INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOW POLE MP489

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. NOTE THE SAFE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. WARNINGS AND CAUTIONS. USE THE PRODUCT CORRECTLY AND WITH CARE FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT IS INTENDED. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY CAUSE DAMAGE AND/OR PERSONAL INJURY AND WILL INVALIDATE THE WARRANTY. PLEASE KEEP INSTRUCTIONS SAFE FOR FURTHER USES

1. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

• Maintain the tow pole in good condition. If the tow pole is damaged or worn, remove from service.
• Check vehicle manufacturer's instructions to determine whether the vehicle is equipped with a towing eye suitable for use with a tow pole.
• Use tow pole only on vehicles with standard tow eyes. DO NOT use transportation 'tie down' points.
• Ensure the tow eyes, and the areas of the vehicles to which the eyes are fitted, are strong and solid enough for towing. DO NOT use the tow pole if there is damage or heavy rust around the fitting areas and ensure the eyes are approximately the same height from the ground.
• Place an "ON TOW" notice in the back window or in other visible location at the rear of the vehicle being towed. Display the Red marker flag provided at the centre of the tow pole.
• The vehicle to be towed must be fully legal in respect of always having the registration number visible and having valid road tax, insurance and MOT test certificate. DO NOT tow a vehicle that lacks one or more of these requirements-
• Towed vehicle must have the Ignition on to operate lights, brake lights and indicators. If these lights cannot be operated a repeater lighting board must be fitted to towed vehicle. Contact your local dealer for information relating to approved towing boards, which must incorporate lighting and signalling equipment.
• Ensure that the person in the towed vehicle is aware that, if the vehicle has servo brakes and/or power steering, that braking and/or steering efforts will be very much higher than normal when the engine is not running.

• DO NOT tow Electric vehicles or vehicles with automatic transmission without first consulting the vehicle manufacturers instructions
• DO NOT use the tow pole if damaged.
• DO NOT tow vehicle if the steering lock cannot be disengaged.
• DO NOT use the tow pole on a vehicle with an inoperative or defective braking system.
• DO NOT tow an unmanned vehicle.
• DO NOT use the tow pole for a task it is not designed to perform.
• DO NOT allow untrained persons to use the tow pole.
• DO NOT exceed the rated capacity of the tow pole and DO NOT exceed a maximum towing speed of 15mph.
• DO NOT use the tow pole if any parts are missing, as this may cause failure and/or personal Injury

2. DESCRIPTION, ASSEMBLY & USE

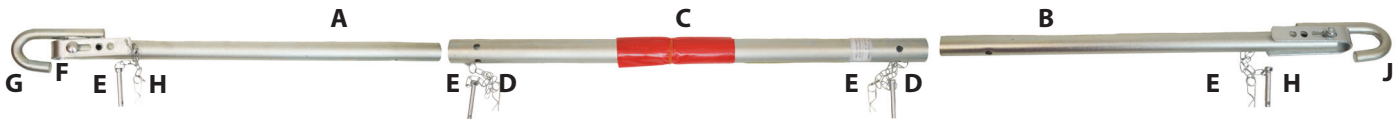
The MP489 is a rigid tow pole having a 2,000Kg rolling capacity on a level surface. A central spring reduces compression shock loads and the assembly method allows for mounting the pole between vehicles where the towing eyes may be mixed, i.e. not both horizontal or vertical. The tow pole has a length of 1.8m.

2.1Assembly

Remove contents from packing and check that everything is correct and undamaged. Should you experience any problems contact your supplier immediately.
2.1.1 Fit the two hook sections (A & B) into the centre section (C) and locate section (A) only with pin (D). Retain pin with clip (E).
2.1.2 Alternative pin holes are provided in the centre section for horizontal or vertical tow eyes so that the hooks (G & J) are always square to the eyes.

2.2. Use

2.2.1. Position vehicles so that the distance between the towing eyes is approximately 1.8 metres.
2.2.2. Slide back and rotate hook gate (F) clear and then fit hook (G) through the vehicle towing eye. If eye is horizontal hook must have gape downward as shown in the diagram
2.2.3. Push the hook gate (F) up against the tow eye and retain in position with pin (H) and clip (E).
2.2.4. Similarly fit and retain hook (J) to the towing eye of the second vehicle sliding section (B) into, or out of, section (C) as necessary.
2.2.5. Carefully move towing vehicle backward or forward to align pin holes in sections (B & C). Locate with pin (D). Retain pin with clip (E)



3. TOWING

The MP489 has a rolling load capacity of 2,000kg, based on a level surface. Remember the weight of towed vehicle should be calculated to include any load in the vehicle and to consider any extreme gradients.
WARNING! Before using equipment ensure you read, understand and apply Section 1 safety Instructions.
TOWING EYES - Many vehicle manufacturers include a separate towing eye which is not permanently fixed to the chassis.
IMPORTANT: Do not tow a vehicle with defective brakes, as the Tow Bar is not designed to act as a brake for the towed vehicle.
If the towing vehicle brakes sharply the forces exerted may cause compression damage to the vehicles and the towing bar. Before fitting the tow pole, to either vehicle, check the manufacturers' handbooks to ensure that the towing points (do not use 'tie down' points) are suitable for use with a tow pole and are capable of safely withstanding a degree of compressive 'brake' load in the event of misoperation.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. It is the responsibility of the towing driver to ensure that all legal requirements are met. This includes the towing operation and actions taken by the towed driver. Check you are insured for towing. Trade users must have a "Trade insurance Policy" which covers commercial towing. Note the policy will not provide cover if the law is broken, or the weight of towed vehicle exceeds the capacity of the tow pole, or if towed vehicle weighs more than the towing vehicle. When calculating the weight of the towed vehicle remember that any load carried in the vehicle must be added to the kerb weight Indicated in the manufacturer's handbook.

3.1. When towing, unlock the steering wheel and activate the warning lights on both vehicles. Ensure that the towed vehicle is in neutral, that the wheels are free to turn and that hand and foot brakes are disengaged.
3.2. While driving, tow pole must remain parallel with direction of travel, i.e. if tow eyes are placed on different sides of the vehicles, it will be necessary to drive out of line (car being towed would not be directly behind the one towing). Pole must also be approximately parallel with the road surface (tow eyes at similar heights).
3.3. The distance between the vehicles must be enough for the driver in the towed vehicle to see the rear lights of the towing vehicle.
3.4. **A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 15MPH** should not be exceeded.
3.5. Always take great care when towing and ensure a very gradual "take-up" when starting and braking. WARNING! The tow pole and fittings are unable to withstand shock loads resulting from sudden changes in speed.
3.6. After use, dismantle tow pole, clean and store in a dry place. Inspect regularly for signs of stress or wear. Note: Replacement parts are not available for this unit.

IMPORTANT: No responsibility is accepted for incorrect use of this product. WARRANTY: Guarantee is 12 months from purchase date, proof of which will be required for any claim.

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