





# **Air Ride<sup>™</sup> Pin Box** Installation and **Owner's Manual**

(For Aftermarket Applications)

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Air Ride Pin Box Kits			
Part #	Description		
<u>155925</u>	21K L03 Air Ride Pin Box		
<u>158778</u>	21K L05 Air Ride Pin Box		
<u>158777</u>	21K L07 Air Ride Pin Box		
<u>179879</u>	18K M15 Air Ride Pin Box		
<u>155943</u>	21K M19 Air Ride Pin Box		

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## Introduction

Trailair was first-to-market with Air Ride<sup>™</sup> for 5th Wheels and still leads the way with innovative 5th Wheel pin box technology. The new Air Ride Pin Box uses time-tested Trailair air ride technology to provide an unparalleled ride, eliminating chucking and the vertical tug-of-war between the 5th Wheel and tow vehicle.

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# Safety

Read and fully understand all instructions before installing or operating this product.

Adhere to all safety labels.

# **A WARNING**

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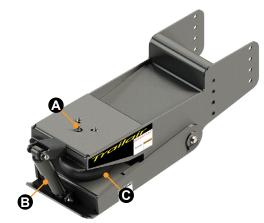
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Make sure pin box is sufficiently and properly supported before removing mounting hardware.

Prior to new pin box installation, make sure air bag on new pin box is not overinflated.

# **Parts List**



**NOTE:** Part numbers are shown for identification purposes only. Not all parts are available for individual sale. All parts with a link to the Lippert Store can be purchased.

Letter	PN	Description
А	<u>156740</u>	Tank Valve
В	<u>177223</u>	Oil Shock
С	<u>432404</u>	Air Spring

# **Resources Required**

- 2-3 people, depending on task
- Air compressor
- Wrench and socket set
- Safety glasses
- Tape measure
- · Box end wrenches
- Level



## Installation

**NOTE:** The pin box assembly weighs several hundred pounds. A minimum of two people are required to complete the removal and installation of the pin boxes. A forklift may be used to lift the pin box into position.

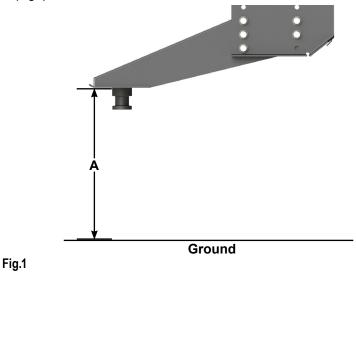
**NOTE:** The 5th Wheel should always be towed while level. Adjustment of the pin box mounting height, the tow vehicle height or suspension may be necessary to accomplish a level towing condition.

**A**CAUTION

MOVING PARTS CAN PINCH, CRUSH OR CUT. KEEP CLEAR AND USE CAUTION.

1. Level the trailer front-to-back.

**2.** Measure from the ground to the bottom of the kingpin plate on the current pin box. Record this dimension as A (Fig.1).



# **A**WARNING

AN UNSUPPORTED PIN BOX DURING PRODUCT REMOVAL CAN RESULT IN DEATH, SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, SEVERE PRODUCT AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. PROPERLY SUPPORT PIN BOX BEFORE REMOVING MOUNTING BOLTS.

- **3.** Properly support the pin box assembly.
- 4. Remove fasteners holding the original pin box in place.

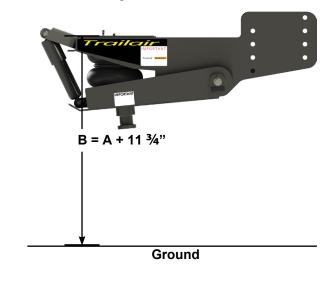
**5.** Remove original pin box. Retain mounting fasteners for reuse.

6. Hoist the new pin box into place.

**7.** When installing the new pin box, measure from the ground up to the flat plate of the upper jaw of the pin box. Once the new pin box is aligned, that measurement should be equal to the measurement taken in step 2 plus  $11 \frac{3}{4}$ ". Record this dimension as B (Fig.2).

8. Reinstall previously removed fasteners (step 4).

**NOTE:** Use the same amount of fasteners as were previously used. If any nuts, bolts or washers are damaged or unusable, replace with new fasteners equivalent in style, grade and diameter as original hardware.





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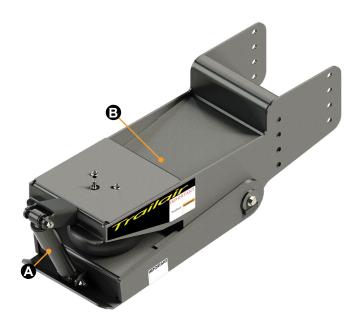
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- 9. Torque pin box bolts and nuts accordingly:
- Torque <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" bolts to 110 ft-lbs minimum.
- Torque 5/8" bolts to 160 ft-lbs minimum.
- Torque <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" bolts to 210 ft-lbs minimum.

**10.** Make sure that the 5th wheel coupler located in the tow vehicle is mounted according to the proper instructions of the 5th Wheel manufacturer. In addition, make sure that it is in good working condition. A non- or poor-working coupler will affect pin box performance, resulting in an unsafe towing condition. Make sure the 5th Wheel connection is never located behind the center of the drive axle.

**11.** After all nuts and bolts have been tightened, attach trailer to tow vehicle. Before applying the air nozzle fitting at the top of the pin box, make sure the alignment pin is in the hole on the bottom of the air spring.

**12.** With the tow vehicle at rest, inflate the air bag with enough air to raise the pin box to the ride height mark on the front of the shock absorber (**Fig.3A**). The starting pressure should be around 80-90 psi, with the pressure increased according to the ride height mark. However, the



pressure is not to exceed 120 psi. Filling should be stopped when reaching either the ride height mark or 120 psi, whichever comes first. The minimum pressure is 45 psi.

**13.** Check the air pressure level on the air bag before each use and adjust accordingly.

# Operation

**A**WARNING

AN OVERINFLATED AIR BAG CAN BURST, RESULTING IN DEATH, SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, SEVERE PRODUCT AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. DO NOT OVERINFLATE AIR BAG. INFLATE AIR BAG TO RIDE HEIGHT LEVEL IDENTIFIED ON THE SHOCK ABSORBER.

# **A**CAUTION

THE AIR BAG CAN LOSE AIR OVER TIME, RESULTING IN REDUCED OR LOSS OF PRODUCT PERFORMANCE. REDUCED OR LOSS OF PRODUCT PERFORMANCE CAN CAUSE PRODUCT AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. ALWAYS VERIFY CORRECT LEVEL AGAINST THE SHOCK'S HEIGHT MARK AND TRAILER BEFORE TRAVELING. ADJUST AIR PRESSURE AS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE CORRECT PIN BOX LEVEL.

# **A CAUTION**

AN UNSECURED AIR SPRING DURING INFLATION CAN CAUSE PERSONAL INJURY. MAKE SURE AIR SPRING IS PROPERLY SECURED TO THE PIN BOX BEFORE INFLATING. INSTALL AIR CAP TO SAFELY COMPLETE AIR SPRING INFLATION.

#### Pull Test

**1.** Make sure the trailer wheels are blocked, the trailer landing gear is resting on firm ground to support the trailer and the tow vehicle is in park with the emergency brake engaged.

**2.** Return to the cab of the tow vehicle, release the emergency brake and then apply the trailer brakes.

Fig.3



# **A WARNING**

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FAILURE TO PERFORM A PULL TEST MAY RESULT IN SEVERE PROPERTY DAMAGE, SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH. FAILURE TO SECURE TOW VEHICLE AND TRAILER FROM MOVEMENT DURING PROCEDURE COULD RESULT IN SEVERE PROPERTY DAMAGE, SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH. MAKE SURE TOW VEHICLE AND TRAILER ARE PROPERLY SECURED AGAINST MOVEMENT DURING THE PROCEDURE.

3. Slowly pull the trailer forward with the tow vehicle.

**A.** If the tow vehicle is properly hitched, the wheel blocks and trailer brakes should keep the truck from moving forward.

**B.** If the trailer is not properly hitched, the trailer will separate from the hitch and the truck will move forward while leaving the trailer behind. If this happens, repeat hitching procedure.

**4.** After successfully performing the pull test, fully raise the landing gear per manufacturer's recommendations.

**5.** Check and inspect all electrical circuits for proper operation, to include clearance lights, turn signals and stop lights.

6. Remove and store all trailer wheel blocks.

## Troubleshooting

What is happening?	What should be done?
Trailer not level.	Adjust pin box or hitch accordingly.
Excessive chucking in tow vehicle.	Inspect pin box air bag air pressure. Add or remove air to recommended point. If low, check for leaks and replace if needed.
Excessive noise from pin box area.	Verify that the pin box is securely attached to the 5th wheel. If the king pin is excessively worn, the jaw plate will need to be replaced. Check pressure in air bag and replace if not holding air. Look for damage on shock or a disconnected shock. Reconnect or replace shock if needed.
	Hitch mechanisms can also cause noise. Verify that unwanted noise is not coming from the hitch. The hitch manufacturer can provide guidelines for this check.



## Maintenance

Periodically check the recess on the top of the pin box (Fig.3B) for standing water. Drain water and remove debris as needed. The area should be clean and clear of all contaminants.

The pin box air bag can lose air over time. Always check pin box and that trailer is level before traveling. Adjust air bag air pressure as necessary to achieve proper ride height.

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#### **Notes**





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