Operating Instructions – LASH door holdback

1. Park truck and/or tractor & trailer/semi-trailer on a relatively flat level surface, to help prevent doors from binding and cargo from leaning. Secure vehicle with parking brakes.
2. Check for hazards and exit vehicle safely, using a minimum of 3 point contact.
3. Proceed to rear of trailer and approach the door which opens first, most commonly the right rear door.
4. Check door swing area to verify that the door will not strike any hazards, property or persons when the door is rotated to the open position.
5. Inspect condition of chain, LASH door holdback and all fasteners for damage, wear or corrosion before using. Replace all damaged or defective parts before use.
6. Monitor for persons and other moving hazards while closely checking wind conditions. High winds can cause the door to swing violently and may cause property damage, severe personal injuries and/or death!
7. Inspect door, hinges and hinge pins to verify that door is secure and it will not fall or injure the vehicle operator when opening. Only open door if door hinge and hinge pin conditions are satisfactory.
8. Ensure that cargo will not fall from the rear of trailer upon door opening. To help prevent this, first tap and push the right door firmly to verify that cargo is not pressing against it (bump the door).
9. Remove all security seals and/or padlocks so that door locking handles can be lifted and rotated.
10. Vehicle operator should position themselves behind the door which will remain closed (usually the left door), so that it will provide protection in the event that loose cargo were to shift and/or fall from the trailer.
11. Slowly lift the door handle and rotate the door locking rod/cam-lock in the required direction, while continuing to ensure that product is not leaning on the door (If it is evident that product is leaning on the door, rotate the locking rod to the locked position and secure with the locking handle. Contact your supervisor or other person in authority for further instructions).
12. If product is not leaning on the door and it rotates with ease, continue to rotate locking rod until the lock mechanism is released. Open door slightly, rotate locking rod to the closed position and stow handle.
13. Ensure that you have door firmly gripped with both hands and slowly open door while continuing to monitor for any of the hazardous conditions previously mentioned.
14. Rotate door to fully opened position, against side of trailer.
15. Firmly holding door with left hand, grasp end/long chain link at point immediately in front of second smaller link. Approaching latch from near bottom, insert end link between the solid mounted latch body and the swing-able rectangular ring. Check for any pinch points that may occur. See Photo 1.
16. Allow the rectangular ring to swing upward, while continuing to slide the end link up the latch body post behind/inside the rectangular ring. See Photo 2
17. Upon reaching the top of the post, allow the end link to drop over the post top, so that the post is inside the end link. See photo 3

![Photo 3](image1)

![Photo 4](image2)

18. Allow the rectangular ring to swing downward, to rest upon the top of the chain. See photo 4.

19. Slowly release door and verify that the chain is properly trapped by the rectangular ring. If hooked properly, the rectangular ring will prevent the end link from sliding up and off the latch post.

20. Verify proper hook by placing your hand on second or third chain link and lifting upward. This should cause the rectangular link to swing upward and contact the post, preventing the chain from detaching. View the instructional decal pictures to verify proper hook.

21. Repeat the same procedure with the second door, while monitoring all previously mentioned hazards. The use of your opposite hands will most likely be necessary.

**Danger:** Ensure that the latch is always properly hooked as described and as shown in the instructional decal. Do not simply drop the chain link over the top of the post! Improper use of the LASH door holdback may cause unintentional door release causing property damage, personal injury and/or death!

To release the LASH door holdback, simply reverse the steps provided, while monitoring all hazards. See instructional decal below: To disengage latch follow steps in photos 4 > 3 > 2 and 1.