GROUND CONTROL®
(5TH WHEEL)
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System and Safety Information

⚠WARNING

Failure to act in accordance with the following may result in death or serious personal injury. The use of the Ground Control® leveling system to support the trailer for any reason other than which it is intended is prohibited by Lippert's limited warranty. The Lippert leveling system is designed as a "leveling" system only and should not be used to provide service for any reason under the trailer such as changing tires or servicing the leveling system. Any attempts to change tires or perform other service while trailer is supported by the Ground Control leveling system could result in damage to the 5th wheel and/or cause death or serious injury.

⚠CAUTION

Moving parts can pinch, crush or cut. Keep clear and use caution.

NOTE: The Ground Control system is for 5th wheel applications only.

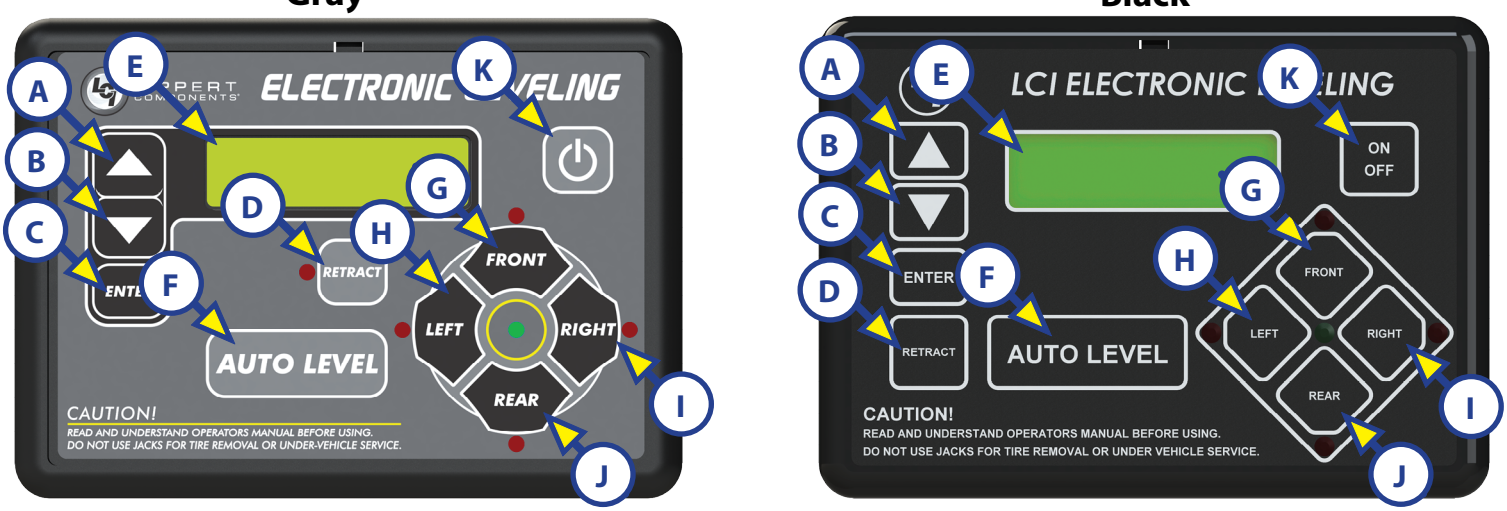
Prior to Operation

The leveling system should only be operated under the following conditions:

1. The trailer is parked on a reasonably level surface.
2. Be sure all persons, pets, and property are clear of the trailer while the leveling system is in operation.
3. Make sure battery(ies) are fully charged and test at 12+VDC under load.

Touch Pad Diagram

Fig. 1



NOTE: Units manufactured before January 2018 will utilize the black touchpad.

Callout	Description
A	Up Arrow - Scrolls up through the menu on LCD.
B	Down Arrow - Scrolls down through the menu on LCD.
C	ENTER - Activates modes and procedures indicated on LCD.
D	RETRACT - Places leveling system into retract mode. - Manual mode ONLY Press and hold for several seconds to activate Auto Retract Function.
E	LCD Display - Displays procedures and results.
F	AUTO LEVEL - Places leveling system into auto level mode.
G	FRONT - Activates both front jacks in manual mode.
H	LEFT - Activates left rear jack in manual mode.
I	RIGHT - Activates right rear jack in manual mode.
J	REAR - Activates both rear jacks in manual mode.
K	Power Button - Turns leveling system on and off.

Operation

⚠WARNING

Be sure to park the trailer on solid, level ground. Clear all jack landing locations of debris and obstructions. Locations should also be free of depressions. When parking the trailer on extremely soft surfaces, utilize load distribution pads under each jack. People and pets should be clear of trailer while operating leveling system. Never lift the trailer completely off the ground. Lifting the trailer so the wheels are not touching the ground will create an unstable and unsafe condition.

Basic Jack Operation

Landing gear (front jacks) can be operated any time the system is “ON”. By pushing the “FRONT” button (Fig. 1G), both front jacks can be extended. By pushing either the "FRONT" and “LEFT” (Fig. 1H) or "FRONT" and “RIGHT” (Fig. 1I) buttons, the individual front jacks can be extended. If the touch pad is put in the retract mode, indicated by the orange illuminated LED next to the “RETRACT” button (Fig. 1D), the front jacks can be retracted together by pushing the “FRONT” button (Fig. 1G) or individually by pressing “LEFT” (Fig. 1H) or “RIGHT” (Fig. 1I) buttons, while simultaneously pressing the “FRONT” button (Fig. 1G).

Middle jacks, if equipped, can not be extended or retracted in standard mode or manual mode. Middle jacks can only be operated in the special jack code error mode. In order to operate the middle jacks press "LEFT" (Fig. 1H) and "RIGHT" (FIG. 1I) buttons simultaneously.

The rear jacks can only be extended when the touch pad is in the manual mode. Once system is in manual mode, pressing the “REAR” button (Fig. 1J) will extend both rear jacks at the same time. To extend individual rear jacks, press the “LEFT” (Fig. 1H) or “RIGHT” (Fig. 1I) buttons while simultaneously pressing the “REAR” button (Fig. 1J), depending on which jack needs to be operated. If the touch pad is put in the retract mode, indicated by the orange illuminated LED next to the “RETRACT” button (Fig. 1D), the rear jacks can be retracted together by pushing the “REAR” button (Fig. 1J) or individually by pressing either the “LEFT” (Fig. 1H) or “RIGHT” (Fig. 1I) buttons, while simultaneously pressing the “REAR” button (Fig. 1J).

NOTE: If the rear jacks will not operate individually using the method described above, but they operate properly when Auto Level is performed, the Twist Prevention Protection system has locked out the operation to prevent damage to the frame of the trailer.

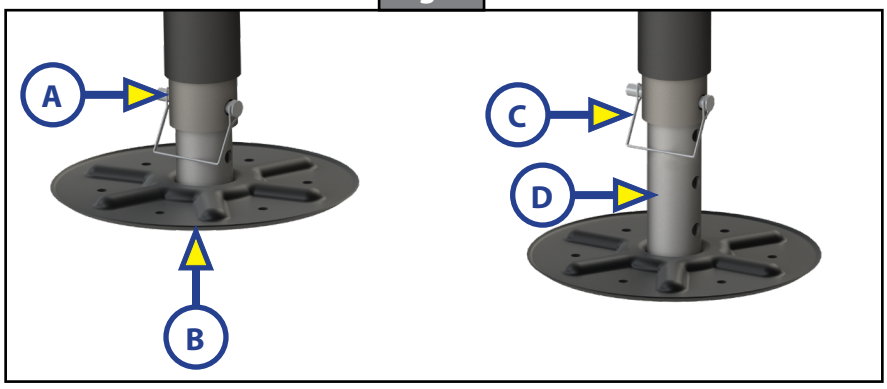
Unhitching From A Tow Vehicle

NOTE: Prior to unhitching from the tow vehicle, ensure the trailer is parked on a level surface and be sure to chock the tires of the trailer.

1. Extend the inner legs of both landing gear (front jacks) to within 4-5" of the ground by pulling on the quick-release pins.

NOTE: If equipped with the drop foot pads and additional jack extension is required to level the unit, the middle and rear leveling jack footpads (Fig. 2B) can be lowered by unpinning (Fig. 2A), lowering (Fig. 2D) and re-pinning (Fig. 2C).

Fig. 2



2. Push “ON/OFF” (Fig. 1K). LCD Screen will light up and display “READY JACKS: UP” (Fig. 3A).
3. Push the “UP” arrow (Fig. 1A) to scroll to “Drop Front Jacks” option on LCD screen.
4. Red indicator lights (Fig. 3B) may come on, indicating the current disposition of the trailer. In this case, the front and right sides of the trailer are low.
5. Push “ENTER” (Fig. 1C). Both front jacks will go to ground and stop.
6. Push the “FRONT” button (Fig. 1G) extending the front jacks to a sufficient height, which raises the front of the trailer off of the tow vehicle’s 5th wheel hitch plate.
7. Pull tow vehicle away and park at a safe distance.

Fig. 3



Auto Level

1. After unhitching from tow vehicle and parking the vehicle at a safe distance away from the trailer, press the “ON/OFF” button (Fig. 1K) and then press “AUTO LEVEL” (Fig. 1F).

NOTE: Once the automatic leveling cycle has been started, it is important that there is no movement in the trailer until the trailer has completed the leveling process. Failure to remain still during the leveling cycle could have an effect on the performance of the leveling system.

NOTE: In order for hitch recognition feature to function, the auto level sequence must be started with the front of the trailer above level.

Auto Level Sequence

1. When Auto Level Sequence begins, the front of the trailer will lower slightly to a point below level.
2. Rear jacks will be grounded.
3. A side to side leveling sequence occurs.

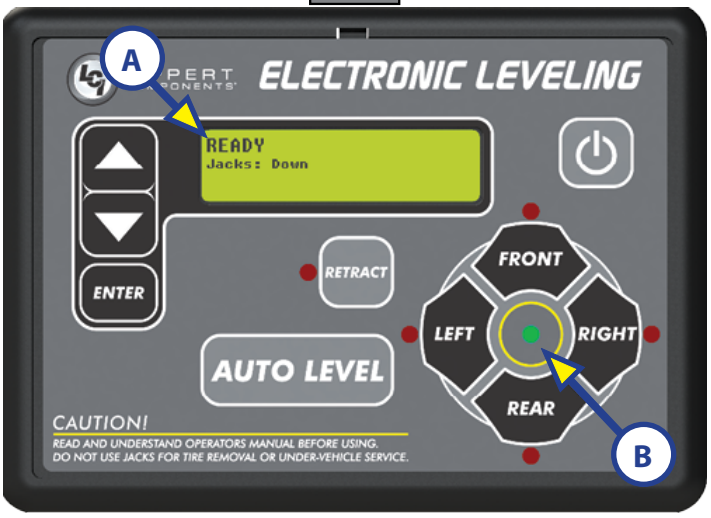
NOTE: At this point on the 6 point system, the 2 middle jacks are grounded to stabilize the trailer. These 2 jacks do not level the trailer.

4. Each jack will perform a final grounding touch.
5. LCD will read “AUTO LEVEL SUCCESS” (Fig. 4).
6. LCD will then read “READY Jacks: Down” (Fig. 5A), and the green LED at the center of the 4 jack buttons will be illuminated (Fig. 5B).

Fig. 4



Fig. 5



NOTE: If the AUTO LEVEL sequence does not perform as described, place the system in manual mode and test that the jacks operate correctly by pushing their coordinating buttons on the touch pad; i.e. "FRONT" button operates only the front jacks, etc.

Hitch Recognition

1. Turn on the touch pad.
2. Push the “UP” arrow (Fig. 6A) to scroll to “Auto Reconnect” option on LCD screen.
3. Push "ENTER" (Fig. 6B). The rear jacks and middle jacks (if equipped) will retract first, then the front jacks will extend to raise the trailer to the height where the auto level sequence was started.

NOTE: If the auto level sequence was started with the front of the trailer in a below-level condition, the Hitch Recognition will not function and the LCD will display “Feature Disabled.” In order for the Hitch Recognition feature to function, the auto level sequence must be started with the front of the trailer above level.

4. Once jacks are retracted, pull the pin and retract the inner legs of the landing gear (front jacks). Make sure the pin latches again when complete.

NOTE: If drop foot pads on middle and/or rear jacks were lowered during the leveling sequence make sure they are returned to the fully retracted position.

Fig. 6



Troubleshooting

⚠WARNING

Ensure the trailer is supported at both the front and rear with jack stands before performing any troubleshooting or service to the trailer. Failure to do so may result in death or personal injury.

Manual Override

NOTE: For ease of manual override it is recommended to unplug the power harness to the motor prior to performing the manual override procedure.

NOTE: Use of a 12-18 volt cordless screw gun or pneumatic screw gun is acceptable to manually override the jacks. Do not use an impact screw gun to perform any of the override procedures, as this may damage the motor. If manual override is necessary there are two options.

Top of Jack Motor Override:

Tools needed: 3⁄8” drive ratchet and extension (no socket)

1. Find the port on the top of the jack motor (Fig. 7A).
2. Remove the rubber plug (Fig. 8A).

3. Insert the 3/8" drive into the port (Fig. 9).
4. Turn override until the jack extends or retracts to desired position.

Fig. 7

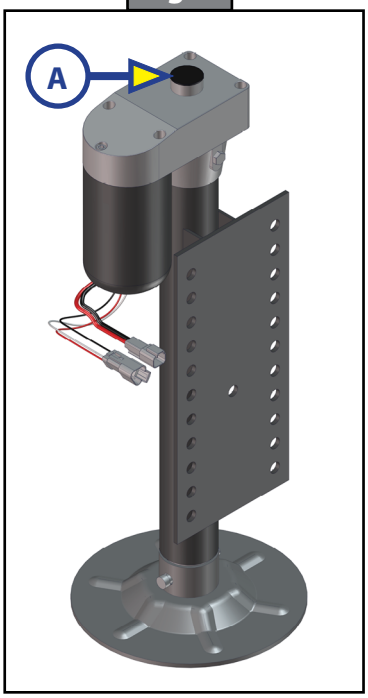


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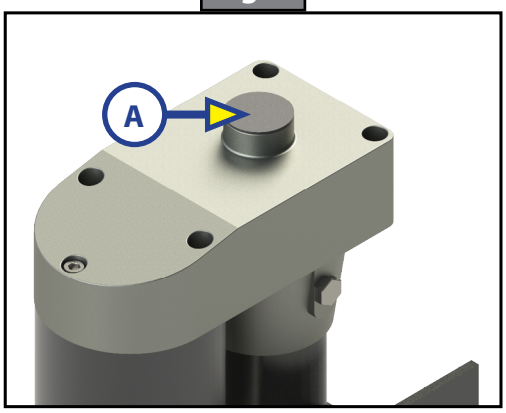
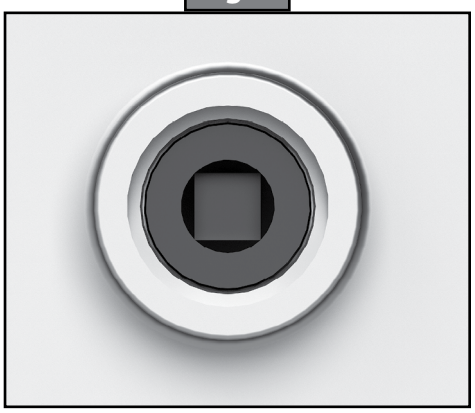


Fig. 9



Bottom of Jack Motor Override:

Tools needed: 3/8" drive ratchet and extension, 5/16" socket

1. Find the port on the bottom of the jack motor (Fig. 10A).
2. Remove the rubber plug (Fig. 11A).
3. Insert the 5/16" socket into the port (Fig. 12).
4. Turn override until the jack extends or retracts to desired position.

Fig. 10

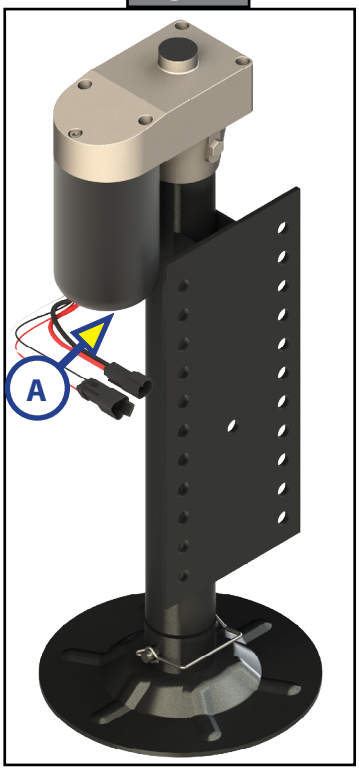


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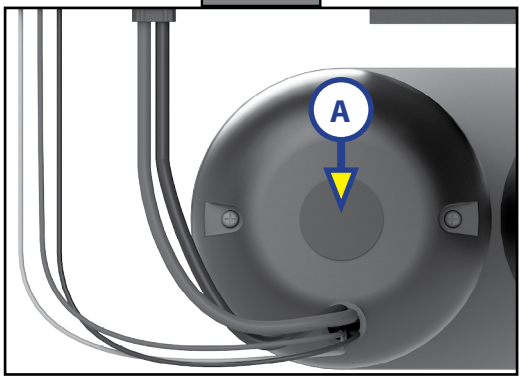


Fig. 12



Touch Pad Error Codes

NOTE: To clear an error code from the touch pad, repair or otherwise correct the issue, then press "ENTER." If the error is still present, the message will be displayed again.

LCD Error Code	What's Happening?	What Should Be Done?
Excess Angle	Controller not properly secured.	Check and secure controller placement.
	Excessive angle reached during auto operation.	Relocate the trailer.
Excessive Angle	Controller not properly secured.	Check and secure controller placement.
	Excessive angle reached during auto operation.	Relocate the trailer.
Feature Disabled	Front of trailer below level when starting Auto Level process (only when trying to initiate Hitch Recognition).	Using manual mode on the touch pad, retract rear (which includes the middle, if equipped) jacks and set landing gear (front jacks) to hitch height.
	Touch pad power not cycled between consecutive leveling operations.	Turn touch pad off and then back on to reset the system.
	Zero point not set.	Set zero point.
Low Voltage	Battery voltage dropped below 10.8V.	Check wiring - repair or replace.
		Test battery voltage under load - charge or replace.
Out Of Stroke	Jack has reached maximum stroke length and is unable to lift.	Check disposition of jacks. Relocate the trailer.
	Unexpected high amp current stall.	Check jacks in manual mode or perform manual override procedure. Repair or replace as needed.
		Check for bent or damaged jacks. Repair or replace as needed.
External Sensor	Bad connection or wiring from the controller to the rear sensor.	Replace or repair connection to rear remote sensor.
Jack Time Out	Time limit exceeded for the requested auto operation.	Check disposition of jacks.
Auto Level Fail	Unable to auto level due to uneven ground.	Check disposition of jacks. Relocate the trailer.
	Unable to auto level due to zero point being set incorrectly.	Reset zero point.
Comm Error	Communication between controller and touch pad has been lost.	Check harness for proper connections or damage. Replace if necessary.
Bad Calibration	Sensor calibration values are out of range.	Replace controller.
Internal Sensor	Internal sensor problem.	Replace controller.
Function Aborted	The user pressed a button on the touch pad during an automatic operation.	Restart automatic operation and then refrain from pressing any buttons on the touch pad.
Hall Effect Short	Short circuit detected in one of the hall effect circuits.	Test for short and repair or replace.

Special Jack Error Codes

To clear 1 of the error codes listed below:

1. Correct or otherwise repair the issue (see the table below).

NOTE: In order to clear the special jack error code the jacks need to be "homed." In order to "home" jacks, each jack must be able to retract a minimum of 6".

2. Extend all jacks to reach the 6" of minimum retract needed.
   - **A.** Press "FRONT" (Fig. 1G) to extend the front jacks (if required).
   - **B.** Press "REAR" (Fig. 1J) to extend the rear jacks (if required).
   - **C.** Press "LEFT" and "RIGHT" (Fig. 1H and Fig. 1I) simultaneously to extend the middle jacks (if equipped and required).
3. Press and hold the retract button until all of the jacks begin to retract. The jacks will retract until they reach the hard current limit.
4. The jacks are now “homed” and the special jack error code will be cleared.

NOTE: If the jacks do not retract, an error should display on the touch pad screen. This is typically caused by wiring interruption.

LCD Error Code	What's Happening?	What Should Be Done?
LF Jack RF Jack LM Jack RM Jack LR Jack RR Jack	Error at a specific jack (left front, right front, left middle, right middle, left rear, right rear). Hall signal issue (open, short, malfunction or loss of communication); open or short circuit between controller and motor.	Check harness connections at controller and at jack. Check harness for damage. Check fuses at controller. Repair or replace as necessary.

System Settings

Zero Point Calibration

The “Zero Point” is the programmed point that the trailer will return to each time the Auto Level feature is used.

NOTE: Prior to starting this procedure, double check all connections on the controller, jacks, and touch pad.

1. In manual mode, run the jacks to level the trailer. This is best achieved by placing a level in the center of the trailer and leveling it both front to back and then side to side. (See “Basic Jack Operation” for instructions on how to manually operate the system).
2. Once the trailer is level, turn off the touch pad.
3. With the touch pad off, press and release the “FRONT” button (Fig. 1G) 5 times and then press and release the “REAR” button (Fig. 1J) 5 times.
4. The touch pad will flash and beep and the display will read “ZERO POINT CALIBRATION ENTER to set, Power to Exit” (Fig. 13).
5. To set the current position as the zero point, press the “ENTER” button (Fig. 1C).
6. LCD display will read “Zero point stability check” (Fig. 14).
7. LCD display will read “Zero point set successfully” once process is complete (Fig. 15).
8. The system will set this point as its level state and the touch pad will turn off.

Fig. 13



Fig. 14

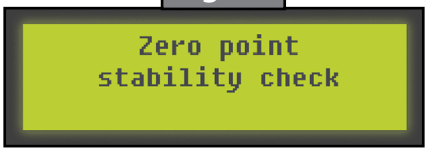
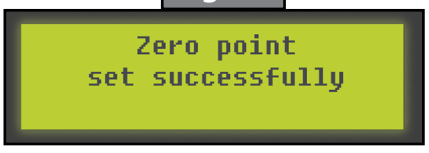
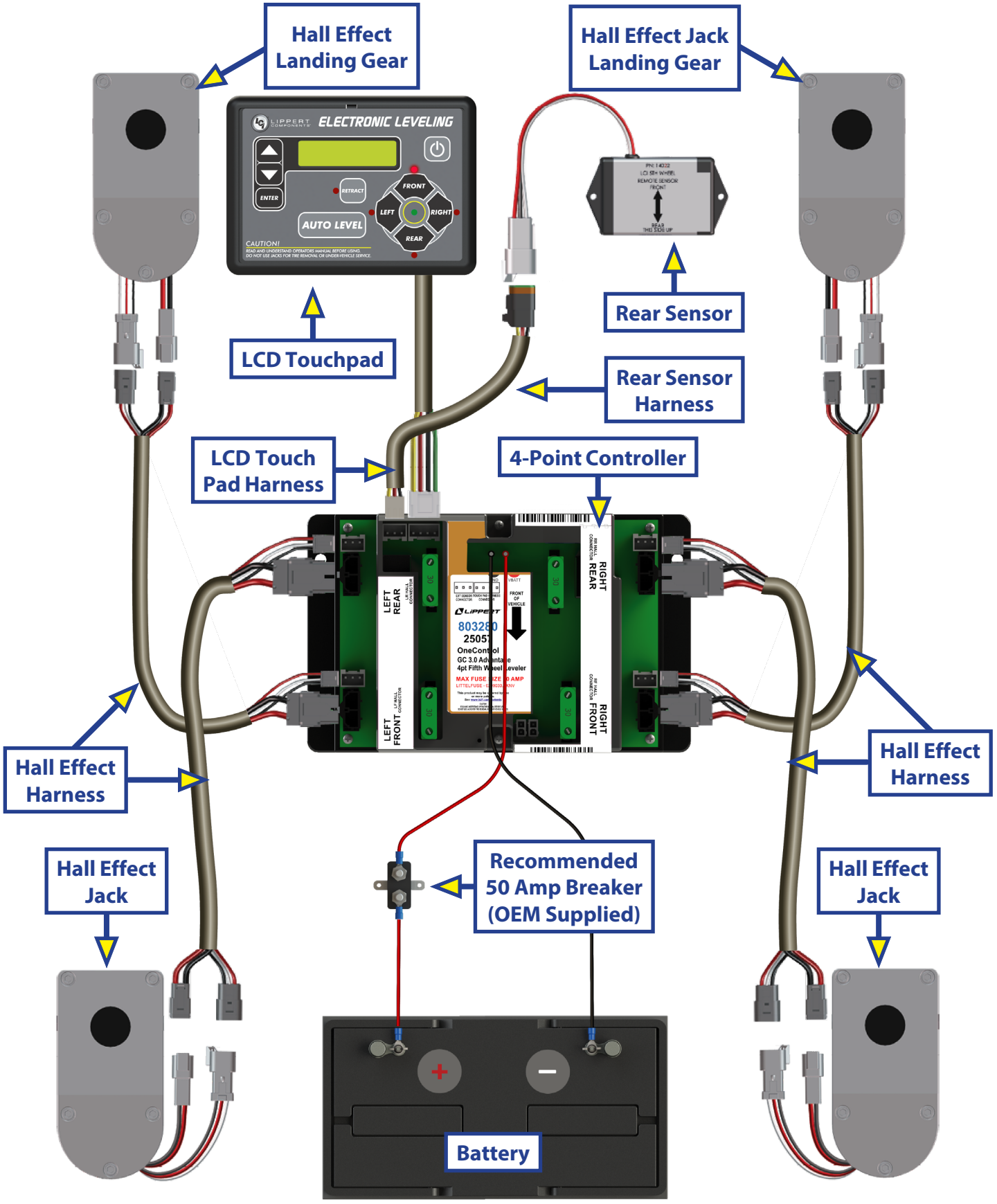


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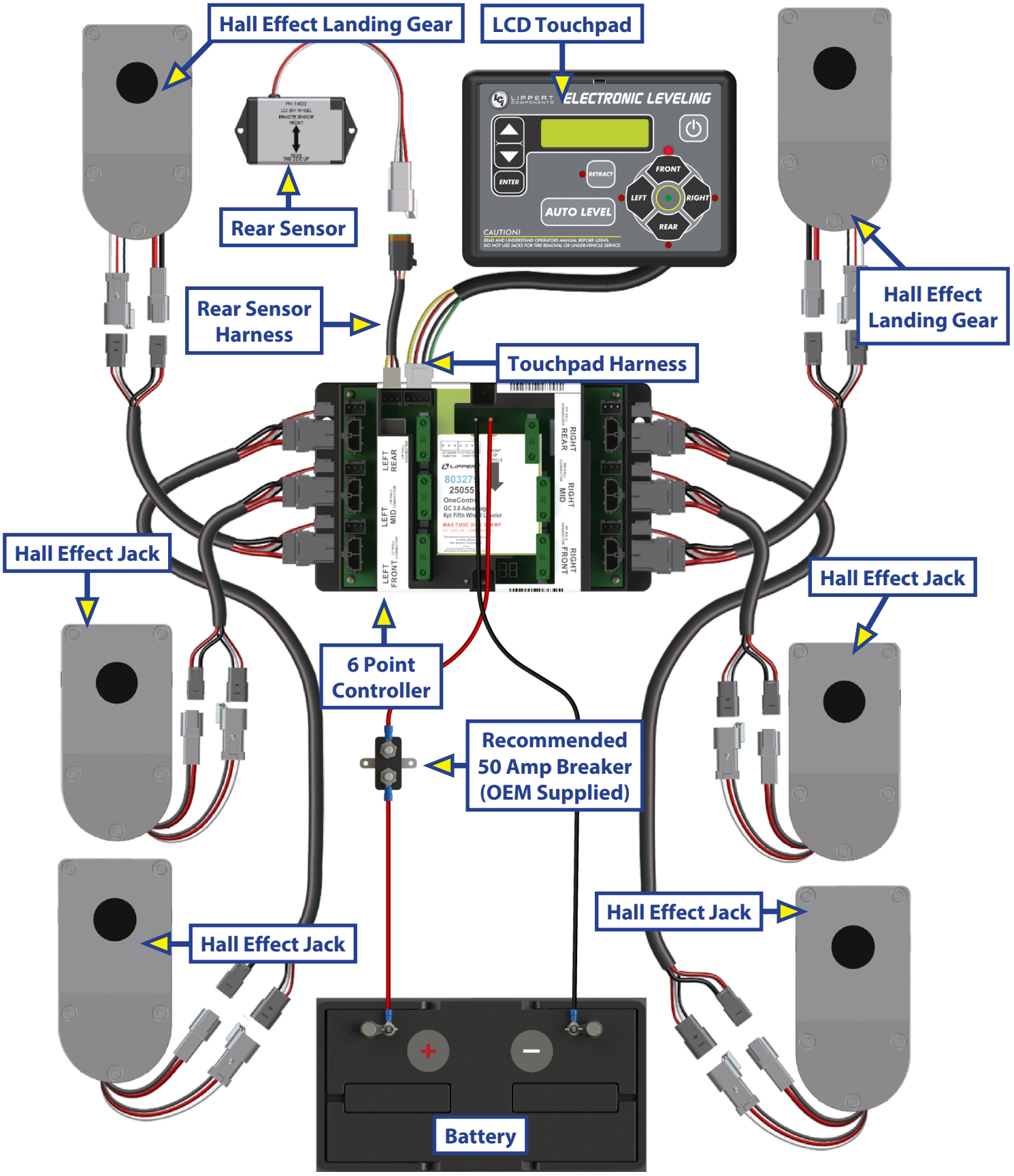
Wiring Diagram - 4-Point

NOTE: All electrical wiring harnesses shall be loomed and secured to prevent possible damage and installed in accordance with RVIA electrical standards. Lippert recommends zip-tying the harnesses tight against the rear jack motors to prevent damage to the harnesses. Electrical wire length and gage shall be in accordance with RVIA standards for a 50 Amp breaker.



Wiring Diagram - 6-Point

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Preventive Maintenance

1. For optimum performance, the system requires full battery current and voltage. The battery must be maintained at full capacity.
2. Check the terminals and other connections at the battery, the controller, and the jacks for corrosion, and loose or damaged connections.
3. Remove dirt and road debris from jacks as needed.
4. If jacks are down for extended periods, it is recommended to spray exposed leveling jack rods with a silicone lubricant every three months for protection. If the trailer is located in a salty environment, it is recommended to spray the rods every 4-6 weeks.

Notes

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