

SERVICE BULLETIN

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Hendrickson Trailer On Flat Car (TOFC) Application

Please see the attached bulletin (P16004) from Hendrickson regarding their trailer suspension recommendations for Trailer On Flat Car (TOFC) applications

Please, [click the link](#) to be directed to Hendrickson's website for more information and other tools.

Any other questions regarding this service bulletin should be directed to Utility's Field Service Department at 800-423-6591.

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Utility hasn't independently evaluated the information contained in the attached technical bulletin; it is making the bulletin available as a convenience and for information purposes. You are encouraged to contact Hendrickson at (866) 743-3247 if you have any questions concerning the content of the document, or how these issues affect trailers you are servicing.

HENDRICKSON® PRODUCT UPDATE

Trailer On Flat Car (TOFC) Applications

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Hendrickson Trailer Commercial Vehicle Systems has conducted a review of its trailer suspension recommendations for Trailer On Flat Car (TOFC) applications. As a result of on-site field evaluations and product testing, we have determined that the following component combination will provide the most optimized TOFC suspension performance:

- **Top-Mount Style Suspensions**
(i.e. INTRAAX® AANT or AAT models; VANTRAAX® HKANT or HKAT models)
- **SURELOK® Ride Height Lock Assembly without a SURELOK® Bypass Valve**

The use of Hendrickson's SURELOK Ride Height Lock Assembly is now recommended in order to best protect the suspension components.

Contrary to previous recommendations, a SURELOK bypass valve is no longer required when SURELOK is installed. We also no longer require the use of a suspension dump (or exhaust) valve for TOFC applications. As in the past, Hendrickson does not require the use of shock straps for TOFC applications equipped with SURELOK.



The above recommendations supersede Hendrickson's previous publications and should be used for any new TOFC trailer suspension installations. Hendrickson will continue to support all previous TOFC installations that were installed in compliance with our prior recommendations.

As always, Hendrickson is committed to supplying innovative products that enhance the value, serviceability and lifespan of your vehicles. Please contact us at 1-866-RIDEAIR (743-3247) or visit www.hendrickson-intl.com for more information.

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