

# Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

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**HaulMaster®**

## 1500 LB. CAPACITY Tri-Fold Aluminum RAMP



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When unpacking, make sure that the product is intact and undamaged. If any parts are missing or broken, please call 1-800-444-3353 as soon as possible.

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### **⚠WARNING**

**Read this material before using this product.  
Failure to do so can result in serious injury.  
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# Specifications

Load Capacity	1500 lb.
Ramp Length	69"
Ramp Width	45"

## Important Safety Information

1. **Before use:**
  - a. Read and understand manual.
  - b. Inspect before every use; do not use if parts loose or damaged.
  - c. Turn vehicle's ignition OFF and set parking brake.
  - d. Clean dirt, oil and debris off ramp(s) and allow ramp(s) to dry.
  - e. Unfold ramp(s) completely.
  - f. Set up only on solid, level, dry surface.
  - g. Turn ramp(s) so flange end faces downward. Position ramp(s) so that tongues fully contact tailgate.
  - h. Properly connect safety chains. Load vehicle slowly. Do not ride vehicle down ramp(s).
2. Do not exceed 500 lb. capacity per separated panel or 1,500 lb. capacity evenly distributed across joined ramp. Be aware of dynamic loading! Sudden load movement may briefly create excess load causing product failure.
3. Use safety chains as intended only.
4. Use as intended only.
5. Do not use:
  - a. as ladder,
  - b. if tailgate on carrying vehicle is higher than 34", or
  - c. to load vehicle with wheel width wider than ramp.
6. Ground contact. Use your Ramps on a solid, level, flat, dry surface. Make sure the Tongue edge fully contacts the tailgate of the vehicle.
7. **Clean Ramps.** Prior to each use, clean dirt, oil, or any debris off ramps.
8. **The Ramps are not designed to be used separately.**
9. **Be aware of dynamic loading!** Sudden load movement may briefly create excess load causing product failure.
10. **This product is not a toy.** Do not allow children to play with or near this item.
11. Maintain product labels and nameplates. These carry important safety information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.
12. **Load vehicle slowly. Do not ride a vehicle up or down the load ramp.**

13. **All persons not involved in the loading process must stand clear of the loading ramps. Keep children away.** Children must not be allowed in the work area.
14. **Check maximum tailgate weight capacity.** Do not exceed tailgate capacity if less than 1,000 lb.
15. **Avoid working alone.** If an accident happens, an assistant can bring help.
16. **Keep work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered and dark areas invite injuries.
17. **Store idle equipment.** When not in use, store ramps in a dry location to inhibit rust.
18. **Dress properly.** Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Protective clothes and nonskid footwear are recommended when working. Wear restrictive hair covering to contain long hair.
19. **Wear ANSI-approved impact safety goggles, a safety helmet, and heavy-duty work gloves when loading, unloading or handling ramps.**
20. Keep proper footing and balance when loading or unloading.
21. Do not modify this product.
22. **Stay alert.** Watch what you are doing, use common sense. Do not use any ramp when you are tired.
23. **Check for damaged parts.** Before using any ramp, any part that appears damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will perform its intended function. Check for any broken parts or mounting fixtures and any other condition that may affect proper operation. Any part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced by a qualified technician.
24. **Replacement parts and accessories.** When servicing, use only identical replacement parts. Use of any other parts will void the warranty. Only use accessories intended for use with this ramp.
25. **Do not use ramp if under the influence of alcohol or drugs.** Read warning labels on prescriptions to determine if your judgment or reflexes are impaired while taking drugs. If there is any doubt, do not use the ramp.
26. The warnings, cautions, and instructions discussed in this instruction manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.



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## Setup and Operation Instructions



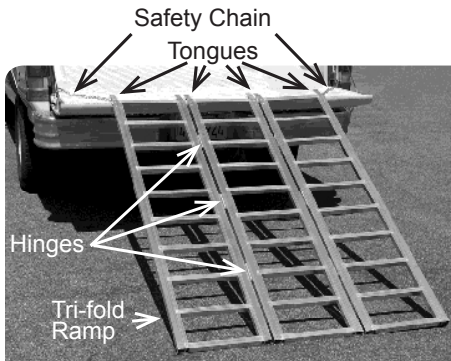
Read the **ENTIRE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** section at the beginning of this document including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

### **WARNING**

**TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY:** Make sure the vehicle is turned off and in gear or park, with the emergency brake engaged and the wheels blocked.

Make sure the Ramp is completely open and the securing chains and hooks are secured onto the vehicle. Make sure the Ramp is clean and dry before loading.

## Setup



**Figure A: Components**

1. When folded, the Ramp will be wrapped in the Safety Chains and Hooks. Release the hooks and unfold the Ramp completely.
2. Make sure the tailgate the ramp will sit on is dry and clean.
3. Sit the Tongues (angled lips) of the Ramp on the tailgate. Stretch the Safety Chain on each side of the Ramp up into the inside of the truck bed.
4. Attach the hook on each Safety Chain to a secure attachment point on the inside of the truck bed.
5. Pull the loading ramp back until the chains are tight. If most of the edge or the entire edge of the ramp is off of the edge of the vehicle the chains need to be adjusted or shorter chains must be used.

**WARNING!** Safety chains must be connected to secure attachment points able to withstand the pulling force of loading. They must also be taut enough to prevent the ramp from coming off the vehicle being loaded.

## Chain Adjustment

1. Remove the bolt and washer that hold the safety chain to the ramp.
2. Reinsert the bolt through a link that will shorten the chain so the loading ramp can not be pulled backwards more than an inch or two.
3. Make sure that the bolt is properly tightened and the washer prevents the bolt from slipping through the chain link.
4. Adjust the other chain to equal length.

## ATV Loading and Unloading

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- Do not use this ramp to load or unload any vehicle that weighs more than 1500 lb.
- Do not use this ramp to load or unload any vehicle that is wider than the ramp.
- Do not use this ramp to load or unload any vehicle that is carrying gear on its racks.
- Do not use this ramp if the tailgate on the vehicle being loaded or unloaded is higher than half the ramp's length (34").

**WARNING: Be aware of dynamic loading!**

Sudden load movement may briefly create excess load causing the Ramp to fail.

**WARNING!** All persons not involved in the process must stand clear of the Ramp and truck. Make sure no pets are nearby.

### Loading Using a Winch (not included)

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1. The winch and mounting/connection points must all have appropriate capacity to pull the ATV up the ramp safely.
2. ATV Mounted Winch Setup: Unwind cable from the winch and attach it to a secure mounting location on the truck, at the same height as the winch will be after the ATV has been loaded.
3. Truck Mounted Winch Setup: Attach the cable to the bottom front part of the frame.
4. While operating the winch, stand back and to the side of the ATV, with the vehicle between you and the winch cable.
5. Operate the winch to slowly load the ATV onto the vehicle.

### Unloading

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**WARNING!** Riding an ATV while unloading is dangerous and should not be attempted.

1. Have an assistant monitor the Ramp tongue for slippage on the tailgate.
2. Setup the ramp on the truck bed as explained under operation. Remove all tie down straps and securing equipment from the ATV.
3. While staying off the ATV, start the engine, disengage the parking brake, put the transmission into reverse, and make sure the wheels are in a straight line with the ramp. While holding the brake, position yourself in front of the ATV.
4. Release the brake and push on the ATV to get it started down the ramp. Allow the ATV to roll down naturally, do not attempt to steer it or apply the brakes. If it stops while on the ramp, gently give it throttle to back it off the ramp.

**WARNING!** Be sure the 4-wheel ATV is centered on ramp.

# Expert Loading Directions

Only for individuals certified by the ASI (ATV Safety Institute)

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By using directions in this section, you are agreeing that you are an ASI trained, certified rider and that you understand that your safety in performing this procedure is based on your ability to control the vehicle.

1. Have an assistant monitor the Ramp tongue for slippage on the tailgate.
2. Confirm that the weight of the ATV and rider combined is still less than the 1500 lb. capacity of this ramp.
3. While wearing a safety helmet, drive your ATV onto ramp at less than 1 Mile Per Hour using the lowest gear possible. Drive up at a slow, steady speed while leaning forward on the front pegs to keep proper balance. Try to avoid bouncing or jerking, because they will increase stress on the ramp.
4. Once the load is in truck bed, be sure to set the ATV's brake & securely tie down ATV. Remove the ramp, fold it up and secure it with the Safety Chains and Hooks.

**CAUTION!** Contact between the tongue of the ramp and the tailgate of the vehicle may result in damage to the vehicle's body finish.

**CAUTION!** WHENEVER possible, use a winch (not included) to load the ATV. This is the safest way to load an ATV.

**WARNING!** Be sure the 4-wheeled ATV is centered on ramp.

# Maintenance and Servicing



Procedures not specifically explained in this manual must be performed only by a qualified technician.

## **⚠️ WARNING**

**TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY:**

**Remove the ramp from the vehicle before performing any maintenance or service.**

**Do not use damaged equipment. If Ramp is damaged have the problem corrected before further use.**

## Cleaning, Maintenance, and Lubrication

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- BEFORE EACH USE**, inspect the general condition of the Ramp. Check for:
  - loose hardware,
  - misalignment or binding of parts,
  - cracked or broken parts, and
  - any other condition that may affect its safe operation.
- Clean the ramp after each use. Make sure any dirt, oil, grease, or debris are not on the Ramp.

## Parts List

Part	Description	Qty
1	Tri-fold Ramp	1
2	Safety Chain and Hook set	2
3	Hinge	6

**Record Serial Number Here:**

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**Note:** If product has no serial number, record month and year of purchase instead.

**Note:** Some parts are listed for illustration purposes only, and are not available individually as replacement parts.

## PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

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