

Guard Drawers

Guard drawer latches are held in place with spring loaded latches. To open the guard drawers, push the tab in the center of the latch down, while supporting the latch arm. Once opening the 2 or 3 latches on the door, raise the door part-way, then close the arm of the latch back into the flat position. This will protect the vinyl wrap or paint on your trailer from damage by the latch arm. Raise the door all the way, then slide the hold-back arm into the keeper.

Guard drawers are housed in the belly boxes typically behind the long doors on the street side (driver's side) of the trailer. They are on full extension drawer slides and will operate with a loaded capacity of about 300 pounds of color guard equipment. To pull the drawer, grasp the handholds with both hands. To push the drawer in, put pressure on the center of the drawer. A fully loaded drawer may be harder to close or open.

To close the guard drawers, first release the arm from the holdback keeper, then open all the latches. Close the door and close the latches back, securing the door. The lock symbols indicate the optimal placement of a lock on each belly box.

Guard drawers are not watertight, so instruments or other band equipment that cannot withstand moisture should not be stored within the drawer.