the hydraulic system off. No leaking or weeping should be observable on the rod at the sealing interface.

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## **Level Indicator Alignment Verification**

This method should be used to verify liquid filled as well as electronic level indicators.

Place a carpenter's level (Minimum of 2 ft. (0.6096 m) in length) along the edge of the turntable, above and parallel with the direction of indication of the level indicator. The carpenter's level should read the same as the level indicator.

## **Pre-Piped Waterway Flow Meter Calibration**

See the operation and service manual provided by the flow meter manufacturer.





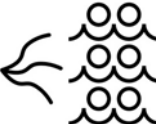


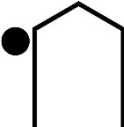
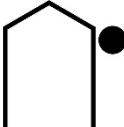
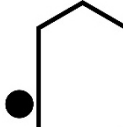
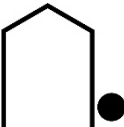
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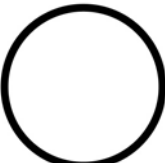











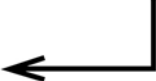

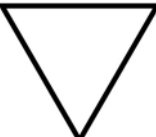




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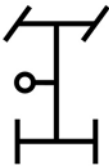












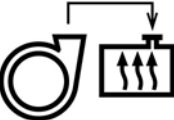

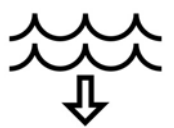











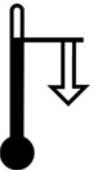













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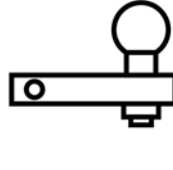






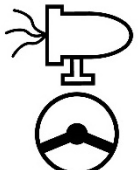
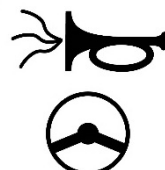






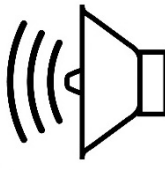


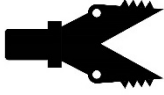
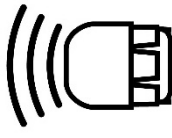



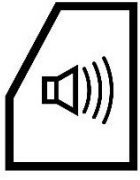

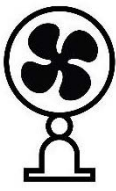
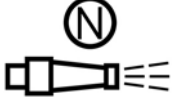
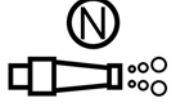
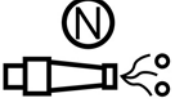
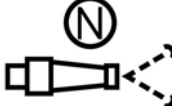
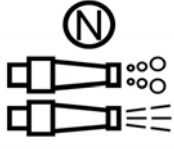
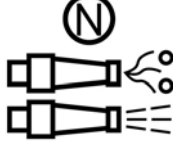
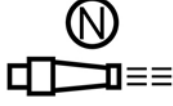
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Base Symbols						
						
Water	Foam Concentrate	Foam Solution	Powder	Compressed Air Foam (CAF) Wet	Compressed Air Foam (CAF) Dry	Halotron
						
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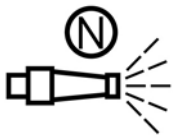
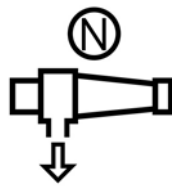
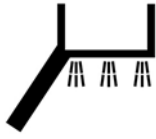

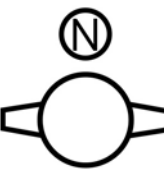
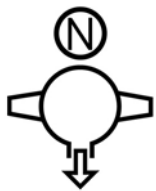
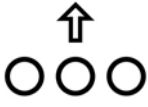




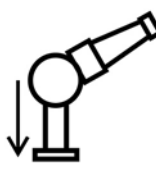







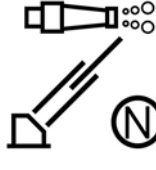
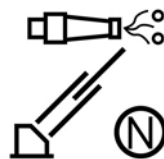
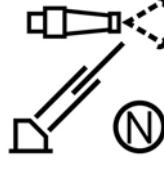
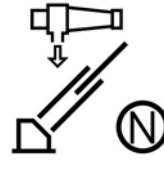


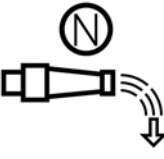
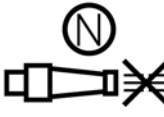


General Symbols						
						
On / Start	Off / Stop	On and Off	Clock / Time Switch / Timer	Fast	Slow	Continuously Variable-Linear
				<b>AUTO</b> symbol for Auto Operation / Automatic Start		
Continuously Variable-Rotational	Unlock or Switch Interlock	Bell or Alarm	Manual Operation / Manual Start	Auto Operation / Automatic Start	Back	Select
						
Up	Down	Warning	Engine Rotational Speed	Engine Rotational Speed-Instantaneous Decrease	Engine Coolant	Fuel Level

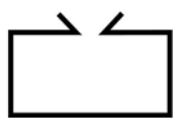
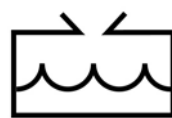
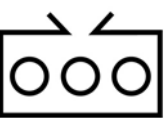

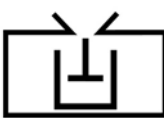
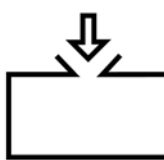
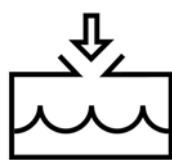
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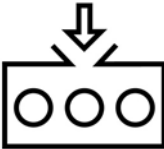
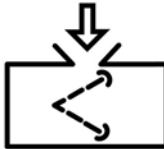
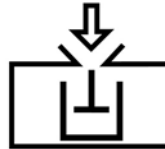
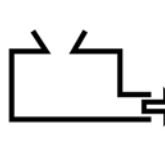
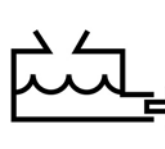
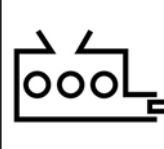
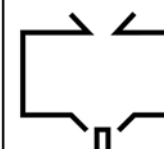
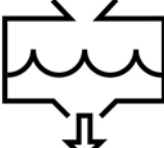
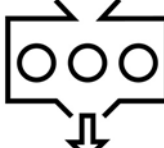
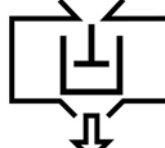
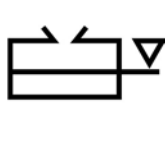
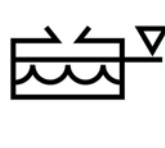
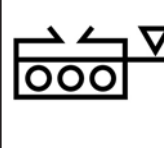
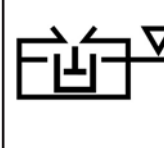

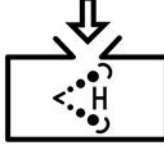

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Siren Mechanical	Horn	Air Horn	Foam Pressure	Hydraulic Pressure	Hydraulic Pump	Air Compressor
						
Radiator Re-Fill	Emergency Power Unit	Water Flush	Air Purge or Drain	Ladder Rack Down	Ladder Rack Up	Compartment Door Alert
						
Pumper Apparatus	Aerial Ladder Apparatus	Suspension Front	Suspension Rear	Helmet Restraint	Compartment Door	Equipment Restraint
						
Auxiliary Cooler	Height of Vehicle Hint for Driver	Width of Vehicle Hint for Driver	GVWR of Vehicle Hint for Driver	Fording Depth Water Crossing Ability	Fording Depth Water Crossing Hint for Driver	Video Camera
						
Rear View Video Camera	Wind Speed	Compartment Door Open	Apparatus Front View	Aerial Apparatus Front View	Exterior Rear View Mirror 4-Way Adjustment	Exterior Rear View Mirror 2-Way Adjustment











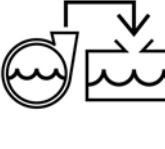
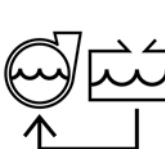





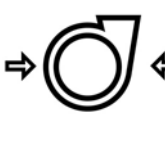


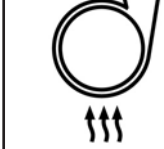
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Wildland Apparatus	Digital Alert Warning System	Siren Brake	Automatic Tire Chain	Siren Operated by Steering Wheel Center Switch	Air Horn Operated by Steering Wheel Center Switch	Generator PTO Engage
						
Air Compressor PTO Engage	Transmission Retarder or Brake	Engine Compression or Exhaust Brake	Neutral	Cab Heat	Electronic Siren	Electronic Siren Activated through Steering Wheel Horn Button
						
Front Axle Brake Lock	Extrication Tools	Low Frequency Electronic Siren (Rumbler)	AM/FM Radio, Stereo, etc.	Engine Emergency Stop Reset	Buzzer Sounding in Cab	Buzzer Sounding in Tiller Cab
						
Buzzer Sounding at Body	Defog Fan					
Discharge & Intake						
						
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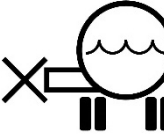
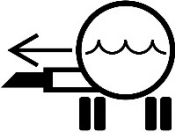
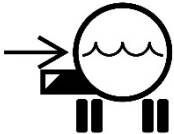
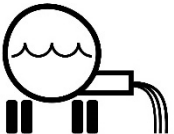
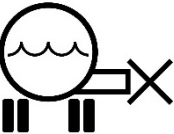
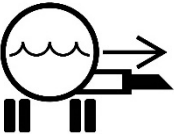
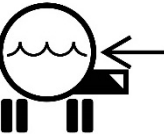

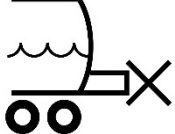
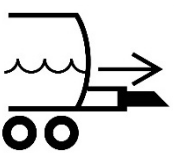
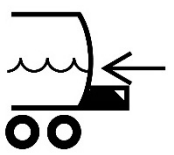


Discharge & Intake						
 Fog	 Discharge Drain or Bleeder	 Aerial Platform Water Curtain	 Pavement Cooler Discharge	 Intake	 Intake Drain or Bleeder	 Foam Intake
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 Monitor Rotate CW	 Monitor Oscillate	 Monitor Stow	 Monitor Drain or Bleed	 Aerial Water Discharge	 Aerial Foam Discharge	 Aerial CAF Discharge
 Aerial Powder Discharge	 Aerial Discharge Drain	 Aerial Intake	 Shower Discharge	 Nozzle Flush	 Nozzle Off	 Water Flow Rate
 Water Flow Total						


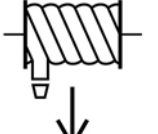
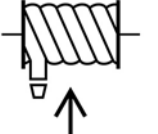



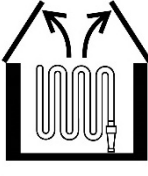
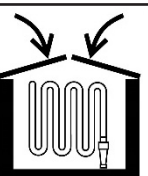
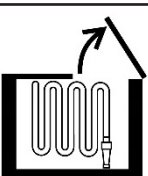
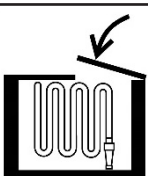
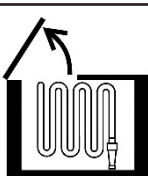
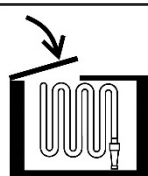
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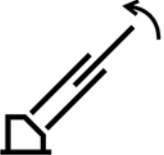
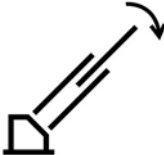


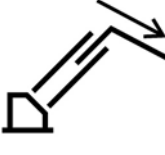
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Water Tank Heater	Halotron Tank Fill	Powder Tank Drain				




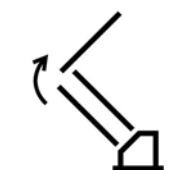
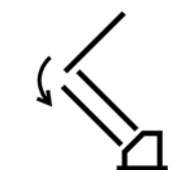
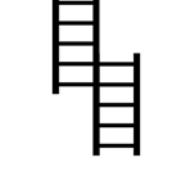

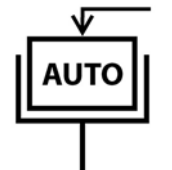
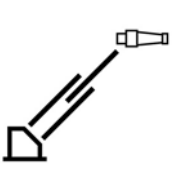
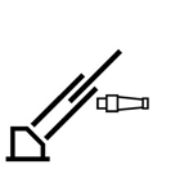




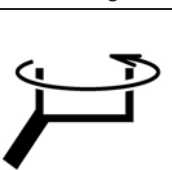
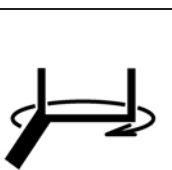
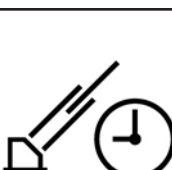



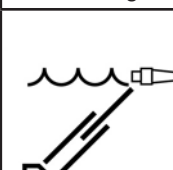
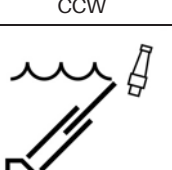






Fire Suppression Pump Functions & Features						
						
Pump	Pump Engage	Pump Engage Manually	Water Pump Engage	Foam Pump Engage	Pump Intake	Pump Discharge
						
Pump Priming	Pump Priming	Pump Drain	Pump-to-Tank Valve	Tank-to-Pump Valve	Pump Cooling Recirculation Valve	Pump Water Temperature
						
Pump Transmission Temperature	Water Pump Discharge Relief	Foam Pump Discharge Relief	Pump Low Pressure	Pump High Pressure	Pump Ultra High Pressure	Pump Heater

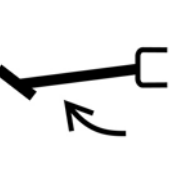


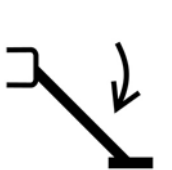


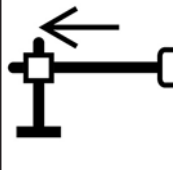
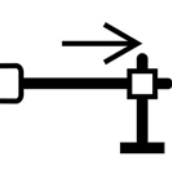
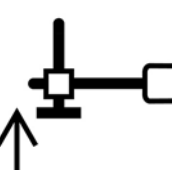
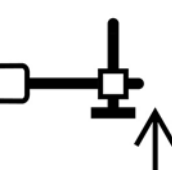
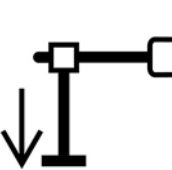
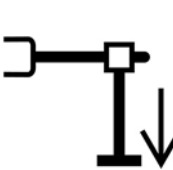


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Fire Suppression Pump Functions & Features						
 Pump Compartment Heater	 Pump Hour	 Pump Pressure Governor	 OK to Pump	 Dump Chute Left OPEN	 Dump Chute Left CLOSE	 Dump Chute Left EXTEND
 Dump Chute Left RETRACT	 Dump Chute Right OPEN	 Dump Chute Right CLOSE	 Dump Chute Right EXTEND	 Dump Chute Right RETRACT	 Dump Chute Rear OPEN	 Dump Chute Rear CLOSE
 Dump Chute Rear EXTEND	 Dump Chute Rear RETRACT	 Foam Pump	 Foam Pump OFF			




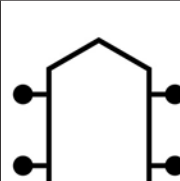
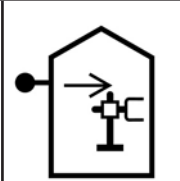
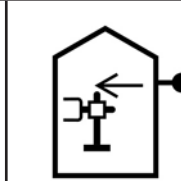
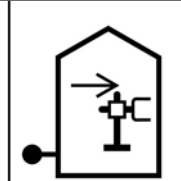

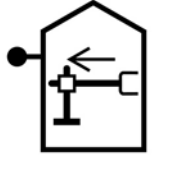
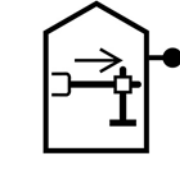
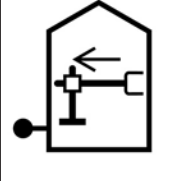
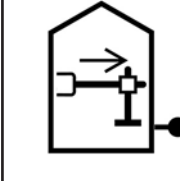
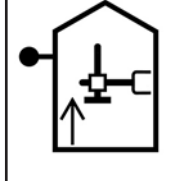
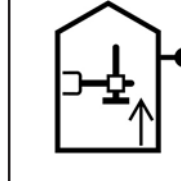
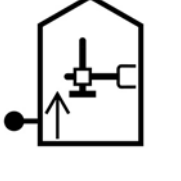
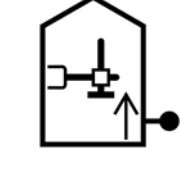
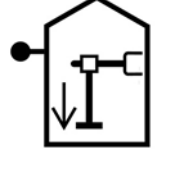
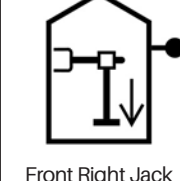
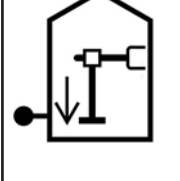
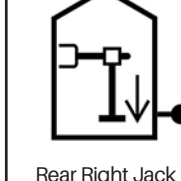
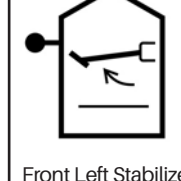

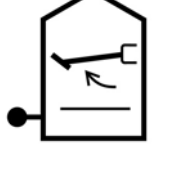

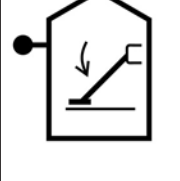
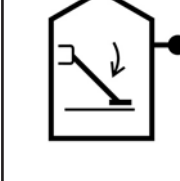
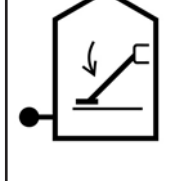
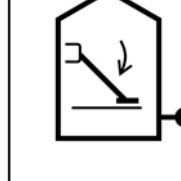




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 Hose Reel	 Hose Reel Wind Out	 Hose Reel Wind In	 Pre-connected Hose	 Hose	 Hose Restraint	 Hose Bed Cover OPEN
 Hose Bed Cover CLOSE	 Hose Bed Cover RH OPEN	 Hose Bed Cover RH CLOSE	 Hose Bed Cover LH OPEN	 Hose Bed Cover LH CLOSE		

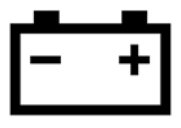




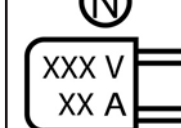
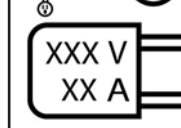
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 Aerial Extend	 Aerial Retract	 Aerial Elevate	 Aerial Depress	 Aerial Rotate CCW	 Aerial Rotate CW	 Aerial Articulate Extend

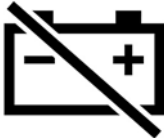


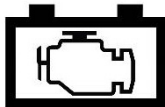
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Aerial Articulate Retract	Aerial Articulate Elevate	Aerial Articulate Depress	Aerial Boom Raise	Aerial Boom Lower	Ladder Rungs Aligned	Aligned with Cradle
						
Automatic Aerial Stowing	Aerial Monitor Water Tower Mode	Aerial Monitor Rescue Mode	Movable Monitor Not Secure	Aerial Overload	Aerial Platform Overload	Aerial Platform Leveling
						
Aerial Platform Rotate CCW	Aerial Platform Rotate CW	Aerial Hours	Aerial Power	Aerial Device Enable	Tip Controls Enable	Aerial Waterway Wet
						
Aerial Nozzle Angle Up	Aerial Body Collision Alert	Aerial Body Collision OFF	Aerial Device Not Stowed	Stabilizer Not Stowed	Trailer Jackknife Warning	Ladder Ramp Adjust
















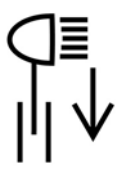







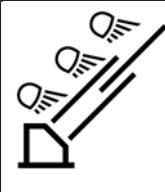


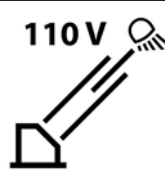
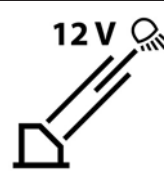


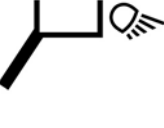




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Left Stabilizer Up	Right Stabilizer Up	Left Stabilizer Down	Right Stabilizer Down	Left Beam In	Right Beam In	Left Beam Out
						
Right Beam Out	Left Jack Up	Right Jack Up	Left Jack Down	Right Jack Down	Stabilizer Off-Level Warning	Stabilizers Automatic Leveling

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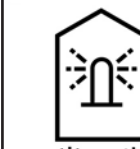




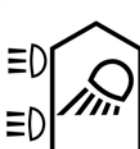
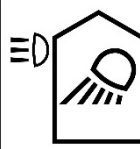
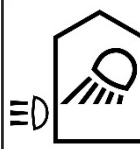






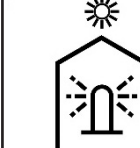
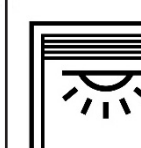



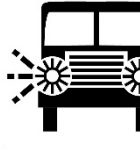








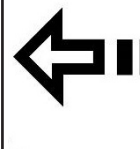


Stabilizers						
						
Stabilizers Manual Leveling	Stabilizers Short-Jack Warning	Stabilizers Set	Stabilizers Locations	Front Left Beam In	Front Right Beam In	Rear Left Beam In
						
Right Rear Beam In	Front Left Beam Out	Front Right Beam Out	Rear Left Beam Out	Rear Right Beam Out	Front Left Jack Up	Front Right Jack Up
						
Rear Left Jack Up	Rear Right Jack Up	Front Left Jack Down	Front Right Jack Down	Rear Left Jack Down	Rear Right Jack Down	Front Left Stabilizer Up
						
Front Right Stabilizer Up	Rear Left Stabilizer Up	Rear Right Stabilizer Up	Front Left Stabilizer Down	Front Right Stabilizer Down	Rear Left Stabilizer Down	Rear Right Stabilizer Down
						
Left Stabilizer Extend Inclined	Right Stabilizer Extend Inclined	Left Stabilizer Retract Inclined	Right Stabilizer Retract Inclined			








Electrical						
						
Battery	Ammeter	Generator	Generator Pre-Heater	Voltmeter	Electrical Outlet	Electrical Cord Reel Outlet



Electrical						
						
Battery Disconnect	Intercom	EV Battery Management System (BMS) Battery Indicator	Engine Starter Battery Indicator			

Lighting						
						
Panel Light	Dome Light	Flood Light	Adjustable Work Light	Reading Light	Engine Compartment Light	Pump Compartment Light
						
Hose Bed Light	Front Scene Light	Rear Scene Light	Left Side Scene Light	Right Side Scene Light	Perimeter Ground Lights	Elevating Light
						
Elevating Light Raise	Elevating Light Lower	Elevating Light Elevate	Elevating Light Depress	Elevating Light Rotate CCW	Elevating Light Rotate CW	Elevating Light Stow
						
Aerial Base Light	Aerial Tip Light	Aerial Ladder Climbing Light	Day Night Switch	Low Level Interior Illumination	Aerial Tip Light Line Voltage	Aerial Tip Light Low Voltage
						
Blocking Mode Night	Platform Bucket Bottom Lights	Platform Bucket Front Lights	Platform Bucket Side Lights	Emergency Master Lighting	Elevating Light Behind Cab Left Side	Elevating Light Behind Cab Right Side

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Lighting						
 Elevating Light Rear Body Left Side	 Elevating Light Rear Body Right Side	 Warning Light-Front	 Warning Light-Side	 Warning Light-Rear	 Scene Light-Front	 Scene Light-Rear
 Alley Light Left Side	 Alley Light Right Side	 Scene Light Left Side	 Scene Light Left Front	 Scene Light Left Rear	 Scene Light Right Side	 Scene Light Right Front
 Scene Light Left Rear	 Headlamp Wig-Wag	 Warning Light Mechanical Spinning	 White Warning Lights OFF	 Warning Light Single Front	 Compartment Light	 Light Bar
 Brow Light Narrow Beam	 Brow Light Wide Beam	 Headlights Flashing	 Docking Lights	 Command Light Green	 White Warning Lights	 Brow Light Spot Beam
 Rear Cab Scene	 Scene Light - PS Rear	 Scene Light - DS Rear	 Traffic Advisor Stick Split	 Traffic Advisor Left	 Traffic Advisor Right	 Scene Light Master

Foam & CAFS						
 Foam Concentrate Injection	 Foam Concentrate Injection Rating by Percent	 Foam Concentrate Injection ON	 Foam Concentrate Injection OFF	 Foam Concentrate Injection ON-OFF	 Foam Concentrate and Air Injection	 Foam Concentrate and Air Injection ON

Foam & CAFS						
 <p>Foam Concentrate and Air Injection OFF</p>	 <p>Foam Concentrate and Air Injection ON-OFF</p>					

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