Opening and Closing Double-Latch Doors

Opening Swing Doors (Double Latch)

- Grasp both handles and rotate the latches on the right door simultaneously. Consider the use of gloves to protect hands from sharp edges and rough surfaces.

- Keep a firm grip on the handles while still in the catch, in order to get a good feel for the pressure when it is still somewhat latched, in case cargo is pushing the door open. If load is pressed up against the door, an alternative means of opening the door will have to be addressed.

- If there is no pressure up against the door, unlatch door from catches and look at the load to ensure there is no product up against door.

- When the door is unlatched, grip the edge of the trailer door and walk the door open to the full open position to resist wind blowing the door.

- Never stand in the door’s path in high winds. The door should always be under your control!!

- Latch the trailer door open with the fastener provided.

- Never move a trailer with an unsecured door.

- Prior to opening the other door, look inside to ensure cargo is not pressing up against door. Open the door in similar fashion by keeping a firm grip on the handles and rotating the latches.

- When the door is unlatched, grip the edge of the trailer door with both hands and walk the door open to the full open position to resist wind blowing the door.

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Closing Swing Doors (Double Latch)

- Unlatch the open door, being mindful of wind conditions.

- Always hold the door with both hands. Consider the use of gloves to protect hands from sharp edges and rough surfaces.

- Walk the door to the closed position. The door should always be under your control!!

- Fasten the door locking system. If the door will not latch, a rubber mallet is a great way to latch on a trailer door that is not aligned properly.