

TIPS FOR MOVING-FLOOR DRIVERS

Extend the life of your floor

There are end pieces at the back end of your floor boards. These end pieces are very important parts of your moving-floor trailer. They provide strength to your floorboards and ensure that none of the load gets under the floorboards. This is important because if any of the load gets under the floor, it distorts the floorboards and the floor no longer functions. Which means high repair costs for your boss. Knapen Trailers' specialists provide you with handy tips to enable you to avoid these high costs with all makes of moving-floor trailers.

Tip 1: Regularly inspect the condition of your bearing plate and end pieces

Most makes of moving-floor trailers have aluminium end pieces welded to the floorboards. Welded end pieces rarely work loose, which prevents any load getting under the floorboards. Which is a good thing; but the disadvantage is that the welded seam on the top slowly gets worn down. After a few years of intensive use the welded seam will have been almost completely worn away, as can be seen on the photo. This is when you need to take action. A fairly inexpensive repair is now required if you are to avoid high costs.



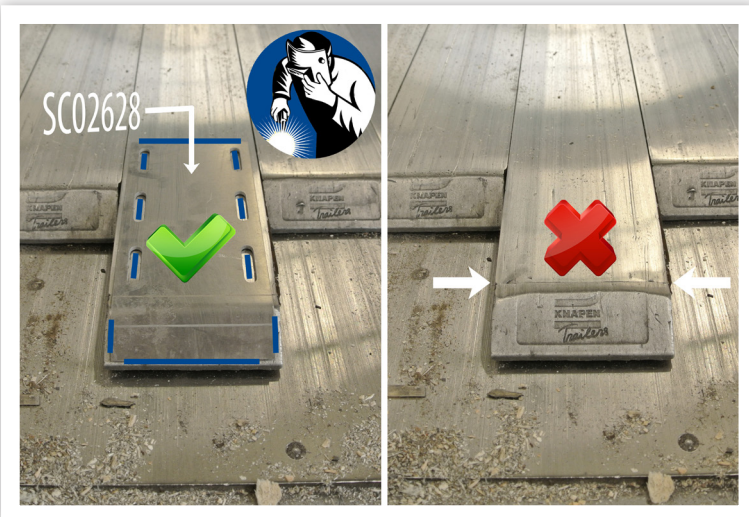
The same goes for your bearing plate. This is the plastic or stainless-steel plate located at the back of the trailer under your floorboards. If this is very worn – as, for example, in the photo – there will be unnecessary forces on the end pieces during unloading. This will cause the end pieces to break off sooner. This will distort the floorboards and cause your boss unnecessary expense. Here too the same thing applies: a fairly inexpensive repair will save you high costs.

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Tip 2: Save a lot of money by reinforcing your weakened end pieces in good time

When your welded seams wear out, you can of course decide to do nothing. In that case your end piece will

break off and your floorboard will be distorted by pressure. This will mean expensive repair costs for your boss. It is a lot cheaper to reinforce the worn welded seams before the end piece breaks off. Simply fitting a new welded seam on top is not an option as the material has been worn too thin. So Knapen Trailers has special wear strips that can be easily welded on top. You can order the wear strips from your dealer using order number SC02628. Naturally your dealer can also carry out this cost-saving repair for you. As long as you signal the worn welded seams in good time, you will save your boss a lot of unnecessary expense.



Tip 3: Save a lot of money by replacing a worn bearing plate in good time

The photo shows what happens if you do not replace a worn bearing plate in good time. The surface of your worn bearing plate will pull off your end pieces, which will distort your floor. This repair will be very expensive. But if you maintain the floor properly, it will last a lot longer. You can order a new plastic bearing plate from your dealer using order number BDICO75001. The order number for stainless steel is BDICO75005. If you do not have the time or the workplace to replace the bearing plate yourself, your dealer can easily do it for you.



Tip 4: Always replace plastic end pieces with aluminium ones

The floorboards of some makes of moving-floor trailers are fitted with plastic end pieces as standard. You lose these end pieces fairly quickly. So you run a great risk of your load getting under your floorboards... and quickly distorting your floorboards. The saying "You get what you pay for" is fitting here. Aluminium end pieces are more expensive to buy but they save you a lot of money and hassle. You can order aluminium end pieces from your dealer using order number BDICO08034.

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