



VBR-500 Dok-Lok Restraint Secures Trailers at the Dock While Providing a Clean Dock Face

The VBR-500 Dok-Lok Vehicle Restraint from Rite-Hite Corporation helps prevent accidents due to unexpected trailer separation from the dock.

MILWAUKEE, WI ([PRWEB](#)) September 17, 2004 -- This new vehicle restraint is a recessed locking system designed to keep a semi-trailer secured to a loading dock by engaging the trailer's rear impact guard (RIG) with a large vertical barrier.

Dock personnel can easily operate the restraint system from a control panel mounted inside the building. When not in use the vehicle restraint stores beneath the dock leveler providing a "clean" dock face.

The new Dok-Lok restraint provides a holding force of 32,000 lbs. while the barrier maintains constant contact with the rear impact guard and adjusts automatically with trailer float motion associated with air-ride trailers to ensure proper engagement at all times during the loading and unloading process.

The VBR-500 Dok-Lok communication system is simple and reliable. High visibility interior and exterior red and green lights and signs, plus an audible alarm with override, provide a clear message to truck drivers and dock workers.

The VBR-500 is designed to accommodate specialty trailers and trailers with lift gates at the loading dock.

Operation of the new Dok-Lok restraint is simple. After the trailer has backed into the dock, the dock attendant pushes the "lock" button on the control panel. This extends and raises the barrier to secure the trailer to the dock. The lights of the communication system change (green to red on the outside, red to green on the inside) to indicate engagement, so the loading or unloading process can begin. When operations are complete, the dock attendant pushes the unlock button, the restraint is released, the lights change and the truck may depart.

Rite-Hite's Dok-Lok family of vehicle restraints, which include rotating hook, wheel-based, and vertical barriers are an OSHA approved alternative to wheel chocks, which have been proven to be unreliable in preventing trailer separation from the dock. In the 25 years since their introduction, Dok-Lok restraints have been installed at over 200,000 dock positions worldwide. Each year, more and more companies realize the importance of establishing a safe environment for their employees and install Dok-Lok restraints at their facilities.

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