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NOTE: Every hitch is shipped with a handle extension kit used to operate the hitch locking mechanism from outside of the truck body. This kit consists of an extension handle and an extension hook. Make sure your installer has given it to you.

This hitch is made to install in standard slotted rails. If this is a retrofit, you need to remove your existing hitch now. Loosen the 2 bolts in each corner of the 26K hitch. Set the 26K in place in the appropriate rectangular holes in the existing rails. Now insert the 4 pins through the bottom rail in each corner making sure to use the retaining clips. Tighten the ½" bolts (total of 8) to 48 foot pounds of torque. Even if your hitch dropped right in, the bolts still need to be tightened as they are only hand tightened at the factory.

# Hooking up your trailer

*Before continuing, read "Auto Lock Position" on the last page.*

*Step 1)* Make sure the unlatching handle of the hitch is in the "auto lock" position. The handle will be at a 90-degree angle from the centerline of the hitch or in the nine o'clock setting. It will be facing straight at you if you are standing on the left side of the truck facing the hitch.

*Step 2)* Back your truck to the trailer until the kingpin just enters the "V" of the hitch. At this time lower your trailer until it comes in contact with the kingpin plate. Put a small amount of pressure on the kingpin plate to assure that you are in the correct position for proper lockup.

*Step 3)* Now, back into the kingpin. The latching handle will move toward the rear of the hitch when it is locked in position. The spring loaded detent pin will move into position in front of the steel sliding locking bar to secure the locking mechanism. This is the eight o'clock setting. On the right side of the hitch there is a hole located in the channel that the steel bar slides in. You may install a padlock in it to prevent anybody from unlocking the hitch assembly. Do not go behind the truck to try and examine the jaw position. There are 2 issues here, if you are not locked, you do not want the trailer to fall on you. Second, just because the jaws are wrapped around the pin does not mean that they are latched. The locking bar must come back to *keep* the jaws closed.

**CAUTION: ALWAYS TRY TO MOVE THE LOCKING HANDLE FORWARD AFTER HOOKING UP TO YOUR TRAILER TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE LOCKED IN POSITION!!**

If you cannot move the handle past the detent pin you are locked and ready for travel.

If you experience difficulty with the hitch jaws locking, check the condition of the trailer pin. It must be free from all burrs and paint buildup. The anti-friction pad must be tight against the pin box. We have also seen dirt and grease buildup on the pin from using a hitch with a thinner locking mechanism than we use. Any of the above conditions may cause the locking jaws not to lock.

*Step 4)* Now, raise the legs of the trailer, hook up your light cable and emergency breakaway cable.

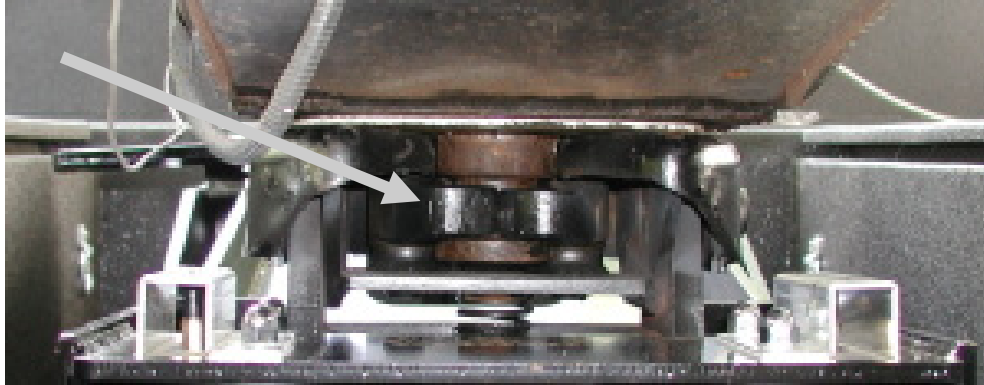
## Disconnecting from your trailer

After you have located your trailer in its final position and put in your wheel chocks, lower your trailer legs and apply downward pressure to pick up the trailer a little bit. At this time unlock the jaws on the Holland 5th wheel hitch. To do this you must first pull the spring loaded detent pin located on the left front side of the hitch, and while holding the pin move the unlatching handle forward, (towards the front of the truck) as far as it will go. This will be the ten o'clock setting. At this position, the detent pin will engage a hole in the sliding steel bar locking it open. Usually the jaws will open, however, if there is pressure against the kingpin, the jaws may not open, but the hitch is unlocked and as soon as you move your truck a fraction of an inch the jaws will open.

After you have relieved pressure from the hitch, you may now drive away from your trailer after disconnecting your cables.

## Auto Lock Position

After you have pulled away from your trailer you may move the unlatching handle far enough forward to release the tension that is against the detent pin and then pull the pin and allow the unlatching handle to move rearward. This operation will allow the detent pin to rest against the sliding steel bar and be in the nine o'clock setting. This action puts the hitch in the "auto lock" position. Now when you back into the trailer kingpin, the jaws will automatically close.



If you elected not to do the above step, and instead leave the sliding bar locked open, you must manually lock the assembly. After backing into your trailer kingpin, manually pull the detent pin out of the hole so the steel bar will move rearward securing the locking jaws in place. If you do not do this, the trailer will separate from the hitch when you move forward with your truck. *This is certainly not a good thing.*

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