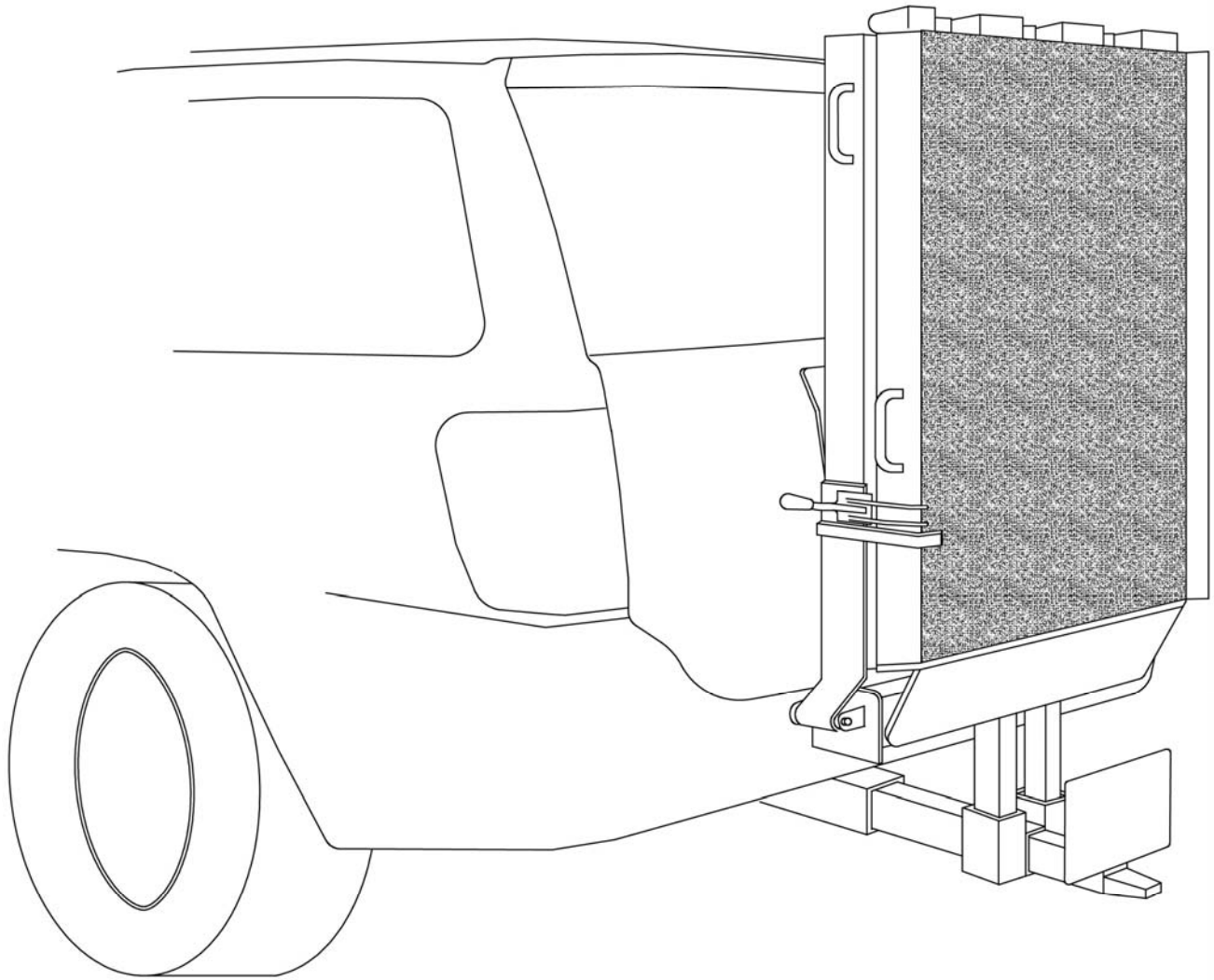


HITCHhiker™ Ramp

8-FOOT RAMP FITS 1¼" (Class 2) or 2" (Class 3) HITCH RECEIVER

INSTALLATION AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



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BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH YOUR RAMP

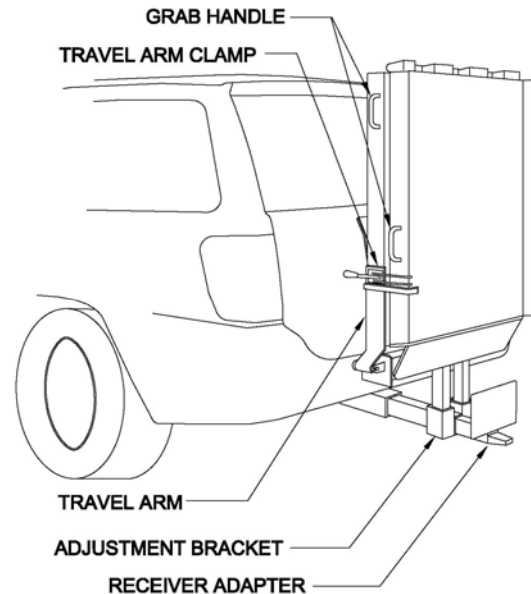
ATTENTION END USER:

- Maximum weight limit is 800 pounds.
- Read and follow all instructions before use. See illustrated parts breakdown below for a list and description of all parts.
- Do not use if ramp is damaged or unstable.
- **⚠ WARNING:** Not for human transport. Ramp is intended for use with unoccupied wheelchairs and scooters only.
- **⚠ CAUTION:** Refer to your equipment's (wheelchair or scooter) Owner Guide for the proper degree of incline/decline and chair direction before attempting ramp use. Never exceed its recommendations.
- **⚠ WARNING:** Do not ride on or walk behind mobility equipment. Instead, stand alongside ramp and walk scooter or wheelchair into/out of vehicle.
- **IMPORTANT:** Use ramp only with a qualified helper.
- Ramp is designed to be installed on a vehicle equipped with an existing 1¼" or 2" hitch receiver, and standard flat four trailer plug.

TOOLS REQUIRED:

- 6" adjustable wrench
- 9/16" socket wrench
- ¾" socket wrench
- Ratchet drive with an extension

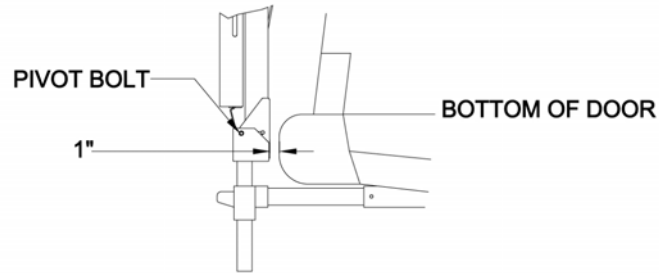
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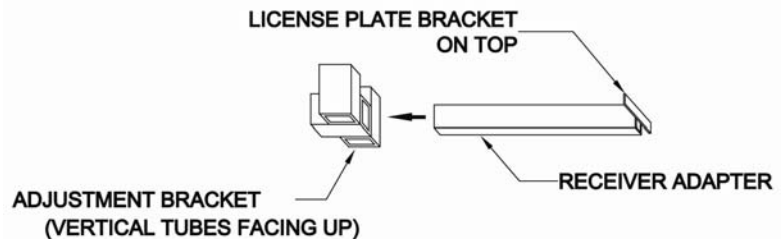
INSTALLING RAMP (TO EXISTING RECEIVER HITCH)

1. Remove Adjustment Bracket from HITCHHIKER ramp by loosening both $\frac{1}{2}$ " bolts and jam nuts.
2. The Adjustment Bracket needs to be installed onto the Receiver Adapter and can be done one of two ways, depending on your hitch configuration. **NOTE:** Both a $1\frac{1}{4}$ " (Class 2) and 2" (Class 3) Receiver Adapter are included. Select the correct size for your vehicle and choose the corresponding hardware bag (the remaining Receiver Adapter and hardware bag is surplus). **DIAGRAM 1** shows how to measure.
 - a. CONFIGURATION A is for most vehicles.
 - b. CONFIGURATION B is for vehicles where the distance from the receiver hitch on the vehicle to the inside floor of the vehicle is between $7\frac{1}{2}$ " and $9\frac{1}{2}$ ".

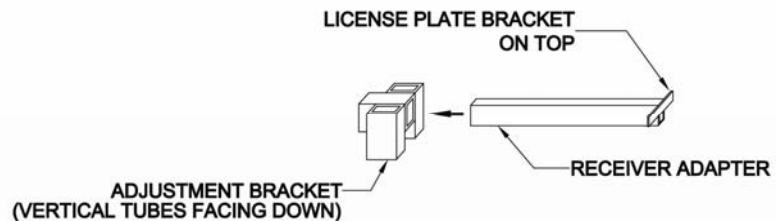
DIAGRAM 1 →



CONFIGURATION A →

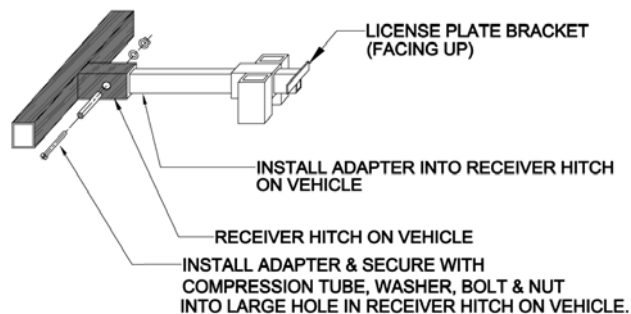


CONFIGURATION B →



3. Install the assembled Receiver Adapter and Adjustment Bracket into the receiver hitch on the vehicle as shown in **DIAGRAM 2**. Line up the holes in the Receiver Adapter and receiver hitch on the vehicle. Insert the $\frac{3}{8}$ " bolt, washer, and compression tube from the hardware bag into the hole. Install the washer and special self-locking nut from the hardware bag. Tighten securely until there is no movement between the receiver hitch and Receiver Adapter.

DIAGRAM 2 →



4. Located on the end of the Receiver Adapter is a License Plate Bracket. If the ramp covers the view of the rear license plate, the plate can be relocated onto this bracket. The wiring for the light is a standard flat four trailer plug although an adapter (not included) may be required.

- Use a helper to lift ramp into position, then insert Dual Support Legs into the two square holes in the Adjustment Bracket (see DIAGRAM 3).

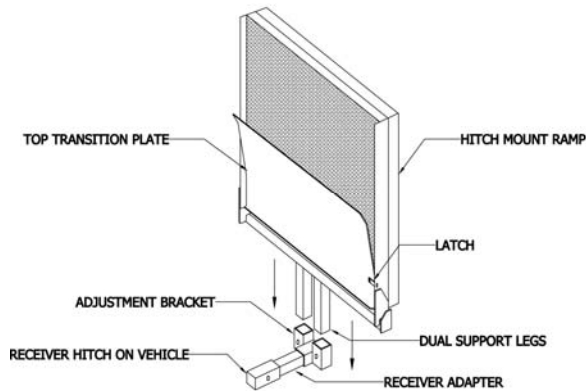


DIAGRAM 3 ↑

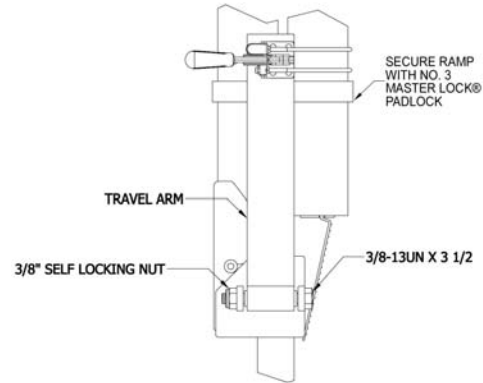


DIAGRAM 4 ↑

- Install the Travel Arm onto the ramp using the 3/8-13UN bolt and self-locking nut as shown in DIAGRAM 4. **NOTE:** To prevent tampering, the Travel Arm is equipped with a pre-drilled hole for customer provided No. 3 Master Lock® padlock.
- Adjust the ramp horizontally until there is approximately 1" of clearance between the bumper and the HITCHHIKER ramp (see DIAGRAM 5). Secure the 1/2" diameter bolt on the bottom of the Adjustment Bracket to lock this position. Lock the 1/2" diameter bolt into place by tightening the 1/2" jam nut. The horizontal adjustment is now complete.

CAUTION: Before installing, ensure that the Top Transition Plate (TTP) is latched in place by firmly pushing down on the TTP until latch pops into place with an audible snap. Failure to do so may cause damage to the vehicle.

- Adjust the ramp vertically so that the pivot bolt on the Travel Arm is about 5" below the bottom of the rear door (see DIAGRAM 5).
- Snug both 1/2" diameter bolts (one on each side of the Adjustment Bracket) to hold the ramp in place vertically. Do not tighten the jam nuts. **NOTE:** This is only a rough adjustment; the final adjustment will be accomplished later.

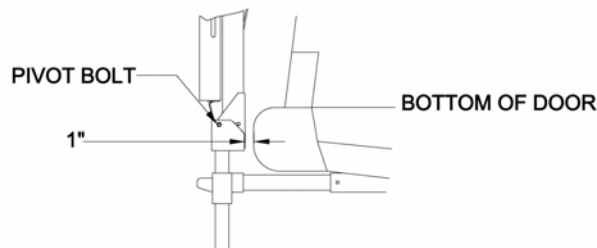


DIAGRAM 5 →

- Open clamp on the Travel Arm, then swing arm down and out of the way as shown in DIAGRAM 6.

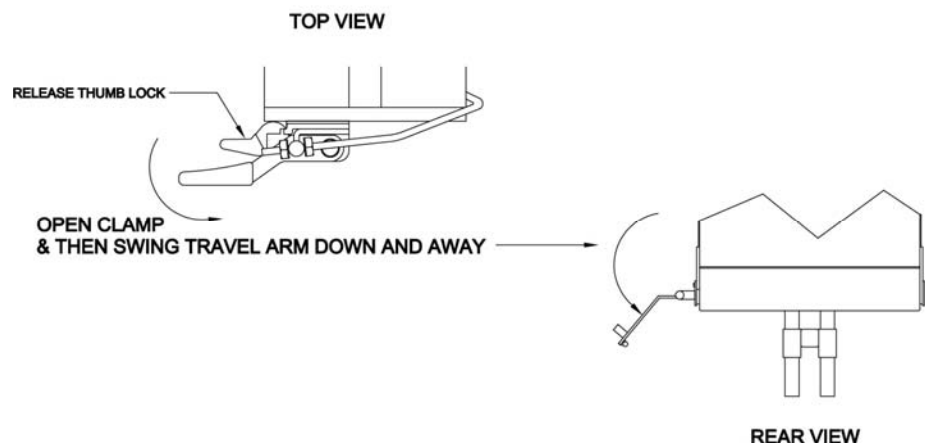


DIAGRAM 6 →

11. Unfold the ramp using both handles (DIAGRAM 7) and set firmly on the ground as shown in DIAGRAM 8.



WARNING: To avoid injury to hands and fingers, always use both handles simultaneously when folding/unfolding ramp.

DIAGRAM 7 →

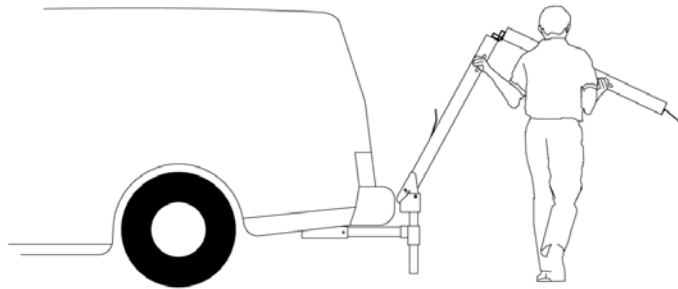
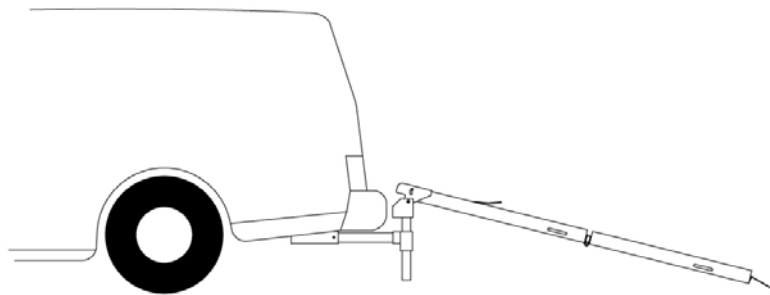
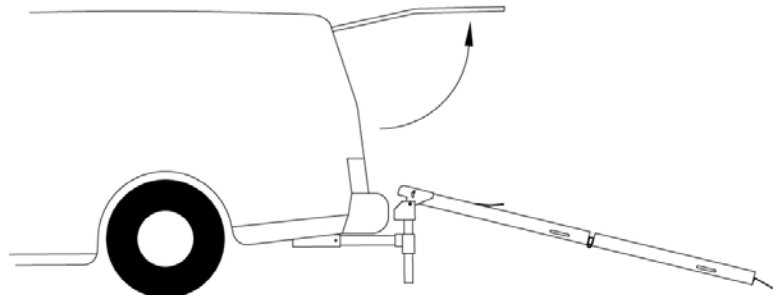


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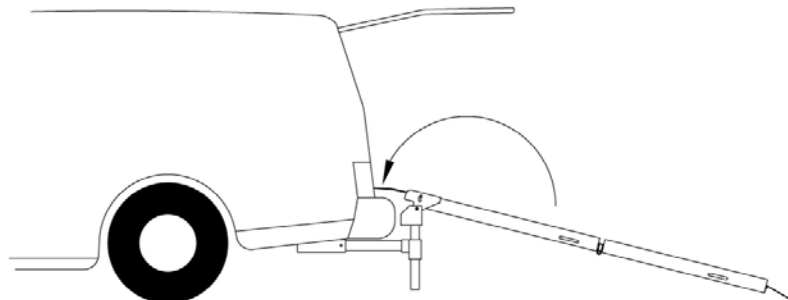
12. Open the back door to the vehicle as shown in DIAGRAM 9.

DIAGRAM 9 →



13. Deploy the Top Transition Plate (TTP) by releasing the latch and rotating the TTP until it rests in the back of the vehicle (DIAGRAM 10). **NOTE:** Depending on vehicle make and model, it may be necessary to use an optional EZ-ACCESS Threshold Riser to make a smooth transition from vehicle floor to TTP.

DIAGRAM 10 →



14. Adjusting the ramp vertically can change how the Top Transition Plate (TTP) meets the floor of the vehicle. In most cases, the lower portion of the TTP should be parallel with the main ramp section (DIAGRAM 11). **NOTE:** The ramp cannot be adjusted in the open position. If adjustments are needed, make a note of how far the ramp needs to move vertically, then fold up the TTP (making sure the latch engages) before making adjustments.


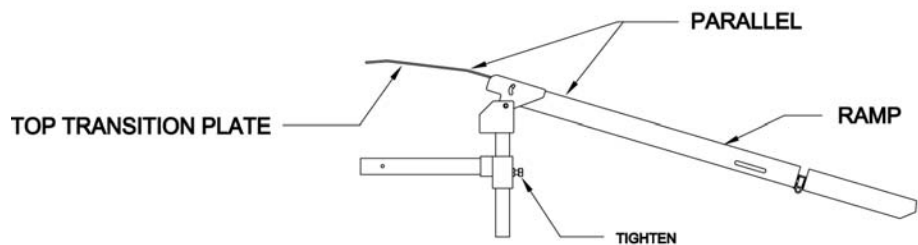
15. Close the vehicle rear door.
16. Use both handles to fold ramp up to the stowed position.
 -  **WARNING:** To avoid injury to hands and fingers, always use both handles simultaneously (as shown in DIAGRAM 7) when folding/unfolding ramp.
17. The final vertical adjustment can now be done. Take special care to check the clearance between the ramp and the rear door when opening the door after adjusting the vertical height. This adjustment may take a few times. When correct, snug up the two 1/2" diameter bolts on the sides of the Adjustment Bracket. Tighten the two jam nuts to lock the 1/2" diameter bolts in place.
18. The ramp system is now properly adjusted.


DIAGRAM 11 →



OPERATING THE HITCHHIKER RAMP

FROM STOWED POSITION:


1. Release lock on the Travel Arm Clamp, then swing arm down and out of the way (DIAGRAM 6).
 - b. As shown in DIAGRAM 7, use both handles to fold/unfold the ramp until it sets firmly on the ground as shown in DIAGRAM 8.

 **WARNING:** To avoid injury to hands and fingers, always use both handles simultaneously (as shown in DIAGRAM 7) when folding/unfolding ramp.

2. Open the vehicle rear door (DIAGRAM 9).
3. Deploy the Top Transition Plate (TTP) by releasing the latch and rotating the ramp until it rests in the back of the vehicle (DIAGRAM 10). **NOTE:** Depending on vehicle make and model, it may be necessary to use an optional EZ-ACCESS Threshold Riser to make a smooth transition from vehicle floor to TTP.

FROM OPEN POSITION:

1. To store ramp, stow Top Transition Plate (TTP).

 **CAUTION:** Ensure that the Top Transition Plate (TTP) is latched in place by firmly pushing down on the TTP until latch pops into place with an audible snap. Failure to do so may cause damage to the vehicle.

2. Close vehicle rear door.
3. Fold up ramp, and then engage Travel Arm and Clamp.



1. EZ-ACCESS, a division of Homecare Products, Inc., herein referred to as Manufacturer, warrants that the equipment is free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service. This limited warranty is effective for a period of 3-years from the date of original retail purchase (**original dated purchase receipt** is required) and applies to metal structure only (excludes powder coated finish and applied non-skid tread). The provisions of this warranty shall not apply to any equipment which has been subject to misuse, vandalism, negligence, alteration, accident, or improper installation, or which has been repaired outside Manufacturer's place of business in a way as, in the reasonable judgment of Manufacturer, to adversely affect its performance and reliability, nor to normal deterioration due to wear, tear and exposure, corrosion, damage caused by rain, fire, earthquake or other natural causes or acts of nature.
2. Manufacturer's obligation under this warranty is limited to repairing or replacing, at its option, any equipment which is returned to Manufacturer's place of business with return authorization number (SEE #4 FOR DETAILS) and which, upon examination, shall disclose to Manufacturer reasonable satisfaction to have been thus defective. Manufacturer will make the repair or replacement of defective parts under this warranty without charge for parts or labor.
3. If Manufacturer finds that any equipment has not provided the warranted service life, Manufacturer will, as its sole obligation and the user's sole remedy for breach of this warranty, repair or replace the unit, at its option, for a charge prorated on the following basis. The user will be allowed a credit against the list price of equivalent equipment at the time of return to Manufacturer, in proportion to the percentage of the warranted service life remaining at the time of return to Manufacturer. Purchaser will be responsible to pay the balance of the list price of equivalent equipment; and Manufacturer reserves the right to require payment prior to delivery of the repaired/replacement equipment. Manufacturer's whole warranty responsibilities are summarized below (return **shipping/delivery charges** to be paid by the Purchaser):
 - YEARS 0-1: Unit repaired or replaced.
 - YEARS 1-2: Repair or 50% \$ credit (current list price multiplied by credit percentage. In calculating the available credit, the remaining warranted service life will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole year).
 - YEARS 2-3: Repair or 25% \$ credit (current list price multiplied by credit percentage. In calculating the available credit, the remaining warranted service life will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole year).
4. The attached registration card must be mailed within 10-days after purchase to the Manufacturer in order to validate the warranty. If Purchaser discovers a defect, he/she must call Manufacturer at 253-249-1101 and request an RA number to return, at his/her own expense, the merchandise to Manufacturer. Additionally, prior to returning the product, digital images of merchandise (close up of defect, plus photo of overall product) must be submitted (an email address will be provided at the time an authorization number is given). The duration of any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose shall be limited in all respects to the duration of the limited warranty and the warranty described above shall be in lieu of any other express warranty. Some states do not allow limitation on how long an implied warranty will last so the above limitation may not apply to you. Manufacturer neither assumes nor authorizes any other person to assume for it any other liability in connection with Manufacturer.
5. The buyer's sole and exclusive remedy against the Manufacturer shall be for the repair or replacement of defective merchandise as provided above. No other remedy, including but not limited to, incidental or consequential damages for lost profits, lost sales, injury to property, or any other incidental or consequential loss shall be available to him/her. Labor to remove, ship, and/or reinstall ramp is not covered by manufacturer's warranty. Because some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. Before using, user shall determine the suitability of the product for its intended use and user assumes all risk and liability whatsoever in connection therewith.
6. This warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may also have other rights, which vary from state-to-state.