

TIPS FOR MOVING-FLOOR DRIVERS

Avoiding damage to paintwork

We all know the feeling: the pain of that first scratch on a gleaming new trailer. The paintwork of a moving-floor trailer can be easily damaged during careless use. Which will cost you or your boss a lot of money. A high trade-in value depends on the paintwork being undamaged. Knapen Trailers' specialists have a few tips to help you keep your paintwork in perfect condition:

Tip 1: Make sure your straps are twisted

There is a lot of benefit to be gained from using the straps correctly. If you lay the straps flat (see photo), the wind movement often causes resonance. This makes the straps flap against the paintwork throughout the journey, which damages the paintwork. It is a better idea to twist the straps once or twice before tightening them (see photo). This prevents them from flapping and avoids damage to your paintwork.

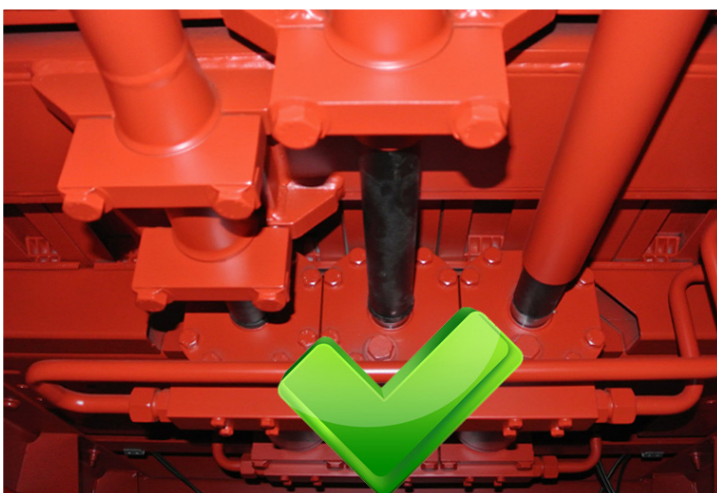


Tip 2: Protect your side wall against the straps

When the straps are tightened, they scrape along the side wall and the bottom edge. So it is important to have protective parts that are in good condition. In order to avoid damage to paintwork protective parts should be replaced immediately. It goes without saying that Knapen Trailers supplies the protective parts as standard. However, some moving-floor trailer manufacturers do not supply any protective parts at all on the bottom edge. The protective parts should be



fitted here immediately before the first usage for the simple reason that this is significantly cheaper than reducing the trade-in value, which often occurs after just a few loads. If the trailer is used for a longer period without any protective parts, the bottom edge can even wear out – which means a costly repair compared with the cost of cheap protective parts.



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Tip 3: Always secure rear doors in the door latch immediately

Not a lot of time... almost the weekend... unload quickly... a gust of wind... bang... a gust of wind bangs the rear door against the side wall with full force. If you're unlucky, not only will your paintwork be damaged but you will also get an expensive repair. To be on the safe side Knapen Trailers fits an additional protective part as standard for catching a blowing door. The best thing to do is to always secure the doors in the door clamp as soon as you have opened them (see photo). This will prevent the wind getting a chance to do any damage and your moving-floor trailer will retain a high residual value.



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