Stromberg Carlson AM-200

Stromberg Carlson AM-200 Lend-A-Hand Assist Handle User Manual

Model: AM-200

1. Introduction

The Stromberg Carlson Lend-A-Hand Assist Handle (Model AM-200) is designed to provide enhanced stability and security for entering and exiting recreational vehicles (RVs), campers, and other vehicles. Constructed from durable aluminum with a comfortable foam grip, this versatile grab bar is suitable for various indoor and outdoor applications, ensuring a safer and more enjoyable experience.

Key Features:

- **Versatile Application:** Ideal for RV screen doors, steps, stairs, and various settings requiring additional support.
- **Enhanced Safety:** Provides a secure hold to prevent falls and improve balance during entry and exit.
- **Durable Construction:** Made from high-quality aluminum with a comfortable foam grip for long-lasting performance.
- **Fold-Away Design:** Pivots and locks into place, allowing it to be laid flush against the RV when not in use or during travel.
- **Left-Hand Mounting:** Primarily designed for left-hand mounting, with options for right-hand mounting with proper structural backing.

2. Important Safety Information

WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Always ensure the assist handle is securely mounted to a strong, structurally sound surface. Regularly inspect all mounting hardware for tightness and signs of wear or damage. Do not use the handle if it appears loose or compromised. Maintain a firm grip when using the handle to prevent slips and falls.

3. Setup and Installation

Proper installation is crucial for the safety and stability of your Lend-A-Hand Assist Handle. It is designed for left-hand mounting applications. If mounting on the right side, ensure additional structural backing is provided for secure installation.

Tools Required:

- Power Drill
- 5/32-inch Drill Bit
- Phillips Head Bit
- Silicone Sealant

Installation Steps:

1. **Choose Location:** Select an installation location on your RV where the screws will drive into a strong stud backer.
2. **Position Handle:** Ensure the grab handle is oriented correctly (Camco logos on mounting brackets visible on top). Line up the grab handle with the door frame.
3. **Mark Holes:** Once positioned as desired, mark two screw holes for the top bracket into the mounting surface.
4. **Drill Pilot Holes:** Drill two pilot holes for the top bracket in the marked locations using a 5/32-inch drill bit.
5. **Apply Sealant:** Add silicone sealant to the two pilot holes to ensure a watertight seal.
6. **Install Top Bracket:** Install the top bracket using two screws and a Phillips head bit.
7. **Install Bottom Bracket:** Confirm the bottom marks still line up, then repeat the drilling, sealing, and screwing process for the bottom bracket.
8. **Attach Caps:** Slide the included caps over the mounted hardware to hide and protect the screws.



Figure 1: Detailed dimensions of the assist handle, including a 23.5-inch measurement from center to center and a 27-inch overall height. The mounting bracket hole spacing is 1-1/8 inches on center.



Figure 2: A person demonstrating the use of the Lend-A-Hand Assist Handle for balance and support when entering or exiting an RV.

4. Operating Instructions

The Lend-A-Hand Assist Handle features a convenient fold-away design for ease of use and storage.

To Use the Handle:

1. Grasp the handle firmly.
2. Lift the handle slightly to disengage it from its locked position.
3. Pivot the handle until it is perpendicular to the RV, providing optimal support for entry or exit. The handle locks into place every 90 degrees.

To Store the Handle (for Travel):

1. Lift the handle slightly to disengage it from its perpendicular position.
2. Rotate the handle until it lies flush against the side of the RV. It will lock into this stored position.



Figure 3: The assist handle shown in its folded position, lying flat against the side of the RV for compact storage during travel.

5. Maintenance

The Lend-A-Hand Assist Handle is constructed from durable, weather-resistant aluminum. The foam grip is designed for comfort and longevity.

- **Regular Inspection:** Periodically check all mounting screws and brackets to ensure they remain tight and secure.
- **Cleaning:** Clean the handle with mild soap and water. Avoid abrasive cleaners that could damage the finish or foam grip.
- **Foam Grip Care (Optional Zip Grip Sleeve):** If using the optional Zip Grip neoprene sleeve, it is UV resistant and features a rubber backing. It can be machine washed on a gentle cycle and should be hung to dry.

Video 1: This video demonstrates the installation of the optional Stromberg Carlson Zip Grip neoprene sleeve onto a handrail. It highlights the UV-resistant, rubber-backed neoprene material, comfortable grip, and the use of zip ties for secure attachment. The Zip Grip is available in charcoal, tan, and blue, and comes with a 2-year zipper warranty.

6. Troubleshooting

- **Handle Feels Loose:** If the handle feels wobbly or loose, check all mounting screws and tighten them securely. Ensure the mounting surface provides adequate structural support.
- **Difficulty Pivoting:** Ensure the handle is lifted slightly to disengage the locking mechanism before attempting to pivot. Clean any debris from the pivot points.
- **Foam Grip Wear:** The foam grip is subject to wear over time, especially with frequent use and exposure to elements. Replacement foam grips or the optional Zip Grip neoprene sleeve can be purchased separately.

7. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Stromberg Carlson
Model Number	AM-200
Material	Aluminum
Color	White
Item Weight	2 Pounds
Product Dimensions	28.4"L x 15.5"W
Style	Padded
Finish Type	Brushed
Special Features	Easy to Install
Usage	Vehicle Door
Included Components	Stromberg Carlson AM-200 Lend-A-Hand Assist Rail - White

8. Warranty

The Stromberg Carlson AM-200 Lend-A-Hand Assist Handle is built for durability and long-lasting performance. While the main handle does not have a specific warranty period listed in the provided information, the optional Zip Grip neoprene sleeve (if purchased separately) comes with a 2-year warranty on its zipper.

For any warranty claims or inquiries regarding the main product, please contact Stromberg Carlson customer support directly.

9. Support

For technical assistance, replacement parts, or general inquiries, please contact Stromberg Carlson customer support. Visit the official Stromberg Carlson website for contact information and additional resources.

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