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INSTALLATION, OPERATION + MAINTENANCE

Existing Opening Floor Door

Model(s): BFDEP

OVERVIEW

Floor Door products are designed and built for years of service as access for personnel and equipment. Ideal use for utility and general building applications where water infiltration is not a concern. The following are general instructions for installing, operating, and maintaining floor door products.

These are recommended general guidelines only. Locally accepted installation, mounting, and sealing procedures should be followed to ensure the ultimate structural integrity of the installed floor doors.

Special care is required when handling and installing floor doors. Please make sure that all framework and doors are supported during transport and installation to insure against bending or racking of the floor door.

Check Shipment for Parts Shipped Loose for Field Installation

Please inspect and set aside parts for later installation

Slam Latch Keys

Storage Prior to Installation

- Floor doors are shipped with the intent for installation within 30 days.
- If storage is required, insure the floor doors are stored flat, covered and indoors.
- If stored outside, the floor door frames can expand and contract causing the protective coating to crack and chip.
- If the units are stored outside and the result is cracked primer, a primer coat must be re-applied before the unit is cast-in concrete. *Scrape and clean the affected surface and apply Rust-Oleum prior to installation.*

SET UP/UNPACK

Warning: Floor Door covers are spring loaded. Ensure proper orientation prior to releasing slam latch. Do not release latch in upside down position.

- Orient the floor door in an upright position as shown. This is the correct position to handle the floor door.
- Visually inspect slam latch from the underside to ensure latch bolt is engaged over frame.
- Cut plastic tie wrap and remove envelope.



OPEN IN THIS POSITION



DO NOT OPEN IN THIS POSITION



INSTALLATION - BOLT-IN ONLY

NOTE: Type "E" Angle frames are pre-drilled with 3/8" diameter holes as shown in below. The bolt holes have clearance holes for 5/16-inch hardware. **All mounting hardware is provided by others.** The flange on type "E" Angle frame will set on top of the concrete and the frame will slide into the opening. The flange is provided with a beveled edge

- 1. Set the Frame in the Opening
 - a. Set the door into the desired opening area and mark where fastener holes are located on the mounting surface. For existing concrete openings, 5/16-inch anchor bolts are recommended. For existing wood openings 5/16-inch lag bolts are recommended.
- 2. Drill the holes in the mounting surface
 - a. Remove the floor door and drill holes into the mounting surface at the marked locations.
- 3. Secure the floor door to the Mounting Surface
 - a. With two or more people, hold the floor door in place and secure to the mounting surface with bolts (*provided by others*).
- 4. Engage Springs

NOTE: Large units with two or more springs per door may be shipped with the spring loose within the housing. These springs must be secured in place before operating the door.

- a. Manually open the door to the 90-degree position. The HOA, will automatically hold the door open. Hex Head Screws Top Spring Plate
- b. While in the 90-degree position the spring should settle on the at the bottom of the housing.
- c. Slide the top spring plate (illustration A) down until it touches top of the spring. Using a 1/2-inch wrench tighten the two hex screws.
- d. Disengage the hold open arm to test the closing and opening operation. The door should slowly begin to close requiring assistance to fully shut.
- 5. Adjust Spring Tension (optional)
- 6. **NOTE:** Tension is factory set. Adjust only If field conditions require more or less spring tension.
 - a. Open the door to the 90-degree position, the HOA will automatically hold the door open.
 - b. The spring Link Bracket (**Illustration B**) allows spring tension adjustment by changing the position of the cotter pin link connection.
 - c. The lowest position puts the least amount of tension on the spring.
 - d. First, disengage the spring by loosening the two hex head screws at the top of the spring (**Illustration A**).
 - e. Remove the cotter pin and move the spring link into the desired position. Replace the cotter pin and re-tighten the hex head screws.



the head

plate

Illustration A







OPERATION

Floor doors are designed and built for years of dependable access. The Existing Pedestrian Series doors are manufactured from aluminum, steel, or stainless steel. All floor doors come standard with stainless steel hardware components. The basic components for door operation include turn handle latches, compression springs, stainless steel hinges and a locking hold open arm as detailed:

- Latch: 316 SST Slam latch with interior rotating handle, and exterior L-handle key
- **Spring:** Compression springs to ensure ease of opening and closing during use.
- Hinge: Stainless Steel hinges
- Hold Open Arm: Locking hold open arm automatically engages and locks when the door fully opens. The hold open arm must be engaged in the locked position to ensure that the door does not close unintentionally. Pull the red vinyl grip handle to unlock and safely close the door.

Opening Fully Installed Door

To open the floor door cover, use the slam latch L-handle key and rotate the slam latch. The cover will unlatch and the spring will begin to lift the door. Use the key to fully pull open the door. The hold open arm engages and locks the cover in the 90-degree open position

Closing Fully Installed Door

To close the floor door cover, push down. Slam the door slightly to ensure proper latch engagement.

MAINTENANCE

- Floor doors should be manually operated at minimum twice per year to check performance.
- Lubricate moving parts such as hinges, and latches with a food grade grease or silicone spray lube as required to maintain a smooth opening and closing of the door. Do not over grease. Do not use regular lubricating oil as it can attract dust and grit.
- Non-moving parts should be cleaned with a mild soap or dishwashing detergent and water solution.
- Gaskets should be cleaned with a clean, damp, lint-free cloth. Do not apply mineral oils, vinyl dressings, or other lubricants to the gasket as they may cause the gasket to break down over time.
- If floor doors are installed in corrosive environments such as environments exposed to salt water and or hydrogen chloride, the stainless-steel hardware must be coated with a custom finish and the springs should be lubricated on a strict 3 to 6-month schedule.
- If any questions arise during the operation or maintenance of the products, please feel free to call technical assistance

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PARTS LIST

Part Number	Description
FD-KIT-KEY18	Latch Key
FD-KIT-SLAMLATCH	Slam Latch
FD-KIT-HINGE	Hinge
FD-KIT-SPRING40-18	Spring
FD-KIT-SPRING80-18	Spring
FD-KIT-HOA18	Hold Open arm
FD-KIT-SPFRAMEMOUNT18-D	Frame Mount Spring
FD-KIT-GASKETN18	Gasket Angle Frame
	FD-KIT-KEY18 FD-KIT-SLAMLATCH FD-KIT-HINGE FD-KIT-SPRING40-18 FD-KIT-SPRING80-18 FD-KIT-HOA18 FD-KIT-SPFRAMEMOUNT18-D





Note: Unit shown is a N type angle frame. Replacement parts for N and E frames are identical.

