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Model: MP4895

INTRODUCTION

The Maypole 1800 kg Recovery Tow Pole with Spring Damper is designed for safe and efficient vehicle recovery. This manual provides essential information on the product's features, proper setup, operation, maintenance, and safety precautions to ensure reliable performance.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Always read and understand all safety instructions before using the tow pole. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or property damage.

- Ensure the combined weight of the towing vehicle and the towed vehicle does not exceed the 1800 kg maximum rolling load capacity of this tow pole.
- Always check that all connections are secure and properly engaged before commencing towing.
- The red flag provided must be fitted over the center of the tow pole for visibility.
- Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles and obstacles during towing.
- Avoid sudden braking or acceleration, as this can put excessive strain on the tow pole and vehicles.
- The spring damper is designed to reduce compression shock loads; however, smooth and controlled driving is still essential.
- Do not use the tow pole if any part is damaged, bent, or shows signs of wear.
- Ensure both vehicles have working brakes and steering. The towed vehicle's driver must be able to steer and brake effectively.
- Comply with all local traffic laws and regulations regarding vehicle towing.
- Store the tow pole in its provided storage bag when not in use to protect it from damage and corrosion.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

Upon unpacking, verify that all components are present:

- 1 x Maypole 1800 kg Recovery Tow Pole with Spring Damper
- 1 x Red Flag

- 1 x Storage Bag



Figure 1: The Maypole 1800 kg Recovery Tow Pole as packaged, showing the product name and key features on the box.

SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to properly set up the tow pole for use:

1. Remove the tow pole and all accessories from the storage bag.
2. Extend the tow pole sections and ensure they are securely locked into place. Some models may require aligning pins or twisting sections until they click.
3. Locate the towing eyes or designated towing points on both the towing vehicle and the vehicle to be towed. Refer to your vehicle's owner's manual for precise locations.
4. Attach one end of the tow pole to the towing vehicle's towing eye. Ensure the connection is firm and cannot accidentally detach.
5. Attach the other end of the tow pole to the towed vehicle's towing eye. Again, confirm a secure connection.
6. Slide the provided red flag over the center section of the tow pole. This flag enhances visibility for other road users.
7. Before moving, double-check all connections and ensure the tow pole is not obstructed by any vehicle parts.



Figure 2: The tow pole securely connected between the front of a towed vehicle and the rear of a towing vehicle, demonstrating proper attachment.

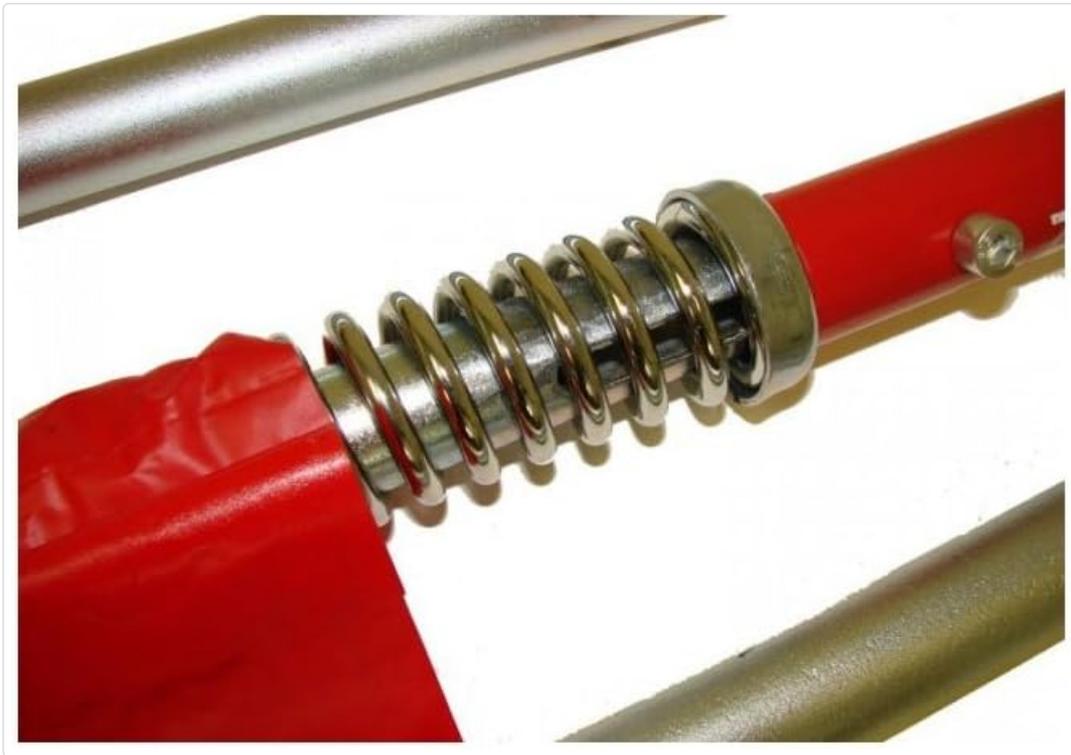


Figure 3: A detailed view of the integrated spring damper, which helps absorb compression shock loads during towing.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the tow pole is securely attached and safety checks are complete, proceed with towing:

- **Communication:** Establish clear communication between the drivers of both vehicles. Hand signals or two-way radios are recommended.
- **Starting:** The towing vehicle should start slowly and smoothly to avoid sudden jerks.
- **Driving:** Maintain a consistent, moderate speed. Avoid sudden turns, braking, or acceleration. The spring damper will help absorb minor shocks, but smooth driving is paramount.
- **Braking:** The driver of the towed vehicle should anticipate braking and apply their brakes gently in conjunction with the towing vehicle. The tow pole allows the towing vehicle to brake for both, but the towed vehicle's brakes should still be used to assist and maintain control.
- **Turns:** Take wide turns to prevent the tow pole from contacting either vehicle or becoming overstressed.
- **Monitoring:** Periodically check the tow pole and connections during the journey to ensure they remain secure.
- **Stopping:** Come to a gradual stop. Once stopped, ensure both vehicles are stable before detaching the tow pole.

MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance extends the life of your tow pole and ensures its safe operation:

- **Cleaning:** After each use, clean the tow pole to remove dirt, mud, and road grime. Use a damp cloth and mild detergent if necessary.
- **Drying:** Ensure the tow pole is completely dry before storing to prevent rust and corrosion.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the tow pole for any signs of damage, such as bends, cracks, excessive wear on connections, or corrosion. Pay close attention to the spring damper mechanism.
- **Lubrication:** Lightly lubricate moving parts and connection points periodically to ensure smooth operation and prevent seizing.
- **Storage:** Store the tow pole in its original storage bag in a dry, cool place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.

- **Damaged Parts:** Do not attempt to repair damaged components. Replace the entire tow pole if any critical part is compromised.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues while using the tow pole, consider the following:

- **Difficulty Connecting:**
 - Ensure the towing eyes on both vehicles are clear of obstructions.
 - Verify that the tow pole's hooks are correctly aligned with the towing eyes.
 - Check for any deformation on the hooks or towing eyes that might prevent a secure fit.
- **Excessive Jerking During Towing:**
 - This often indicates sudden acceleration or braking. Ensure both drivers are operating their vehicles smoothly.
 - Check if the spring damper is functioning correctly and not seized.
 - Verify the weight of the towed vehicle does not exceed the tow pole's capacity.
- **Tow Pole Appears Bent or Damaged:**
 - Immediately cease towing.
 - Inspect the tow pole for any visible damage.
 - **Do not use a damaged tow pole.** Replace it with a new one.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	MP4895
Maximum Rolling Load	1800 kg
Features	Spring Damper, Red Flag, Storage Bag
Certifications	TUV/GS Approved
Item Weight	12.92 pounds (approx. 5.86 kg)
Package Dimensions	33.46 x 4.72 x 1.97 inches (approx. 85 x 12 x 5 cm)

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or inquiries regarding your Maypole 1800 kg Recovery Tow Pole, please contact Maypole customer service. Refer to the product packaging or the official Maypole website for contact details.

While specific warranty details are not provided in this manual, please retain your proof of purchase for any warranty claims or product support needs.

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