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## Stromberg Carlson 0402.1225

# Stromberg Carlson FP1001-R Lend-A-Hand Foam Grip Instruction Manual

Model: 0402.1225 | Brand: Stromberg Carlson

## 1. Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your Stromberg Carlson FP1001-R Lend-A-Hand Foam Grip. Please read all instructions carefully before proceeding with installation to ensure safe and effective use of the product.

## 2. Safety Information

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment during installation.
- Ensure the mounting surface (railing) is clean, free of burrs, and structurally sound before installation.
- Use caution when applying lubricants to avoid slips or falls.
- Keep small parts and tools away from children.
- Refer to manufacturer recommendations for proper fit and application.

## 3. Package Contents

Verify that all components are present before beginning installation:

- 1x Stromberg Carlson FP1001-R Lend-A-Hand Foam Grip
- Mounting hardware (new bolts and springs)

## 4. Installation Instructions

The following steps outline the process for installing the foam grip onto your assist railing. Patience and proper technique are key for a successful installation.

### 4.1. Preparation

1. Remove the existing grip (if any) and thoroughly clean the metal assist railing. Ensure the railing is completely stripped and free of any nicks, burrs, or residue.

2. Gather necessary tools: a mild soap and water solution or rubbing alcohol, and optionally, large zip ties and an air compressor with a rubber-tipped blow nozzle.

### 4.2. Applying Lubrication

Apply a generous amount of lubricant to both the inside of the new foam grip and the metal railing. A mild soap and water solution or rubbing alcohol is recommended as it will evaporate without leaving residue. Avoid oil-based lubricants.

### 4.3. Grip Installation

The grip is designed for a tight fit to ensure security. This step requires careful attention:

1. Begin by sliding the foam grip onto the end of the railing.
2. **Optional: Using Zip Ties:** If the grip is particularly difficult to start, you can use three long and wide zip ties. Insert the zip ties between the grip and the metal railing, with the ribbed portion of the zip ties facing the metal (not the rubber). This helps create a channel for air/lubricant and reduces friction.
3. **Gradual Advancement:** Slowly work the grip up the railing, turning it side-to-side as you push. Advance it a quarter-inch at a time, ensuring the entire grip moves evenly to prevent stretching or tearing.
4. **Optional: Using an Air Compressor:** If available, an air compressor can significantly ease installation. Once the grip is partially on, insert the rubber-tipped air nozzle into the open end of the grip and apply air pressure (e.g., 80 PSI). The air will create a cushion, allowing the grip to slide more easily. Continue to work the grip up the railing while applying air.
5. Continue until the grip is fully seated in the desired position on the railing. The lubricant will dry, securing the grip in place.

### 4.4. Hardware Installation

Once the foam grip is installed, reattach the assist railing using the provided new bolts and springs. The new hardware, often featuring bolts with nylon inserts, simplifies reassembly compared to original pin and spring clip designs.



**Figure 1:** The Stromberg Carlson FP1001-R Lend-A-Hand Foam Grip installed on an assist railing. The black foam provides a comfortable and secure handle.

## 5. Operating Instructions

The Stromberg Carlson FP1001-R Lend-A-Hand Foam Grip is designed to provide a comfortable and secure handhold on assist railings. Once properly installed, no specific operational steps are required. Simply use the grip as intended for support and stability.

## 6. Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and effectiveness of your foam grip:

- **Cleaning:** Clean the foam grip periodically with mild soap and water. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners that could damage the material.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the grip for signs of wear, tearing, or damage. If the grip becomes significantly worn or damaged, replace it to maintain safety and comfort.
- **Secure Fit:** Ensure the grip remains securely in place on the railing. If it begins to slip, re-evaluate the installation or consider replacement.

## 7. Troubleshooting

Common issues and their solutions:

- **Difficulty Installing the Grip:**
  - Ensure ample lubrication (soap and water or rubbing alcohol) is applied to both the railing and the inside of the grip.
  - Use the zip tie method as described in Section 4.3 to reduce friction.
  - If available, use an air compressor to assist in sliding the grip.
  - Work the grip slowly and evenly, avoiding excessive force that could cause tearing.
- **Grip Tears During Installation:**
  - This often indicates insufficient lubrication or uneven force during installation. Ensure the railing is smooth and free of sharp edges.
  - Re-attempt installation with a new grip, focusing on thorough lubrication and gradual, even pressure.

## 8. Specifications

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| **Brand** | Stromberg Carlson |
| **Model Number** | 0402.1225 |
| **Material** | Stainless Steel (referring to the railing component the grip fits on) |
| **Color** | Black |
| **Product Dimensions** | 1"L x 1"W (grip dimensions) |
| **Item Weight** | 2.11 ounces |
| **UPC** | 767773516366 |

## 9. Warranty Information

Specific warranty details for the Stromberg Carlson FP1001-R Lend-A-Hand Foam Grip are not provided in this manual. Please contact Stromberg Carlson directly or refer to their official website for current warranty terms and conditions.

## 10. Customer Support

For technical assistance, replacement parts, or further inquiries regarding your Stromberg Carlson FP1001-R Lend-A-Hand Foam Grip, please contact Stromberg Carlson customer support through their official channels. Contact information can typically be found on the product packaging or their corporate website.

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