SPREADER INSTALLATION

***The key to proper operation and the successful use of the equipment is to follow the proper safety installation procedures.***

There are two ways to install spreaders. One way is to store the hopper- type spreader by hanging it with chains in spreader racks. This allows the driver to back the vehicle under the spreader, under the guidance of a backing spotter. Then, the dump bed is raised under the spreader until the chains show slack. Using a ladder and an assistant to steady it, the chains can be disconnected, beginning at the rear. Lower the dump bed with spreader and proceed to make all hydraulic and chain-binder connections. Once secured and all safety procedures have been performed, the vehicle can be driven out.

The second way to install a spreader is by using a loader. The loader picks the spreader box up off of a barrier wall or set of stands. With the guidance of placement spotters, the loader places the spreader onto the vehicle. Then, proceed to make all hydraulic and chain-binder connections.

Pre-wetting systems are another consideration when installing spreader boxes. They are often permanently mounted to the spreader box, so during installation they also need to have connections made. Once the spreader box is properly placed and you have inspected the safety of your vehicle, you may drive the vehicle away.

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