

THE FIRST NAME IN QUALITY COUPLINGS

# Installation, Inspection, Operation & Maintenance Guide



# Model 9 & 10 Safety Chain Hangers

#### IMPORTANT

Read these instructions completely before installing, using or attempting to repair this product. If you have any questions, call Premier at (800) 255-5387 or (503) 234-9202.

# Selecting The Right Equipment

Whatever your application, selecting the proper equipment for the job is very important. Proper selection along with regular inspection and maintenance will help keep operating costs minimal while providing long life to each component. Below are general guidelines for selecting Premier Couplings and Drawbar Eyes. If you feel that your application is unique, please give Premier a call so that we may help you through the selection process.

Follow these four steps to ensure proper selection of Premier Couplings and Drawbar Eyes.

Step 1:
Determine "Gross
Trailer(s) Weight"
(GVWR(s) of towed trailers)

Step 2:
Determine "Tongue
Weight Capacity"

(Maximum occurring tongue weight)

<u>Step 3:</u> Add Margin of Safety

(Dependent upon your equipment and operating environment)

Step 4: Browse Premier Product Catalog

(Based on Steps 1 - 3)

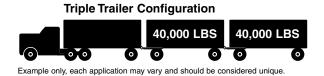
## Step 1: Determine "Gross Trailer(s) Weight"

"Gross Trailer(s) Weight" is usually determined by the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). This information is attached to the trailer by the trailer manufacturer.

# Double Trailer Configuration 40,000 LBS

For "Double Trailer" configurations, only the rear trailer is considered when selecting your Premier Coupling or Drawbar Eye. In this example, a Coupling and Drawbar Eye with a "Gross Trailer Weight" rating of 40,000 lbs. (18,143 kg) would be the minimum rating acceptable for normal, over-the-road applications (see Tongue Weight section below).

Example only, each application may vary and should be considered unique.



For "Triple Trailers", only the two most rearward trailers are considered in selecting your Premier Coupling or Drawbar Eye. In this example, a Coupling and Drawbar Eye with a "Gross Trailer Weight" rating of 80,000 lbs. (36,287 kg) would be the minimum acceptable for normal, over-the-road applications (see Tongue Weight section below).

# Step 2: Determine "Tongue Weight Capacity"



"Tongue Weight Capacity" is the maximum expected weight at the drawbar eye. If a hinged drawbar is used, the maximum weight will be approximately 1/2 the overall drawbar weight. If a non-hinged drawbar is used and the actual tongue weight is not known, you can approximate the weight by multiplying the GVWR of the towed trailer by 15%. However, each application is unique and the best practice is to weigh the tongue when the trailer is loaded to its GVWR.

# Step 3: Considering Operating Conditions and Environments

Environments such as rough uneven roads or off-road use can dramatically increase shock loads to both drawbar eyes and couplings. In general, increasing the "Gross Trailer Weight" (Step 1:) and "Tongue Weight Capacity" (Step 2:) by a minimum of 25% will be sufficient for many applications. Even if an application is used off-road occasionally, the minimum increase necessary for Gross Trailer and Tongue Weight is 25%. Certain types of equipment and/or operating practices can also dramatically increase loads through equipment binding and/or improper loading practices. Of special concern is high tongue weight. However, each application is unique and every environment different, therefore your application may require more than 25%.

Once both "Gross Trailers(s) Weight" (Step 1:) and "Tongue Weight Capacity" (Step 2:) have been determined, evaluate your operating conditions and apply an appropriate margin of safety.

## Step 4: Browse Premier Product Catalog

Browse the Premier Product Catalog and refer to the "Specifications" section of each product. Be sure to review the "Understanding Premier Load Specifications" section and "Coupling to Drawbar Eye Cross-Reference" sheet on the next couple pages.



# Selecting The Right Equipment

## Understanding Premier Load Specifications

Each Premier product undergoes extensive design and testing prior to being introduced. We use the latest in Computer Aided Design and Analysis Software as well as physical destructive tests. Premier's published load specifications are the maximum load a given product or part will withstand without failure. Premier's testing procedures closely follow the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) guidelines of Recommended Practice for testing Couplings and Drawbar Eyes (SAE J847 & J849).

Maximum occurring tongue weight. Static as well as dynamic loads.

Weight of Trailer(s) being towed (see "Selecting Premier Couplings & Drawbar Eyes").

Maximum load on latch or upper coupling surface containing drawbar eye. Latches and upper coupling surfaces are not designed for sustained load at this

stated capacity.

The largest x-section in eyelet portion of eye. Used to determine compatibility with coupling.

Maximum Gross Trailer Weight: 30,000 lbs. (13,607 kg) Maximum Tongue Weight: 4,500 lbs. (2,041 kg) Ultimate Latch/Upward Vertical Capacity: 5,000 lbs. (2,267 kg) Maximum Eye X-Section: 1 13/16 in. (46 mm) Minimum Eye Opening: 2 in. (51 mm) Unit Weight: 12.6 lbs. (5.7 kg)

Minimum inside diameter of evelet portion of eve. Used to determine compatibility with coupling.

Weight of unit or pair of units without accessories.

# Importance of Inspection and Maintenance

Whether you use Premier Jacks, Couplings, Drawbar Eyes, Hinge Assemblies or any other Premier product, regular inspection and maintenance are essential for proper function, keeping repair costs to a minimum and above all, safe and efficient operation.

To determine wear limits, Premier created Wear Gages that help judge the useful life of couplings and drawbar eyes (details in catalog). In accordance with Premier and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, these were designed to identify wear at the critical percentages of 18% and 20%, by measuring the crosssection of coupling hooks (horn) and drawbar eye loops. 18% wear indicates that

the product should be replaced as soon as possible. At 20% wear, the product is no longer in usable condition and must be taken out of service immediately and replaced. The latch gage bar measures the gap space between the top of the coupling hook and the closed latch. If the 3/8" latch gage bar can pass between this region, then the latch components should be considered worn past safe limits and replaced. Please note that these wear gage specifications are in accordance with Premier Mfg. Co. and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (refer to other manufacturer's specifications for wear limits on their products).

Premier also provides Installation Guides for each of our major products. These help guide you through installation, inspection, routine maintenance and part replacement. Another resource is our website at www.premier-mfg.com. Here you will find Installation Guides, Service Guides, distributor locations, online catalogs, product information, trade show schedules and links to trucking resources.

# "The Harder 🔻 You Work It. The Harder It Gets"

## "Premalloy" - Premier's Exclusive Alloy

"The harder you work it, the harder it gets" best describes how Premalloy performs. Premalloy actually work hardens at the contact surfaces during normal use, which results in longer service life. Premalloy is highly recommended for off-road and aggregate type applications due to its wear resistant characteristics. Many of Premier's couplings are made from this exclusive material. As you are browsing the catalog, look for the Premalloy icon next to the product photos to determine which models are made of this material.

# Selecting The Right Equipment

# Coupling to Drawbar Eye Cross Reference Chart

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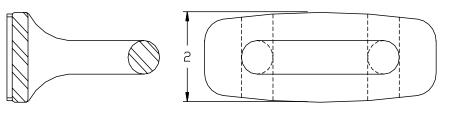
**CAUTION:** Verify that both the coupling's and drawbar eye's rated capacities meet your application(s) requirements.

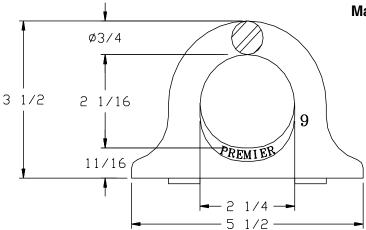
### **SPECIFICATIONS AND LOAD CAPACITIES**

#### **SAFETY WARNING**

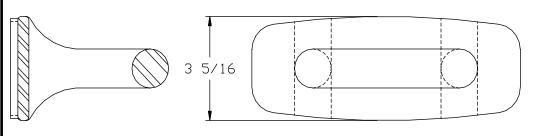
This product is designed as a back up safety device attachment point, to be used within the stated gross trailer weight capacities. Do not use this device as a primary towing connection. Do not overload or abuse this product. Overloading or abuse may lead to property damage, severe injury, or death.

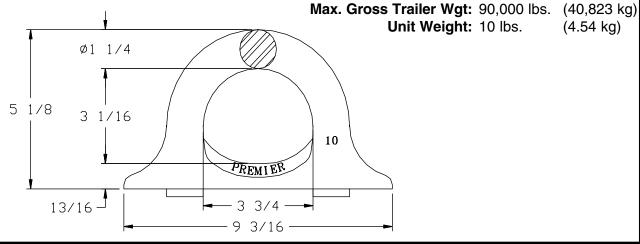
#### 9 STANDARD INSTALLATION DRAWING





**Max. Gross Trailer Wgt:** 30,000 lbs. (13,607 kg) Unit Weight: 2.4 lbs. (1.09 kg)





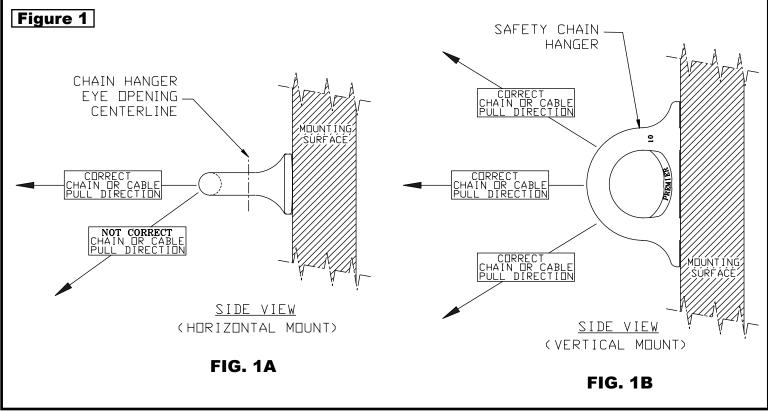
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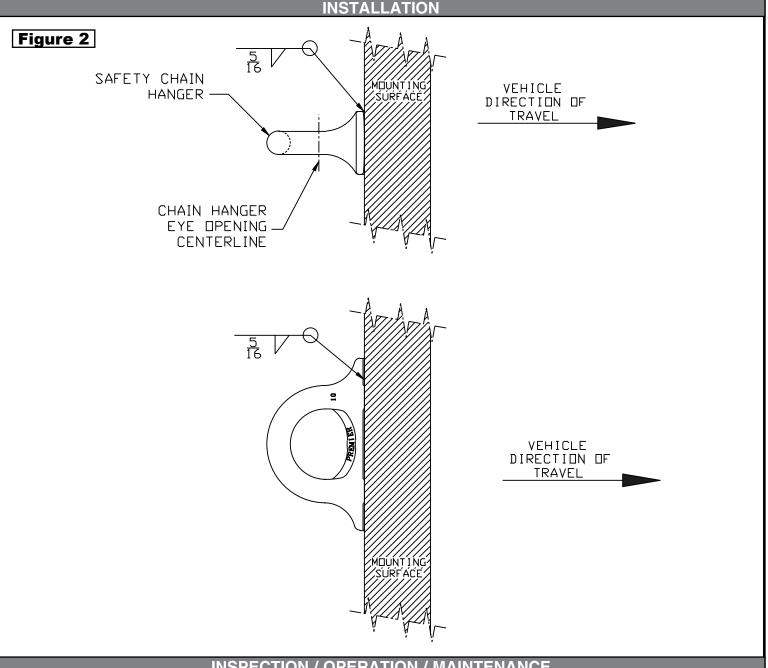
#### INSTALL ATION

#### **Installation Procedure:**

- The 9 and 10 Safety Chain Hangers must be installed to comply with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Specifically, Section 393.70, Paragraph D: "Safety Devices in case of Tow-Bar Failure or Disconnection." Prior to install or operation, consult with local, State and Federal agencies, as there may be additional applicable laws governing installation and use of this product.
- 2. One of the three attached Welding Procedure Specifications, GMAW, SMAW or FCAW, must be followed. Welding should only be performed by a certified welder skilled in structural welding practices.
- 3. All weld locations must be clean, paint free and void of any moisture, oil, grease, oxides or loose or thick scale.
- 4. There are two critical criteria that must be met when determining where to mount the 9 or 10 Safety Chain Hangers. First, they must be mounted so the chain or cable direction of pull, during a tow-bar failure or disconnection, is perpendicular to the hanger eye opening centerline, as illustrated in Figure 1. Figure

- 1A shows one incorrect scenario where the direction of pull would not be perpendicular to the hanger eye opening centerline. Second, they must be attached in such a way that the hanger eye opening centerline is perpendicular to the vehicle's direction of travel (see Figure 2).
- 5. If two safety chain hangers are to be installed on the vehicle, they must be equal in height above the ground, and equidistant from the vehicle centerline. If only one hanger is being installed, it must be in alignment with the centerline of the vehicle.
- 6. Fit-up, between 9 or 10 Safety Chain Hangers and the mounting surface, must be flush, as failure to have a flush fit prior to welding will cause the capacities to be negatively affected.
- 7. Attach the 9 or 10 Safety Chain Hangers to the mounting surface with a minimum 5/16" fillet weld that encompasses the entire interface between the hanger and mounting surface (see Figure 2).
- 8. "IMPORTANT WARNINGS!" sticker was enclosed. This must be attached to the tailboard, adjacent to the safety chain hanger, visible for the end user to read.





#### **MAINTENANCE INSPECTION / OPERATION**

- 1. Visually inspect the safety chain hanger for cracks, impact damage and/or deformation before each and every use. Do NOT use if any of these conditions exist.
- 2. If the original cross-section of the hanger loop has been reduced by 10% or greater, the safety chain hanger is not to be used and is considered out-of-service.
- 3. WARNING: Prior to towing, make certain that adequately rated safety chains have been properly connected.
- 4. Never weld on any Premier safety chain hanger in order to repair damaged or worn areas. Field and/or shop weld repairs are inadequate and may further weaken the product.

#### **IMPORTANT GUIDELINES that apply to all Premier Safety Chain Hangers**

- Hangers are to be attached by welding only
- Never attempt weld repair of damaged or worn chain hangers
- Welding should only be performed by a certified welder skilled in structural welding practices
- Clean and inspect safety chain hangers for damage or excessive wear before each
- Do not bind-up (Jackknife) any application as stresses can cause damage to products or components, resulting in failure and detachment of the trailer while in use



#### WELDING PROCEDURES

WELDING PROCEDURE SPECIFICATION (WPS) Yes (X)
PREQUALIFIED (X) QUALIFIED BY TESTING (X) or PROCEDURE
QUALIFICATION RECORD (PQR) Yes (X)

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Company Name: Premier	Manufac	turing Co.	Authorized By: Date:						
Welding Process(es): GM	AW		Type: Manual:		Semi-Au	tomatic: (X)			
Supporting PQR No.(s): N	/A Prequ	alified	Machine:		Automat	ic:			
JOINT DESIGN USED	-		POSITION						
Type: All Fillets, Butts (Se	e Attache	ed)	Position of Groot	ve: 1G, 2G		Filet: 1F, 2F			
Single (X)	Doub	ole Weld (X)	Vertical Progress	sion: Up (X)		Down ( )			
Backing: Yes (X)	No (	X)	LECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS						
Backing Material: M1-P1-	S1 Group	1 &2	Transfer Mode (	GMAW) short-cir	cuiting ( )				
Root Opening:	Root	Face Dimension:	Globular (X) Spr.						
Groove Angle:	Radiu	ıs (J-U):	Current: AC ( ) DCEP(X) DCEN ( ) Pulsed ( )						
Back Gouging: Yes (X) N	o (X) Me	thod: Mech/Thermal	Other:						
BASE METALS			TECHNIQUE						
Material Spec.; M1-P1-S1	1026 Ca	rbon Steel	Stringer or Weav	e Bead: String o	r Weave				
Type or Grade: Group 1 8	. 2		Multi-Pass or Sir	gle Pass (per si	de): Single,	Multiple			
Thickness: Groove: 1/8 -	1 1/8"	Fillet: Unlimited	Number of electr	odes: Single					
Diameter (Pipe): 4" minim	um		Electrode Spacin	ıg:	Longitudinal:				
FILLER METALS					Lateral:				
AWS Specification: A5.18					Angle:				
AWS Classification: E70S	-1		Contact Tube to Work Distance: 3/4" ±1/8"						
SHIELDING			Peening: Recommended						
Flux:	Gas:	CO <sup>2</sup>	Interpass Cleaning: Mechanical						
	Com	position: 100%	POSTWELD HEAT TREATMENT						
Electrode-Flux (Class) Flow Rate: 30-50 cfh			Temp.:						
	Gas	Cup Size: 1/2" Dia.	Time:						
PREHEAT									
Preheat Temp.: Min.: 100	°F								
Interpass Temp.: Min. 100	)°F	Max.: 500°F							

#### WELDING PROCEDURE

		Filler	/letals	Cu	rrent			Joint Details		
Pass or Weld Layer(s)	Process	Class Diam.		Type & Amps or Polarity Wire Feed Speed		Volts	Travel Speed	See Attached		
All	GMAW	E70S-X	0.035	DCEP	190-230	22-31	13 ±1 IPM			
All	GMAW	E70S-X	0.045	DCEP	260-290	27-31	13 ±1 IPM			

# WELDING PROCEDURE SPECIFICATION (WPS) Yes (X) PREQUALIFIED (X) QUALIFIED BY TESTING () or PROCEDURE QUALIFICATION RECORD (PQR) Yes ()

9	MAW	Identification #: PMSMA-1						
	NIAVV	Revision 0	Date: 2/1/0	00	By: PI			
Company Name: Premie	r Manufacturing Co.	Authorized By:			Date:			
Welding Process(es): SA	AW	Type: Manual: (X) Semi-Automat						
Supporting PQR No.(s):	N/A (Pre-Qualified)	Machine:	1,	Automa	tic:			
JOINT DESIGN USED		POSITION	1					
Type: All Fillets-Butts (Se	ee Attached)	Position of Groov	re: All	Fille	et: All			
Single (X)	Double Weld (X)	Vertical Progress	ical Progression: Up (X)		vn ( )			
Backing: Yes (X)	No (X)	ELECTRICAL CH	HARACTERISTIC	TERISTICS				
Backing Material: M1-P1	-S1, Group 1 & 2	Transfer Mode (C	SMAW) short-circu	uiting ( )				
Root Opening:	Root Face Dimension:	Globular ( ) Spra	ay()					
Groove Angle:	Radius (J-U):	Current: AC ( ) DCEP (X) DCEN ( ) Pulsed ( )						
Back Gouging: Yes (X)	No (X) Method: Mech/Thermal	Other:						
BASE METALS		TECHNIQUE						
Material Spec.: M1-P1-S	1 1026 Carbon Steel	Stringer or Weav	e Bead: String an	d Weave				
Type or Grade: Group 1	and 2	Multi-Pass or Sin	gle Pass (per side	e): Multiple/	Single			
Thickness: Groove: 1/8"-	1 1/2 Fillet: Unlimited	Number of electrodes: Single						
Diameter (Pipe): 4* Minin	num	Electrode Spacin	g: Longitud	Longitudinal: N/A				
FILLER METALS			Lateral:	N/A				
AWS Specification, A5.1	-A5.5		Angle: N	//A				
AWS Classification: E70	18	Contact Tube to Work Distance: N/A						
SHIELDING		Peening: Recommended						
Flux:	Gas: N/A	Interpass Cleaning: Mechanical Only						
	Composition: N/A	POSTWELD HEA	AT TREATMENT					
Electrode-Flux (Class)	Flow Rate: N/A	Temp.: N/A						
	Gas Cup Size: N/A	Time: N/A						
PREHEAT								
Preheat Temp. Min.: 100								
Interpass Temp., Min.: 10	00°F Max.: 500°F							

#### WELDING PROCEDURE

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Pass or Weld Layer(s)	Process	Class	Diam.	Type & Polarity	(Amps) or Wire Feed Speed	Volts	Travel Speed	See Attached And AWS D1.1	7
All	SMAW	E7018	3/32"	DCEP	70-110	19-22	As		
All	SMAW	E7018	1/8"	DCEP	90-150	20-24	Required		
Ali	SMAW	E7018	5/32"	DCEP	120-190	20-24			J

# WELDING PROCEDURE SPECIFICATION (WPS) Yes (X) PREQUALIFIED (X) QUALIFIED BY TESTING ( ) or PROCEDURE QUALIFICATION RECORD (PQR) Yes ( )

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Company Name: Premier	Manufacti	uring Co.	Authorized By: Date:							
Welding Process(es): FCA	W		Type: Manual: (X) Semi-Automatic:							
Supporting PQR No.(s): N	/A (Pre-Q	ualified)	Machine:		Automatic	0:				
JOINT DESIGN USED			POSITION							
Type: All Fillets-Butts (See	Attached	1)	Position of Groove: All		Fi	llet: All				
Single (X)	Doub	le Weld (X)	Vertical Progression: U	p (X)	D	own ( )				
Backing: Yes (X)	No(X)		ELECTRICAL CHARAGE	ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS						
Backing Material: M1-P1-S	S1, Group	1 82	Transfer Mode (GMAW	) short-circui	ting ( )					
Root Opening:	Root	Face Dimension:	Globular (X) Spray (X)	(X)						
Groove Angle:	Radiu	ıs (J-U):	Current: AC ( ) DCEP(X) DCEN ( ) Pulsed ( )							
Back Gouging: Yes (X) N	o (X) Meti	nod: Mech/Thermal	Other:							
BASE METALS			TECHNIQUE							
Material Spec.: M1-P1-S1	1026 Car	bon Steel	Stringer or Weave Beac	d: String and	Weave					
Type or Grade: Group 1 a	nd 2		Multi-Pass or Single Pa	ss (per side)	: Multiple/S	ingle				
Thickness: Groove: 1/8"-1	1/2"	illet: Unlimited	Number of electrodes: Single							
Diameter (Pipe): 4" Minim	um		Electrode Spacing:	Longitudinal: N/A						
FILLER METALS				Lateral:	N/A					
AWS Specification: A5.20				Angle: N	/A					
AWS Classification: E70T-	-1/E71T-1		Contact Tube to Work Distance: 3/4" ±1/4"							
SHIELDING			Peening: Recommended							
Flux:	Gas:	CO <sup>2</sup>	Interpass Cleaning: Me	chanical Only	y					
	Comp	osition: 100%	POSTWELD HEAT TR	EATMENT						
Electrode-Flux (Class)	Flow	Rate: 30-50 cfh	Temp.: N/A							
	Gas (	Cup Size: 1/2" Dia. Min.	Time: N/A							
PREHEAT										
Preheat Temp.; Min.: 100	°F									
InterpassTemp.: Min. 100	°F	Max.: 500°F								

WELDING PROCEDURE

		Filler	Metals	Cu	rrent			Joint Details	
Pass or Weld Layer(s)	Process	Class	Diam.	Type& Polarity	(Amps) or Wire Feed Speed	Volts	Travel Speed	See Attached And	
Ali	FCAW	E70T-1	0.045	DCEP	180-280	24-28	As	AWS D1.1	
All	FCAW	E71T-1	0.052	DCEP	190-300	24-29	Required		
All	FCAW		0.068	DCEP	210-350	24-29			
All	FCAW		5/64"	DCEP	250-400	26-30	1		



# **ATTENTION!**

## End Users must read and follow this information.

DISTRIBUTORS & OEM'S: Please ensure that your customers are made aware of the following information on this page.

- (1) VERIFY THAT BOTH COUPLING'S AND DRAWBAR EYE'S RATED CAPACITIES MEET YOUR APPLICATION(S) REQUIREMENTS.
- (2) DO NOT OVERLOAD COUPLING OR DRAWBAR EYE.
- (3) INSPECT COUPLING, LATCH AND DRAWBAR EYE FOR CRACKS, BENDING DAMAGE OR EXCESSIVE WEAR. **DO NOT USE IF ANY OF THESE CONDITIONS EXIST!**
- (4) CHECK FOR GAP BETWEEN CLOSED LATCH AND TOP OF HORN OR COUPLING BALL.

  DO NOT USE IF GAP IS 3/8 IN. OR MORE.
- (5) MAKE SURE COUPLING IS LATCHED AND THAT LATCH WILL NOT OPEN.
- (6) PRIOR TO USE, ALWAYS CONNECT SAFETY CHAINS OF ADEQUATE STRENGTH FOR LOAD(S) BEING TOWED.
- (7) DO NOT BIND-UP (JACKKNIFE) ANY
  APPLICATION AS STRESSES CAN CAUSE
  DAMAGE TO THE COUPLING, DRAWBAR EYE,
  OTHER COMPONENTS OR ANY COMBINATION
  OF THEM. JACKKNIFING MAY RESULT IN
  FAILURE OF PRODUCTS OR COMPONENTS,
  RESULTING IN DETACHMENT OF THE TRAILER
  WHILE IN USE.

- (8) DO NOT APPLY LUBRICANTS TO THE COUPLING HOOK OR DRAWBAR EYE LOOP, AS THEY CAN COVER UP POSSIBLE DAMAGE AND ACCELERATE WEAR.
- (9) ALWAYS ABIDE BY ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING SAFE AND PROPER TRANSPORTATION.
- (10) NEVER STRIKE ANY OF THESE COMPONENTS WITH A HAMMER OR ANY OTHER DEVICE.
- (11) ALWAYS VERIFY PROPER OPERATION
  OF LATCHING SYSTEM AND COUPLING
  COMPONENTS PRIOR TO DRIVE OFF.
- (12) NEVER USE A COUPLING THAT YOU DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND HOW TO PROPERLY OPERATE AND VERIFY SECURE LATCHING OF.
- (13) NEVER REPLACE ANY PART IN ANY OF PREMIER'S ASSEMBLIES WITH NON-PREMIER COMPONENTS. DOING SO WILL VOID ALL WARRANTY AND POTENTIALLY COMPROMISE THE UNIT'S INTEGRITY, WHICH COULD RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, SERIOUS INJURY, OR DEATH.

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