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GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

- 1. Awards will be made in the best interest of the State of West Virginia.
- 2. The State may accept or reject in part, or in whole, any bid.
- 3. All quotations are governed by the West Virginia Code and the Legislative Rules of the Purchasing Division.
- 4. Prior to any award, the apparent successful vendor must be properly registered with the Purchasing Division and have paid the required \$125.00 registration fee.
- 5. All services performed or goods delivered under State Purchase Orders/Contracts are to be continued for the term of the Purchase Order/Contract, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise available for these services or goods, this Purchase Order/Contract becomes void and of no effect after June 30.
- 6. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services.
- 7. Interest may be paid for late payment in accordance with the West Virginia Code.
- 8. Vendor preference will be granted upon written request in accordance with the West Virginia Code.
- 9. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.
- 10. The Director of Purchasing may cancel any Purchase Order/Contract upon 30 days written notice to the seller.
- 11. The laws of the State of West Virginia and the *Legislative Rules* of the Purchasing Division shall govern all rights and duties under the Contract, including without limitation the validity of this Purchase Order/Contract.
- 12. Any reference to automatic renewal is hereby deleted. The Contract may be renewed only upon mutual written agreement of the parties.
- 13. BANKRUPTCY: In the event the vendor/contractor files for bankruptcy protection, this Contract may be deemed null and void, and terminated without further order.
- 14. HIPAA Business Associate Addendum The West Viginia State Government HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (BAA), approved by the Attorney General, and available online at the Purchasing Division's web site (http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/hipaa.htm) is hereby made part of the agreement. Provided that, the Agency meets the definition of a Covered Entity (45 CFR §160.103) and will be disclosing Protected Health Information (45 CFR §160.103) to the vendor.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- 1. Use the quotation forms provided by the Purchasing Division.
- 2. SPECIFICATIONS: Items offered must be in compliance with the specifications. Any deviation from the specifications must be clearly indicated by the bidder. Alternates offered by the bidder as EQUAL to the specifications must be clearly defined. A bidder offering an alternate should attach complete specifications and literature to the bid. The Purchasing Division may waive minor deviations to specifications.
- 3. Complete all sections of the quotation form.
- 4. Unit prices shall prevail in cases of discrepancy.
- 5. All quotations are considered F.O.B. destination unless alternate shipping terms are clearly identified in the quotation.
- 6. BID SUBMISSION: All quotations must be delivered by the bidder to the office listed below prior to the date and time of the bid opening. Failure of the bidder to deliver the quotations on time will result in bid disqualifications.

SIGNED BID TO:

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS EQUIPMENT DIVISION

PROCUREMENT SPECIFICATIONS NO. 839-1-K

OPEN END CONTRACT TRAILER MOUNTED, SOLAR POWERED ELECTRIC ARROWBOARD

1.0 PURPOSE

It is the purpose of these specifications to describe a Trailer Mounted, Solar Powered Electric Arrowboard (hereinafter referred to as a "unit") to be purchased for use by the West Virginia Division of Highways (DOH) on an Open End Contract basis.

2.0 BIDDING PROCEDURES

The current purchasing procedures regarding bidding as established by the Department of Administration, Purchasing Division, shall apply. Failure to submit the "Request for Quotation" forms, complete in its entirety and according to directions indicated, may subject the bidder to disqualification. Each bid submitted shall also be accompanied by a Bidder's Evaluation Report completed in detail. Addendums in order, along with exception sheets, should be with Bidder's Evaluation Report. FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE BIDDER'S EVALUATION REPORT, COMPLETE IN ITS ENTIRETY, MAY RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.

3.0 SPECIFICATIONS

The specifications named herein, mandatory and non-mandatory, establish the acceptable level of quality only and are not intended to reflect a preference or favor any particular brand or vendor.

3.1 EXCEPTIONS TO NON-MANDATORY SPECIFICATIONS

Exception to a non-mandatory unit specification may be made by the bidder, providing the exception is not available from the manufacturer. Any such exception must be noted on the bidder's evaluation report and should be accompanied by supporting documentation/literature from the manufacturer. Any exception must be indicated on a separate attachment to the bidder's evaluation report and labeled as "Exception to Specifications". The state reserves the right to determine whether the stated exception does or does not reduce the quality and performance of the unit. Failure to provide information for any exceptions may be grounds for rejection of the bid. The state reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in bids or specifications in accordance with §148-1-4(f) of the WV Legislative Rules and Regulations.

3.2 MANDATORY SPECIFICATIONS

All specifications preceded by "shall and/or must" or are stated as a "minimum and/or maximum" are mandatory. Any bid failing to meet any mandatory item shall be immediately disqualified. Failure to respond in the appropriate evaluation section may also be grounds for immediate disqualification at the discretion of the State.

A mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled for this equipment purchase as stated in the RFQ. Vendors having products with variations or exceptions in specified mandatory items are expected to address any such variations or exceptions during the pre-bid conference. The State shall review and consider any such variation or exception, and may at its sole discretion, issue an addendum to change mandatory specifications deemed to be in the State's best interest. Bids from any vendor failing to attend the mandatory pre-bid shall be disqualified. Bids containing any variation or exception to a mandatory specification that was not addressed during the pre-bid conference and accepted by the issuance of an Addendum shall be disqualified.

4.0 REPRESENTATIVE UNIT FOR TEST

The successful vendor must (if specified) provide DOH one (1) completed representative unit to be observed and evaluated on each order to insure compliance with specification. If requested, the time period for testing and evaluation shall be seven (7) working days following receipt of the unit. DOH will incur no obligation for deterioration of surfaces, finishes, seals, and mechanical or electrical parts on the unit resulting from operation and testing within the limits of these specifications; nor will DOH incur obligation for damage to the unit resulting from failure to meet specifications when due care and attention is given by DOH and testing is done within the limits of these specifications. Failure of the pilot unit to satisfactorily meet specifications as bid shall be cause for cancellation of the purchase order, and return of the delivered unit along with all associated equipment to the vendor at the vendor's expense.

4.1 CONDITION OF UNIT(S) UPON DELIVERY

All units must arrive at the prescribed delivery point having been completely preserviced with oil, lubricants, and coolant. All prescribed precautions pertaining to first operations and break-in of the unit are to be posted conspicuously on the unit for ready observance by the operator.

4.2 DELIVERY

Delivery point of the completely assembled representative unit will be the DOH, Equipment Division, Route 33 at Brushy Fork Road, Buckhannon, West Virginia (26201).

The vendor is responsible for guaranteeing delivery of the completed units within the time specified and agreed to by the State. Delivery is preferred within 35 days after receipt of purchase agreement. The vendor is responsible for establishing and coordinating delivery terms with allied manufacturers or suppliers. Delivery terms shall be stated in the bid and the State reserves the right to accept or negotiate such terms. Failure to reach an agreement may result in rejection of the bid. The successful bidder shall provide their manufacturer's confirmation of the order to the WVDOH

contact person within seven (7) working days after receiving the approved purchase order.

A completed pilot model for inspection must be provided within 20 calendar days after receipt of the purchase agreement by the successful vendor.

Delivery is an integral part of this specification and failure to comply will be cause to initiate a D.O.T. Administrative Form WV-82, Vendor Performance Form. The WV-82 Form will provide a means of officially notifying the Purchasing Division and the vendor of unsatisfactory performance; such as late deliveries, poor service, inadequate parts supplies, etc.

The decision to initiate subject Form will be at the sole discretion of the D.O.H. Commissioner's established Equipment Review Board.

Issuance of the WV-82 Vendor Complaint Form on unsatisfactory delivery against any vendor will be cause to refuse to consider similar items from those vendors on future Request For Quotations.

(NOTE: Delivery time could be altered due to labor strikes, severe inclement weather conditions, etc.)

- 5.0 AWARD CRITERIA
- 5.1 DOH will recommend the award in accordance with the RFQ evaluation criteria described in the requisition. The award shall be made to the lowest unit cost vendor that meets or exceeds the specifications.

Prices for the units shall be in quantities of 1-10, 11-20, and 21 and over. However, for evaluation purposes, we will use quantities 1-10. DOH reserves the right to place multiple orders in any quantity.

- 6.0 SPECIFICATIONS AND GUIDELINES GENERAL
- 6.1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE UNIT BEING PROPOSED

The bidder must identify the unit by manufacturer, model, series, and year of manufacture, in the bid to enable identification by DOH in the manufacturer's specifications of the proposed unit. The bidder will submit complete descriptive literature of the proposed unit, to establish that the bid is the manufacturer's most current model, including latest engineering improvements, which have been, or will imminently be, regularly advertised and sold on the open market. The unit specified herein and offered to be manufactured after January 1, 2007 and be clearly identified and marked with date of manufacture.

OPERATING AND SERVICE MANUALS AND PARTS LISTS
An operator's manual must be included with each unit upon delivery. A "line sheet" (if applicable) and Equipment Preventative Maintenance Questionnaire (as shown in X6.2 of the Bidder's Evaluation Report) must be with pilot unit upon delivery. In addition, there must be 12 service, shop, or maintenance manuals; ten (10) to be distributed to the Districts and two (2) for the Equipment Division. Also,

there must be 14 parts manuals; ten (10) to be distributed to the Districts and four (4) for Equipment Division use. CD ROM is preferred in lieu of parts manuals.

* NOTE: MANUALS SHALL BE DELIVERED UPON COMPLETION OF DELIVERY OF TOTAL UNITS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL DELAY PAYMENT.

6.3 TRAINING:

Manufacturers and/or dealers will be required to stage a thorough seminar on the subjects of Preventative Maintenance, Operator and Mechanic Training. In order to keep the operators and mechanics updated, the successful vendor shall conduct training with each purchase order against this open end contract. Training is preferred within 2 working days after delivery of the pilot unit on the individual purchase order.

Manufacturers and/or dealers shall be required to furnish the Training Academy with one (1) Operator's Manual to be shipped direct to Letha Lamb, WVDOH Training Academy, Post Office Box 610, Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201 prior to delivery of the pilot.

The seminar to be held at the W. Va. Division of Highways, Equipment Division, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

6.4 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATOR PROCEDURES:

Manufacturers and/or dealers will be required to submit to the Equipment Division, in addition to the operating and service manuals, booklets and pamphlets explaining the Preventive Maintenance and Operator Procedures to be used by the operators of this equipment, and must include such things as daily prestart inspection procedure, service schedule, and routine maintenance required, safety precautions, etc.

The successful vendor shall furnish all training aids; i.e., videos, projectors, etc. required in conducting the training.

6.5 WARRANTY AND SERVICE POLICY

The Manufacturers warranty or service policy is to apply to the unit. Such warranty or service policy is to be recognized at any authorized unit dealer, representing manufacturer of proposed unit throughout the State of West Virginia. The applicable warranty or service policy will not be contingent upon obtaining routine service, lubrication, and servicing of the unit from factory authorized agencies. It will be the responsibility of the bidder to have available labor to repair or replace any defective replacement parts, components and materials, and to have available those replacement parts, components, and/or materials found to be defective during the terms of the warranty period. The bidder should state the labor rates, locations where parts will be stocked, availability of parts, and discounts offered for parts, when terms of the warranty offer a pro-rated cost for parts and labor. In addition, the successful bidder should offer field work to repair or replace defective parts, components, and materials found to be defective during the terms of the warranty and should provide mechanic's travel rates, mileage charges, field mechanic rates, and any surcharge for miscellaneous items, if applicable, for field work during the warranty period. Submit to Division of Highways any technical or engineering improvements during the term of the warranty. The unit

must be accompanied upon delivery by the unit's manufacturer's executed warranty or service policy.

A mandatory minimum two (2) year bumper to bumper basic parts and labor warranty is required for this unit.

THE "WARRANTY AND SERVICE POLICY QUESTIONNAIRE" ATTACHED IN THE BIDDER'S EVALUATION REPORT MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER OR MANUFACTURER PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF THE PILOT MODEL. (SEE SECTION X6.5 OF BIDDER'S EVALUATION REPORT).

6.6 EVALUATION COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS

Detailed component specifications, product literature, component models, required for specification compliance determination by the Evaluation Committee should be provided with each bid. Any information supplied that is contrary to/or conflicting with the specifications and/or attached Bidders Evaluation Report may be sufficient cause for rejection of bid.

6.7 UNSPECIFIED ACCESSORIES & FEATURES

All parts, equipment, accessories, material, design and performance characteristics not specified herein, but which are necessary to provide a complete unit, must be furnished with each unit and required to conform to strength, quality of material, and quality of workmanship to those which are advertised and provided to the market in general by the unit industry.

All parts and accessories advertised and regularly supplied as standard shall be included, except those which would represent duplication of these specified, and except those which, by specification, are not to be furnished. All standard safety features, required by Federal and State Law, shall be included.

7.0 SPECIFICATIONS OF THE QUOTED UNIT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unit shall have built in auxiliary battery charger which would enable the batteries to be hooked up to an AC power source at the storage yard or off of a generator in the field so that the batteries could be fully charged. Charge time and charger version shall be based on the manufacturers battery configuration.

7.1 Arrowboard:

- 7.1.1 The arrowboard to be a weather-tight panel approximately 48 inches high by 96 inches wide.
- 7.1.2 The height from the bottom of the panel to the roadway should be seven (7) feet above the roadway.
- 7.1.3 The face of the panel should be flat back with 15 hooded lamps.
- 7.1.3.1 Lamp shall be five (5) inch amber LED with minimum angularity of 33 degrees.
- 7.1.4 The unit to have the capability of the following modes of operations:
- 7.1.4.1 Right Arrow ten (10) lamps flashing in unison.
- 7.1.4.2 Left Arrow ten (10) lamps flashing in unison.
- 7.1.4.3 Double Arrow five (5) lamps in each arrowhead and three (3) lamps in shaft, all flashing in unison.
- 7.1.4.4 Warning Bar seven (7) horizontal lamps flashing in unison.
- 7.1.4.5 Four Point Caution four (4) outermost corner lamps flashing in unison.
- 7.1.4.6 Indicator Lights on back of panel.
- 7.1.5 The flash rate should be 30 fpm and the flash cycle time to be two (2) seconds with 50 percent on time.
- 7.1.6 The unit should reduce lamp brightness when the ambient light level drops below five (5) foot candles, plus or minus one (1) foot candle, and shall increase lamp brightness when the ambient light level increases to five (5) foot candles, plus or minus one (1) foot candle.
- 7.1.7 Unit should have minimum legibility distance of one (1) mile.

7.2 El 7.2.1	The solar generator shall incorporate a 12 Volt DC Photovoltaic Solar Panel mounted on a self-erecting, automatic positioning device located above the unit.
7.2.2	The battery bank shall be of sufficient size and capacity to power the unit for 30 days with no solar assist.
7.2.3	The batteries to be protected to prevent damaged due to overcharging or discharging too deeply at any temperature.
7.2.4	The unit to have an external warning light, or other device to indicate when the unit is in need of auxiliary charging prior to arrow shutoff.
7.2.5	The battery compartment should be vented, protected by a special acid-resistant finish, and lockable.
7.2.6	The arrowboard controller shall be housed in a weatherproof, lockable enclosure.
7.2.7	Unit shall be safe guarded from any unwanted outside RF interference which would include but not be limited to VHF/FM receiver, 2-way radio receiver, cell phones, etc.
7.2.8	The unit to be equipped with an hour meter.
7.3 To 7.3.1	railer: The trailer to be equipped with the following:
7.3.1.1	2,000 lb. axle with leaf springs.
7.3.1.2	Tubeless, standard tread tires and wheels.
7.3.1.3	Heavy duty pintle eye hitch
7.3.1.4	Adjustable jack stand on trailer tongue.
7.3.1.5	Adjustable jack stands to stabilize unit while in operation.
7.3.1.6	Approved lighting and safety chains for highway use.
7.3.1.7	Heavy duty light wiring for towing of unit with quick disconnect plug Cole Hersee Part Number 12081 male or equal.
7.3.1.8	License plate brackets.
7.3.1.9	Wheel fenders.
7.3.1.10	The arrowboard to be raised and lowered using a hand operating winch (or hydraulic pump and ram) and locked into place using latches of steel pins with keeper chains permanently attached to the unit.

- 7.4 Paint:
- 7.4.1 The unit to be painted the manufacturers standard color except that the arrowboard will be painted flat black.
- 7.5 Vendor must certify that the arrowboard offered will meet or exceed the "Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970" or subsequent changes that are in effect at time of manufacture of the unit.
- 7.6 Advertising: No visible decals or nameplates or painted on names representing the manufacturer or model number or trademark should appear on the exterior surfaces of the unit. Such logos created through the stamping or casting process of manufacture are accepted.
- 7.7 All other features considered as standard equipment but not specifically addressed above.
- 7.8 Preventive Maintenance & Operator's Training School:

Manufacturers and/or dealers will be required to stage a thorough seminar on each order on the subjects Preventive Maintenance and Operator Training. The seminar should be held at the Equipment Division.

In addition to the operating and service manuals, booklets and pamphlets explaining the Preventive Maintenance and Operator Training procedures to be used by the operators of this equipment are also required. Must include such things as daily prestart inspection procedure, service schedule and routing maintenance required, safety precautions, etc.

Bidder to attach a copy of the proposed program with his bid, state the time required to perform the program, and briefly describe his program.

The successful vendor to furnish all training aids; i.e. videos, projectors, etc., required in conducting the training.

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTE: Vendor should type Bidder's Evaluation Report DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS EQUIPMENT DIVISION

BIDDER'S EVALUATION REPORT

PROCUREMENT SPECIFICATIONS FOR OPEN END CONTRACT NO. 839-1-K

OPEN END CONTRACT TRAILER MOUNTED, SOLAR POWERED ELECTRIC ARROWBOARD

NOTE TO BIDDER: Procurement Specification No. 839-1-K, Paragraph 2.0 recommends the completion and submittal of this Report with your bid. Purpose of this Report is to enable the West Virginia Division of Highways Evaluation Committee to make full and fair evaluation of the bid. Addendums in order, along with exception sheets, should be with Bidder's Evaluation Report.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS REPORT, COMPLETE IN ITS ENTIRETY, MAY SUBJECT THE BIDDER TO DISQUALIFICATION.

Reference Requisition No.: 708E COO6 Bidder's Name: TRAFCON 81 Texaco Road Mechanicsburg PA 17050 Telephone Number: 7/7-691-8007 Years Bidder has been registered to do business with the State of West Virginia: YRS. Years Company has been an authorized dealer for proposed unit: YRS. X YES NO Have you complied with all mandatory specifications? X4.2 DELIVERY: X4.2.1 Delivery date of completed representative unit: Calendar Days After Receipt of Purchase Agreement X4.2.2 Delivery date of balance of completed units: _____ & C Calendar Days After Receipt of Purchase Agreement

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	SPECIFICATIONS - GENERAL Manufacturer, model, series, and date of manuf		
		21 and over	3880.00 per unit
		11-20	3880.00 per unit
X5.1	Prices for unit in quantities of	1-10	3960.00 per unit
X5.0	AWARD CRITERIA;		

EQUIPMENT PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY SUCCESSFUL BIDDER OR MANUFACTURER'S TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF PILOT MODEL TO THE WVDOH.

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X6.3	TRAINING:		
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X6.5 WARRANTY AND SERVICE POLICY QUESTIONNAIRE

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER OR MANUFACTURERS TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF PILOT MODEL TO THE WVDOH (If additional lines are needed, make copies of form.)

1. De		andard warranty. If not offered, so state. (Attach copy)
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3. Lis	facturer's representative All warrante LH Jones Equations for parts investigations.	be performed at DOH facilities and warranty service to be performed at the facility. List name and location of manufacturer's representative. Work to be preformed of information with a facility of the local core Dr. Morgantown with a facility centories that are within the State of West Virginia. Also, list availability Think Co. 1825 Earl Core Dr. Morgantown WV 26505 avail presently unknown
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	ring the term of warran that bidder will sell the	ty, list the guarantee discount to manufacturer's published list price for parts to owner.
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B. C.	Terms: Net 60 Terms: Net 90	Manufacturer's published list price less:
Divis	ion of Highways?	ty, will all manufacturers or engineering improvements be submitted to
6. Du	ring the term of warran	ty, list the guaranteed rates charged for repair to the unit.
A.	Shop Rate	\$ 75,00 per mechanic hour
В.	Travel Time Charge (Specify if one-way)	\$ 75,00 per mechanic hour ; port to port K
C.	Mileage Charge (Specify if one-way	\$; port to port
D.	Field Mechanic Rate	\$_75,00 per mechanic hour
E.	Specify period of time	e that prices are in effect: 2 years
F.	Surcharge for miscell	aneous items: Net Cost of % Our lexpidited Freight Charges

X6.6	EVALUATION COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS					
	Is all component specifications, product literature, component mod Committee bid determination?		ovided _ YES			
X6.7	Will all parts, equipment, accessories, material, design and perspecified herein, but which are necessary to provide a complete unit and conform in strength, quality of material, and quality o which are advertised and provided to the market in general by	unit, f wor the u	be fur kmans nit ind	rnish ship ustr	ned with the to those y?	
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X6.7.2	Are all standard safety features that are required by Federal an included?		ite stat _YES _			
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	Is charge time and charger version based on manufacturer's bat		config YES			
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X7.1.6	Will the unit reduce lamp brightness when the ambi (5) foot candles, plus or minus one (1) foot candle, when the ambient light level increases to five (5) foot candle?	and increase lamp brightness
X7.1.5	Is the unit flash rate 30 flashes per minute with a fla with 50 percent on time?	ash cycle time of two (2) secondsX_YESNO
X7.1.4.6	Indicator lights on back of panel	NO
X7.1.4.5	Four Point Caution – 4 outermost corner lamps	flashing in unisonYESNO
X7.1.4.4	Warning bar - 7 horizontal lamps flashing in ur	nison_X_YESNO
X7.1.4.3	B Double arrow – 5 lamps in each arrowhead and unison	3 lamps in shaft, all flashing inNO
X7.1.4.2	2 Left arrow – 10 lamps flashing in unison	<u>X</u> YESNO
X7.1.4 .1	Right arrow – 10 lamps flashing in unison	YESNO
X7.1.4	Modes of operation capability:	
X7.1.3.	1 Does lamp have five (5) inch amber LED with n	ninimum angularity of 33 degreesNO
X7.1.3	Is the face of the panel flat black, with fifteen (15)	hooded lamps? YYESNO
X7.1.2	Height from bottom of panel to roadway fee	
	Arrow Board panel dimensions: 48 inches hig	***************************************
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	Describe weather-tight design and materials used:	
X7.1.1	Is the arrowboard panel weather-tight:	_X_YESNO
X7.1	Arrowboard:	

X7.2	Electrical System:				
X7.2.1	Does the solar generator incorporate a 12 Volt DC on a self-erecting automatic positioning device loca	photove	oltaic s ve the	olar panel mou unit?	inted
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X7.2.2	Is the battery bank of sufficient size and capacity t without solar assist?			nit for 30 days NO	
X7.2.3	Are the batteries protected in a manner that will preve or discharging to deeply at any temperature?	ent dama	ge due _YES _	to overcharging NO	
X7.2.4	Does the unit have an external warning light, or other indicate when the unit is in need of auxiliary charging	prior to	arrow	device, to shutoff?NO	
X7.2.5	Is the battery compartment vented, protected by an ac-			sh, and lockable NO	?
X7.2.6	Is the arrowboard controller housed in a lockable v			nclosure? NO	
X7.2.7	Is unit safe guarded from any unwanted outside Rl but not be limited to VHF/FM receiver, 2-way radi	o receiv	er, cell	which would in phones, etc. NO	clude
X7.2.8	Is the unit equipped with an operational hour meter?	<u>x</u>	YES _	NO	
X7.3	Trailer:			•	
X7.3.1	Is the trailer equipped with the following:				
X7.3.1.1	2,000 lb. axle with leaf springs	<u>x</u>	YES_	NO	
X7.3.1.2	Tubeless standard tread tires and wheels	<u>x</u>	YES	NO	
X7.3.1.3	Heavy duty pintle eye hitch	<u> </u>	YES _	NO	
X7.3.1.4	Adjustable jack stand on trailer tongue	<u>x</u>	YES	NO	
X7.3.1.5	Adjustable jack stands to stabilize unit while in ope		ÆS	NO	
X7.3.1. 6	Approved lighting and safety chains for highway us	se <u>X_</u> -	YES	NO	

X7.3.	1.7	Heavy duty light wiring for towing of unit with quid Hersee Part Number 12081 male or equal	ck disconnect plug Cole
X7.3.	1.8	License plate brackets	NO
X7.3.	1.9	Wheel fenders	NO
X7.3.	1.10	Arrowboard raised and lowered using a hand operate pump/ram) locked into place using latches of steel permanently attached to the unit	
X7.4	Paint:	•	
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X7. 5	Does the require	he proposed unit meet or exceed the "Occupations ements and/or any subsequent changes at the time	al Safety and Health Act of 1970" manufactured? YESNO
X7.6	Does th	ne unit conform to advertising guidelines?	YESNO
X7.7		other standard features considered as standard equip- pecifications:	ment but not specifically addressed

X7.8	Preventive Maintenance and Operator's Training School:
	Will a preventative maintenance and operator's training seminar be provided with each order?
	If you are the successful vendor, will you furnish all training aids, i.e., videos, projectors, required in conducting the training? YESNO
	Will all manuals, booklets, etc. preventive maintenance, operator procedures, and service schedule be delivered with each unit? YESNO
	If NO, explain
	Have you attached a copy of the proposed program with your bid, stating the time required to perform the program and brief description of program

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Under penalty of law for false swearing (West Virginia Code, §61-5-3), it is hereby certified that the vendor acknowledges the information in this said affidavit and are in compliance with the requirements as stated.

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TRAFCON TC SERIES, ARROWBOARD TRAILERS

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 - B. TRAILER SET UP
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 - 2. CHECK WHEELS & TIRES
 - B. CHECKING & MAINTENANCE OF BATTERIES
- 4. TROUBLE SHOOTING
 - A. LAMP REPLACEMENT
 - B. CONTROLLER FAILURE
- 5. PARTS & SERVICE

TOTAL ESTIMATED TRAINING TIME: 29 MINUTES

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Limited 1 year warranty on these Trafcon products. Trafcon warrants each new unit against factory defects in material and workmanship for a 1 year period from the original date of purchase. EXCEPTIONS: Solar modules- 5 years*, Batteries- 18 months*, Controller-2years*, LED Lamps-5years*.

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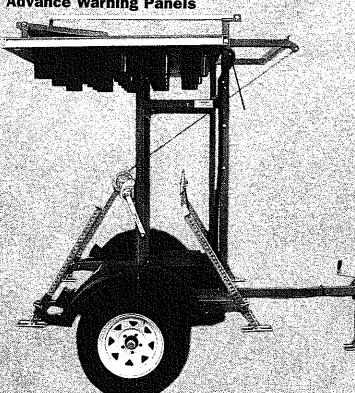
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Solar Trailer Mounted Advance Warning Panels



TC1 Models come in your choice of a base model, or an upgraded version. Please call your sales associate for details. Available in 15 or 25 light configurations.



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TC1 SERIES

Solar Trailer Mounted Advance Warning Panels

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

TRAILER

Length	112"
Width	96" (including sign panel)
Width across fenders	
	3" x 4.1 lb. structural channel (A-Frame)
_	2" x 3" x 1/8" tubing (sides)
	3" x 4.1 lb. structural channel
	(front and rear)
	,
Superstructure	
Sign Panel support	
*	Low density thermoplastic with lockable
	full lid
Fenders	Low density thermoplastic with splash
1	shields
Safety chain	24" x 1/4" proof coil plated chain
,	with hooks welded to tongue
Leveling jacks	Drop jacks four corner, 32 degree angle
Trailer hitch	
Axle	2000 lb. capacity
Springs	
Track width	
Height	132" operating (up) position - 92"
	traveling (down) position
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Weight	
Paint	Highway Orange

SIGN PANEL

Contact distributions and the contact of the	
Material	Aluminum
	 Front and back panels 48" x 96" x .063"
	sheet
	 Framework - 2" x 1" x .125" extruded
	channel (welded)
Lamps	PAR 46, amber, LED
Lamp hoods	360 degree high impact plastic
Lifting mechanism	1000 lbs.

CONTROL SYSTEM AND CIRCUITRY

Voltage	12V nominal (supply)
Circuitry	solid state microprocessor
Protection	short circuit/reverse polarity
Dimming	automatic

SOLAR CHARGING SYSTEM

Construction.....sandwich type

- 50-watt single solar panel (*80-watt upgraded model)
- Continuous intensity feature constant lamp intensity to cutoff
- . Low battery cutoff 11V
- · Solid State Charge Controller
- Battery condition indicator LED bar graph
- · Solar panel mounting continuous horizontal positioning

POWER SUPPLY/BATTERY

Batteries...4 group GC-2, 6 V Deep cycle

(* 6 group GC-2, 6V deep cycle - upgraded model)

225 amp hours each

Voltage12V DC

Capacity ... 900 amp/hour (*1350 - upgraded model)

Charging...(on-board 30 AMP charger with upgraded model)

FEATURES

ARROWBOARD

- Long lasting LED lamps
- LED full matrix mode display on controller and LED bar graph voltmeter
- · Wide wheel base for towing stability
- · Microprocessor based controller
- "HFM" technology for extended lamp life
- · Fully automatic battery charger
- 14" automotive wheels and tires
- · Quick-change battery compartment for your convenience
- · Multi stage electrostatic paint process
- Rugged polyethelene low density battery box and fenders
- · A-Frame draw bar design
- 1 screw jack on tongue and 4 corner drop jacks

SOLAR PANEL

- Panels can maintain horizontal position in operating and trailering modes
- Solar panels are mounted at the top of the sign for vandal resistance.
- · Constant horizontal solar panel positioning
 - *Specifications subject to change without notice

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SmartFlash II Arrowboard Controller Installation & Operation Manual



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Set up and operation

Trailer

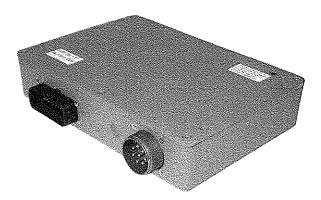
- 1. Disconnect trailer from towing vehicle
- 2. Aim rear of trailer toward oncoming traffic
- 3. Lower and pin rear drop jacks, raise tongue screw jack until rear drop jacks are firmly touching ground.
- 4. Lower and pin front drop jacks, raise tongue screw jack until the trailer is resting on all 4 drop jacks. Note: trailer is most stable with weight on all 4 drop jacks.
- 5. Loosen tension on sign lifting hand winch.
- 6. Remove (2) ½" keeper pins on lift arms.
- 7. Crank winch, retracting cable, until lift arms are vertical and keeper pin holes align.
- 8. Insert keeper pins in lift arm and trailer support.
- 9. Do not attempt to move trailer with drop jacks down. Lower *and* replace keeper pins in arrowboard frame prior to transport.

Main Features

- Advanced solid state technology
- LCD graphic display with backlight
- Soft touch keypad with audible confirmation
- Text description of arrow patterns displayed
- Powers up in a "safe" default caution mode
- Automatic short and open circuit protection
- Polarity protected circuitry
- Ability to "hot-swap" controls and plugs
- Automatic dimming
- Manual dimming
- Alarm detection and notification
- · Built in diagnostics
- Low battery warnings, automatic switchover to default caution and power down
- Convenient bulb intensity and battery level displays
- Hour meter with user hours that can be reset.

The control system consists of two parts:

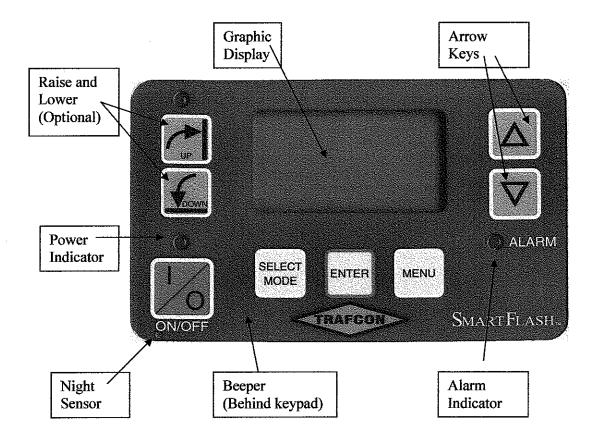
1. Most of the electronics are housed in the **Main Controller** enclosure, which is mounted in the arrowboard.



2. The **Remote** houses a keypad and a graphic display for monitoring & entering data. It is either hardwired or wireless RF linked to the main controller.



Remote Layout & Functions



Power Indicator

This red indicator lights solidly when the remote is "on."

NIGHT SENSOR

This is an ambient light sensor that can be used to automatically illuminate the remote at night.

Alarm Indicator

This red indicator flashes when there is any alarm condition present. It is off if there is no alarm conditions present

<u>Beeper</u>

The beeper (Not visible but hidden just below the keypad) emits a short high-pitched chirp each time a key is pressed. The beeper also emits a longer and lower pitched chirp periodically when any alarm condition is present.

1/0 Button

This button turns the remote and the controller on or off simultaneously.

Note that the controller always returns to its "default" safety pattern every time the main controller is turned "on", or has its power interrupted and reapplied. This non-directional pattern is meant to warn drivers of a possible situation ahead without unintentionally indicating an incorrect direction. After each power on event, the user is required to select the desired arrow mode for safety reasons.

Also note that in the case of a Wireless RF system, the remote may not be within range of the main controller to send the on or off signal. In this case the remote on/off status might not match the main controller on/off status. To correct this, simply move the remote within range and press the "1/0" key as necessary to correct.

SELECT MODE Button

Pressing this button switches to the mode where the user may select the desired arrow pattern. Pressing this button repeatedly switches through the available arrow patterns.

ENTER Button

This button is used to confirm selections in the menus.

MENU Button

This button calls up the menu of option functions. Within each option function is a sub-menu.

ARROW Buttons

These buttons are used to step through arrow patterns, menu items or increase & decrease data values. The exact function depends on the item selected on the display at the time.

RAISE and LOWER Buttons (Optional)

These buttons are used to initiate sign raise and lower movements. They operate any time the system is ON.

STATUS Display

This is the default display mode for normal operation. If the user does not press any keys for a period of time, the remote always returns to the STATUS display. Elements of the status display are as follows:

1. The main area of the status display reflects the arrow pattern currently being displayed on the arrowboard. This area is also used to indicate problems with individual lamps or circuits on the arrowboard.

Round dot = Normal operation for this circuit

Letter "X" = Open circuit detected at this lamp

Letter "s" = Short circuit detected at this lamp

- The bar graph at the left shows the voltage reading of the main controller battery. The
 range is 10 to 14 volts. Voltage readings are taken under loaded conditions and may
 read slightly lower than an unloaded battery.
- 3. The bar graph at the right shows the current lamp intensity from 0-100% of the maximum allowable intensity. This is usually automatically set by the ambient light sensor, but some models allow manual intensity setting via the menus.
- 4. The title line displays the NAME of the arrow pattern currently being displayed on the arrowboard. Because the user may not always be facing the remote in the same way that traffic sees the arrowboard, the name can be useful in avoiding right/left confusion.
- 5. The alarm line displays any alarms currently detected. If the line is blank, then no alarms are detected. Possible alarm messages are as follows:

LOW BATTERY WARNING! LOW BATTERY CAUTION! LOW BATTERY SHUTOFF! SHORTED CONNECTIONS! BULBS BURNED OUT! COMMON WIRE SHORTED!

SELECT MODE Display

Press the "SELECT MODE" button to change the arrow pattern.

The display changes to show the currently displayed arrow pattern and title only. The pattern is displayed with hollow dots instead of solid dots, and the pattern flashes at twice the actual rate to indicate that this is the selection mode rather than the status mode.

Continue pressing the "SELECT MODE" key to advance through all allowable patterns, or use the up and down arrows to browse back and forth through the allowable patterns.

To send the selected pattern to the arrowboard lamps press ENTER. The arrowboard will not change until you press ENTER.

To exit without changing the arrowboard, press "MENU" or simply let the SELECT MODE function time out on its own. Remember, changes will not show on the arrowboard unless you press ENTER.

MENU Display

Press the "MENU" button to access the menu of internal options. Once in the menu, use up & down arrows to select the desired menu item with the arrow at the left, and then press ENTER.

Alternatively, press "MENU" again to exit menu mode, or simply let the menu mode time out and the remote will return to the status display.

Menu mode choices are as follows:

SIGN BRIGHTNESS SIGN INFO REMOTE POWER SETUP REMOTE OPTIONS DIAGNOSTICS

SIGN BRIGHTNESS Mode

Sign Brightness settings are as follows:

AUTO OR MANUAL? MANUAL SETTING = MANUAL TIMEOUT =

Use the up and down keys to select the item you wish to modify by moving the arrow at the left. Press the ENTER key to select that item and modify that value. The item value will then

flash and may be adjusted with the up and down buttons. Press ENTER again to save the new value & return to the item selection arrow.

AUTO OR MANUAL? May be set to either "AUTO" or "MANUAL"

Note that each time power is turned off & back on, the arrowboard always returns to "AUTO." This is a safety feature. Some models do not allow "MANUAL."

MANUAL SETTING = May be set from 0 to 100. This is the bulb intensity setting to be displayed in manual.

MANUAL TIMEOUT = May be set from 0 to 24 hours. Some models may not allow a zero setting or may allow less than 24 hours.

A zero setting allows the manual intensity to stay in effect indefinitely until the arrowboard is powered off.

A setting of 1 to 24 hours means that the intensity will remain at the manual setting for this period of time, and then automatically switch back to AUTO. The time begins when intensity is set to MANUAL or the time is modified.

SIGN INFO Mode

Sign Info settings are as follows:

CFG = Shows one of the following lamp configurations of the main controller.

- 13 LAMP STANDARD
- 13 LAMP WIG-WAG
- 15 LAMP STANDARD
- 15 LAMP WIG-WAG
- 25 LAMP STANDARD
- 25 LAMP WIG-WAG

SERIAL NO.: shows the serial number of the main controller. This is an 8 digit number. It is not changeable by the user.

CONTROL VERSION: shows the software version in the main controller. It may or may not be the same version as the software in the remote. The version of the software in the remote can be seen in the upper right corner of the display just after the remote is turned on.

TOTAL HOURS: shows the total number of "on" hours that the unit has been in service. Hours accumulate only when the arrowboard is displaying a pattern. This number is not changeable by the user.

USER HOURS: shows another hour meter, but this one is resettable by the user. It can be used as a job or service hourmeter as the user desires.

ZERO USER HOURS? Is used to zero the user hourmeter. Use the up or down arrow keys to change the "N" to a "Y", and then press "ENTER" to zero the user hourmeter.

^{*}This setting is NOT user changeable and MUST be configured at the factory.

REMOTE POWER SETUP Mode

Use the up and down keys to select the item you wish to modify by moving the arrow at the left. Press the ENTER key to select that item and modify that value. The item value will then flash and may be adjusted with the up and down buttons. Press ENTER again to save the new value & return to the item selection arrow.

Remote power setup settings are as follows:

WIRING: DIRECT WIRED or RADIO LINK. This should only be set to the actual type of system in use.

NEVER AUTO SHUTOFF OFF 5 MIN INACTIVE OFF 2 MIN INACTIVE OFF 1 MIN INACTIVE OFF WHEN SIGN IS OFF

These settings are used to save power in the remote. They are primarily of use in a radio linked system where conservation of the remote battery is an issue. NEVER AUTO SHUTOFF is most appropriate for a direct wired system.

REMOTE BATTERY = displays the voltage detected at the remote battery. This is only of any interest in a wireless RF linked system, where the remote & main controller uses different batteries.

REMOTE OPTIONS Mode

This mode makes internal settings in the remote and does not affect the main controller operation in any way. These options are primarily for operator convenience and power saving.

Use the up and down keys to select the item you wish to modify by moving the arrow at the left. Press the ENTER key to select that item and modify that value. The item value will then flash and may be adjusted with the up and down buttons. Press ENTER again to save the new value & return to the item selection arrow.

REMOTE OPTIONS items are as follows:

KEY BEEP
ALARM BEEP
CONTRAST
BACKLIGHT
KEY LIGHTING
LIGHTING TIMEOUT
NIGHT SENSOR

KEY BEEP may be set to ON or OFF as desired. ON will give a short chirp as each key is pressed, OFF will give no beep.

ALARM BEEP may be set to ON or OFF as desired. ON will allow a short beep when an alarm is present, OFF will not.

CONTRAST sets the contrast of the LCD display. It may be set from 1-100, but practical values are about 1-10.

BACKLIGHT may be set from 0 to 100. This sets the intensity percentage of the LCD backlight. It is normally set to 100. Setting to 0 will result in no backlight and can be used to save significant power in a radio linked remote. The user can set to intermediate values to suit personal preference.

LIGHTING TIMEOUT may be set to NONE, 5s, 10s, 30s or 60s. This is the amount of time that the backlight and key illumination will remain on after the last key press. Setting to NONE means that the lighting will always stay on. Setting to a numeric value can be used to save power in a radio linked remote, or can be used to darken the remote when not in use if the user so prefers.

NIGHT SENSOR can be set to OFF or ON. Default is OFF. If set to ON, then the key illumination and LCD backlight will not be illuminated unless a low ambient light condition is detected at the sensor just below the 1/0 key. This can be useful in vehicle cab mounted applications to automatically illuminate the remote only at night. It also can save power in a radio linked remote by only using the illumination power at night.

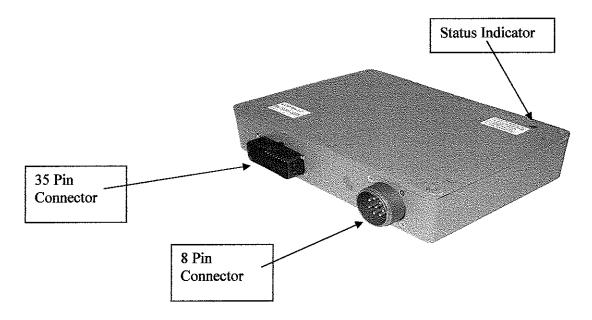
DIAGNOSTICS Mode

Diagnostics mode displays the following values:

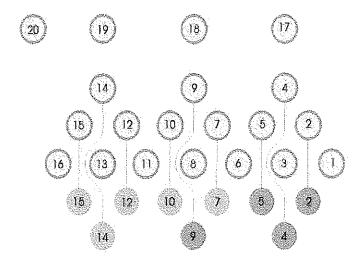
AMBIENT NOW AMBIENT PERCENT CONTROLLER BATT TEMPERATURE

This information is of no real use in ordinary circumstances, but Trafcon service personnel may ask for these readings to assist in troubleshooting.

Connections & Wiring



Lamp Circuit Wiring for Standard Setup

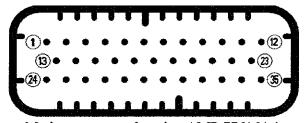


- Lamp circuits 1-20 have a specified Colored 18 gauge wire provided to each lamp. The "Negative" connection will switch on and off causing the lamp to flash.
- Each lamp also has an Orange 14 gauge wire provided for the "Positive Common" lamp connection. The "Positive Common" will turn on with the 1/0 button.

35 PIN CONTROLLER CONNECTOR TO LAMP CIRCUIT STANDARD WIRING

Pin	Wire Color	Gauge	Function	Application
1	Brown	18	Lamp circuit 1	All
13	Red	18	Lamp circuit 2	All
2	Yellow	18	Lamp circuit 3	15,25
14	Green	18	Lamp circuit 4	All
3	Blue	18	Lamp circuit 5	25
15	White	18	Lamp circuit 6	All
4	Gray	18	Lamp circuit 7	25
16	Black	18	Lamp circuit 8	All
5	Brown/White	18	Lamp circuit 9	25
17	Red/White	18	Lamp circuit 10	25
6	Yellow/White	18	Lamp circuit 11	All
18	Green/White	18	Lamp circuit 12	25
7	Blue/White	18	Lamp circuit 13	15,25
19	White/Black	18	Lamp circuit 14	All
8	Gray/White	18	Lamp circuit 15	All
20	Black/White	18	Lamp circuit 16	Ail
9	Red/Black	18	Mode lamp 17	All except some miniboards
21	Tan	18	Mode lamp 18	All except some miniboards
10	Purple	18	Mode lamp 19	All except some miniboards
22	Pink	18	Low battery lamp 20	Solar models
33	White	18	Data A	Hardwired remote option
27	Green	18	Data B	Hardwired remote option
35	Red	18	+12V to remote	Hardwired remote option
12	Black	18	Ground to remote	Hardwired remote option
30	White/Red	18	Light sensor +	All
23	White/Green	18	Light Sensor -	All
31		18	Power tilt limit	Power tilt limit switch option
11		18	Power tilt limit	Power tilt limit switch option

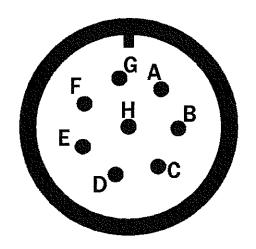
35 PIN CONTROLLER CONNECTOR VIEWED FROM WIRE SIDE



Mating connector housing AMP 776164-1 Mating contact AMP 770520-1 18 AWG wire maximum (0.8mm²) Wire outer diameter .067" to .106" (1.7-2.7mm) Wire strip length .200" (5.1mm)

- 1 = LAMP 12 = LAMP 33 = LAMP 54 = LAMP 75 = LAMP 96 = LAMP 117 = LAMP 138 = LAMP 159 = LAMP 1710 = LAMP 1911 = Ground (either pin 11 or 12 may be used for RS-232 ground) 12 = Ground (either pin 11 or 12 may connect to pin 2 of remote unit) 13 = LAMP 214 = LAMP 415 = LAMP 616 = LAMP 817 = LAMP 1018 = LAMP 1219 = LAMP 1420 = LAMP 1621 = LAMP 1822 = LAMP 2023 = Analog ground for photocell – do not connect to anything else! 24 = Not connected26 = POWER DOWN (connect to ground to turn off & reduce power consumption) 27 = DATA B (connect to DATA B of remote unit)
- 25 = Not connected
- 28 = RS-232 Receive in (connect to transmit out of configuration computer)
- 29 = RS-232 transmit out (connect to receive in of configuration computer)
- 30 = Photocell positive (photocell connects between pins 30 & 23)
- 31 = Limit switch (for power tilt, optional)
- 32 = IGN (ignition) (can be used as a power on signal not currently used)
- 33 = DATA A (connect to DATA A of remote unit)
- 34 = START (can be used to blank sign when engine cranking not currently used)
- 35 = REMOTE + 12V (connect to pin 1 of remote unit)

8 PIN CONTROLLER CONNECTOR VIEWED FROM WIRE SIDE



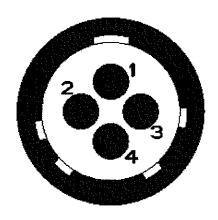
Mating connector ITT-Cannon CA3106E22-23SB 12AWG wire maximum (3.3 mm²)

- A = Power tilt positive
- B = +12V to battery (must connect both terminals B & H to provide adequate current)
- C = Lamp positive common 1
- D = Lamp positive common 2
- E = GROUND to battery (must connect both E & F to provide adequate current)
- F = GROUND to battery (must connect both E & F to provide adequate current)
- G = Power tilt negative
- H = +12V to battery (must connect both terminals B & H to provide adequate current)

8 PIN CONTROLLER CONNECTOR STANDARD WIRING

Pin	Wire Color	Gauge	Function
	Green/Yellow	12	101
Α	<u>or</u>		Actuator – Positive
	White	12	
В	Red	12	Power – Positive
C	Orange	12	Common to Lamps
D	Orange	12	Common to Lamps
Е	Black	12	Ground - Negative
F	Black	12	Ground - Negative
G	Black/Yellow	12	
	<u>or</u>		Actuator - Negative
	Black	12	
H	Red	12	Power – Positive

4 PIN REMOTE CONNECTOR VIEWED FROM WIRE SIDE (HARDWIRED REMOTE OPTION ONLY)



Mating connector housing AMP 206060-1 Cable clamp AMP 206062-3 Mating contact AMP 66101-4 or 66100-9 18 AWG wire maximum (0.8mm^2) Wire outer diameter .080" to .100" (2.0-2.5mm) Wire strip length .200' (5.1mm)

1 = +12V battery

2 = Ground

3 = Data A (connect to data A of controller)

4 = Data B (connect to data B of controller)

4 PIN REMOTE CONNECTOR STANDARD WIRING

Circuit	Wire Color	Gauge
1	Red	18
2	Black +Shield	18
3	White	18
4	Green	18

NOTE: Use only shielded cable.

Troubleshooting

Symptom

Possible cause

No display - No backlight

Dead battery

Plug(s) not connected Defective controller

No display - Backlight works

No mode selected Plug(s) not connected

Defective controller

No dimming

Defective photocell

Shorted photocell wires Defective controller

Lamps stay dim

Defective photocell

Broken photocell wire Defective controller

Some lamps do not light

Defective lamp(s)

Short at lamp Broken wire(s) Defective controller

Power tilt does not work

Broken wire(s)

Defective actuator or control

Defective controller

MB Series – Smart Flash

Installation of Vehicle Mounted Controllers

- Connect one 12 gauge Black wire to the Negative terminal of the battery. Do NOT use a smaller wire gauge. THE BLACK NEGATIVE WIRE MUST BE CONNECTED FIRST.
 Note if 4412A lamps are used in the sign panel, use the supplied Black 8 gauge wire for the Negative battery connection.
- 2. Connect the one 12 gauge White wire to the Positive terminal of the battery. Do NOT use a smaller wire gauge.
 - * Note if 4412A lamps are used in the sign panel, use the supplied Red 8 gauge wire for the Positive battery connection.
- 3. If fusing is preferred it is recommended that a 35A fuse be installed on the red wire at the battery.
- 4. Mount the remote control head in a convenient location within the vehicle cab.
- 5. Route the gray four-conductor cable from the sign panel to the remote control head and connect.
- 6. Installation is now complete. See Operating Instructions section. Test all mode and arrow board functions thoroughly before use.

<u>Installation for Wireless Option for Remote Control Head and</u> Arrowboard Panel

- Locate suitable mounting location for the Smart Flash Remote with Internal RF
 option. The manufacturer preferred mounting locations are on or above the dash of the
 vehicle where there is access to a 12VDC power point. Mounting in locations other
 than these may affect the performance of the internal wireless module.
- 2. Insert the power plug into a cigarette plug receptacle or a power point of your vehicle. It is recommended that you leave the plug connected at all times. If you prefer to hard wire the remote to a permanent power source, proceed with the following step otherwise proceed to step 6.
- Cut the power plug off directly behind the plug. Separate the two wires and strip the ends. Terminate the ends with the appropriate terminals for the desired power connection
- 4. Connect the positive wire to a point that is connected to the positive terminal of a 12volt DC battery.
 - Alternatively, connecting the positive wire to the ignition switch will only enable arrowboard operation when the ignition is on. This configuration is not normally used.
- 5. Connect the negative wire to a point that is connected to the negative terminal of a 12volt DC battery.
- 6. Installation is now complete of the Smart Flash Remote with Internal RF option.
- 7. Connect and route sign panel power cable per MB Series installation instructions.
- 8. Turn power on at Remote Control Head and test all modes. If unit tests ok it is now ready to be put in service.

AGENCY NOTICE

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

TC Series – Smart Flash Solar

Battery Maintenance

Batteries should be carefully inspected on a regular basis; the system can become discharged for a number of reasons, for example:

- Operating conditions during the "winter" months of November through February, when the power provided by the array is reduced.
- Improper maintenance, such as not cleaning the PV array.
- Electrolyte in the battery cells not maintained at the proper level.
- Loose or corroded battery terminal connections.
- Improper position of the system where the PV array is in the shadow of an object, or tilted away from the sun.
- Prolonged cloudy weather where the system is operating.

Maintenance of batteries, especially the proper voltage level, in the above situations should be performed as required. In some instances, it will be necessary to provide multiple recharges from an external source or replace with fresh batteries.

Caution!

It is important to maintain the proper level of electrolyte in the batteries at all times. If the level is too high the electrolyte will "boil" out of the top of the battery during charging and corrode the terminal connections. If the level is too low the battery life will be severely shortened.

Warning!

Charging batteries produce hydrogen, which can explode when proper operating procedures are not followed. To prevent severe personal injury, death, or substantial property damage when working around batteries, be extremely careful. Always use approved eye protection, face shield, rubber gloves, and insulated tools.

Electrolyte levels should be just below the bottom of the vent well, about ½ to ¾ inch above the tops of the separators. The electrolyte level should not drop below the top of the plates. See figure 1 for additional information.

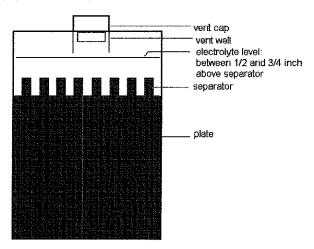


Figure 1. Battery (showing inside elements)

After checking electrolyte, check that all vent caps are tightly in place.

Loose or corroded connections create high resistance that could cause battery bank overcharging or undercharging and possibly damage the battery bank.

Cleaning the terminals, tightening the connections, and applying a thin coat of petroleum jelly (Vaseline) will help to prevent corrosion.

Use the following table to determine the status of each battery in the system:

6-Volt Battery	12-Volt Battery	Specific Gravity	State of Charge
6.36 or more	12.72 or more	1.295 or more	100%
6.15 to 6.36	12.30 to 12.72	1.250 to 1.295	75% to 100%
6.00 to 6.15	12.00 to 12.30	1.200 to 1.250	50% to 75%
5.85 to 6.00	11.70 to 12.00	1.175 to 1.200	25% to 50%
5.70 to 5.85	11.40 to 11.70	1.120 to 1.175	0% to 25%

- 1. Check the voltage levels with a digital voltmeter and the specific gravity with an approved hydrometer.
- 2. Before taking any readings, run system on the batteries for a few minutes.

 This removes any minor surface charge on the battery plates. The surface charge will affect the accuracy of your readings.
- 3. Service or replace any battery with a specific gravity that is ten percent higher or lower than the average.

Storing and Handling Batteries:

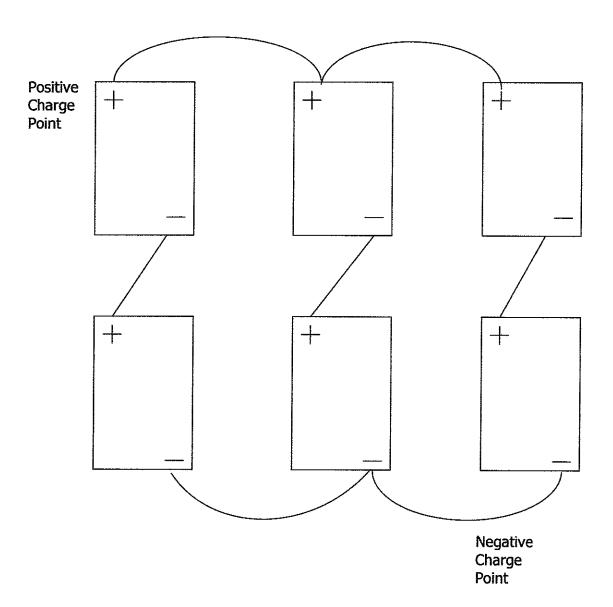
The electrolyte in discharged batteries may freeze if the outside air temperature drops below the freezing point of water: 32°F (0°). When a battery is discharged, the electrolyte solution in the battery is mostly water. The electrolyte in a fully charged battery has a much higher concentration of sulfuric acid and therefore freezes at a much lower temperature. The Specific Gravity/Freeze Temperature chart provides information on specific gravity verses freezing temperature for the batteries used in the system.

Specific Gravity	Freeze Temperature	
1.250	-62°F (-52°C)	
1.200	-16°F (-27°C)	
1.150	5°F (-15°C)	
1.100	19°F (-7°C)	

Care for batteries that are stored during winter months or slow periods is as follows:

- 1. Fill battery as required with distilled water.
- 2. Fully charge to a specific gravity of 1.272.
- 3. Place in a cool place between the temperatures of 32°F (0°C) and 80°F (38°C). If one battery's voltage differs from the rest of the bank by 5 percent, check its specific gravity.

TC-1 Solar Trailer Battery Wiring Diagram



^{*} The batteries are 6 Volt, Group Size GC2, Deep Cycle Batteries.

TC Series – Smart Flash Diesel

This manual was written to assist the mechanic or technician in troubleshooting the electrical systems of the **Trafcon TC Series** diesel arrowboard.

In order to efficiently troubleshoot these systems, an explanation of each is included in addition to the normal troubleshooting chart. The appropriate section should be read thoroughly prior to an attempt to make repairs.

STARTING

The starting system consists of a toggle switch and a momentary contact starter switch. When the toggle switch is moved to the "on" position, current flows to the electric fuel pump, the alternator voltage regulator and one side of the starter switch. Pushing the starter switch allows current to flow to the starter solenoid and engages the starter.

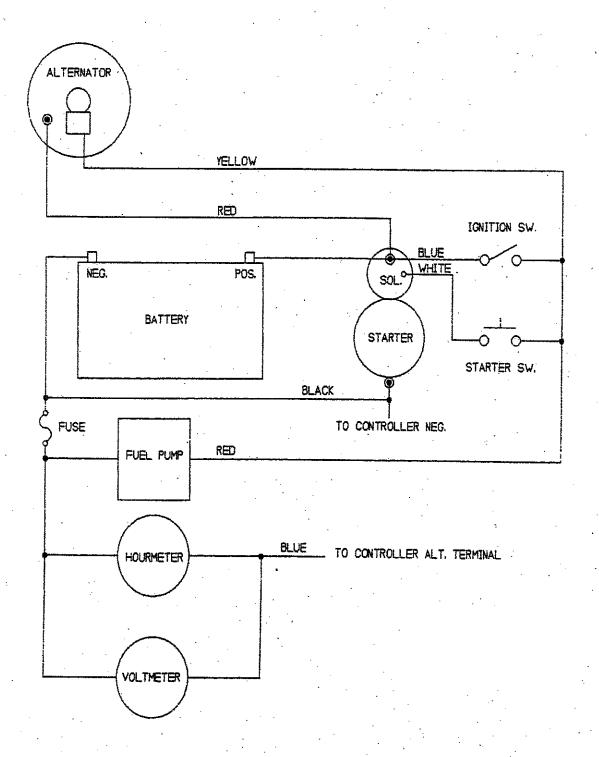
CHARGING

When the toggle switch is in the "on" position, current flows from the battery to the alternator voltage regulator allowing the alternator to charge. The normal charge rate under "no load" conditions is 13.8 - 14.2 volts. When troubleshooting a charging system it is important to check the basics first. The battery connections should be checked, as well as the electrolyte level in the battery. Low electrolyte in only one cell can indicate that the cell is bad. A battery in which all the cells are dry can indicate an overcharging problem and a possible bad battery. If the battery is suspect, check each cell using a hydrometer. Before attempting the check the alternator, allow the engine to run for approximately 15 minutes. This will eliminate false voltmeter readings due to a low battery. This step is absolutely necessary after "jump starting" a unit.

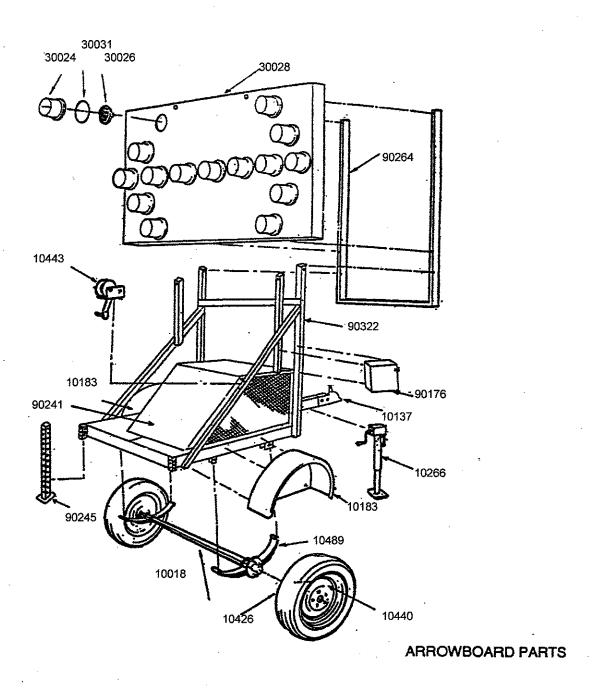
FUEL PUMP

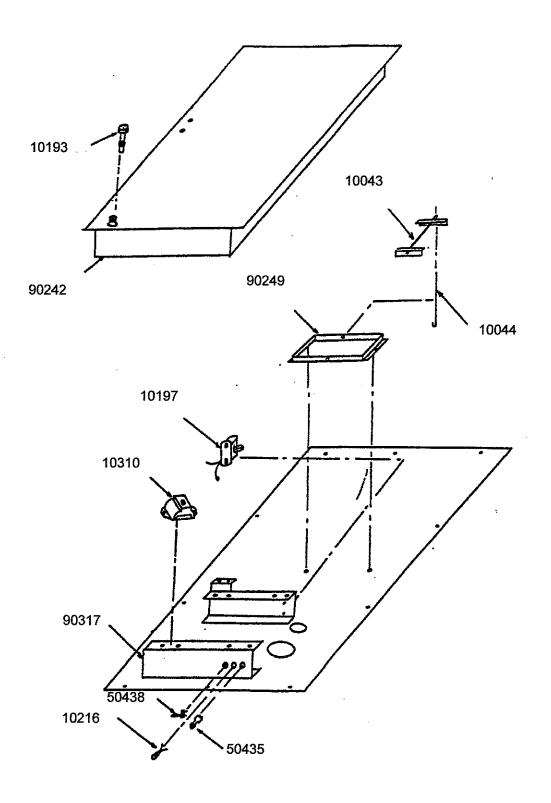
The electric fuel pump is energized when the toggle switch is in the "on" position. When operating normally a steady "clicking" sound can be heard. If the fuel pump does not "click," check for the presence of voltage with a test light. Also, check the fuse next to the toggle switch.

TC1 SERIES TRAILER WIRING



TC1 SERIES TRAILER MOUNTED ADVANCE WARNING PANELS





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MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY

LIMITED WARRANTY POLICY

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Exclusions from this warranty are: unauthorized sale outside the United States, the finish, tires, incandescent lamps, any condition(s) caused by abnormal use or service, negligent operation, act of God, and product specific limitations, if any, listed below.

THE LOSS OF USE OF THE PRODUCT, LOSS OF TIME, INCONVENIENCE, COMMERCIAL LOSS OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARE NOT COVERED. TRAFCON RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE DESIGN OF ANY PRODUCT WITHOUT ASSUMING ANY OBLIGATION TO MODIFY ANY PRODUCT PREVIOUSLY MANUFACTURED.

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THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS, WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THIS WARRANTY PERIOD. THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES THAT EXTEND BEYOND THE FACE HEREOF. SELLER DISCLAIMS IMPLIED WARRENTY OF MERCHANTABILITY.

THE WARRANTY SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY TRAFCON PRODUCT WHICH HAS BEEN MODIFIED, IMPROPERLY INSTALLED, IMPROPERLY MAINTAINED OR IMPROPERLY USED.

The product(s) and time period(s) under this warranty are as follows:

1. FLASHING ARROW BOARDS, TRAILER MOUNTED, SOLAR (TC1) LIMITED 3 YEAR WARRANTY

Limited 3 year warranty on these Trafcon products. Trafcon warrants each new unit against factory defects in material and workmanship for a 3 year period from the original date of purchase. EXCEPTIONS: Batteries-18 months.

THIS WARRENTY DOES NOT COVER THE FOLLOWING: Tires, Finish.

2. FLASHING ARROW BOARDS, TRAILER MOUNTED, DIESEL (TC3) LIMITED 1 YEAR WARRANTY

Limited 1 year warranty on these Trafcon products. Trafcon warrants each new unit against factory defects in material and workmanship for a 1 year period from the original date of purchase. EXCEPTIONS: Batteries- 60 months (pro-rated).

THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER THE FOLLOWING: Tires, Finish, Incandescent lamps.

3. FLASHING ARROW BOARDS-VEHICLE MOUNTED (MB & TM) LIMITED 1 YEAR WARRANTY

Limited 1 year warranty on these Trafcon products. Trafcon warrants each new unit against factory defects in material and workmanship for a 1 year period from the original date of purchase.

THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER THE FOLLOWING: Finish, Incandescent lamps.

4. ARROW DYNAMIC SIGNS-TRAILER MOUNTED (TC-ADS) LIMITED 1 YEAR WARRANTY

Limited 1 year warranty on these Trafcon products. Trafcon warrants each new unit against factory defects in material and workmanship for a 1 year period from the original date of purchase. EXCEPTIONS: Solar modules- 36 months, Batteries- 18 months.

THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER THE FOLLOWING: Tires, Finish.

5. ARROW DYNAMIC SIGNS- VEHICLE MOUNTED (MB-ADS) LIMITED 1 YEAR WARRANTY

Limited 1 year warranty on these Trafcon products. Trafcon warrants each new unit against factory defects in material and workmanship for a 1 year period from the original date of purchase. THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER THE FOLLOWING; Finish.

6. SPEED DISPLAY SIGNS- STATIONARY, VEHICLE & TRAILER MOUNTED (SST) LIMITED 1 YEAR WARRANTY

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7. WORK ZONE RADIOS- STATIONARY, VEHICLE & TRAILER MOUNTED (WIZARD) LIMITED 1 YEAR WARRANTY

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7. PORTABLE EQUIPMENT PLATFORMS (PEP) LIMITED 1 YEAR WARRANTY

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PRINTING ERRORS

Every effort has been made to avoid printing errors in our printed literature and on our website. Should there have been any specification or application errors, we must disclaim responsibility.

OMISSIONS

Any product(s) or component(s) not specifically covered or excluded herein, will be covered for a 1 year period from date of purchase or by the Original Equipment Manufacturer's warranty, whichever is greater.

NHTSA Notification Statement (CFR 575.6)

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 in addition to notifying Trafcon Industries.

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 Trafcon Industries.

To contact NHTSA, you may either call the Auto Safety Hotline toll free at 1-800-424-9393 or (202-366-0123) or write to NHTSA, US Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW, NSA-11, Washington, DC 20590. You can also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from the hotline.

Tire Safety Information

This portion of the User's Manual contains tire safety information as required by 49 CFR 575.6.

Section 2.1 contains "Steps for Determining Correct Load Limit - Trailer".

Section 2.2 contains "Steps for Determining Correct Load Limit - Tow Vehicle".

Section 2.3 contains a <u>Glossary of Tire Terminology</u>, including "cold inflation pressure", "maximum inflation pressure", "recommended inflation pressure", and other non-technical terms.

Section 2.4 contains information from the NHTSA brochure entitled <u>"Tire Safety – Everything Rides On It".</u>

This brochure This brochure, as well as the preceding subsections, describes the following items;

- Tire labeling, including a description and explanation of each marking on the tires, and information about the DOT Tire Identification Number (TIN).
- Recommended tire inflation pressure, including a description and explanation of:
 - A. Cold inflation pressure.
 - B. Vehicle Placard and location on the vehicle.
 - C. Adverse safety consequences of under inflation (including tire failure).
 - D. Measuring and adjusting air pressure for proper inflation.
- Tire Care, including maintenance and safety practices.
- Vehicle load limits, including a description and explanation of the following items:
 - A. Locating and understanding the load limit information, total load capacity, and cargo capacity.
 - B. Calculating total and cargo capacities with varying seating configurations including quantitative examples showing / illustrating how the vehicles cargo and luggage capacity decreases as combined number and size of occupants' increases. This item is also discussed in Section 3.
 - C. Determining compatibility of tire and vehicle load capabilities.
 - D. Adverse safety consequences of overloading on handling and stopping on tires.

Steps for Determining Correct Load Limit – Trailer

Determining the load limits of a trailer includes more than understanding the load limits of the tires alone. On all trailers there is a Federal certification/VIN label that is located on the forward half of the left (road) side of the unit. This certification/VIN label will indicate the trailer's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). This is the most weight the fully loaded trailer can weigh. It will also provide the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR). This is the most a particular axle can weigh. If there are multiple axles, the GAWR of each axle will be provided.

If your trailer has a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less, there is a vehicle placard located in the same location as the certification label described above. This placard provides tire and loading information. In addition, this placard will show a statement regarding maximum

cargo capacity. Cargo can be added to the trailer, up to the maximum weight specified on the placard. The combined weight of the cargo is provided as a single number. In any case, remember: the total weight of a fully loaded trailer can not exceed the stated GVWR.

For trailers with living quarters installed, the weight of water and propane also need to be considered. The weight of fully filled propane containers is considered part of the weight of the trailer before it is loaded with cargo, and is not considered part of the disposable cargo load. Water however, is a disposable cargo weight and is treated as such. If there is a fresh water storage tank of 100 gallons, this tank when filled would weigh about 800 pounds. If more cargo is being transported, water can be off-loaded to keep the total amount of cargo added to the vehicle within the limits of the GVWR so as not to overload the vehicle. Understanding this flexibility will allow you, the owner, to make choices that fit your travel needs.

When loading your cargo, be sure it is distributed evenly to prevent overloading front to back and side to side. Heavy items should be placed low and as close to the axle positions as reasonable. Too many items on one side may overload a tire. The best way to know the actual weight of the vehicle is to weigh it at a public scale. Talk to your dealer to discuss the weighing methods needed to capture the various weights related to the trailer. This would include the weight empty or unloaded, weights per axle, wheel, hitch or king-pin, and total weight.

Excessive loads and/or underinflation cause tire overloading and, as a result, abnormal tire flexing occurs. This situation can generate an excessive amount of heat within the tire. Excessive heat may lead to tire failure. It is the air pressure that enables a tire to support the load, so proper inflation is critical. The proper air pressure may be found on the certification/VIN label and/or on the Tire Placard. This value should never exceed the maximum cold inflation pressure stamped on the tire.

Trailers 10,000 Pounds GVWR or Less

The		AND LOADING IN should never exceed X	
TIRE	SIZE	COLD TIRE PRESSURE	SEE OWNER'S
FRONT	20.5x8.0-10(E)	621kPA, 90PSi	MANUAL FOR
REAR			ADDITIONAL
SPARE			INFORMATION

Tire and Loading Information Placard - Figure 1-1

- Locate the statement, "The weight of cargo should never exceed XXX kg or XXX lbs.," on your vehicle's placard. See figure 1-1.
- 2. This figure equals the available amount of cargo and luggage load capacity.
- 3. Determine the combined weight of luggage and cargo being loaded on the vehicle. That weight may not safely exceed the available cargo and luggage load capacity.

The trailer's placard refers to the Tire Information Placard attached adjacent to or near the trailer's VIN (Certification) label at the left front of the trailer.

Trailers Over 10,000 Pounds GVWR (Note: These trailers are not required to have a tire information placard on the vehicle)

- Determine the empty weight of your trailer by weighing the trailer using a public scale or other means. This step does not have to be repeated.
- Locate the GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating) of the trailer on your trailer's VIN (Certification) label.
- Subtract the empty weight of your trailer from the GVWR stated on the VIN label. That weight is the maximum available cargo capacity of the trailer and may not be safely exceeded.

Steps for Determining Correct Load Limit – Tow Vehicle

- 1. Locate the statement, "The combined weight of occupants and cargo should never exceed XXX lbs.," on your vehicle's placard.
- 2. Determine the combined weight of the driver and passengers who will be riding in your vehicle.
- 3. Subtract the combined weight of the driver and passengers from XXX kilograms or XXX pounds.
- 4. The resulting figure equals the available amount of cargo and luggage capacity. For example, if the "XXX" amount equals 1400 lbs. and there will be five 150 lb. passengers in your vehicle, the amount of available cargo and luggage capacity is 650 lbs. (1400-750 (5 x 150) = 650 lbs.).
- Determine the combined weight of luggage and cargo being loaded on the vehicle. That weight may not safely exceed the available cargo and luggage capacity calculated in Step # 4.
- If your vehicle will be towing a trailer, load from your trailer will be transferred to your vehicle. Consult the tow vehicle's manual to determine how this weight transfer reduces the available cargo and luggage capacity of your vehicle.

Glossary Of Tire Terminology

Accessory weight

The combined weight (in excess of those standard items which may be replaced) of automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, power windows, power seats, radio and heater, to the extent that these items are available as factory-installed equipment (whether installed or not).

Bead

The part of the tire that is made of steel wires, wrapped or reinforced by ply cords and that is shaped to fit the rim.

Bead separation

This is the breakdown of the bond between components in the bead.

Bias ply tire

A pneumatic tire in which the ply cords that extend to the beads are laid at alternate angles substantially less than 90 degrees to the centerline of the tread.

Carcass

The tire structure, except tread and sidewall rubber which, when inflated, bears the load.

Chunking

The breaking away of pieces of the tread or sidewall.

Cold inflation pressure

The pressure in the tire before you drive.

Cord

The strands forming the plies in the tire.

Cord separation

The parting of cords from adjacent rubber compounds.

Cracking

Any parting within the tread, sidewall, or inner liner of the tire extending to cord material.

CT

A pneumatic tire with an inverted flange tire and rim system in which the rim is designed with rim flanges pointed radially inward and the tire is designed to fit on the underside of the rim in a manner that encloses the rim flanges inside the air cavity of the tire.

Curb weight

The weight of a motor vehicle with standard equipment including the maximum capacity of fuel, oil, and coolant, and, if so equipped, air conditioning and additional weight optional engine.

Extra load tire

A tire designed to operate at higher loads and at higher inflation pressures than the corresponding standard tire.

Groove

The space between two adjacent tread ribs.

Gross Axle Weight Rating

The maximum weight that any axle can support, as published on the Certification / VIN label on the front left side of the trailer. Actual weight determined by weighing each axle on a public scale, with the trailer attached to the towing vehicle.

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating

The maximum weight of the fully loaded trailer, as published on the Certification / VIN label. Actual weight determined by weighing trailer on a public scale, without being attached to the towing vehicle.

Hitch Weight

The downward force exerted on the hitch ball by the trailer coupler.

Innerliner

The layer(s) forming the inside surface of a tubeless tire that contains the inflating medium within the tire.

Innerliner separation

The parting of the innerliner from cord material in the carcass.

Intended outboard sidewall

The sidewall that contains a white-wall, bears white lettering or bears manufacturer, brand, and/or model name molding that is higher or deeper than the same molding on the other sidewall of the tire or the outward facing sidewall of an asymmetrical tire that has a particular side that must always face outward when mounted on a vehicle.

Light truck (LT) tire

A tire designated by its manufacturer as primarily intended for use on lightweight trucks or multipurpose passenger vehicles.

Load rating

The maximum load that a tire is rated to carry for a given inflation pressure.

Maximum load rating

The load rating for a tire at the maximum permissible inflation pressure for that tire.

Maximum permissible inflation pressure

The maximum cold inflation pressure to which a tire may be inflated.

Maximum loaded vehicle weight

The sum of curb weight, accessory weight, vehicle capacity weight, and production options weight.

Measuring rim

The rim on which a tire is fitted for physical dimension requirements.

Pin Weight

The downward force applied to the 5th wheel or gooseneck ball, by the trailer kingpin or gooseneck coupler.

Non-pneumatic rim

A mechanical device which, when a non-pneumatic tire assembly incorporates a wheel, supports the tire, and attaches, either integrally or separably, to the wheel center member and upon which the tire is attached.

Non-pneumatic spare tire assembly

A non-pneumatic tire assembly intended for temporary use in place of one of the pneumatic tires and rims that are fitted to a passenger car in compliance with the requirements of this standard.

Non-pneumatic tire

A mechanical device which transmits, either directly or through a wheel or wheel center member, the vertical load and tractive forces from the roadway to the vehicle,

generates the tractive forces that provide the directional control of the vehicle and does not rely on the containment of any gas or fluid for providing those functions.

Non-pneumatic tire assembly

A non-pneumatic tire, alone or in combination with a wheel or wheel center member, which can be mounted on a vehicle.

Normal occupant weight

This means 68 kilograms (150 lbs.) times the number of occupants specified in the second column of Table I of 49 CFR 571.110.

Occupant distribution

The distribution of occupants in a vehicle as specified in the third column of Table I of 49 CFR 571.110.

Open splice

Any parting at any junction of tread, sidewall, or innerliner that extends to cord material.

Outer diameter

The overall diameter of an inflated new tire.

Overall width

The linear distance between the exteriors of the sidewalls of an inflated tire, including elevations due to labeling, decorations, or protective bands or ribs.

Ply

A layer of rubber-coated parallel cords.

Ply separation

A parting of rubber compound between adjacent plies.

Pneumatic tire

A mechanical device made of rubber, chemicals, fabric and steel or other materials, that, when mounted on an automotive wheel, provides the traction and contains the gas or fluid that sustains the load.

Production options weight

The combined weight of those installed regular production options weighing over 2.3 kilograms (5 lbs.) in excess of those standard items which they replace, not previously considered in curb weight or accessory weight, including heavy duty brakes, ride levelers, roof rack, heavy duty battery, and special trim.

Radial ply tire

A pneumatic tire in which the ply cords that extend to the beads are laid at substantially 90 degrees to the centerline of the tread.

Recommended inflation pressure

This is the inflation pressure provided by the vehicle manufacturer on the Tire Information label and on the Certification / VIN tag.

Reinforced tire

A tire designed to operate at higher loads and at higher inflation pressures than the corresponding standard tire.

Rim

A metal support for a tire or a tire and tube assembly upon which the tire beads are seated.

Rim diameter

This means the nominal diameter of the bead seat.

Rim size designation

This means the rim diameter and width.

Rim type designation

This means the industry of manufacturer's designation for a rim by style or code.

Rim width

This means the nominal distance between rim flanges.

Section width

The linear distance between the exteriors of the sidewalls of an inflated tire, excluding elevations due to labeling, decoration, or protective bands.

Sidewall

That portion of a tire between the tread and bead.

Sidewall separation

The parting of the rubber compound from the cord material in the sidewall.

Special Trailer (ST) tire

The "ST" is an indication the tire is for trailer use only.

Test rim

The rim on which a tire is fitted for testing, and may be any rim listed as appropriate for use with that tire.

Tread

That portion of a tire that comes into contact with the road.

Tread rib

A tread section running circumferentially around a tire.

Tread separation

Pulling away of the tread from the tire carcass.

Treadwear indicators (TWI)

The projections within the principal grooves designed to give a visual indication of the degrees of wear of the tread.

Vehicle capacity weight

The rated cargo and luggage load plus 68 kilograms (150 lbs.) times the vehicle's designated seating capacity.

Vehicle maximum load on the tire

The load on an individual tire that is determined by distributing to each axle its share of the maximum loaded vehicle weight and dividing by two.

Vehicle normal load on the tire

The load on an individual tire that is determined by distributing to each axle its share of the curb weight, accessory weight, and normal occupant weight (distributed in accordance with Table I of CRF 49 571.110) and dividing by 2.

Weather side

The surface area of the rim not covered by the inflated tire.

Wheel center member

In the case of a non-pneumatic tire assembly incorporating a wheel, a mechanical device which attaches, either integrally or separably, to the non-pneumatic rim and provides the connection between the non-pneumatic rim and the vehicle; or, in the case of a non-pneumatic tire assembly not incorporating a wheel, a mechanical device which attaches, either integrally or separably, to the non-pneumatic tire and provides the connection between tire and the vehicle.

Wheel-holding fixture

The fixture used to hold the wheel and tire assembly securely during testing.

Tire Safety - Everything Rides On It

The National Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has published a brochure (DOT HS 809 361) that discusses all aspects of Tire Safety, as required by CFR 575.6. This brochure is reproduced in part below. It can be obtained and downloaded from NHTSA, free of charge, from the following web site:

http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/rules/TireSafety/ridesonit/tires_index.html

Studies of tire safety show that maintaining proper tire pressure, observing tire and vehicle load limits (not carrying more weight in your vehicle than your tires or vehicle can safely handle), avoiding road hazards, and inspecting tires for cuts, slashes, and other irregularities are the most important things you can do to avoid tire failure, such as tread separation or blowout and flat tires. These actions, along with other care and maintenance activities, can also:

Improve vehicle handling

- Help protect you and others from avoidable breakdowns and accidents
- Improve fuel economy
- · Increase the life of your tires.

This booklet presents a comprehensive overview of tire safety, including information on the following topics:

- · Basic tire maintenance
- Uniform Tire Quality Grading System
- · Fundamental characteristics of tires
- Tire safety tips.

Use this information to make tire safety a regular part of your vehicle maintenance routine. Recognize that the time you spend is minimal compared with the inconvenience and safety consequences of a flat tire or other tire failure.

Safety First-Basic Tire Maintenance

Properly maintained tires improve the steering, stopping, traction, and load-carrying capability of your vehicle. Underinflated tires and overloaded vehicles are a major cause of tire failure. Therefore, as mentioned above, to avoid flat tires and other types of tire failure, you should maintain proper tire pressure, observe tire and vehicle load limits, avoid road hazards, and regularly inspect your tires.

Finding Your Vehicle's Recommended Tire Pressure and Load Limits

Tire information placards and vehicle certification labels contain information on tires and load limits. These labels indicate the vehicle manufacturer's information including:

- Recommended tire size
- Recommended tire inflation pressure
- Vehicle capacity weight (VCW-the maximum occupant and cargo weight a vehicle is designed to carry)
- Front and rear gross axle weight ratings (GAWR- the maximum weight the axle systems are designed to carry).

Both placards and certification labels are permanently attached to the trailer near the left front.

Understanding Tire Pressure and Load Limits

Tire inflation pressure is the level of air in the tire that provides it with load-carrying capacity and affects the overall performance of the vehicle. The tire inflation pressure is a number that indicates the amount of air pressure—measured in pounds per square inch (psi)—a tire requires to be properly inflated. (You will also find this number on the vehicle information placard expressed in kilopascals (kpa), which is the metric measure used internationally.)

Manufacturers of passenger vehicles and light trucks determine this number based on the vehicle's design load limit, that is, the greatest amount of weight a vehicle can safely carry and the vehicle's tire size. The proper tire pressure for your vehicle is referred to as the

"recommended cold inflation pressure." (As you will read below, it is difficult to obtain the recommended tire pressure if your tires are not cold.)

Because tires are designed to be used on more than one type of vehicle, tire manufacturers list the "maximum permissible inflation pressure" on the tire sidewall. This number is the greatest amount of air pressure that should ever be put in the tire under normal driving conditions.

Checking Tire Pressure

It is important to check your vehicle's tire pressure at least once a month for the following reasons:

- · Most tires may naturally lose air over time.
- Tires can lose air suddenly if you drive over a pothole or other object or if you strike the curb when parking.
- With radial tires, it is usually not possible to determine underinflation by visual inspection.

For convenience, purchase a tire pressure gauge to keep in your vehicle. Gauges can be purchased at tire dealerships, auto supply stores, and other retail outlets.

The recommended tire inflation pressure that vehicle manufacturers provide reflects the proper psi when a tire is cold. The term cold does not relate to the outside temperature. Rather, a cold tire is one that has not been driven on for at least three hours. When you drive, your tires get warmer, causing the air pressure within them to increase. Therefore, to get an accurate tire pressure reading, you must measure tire pressure when the tires are cold or compensate for the extra pressure in warm tires.

Steps for Maintaining Proper Tire Pressure

- Step 1: Locate the recommended tire pressure on the vehicle's tire information placard, certification label, or in the owner's manual.
- Step 2: Record the tire pressure of all tires.
- Step 3: If the tire pressure is too high in any of the tires, slowly release air by gently pressing
 on the tire valve stem with the edge of your tire gauge until you get to the correct pressure.
- Step 4: If the tire pressure is too low, note the difference between the measured tire pressure
 and the correct tire pressure. These "missing" pounds of pressure are what you will need to
 add.
- Step 5: At a service station, add the missing pounds of air pressure to each tire that is underinflated.
- Step 6: Check all the tires to make sure they have the same air pressure (except in cases in which the front and rear tires are supposed to have different amounts of pressure).

If you have been driving your vehicle and think that a tire is underinflated, fill it to the recommended cold inflation pressure indicated on your vehicle's tire information placard or certification label. While your tire may still be slightly underinflated due to the extra pounds of pressure in the warm tire, it is safer to drive with air pressure that is slightly lower than the vehicle manufacturer's recommended cold inflation pressure than to drive with a significantly underinflated tire. Since this is a temporary fix, don't forget to recheck and adjust the tire's pressure when you can obtain a cold reading.

Tire Size

To maintain tire safety, purchase new tires that are the same size as the vehicle's original tires or another size recommended by the manufacturer. Look at the tire information placard, the owner's manual, or the sidewall of the tire you are replacing to find this information. If you have any doubt about the correct size to choose, consult with the tire dealer.

Tire Tread

The tire tread provides the gripping action and traction that prevent your vehicle from slipping or sliding, especially when the road is wet or icy. In general, tires are not safe and should be replaced when the tread is worn down to 1/16 of an inch. Tires have built-in treadwear indicators that let you know when it is time to replace your tires. These indicators are raised sections spaced intermittently in the bottom of the tread grooves. When they appear "even" with the outside of the tread, it is time to replace your tires. Another method for checking tread depth is to place a penny in the tread with Lincoln's head upside down and facing you. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head, you are ready for new tires.

Tire Balance and Wheel Alignment

To avoid vibration or shaking of the vehicle when a tire rotates, the tire must be properly balanced. This balance is achieved by positioning weights on the wheel to counterbalance heavy spots on the wheel-and-tire assembly. A wheel alignment adjusts the angles of the wheels so that they are positioned correctly relative to the vehicle's frame. This adjustment maximizes the life of your tires. These adjustments require special equipment and should be performed by a qualified technician.

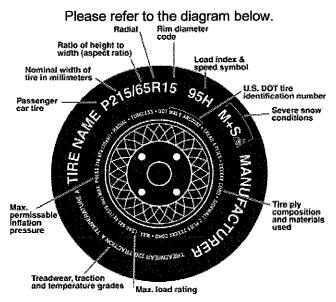
Tire Repair

The proper repair of a punctured tire requires a plug for the hole and a patch for the area inside the tire that surrounds the puncture hole. Punctures through the tread can be repaired if they are not too large, but punctures to the sidewall should not be repaired. Tires must be removed from the rim to be properly inspected before being plugged and patched.

Tire Fundamentals

Federal law requires tire manufacturers to place standardized information on the sidewall of all tires. This information identifies and describes the fundamental characteristics of the tire and also provides a tire identification number for safety standard certification and in case of a recall.

Information on Passenger Vehicle Tires



P
The "P" indicates the tire is for passenger vehicles.

Next number

This three-digit number gives the width in millimeters of the tire from sidewall edge to sidewall edge. In general, the larger the number, the wider the tire.

Next number

This two-digit number, known as the aspect ratio, gives the tire's ratio of height to width. Numbers of 70 or lower indicate a short sidewall for improved steering response and better overall handling on dry pavement.

R

The "R" stands for radial. Radial ply construction of tires has been the industry standard for the past 20 years.

Next number

This two-digit number is the wheel or rim diameter in inches. If you change your wheel size, you will have to purchase new tires to match the new wheel diameter.

Next number

This two- or three-digit number is the tire's load index. It is a measurement of how much weight each tire can support. You may find this information in your owner's manual. If not, contact a local tire dealer. Note: You may not find this information on all tires because it is not required by law.

M+S

The "M+S" or "M/S" indicates that the tire has some mud and snow capability. Most radial tires have these markings; hence, they have some mud and snow capability.

Speed Rating

The speed rating denotes the speed at which a tire is designed to be driven for extended periods of time. The ratings range from 99 miles per hour (mph) to 186 mph. These ratings are listed below. Note: You may not find this information on all tires because it is not required by law.

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Q	99 mph	
R	106 mph	
	112 mph	
Т	118 mph	
U	124 mph	
H	130 mph	
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W	168* mph	
Υ	186* mph	

^{*} For tires with a maximum speed capability over 149 mph, tire manufacturers sometimes use the letters ZR. For those with a maximum speed capability over 186 mph, tire manufacturers always use the letters ZR.

U.S. DOT Tire Identification Number

This begins with the letters "DOT" and indicates that the tire meets all federal standards. The next two numbers or letters are the plant code where it was manufactured, and the last four numbers represent the week and year the tire was built. For example, the numbers 3197 means the 31st week of 1997. The other numbers are marketing codes used at the manufacturer's discretion. This information is used to contact consumers if a tire defect requires a recall.

Tire Ply Composition and Materials Used

The number of plies indicates the number of layers of rubber-coated fabric in the tire. In general, the greater the number of plies, the more weight a tire can support. Tire manufacturers also must indicate the materials in the tire, which include steel, nylon, polyester, and others.

Maximum Load Rating

This number indicates the maximum load in kilograms and pounds that can be carried by the tire.

Maximum Permissible Inflation Pressure

This number is the greatest amount of air pressure that should ever be put in the tire under normal driving conditions.

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Treadwear Number

This number indicates the tire's wear rate. The higher the treadwear number is, the longer it should take for the tread to wear down. For example, a tire graded 400 should last twice as long as a tire graded 200.

Traction Letter

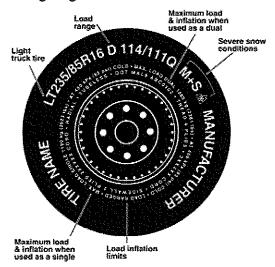
This letter indicates a tire's ability to stop on wet pavement. A higher graded tire should allow you to stop your car on wet roads in a shorter distance than a tire with a lower grade. Traction is graded from highest to lowest as "AA", "A", "B", and "C".

Temperature Letter

This letter indicates a tire's resistance to heat. The temperature grade is for a tire that is inflated properly and not overloaded. Excessive speed, underinflation or excessive loading, either separately or in combination, can cause heat build-up and possible tire failure. From highest to lowest, a tire's resistance to heat is graded as "A", "B", or "C".

Additional Information on Light Truck Tires

Please refer to the following diagram.



Tires for light trucks have other markings besides those found on the sidewalls of passenger tires.

LT

The "LT" indicates the tire is for light trucks or trailers.

ST

An "ST" is an indication the tire is for trailer use only.

Max. Load Dual kg (lbs) at kPa (psi) Cold

This information indicates the maximum load and tire pressure when the tire is used as a dual, that is, when four tires are put on each rear axle (a total of six or more tires on the vehicle).

Max. Load Single kg (lbs) at kPa (psi) Cold

This information indicates the maximum load and tire pressure when the tire is used as a single.

Load Range

This information identifies the tire's load-carrying capabilities and its inflation limits.

Tire Safety Tips

Preventing Tire Damage

- · Slow down if you have to go over a pothole or other object in the road.
- Do not run over curbs or other foreign objects in the roadway, and try not to strike the curb when
 parking.

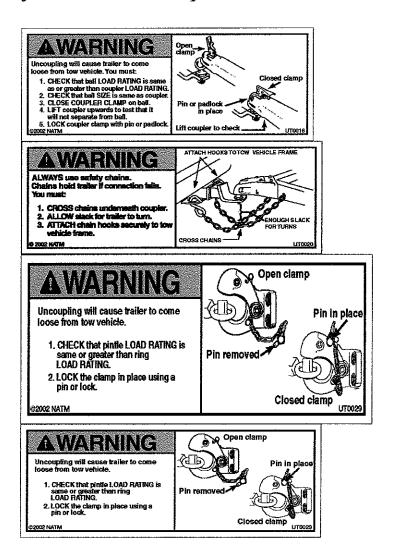
Tire Safety Checklist

Check tire pressure regularly (at least once a month), including the spare.

- Inspect tires for uneven wear patterns on the tread, cracks, foreign objects, or other signs of wear or trauma.
- Remove bits of glass and foreign objects wedged in the tread.
- · Make sure your tire valves have valve caps.
- · Check tire pressure before going on a long trip.
- Do not overload your vehicle. Check the Tire Information and Loading Placard or User's Manual for the maximum recommended load for the vehicle.

Warning Safety Decals

The following are examples of safety warning labels attached to your trailer when you received it. If you repaint the trailer, you will need to replace these labels.



AWAFNING

Tire, wheel or lug nut failure can cause loss of control. Before towing, you must CHECK:

1. Tire pressure and tread.

2. Tires and wheels for damage.

3. Lug nuts for tightness.

- or new and remounted wheels, re-tighten lug nuts at the first 10, 25 and 50 miles of driving.

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Lug Nuts

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1. CLEAN mounting surfaces, LUG NUTS & STUDS. DO NOT LUBE sug joint unless specifically instructed in your owner's manual.

2. START NUTS BY HAND to prevent cross threading.

3. TIGHTEN RUTS IN SEQUENCE shown using a CALIBRATED TORQUE WHENCH. DO NOT USE AN AIRPACT WHENCH. Wheel not torque requirements vary depending on the size and manufacturer.

ALWAYS use wheel Manufacturer's Recommendations.

4. Wheel NUTS should be TORQUED before FIRST ROAD USE and AFTER EACH WHEEL REMOVAL. Periodically CHECK and RE-TORQUE per Manufacturer's Recommendations.







