

# Correct and safe use of the roof sheet

It flaps around, gets rubbed and rolled up. This is probably why the roof sheet is the most vulnerable part of your trailer. [Drivers' tip 18](#) explained how you can prevent damage to your roof sheet, and make any necessary repairs. As well as correct maintenance, it is also important to use the roof sheet correctly. Not just to ensure a long service life, but also for your own safety. The specialists at Knapen Trailers are happy to explain how to use the roof sheet correctly in various situations.



## Tip 1

### Avoid high winds underneath the roof sheet

Many hazardous situations and damage are caused when the roof sheet is opened and closed in high winds. If wind currents get under the sheet, the force can make it difficult to control the sheet and the situation may become dangerous. So always take the wind direction into account. Make sure that the trailer is parked so the wind blows against the fixed side of the roof sheet.

As an extra precautionary measure to prevent accidents, attach some straps over the top of the trailer before opening the roof sheet. This allows you to safely open and close the roof sheet in sections as the straps hold down the sheeting in place.





## Tip 2

### How to avoid a twisted roof sheet

It's an annoyance every driver is familiar with: the sheet twists as it rolls up, so the top of the trailer is not completely open. Various factors can cause twisting, such as dirt or pollution on the sheet or stretching. We recommend cleaning the sheet regularly and good maintenance. Apart from that, making sure the first turn rolls up enough sheet can also help. In other words, do not roll up the sheet too tightly in the beginning. If you do this, the sheet will usually roll up straight.

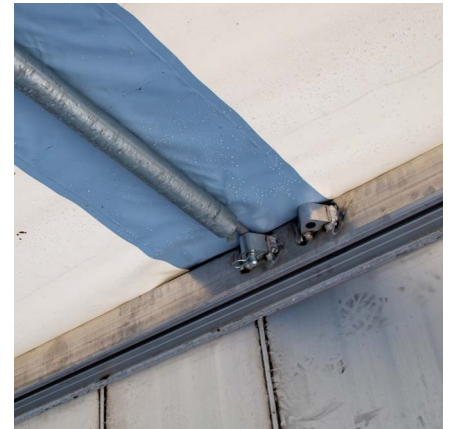


## Tip 3

### Don't forget the reinforcing strips!

Moving floor trailers come in all shapes and sizes. This leads to an almost infinite number of bar positions. A reinforcing strip is fitted to the roof sheet level with each bar to prevent damaged caused by rubbing.. But the position of the bars may sometimes change over time. So if the bars are in a new position, don't forget to have a reinforcing strip fitted in the roof sheet to correspond. This will prevent premature wear and tear.

Your [dealer](#) or [service partner](#) will be happy to help you. Make sure this alteration is also registered correctly at the same time. This ensures that when you order a new roof sheet at a later date, it will be delivered with reinforcing strips in the correct position.





## Tip 4

### Frayed straps can last for years

When the straps are used very frequently, the ends can start to fray and unravel, so it is difficult to insert them into the ratchet properly. You can easily repair a frayed strap yourself.

Cut away the frayed part of the strap with a sharp knife. Then wave a lighter under the freshly cut end. This heats the strap and melts the fibres. When the fibres cool, they seal together and form a hard edge. This gives the strap a new lease of life and it can last for years.

Attention: do not delay repairs unnecessarily. If you use a frayed or unravelled strap for too long, the fray will get worse and there is a higher risk of damage. When you finally cut off the damaged end, the strap will be too short. Your only option is to completely replace the strap.



## SPARE PARTS

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**BDIC070009**  
Strap with buckle  
3.5 m grey



**BDIC007001**  
Flexible strap  
3.5 m grey



**BDIC056003**  
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yellow 5 ton

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