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**Safety Alert**

**Transporting Mixers**

A mixer handle broke during transportation



The handle breaking is almost certainly as a result of the way the mixer has been transported using the rear tail gate lifting mechanism on the truck.

Transporting the mixers by hooking the rear handles of the mixer over the rear tail gate on the trucks, puts unnecessary strain on the handle bars and causes the breakage, especially if the tail gate is lifted too high, to the point where the entire weight of the mixer is taken up.

Please note: Mixer handle bars were never designed for this purpose

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**Actions**

Stop hooking the rear handles of the mixer over the rear tail gate and use a 2 ton ratchet strap across the middle of the mixer to secure to the truck bed during transport. With the strap tightened and the parking brake engaged, this will secure the mixer safely for transport purposes.