

# Owner's Manual Vision<sup>®</sup> Platform System

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Please read and understand this Owner's Manual before working with or using the Vision Platform System.

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# SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

#### GENERAL

Throughout this manual you will find **CAUTIONS** and **WARNINGS** which are defined as follows.

- WARNING means that failure to follow the instruction may result in serious injury or death.
- **CAUTION** means that failure to follow the instruction may result in serious injury or damage to property.

Read all of these safety instructions before setting up the Vision PLatform System.

#### SETUP

### **A** CAUTION

Make sure that anyone working on the Vision Platform System has read and understands this manual.

### **A**CAUTION

Failure to comply with Warnings and Cautions in this document and posted on the system equipment can result in damage to property or serious injury. **A**CAUTION

Some setup steps require two people to avoid injury.

### GUARD RAILS

The guard rails are indicators of the perimeter of the platform, and are not intended as a universal restraint.

**WARNING** 

Guard Rails could collapse if excess weight or pressure is applied.

### WARNING

- Never use Guard Rails as:
- As a crowd barrier
- As a perch
- As a tie-down.

### TRANSPORT/STORAGE CARTS

Secure the cart straps promptly, and never move loaded carts unless their straps are properly secured. Be especially careful that trusses are secured.

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Components can fall unless stacked and secured properly on carts.

#### STEP STRINGERS

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To avoid injury, keep hands clear from between step stringers. Use the provided handles when moving.

#### ATTACHMENT BRACKET



# SAFETY PRECAUTIONS (CONTINUED)

#### Adjustment Knobs

### WARNING

Stairway is unsafe if adjustment knobs are not secured.

#### HANDRAILS



Stairway is unsafe if handrails are not properly secured with pins.

### **IMPORTANT USER INFORMATION**

#### GENERAL

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#### INTENDED USE

- This product is designed to be a platform elevation for vocal or instrumental groups.
- This product is intended for indoor use in normal ambient temperature and humidity conditions it must not be exposed to prolonged outside weather conditions.
- This product is intended to be installed only as described in these instructions.

# WARRANTY

The Vision Platform System is guaranteed free of defects in materials and workmanship for five full years.

Our guarantee assures you of either a full refund or repair or replacement of the defective materials or workmanship without charge, at the discretion of our Customer Service Department. Just call a Customer Service Representative at 1-800-887-7145 and state the reason you are dissatisfied. If a product return is necessary, your representative will issue a return authorization. This is your sole remedy for breach of this warranty.

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### INTRODUCTION

The Vision Platform System is constructed with:

- 4' x 4' (122 x 122 cm) square decks
- Trusses in 4' (122 cm), 8' (244 cm), and 12' (366 cm) lengths
- Columns are available in the following heights: 36"–54" (91-137 cm), 48"–78" (122-198 cm) and 54"–84" (137-213 cm).

Back and side guard rails should be used with all platform elevations. The Vision guard rail system consists of 4' (122 cm) rail/curb sections that quickly and securely attach to the trusses. The rails are located 30" (76 cm) and 42" (107 cm) above the deck surface.

Adjustable-height stairways are available in the following models:

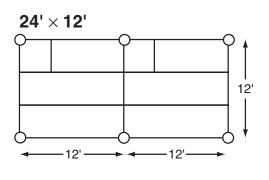
- 4-Step Stairway 16" to 32" (41 to 81 cm)
- 6-Step Stairway 24" to 48" (61 to 122 cm)
- 8-Step Stairway 32" to 64" (81 to 163 cm)
- 9-Step Stairway 36" to 72" (91 to 183 cm).

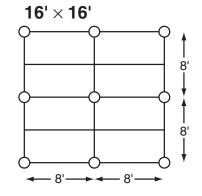
To give your platform a more formal, finished look, drapery skirting and drapery backdrops are available from Wenger.

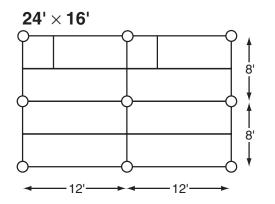
Transport/storage carts are available for the decks, trusses, columns, and guard rails.

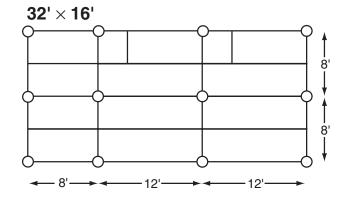
# TYPICAL STAGE LAYOUTS

The following diagrams show truss and column placement for typical stages (individual decks are not indicated).

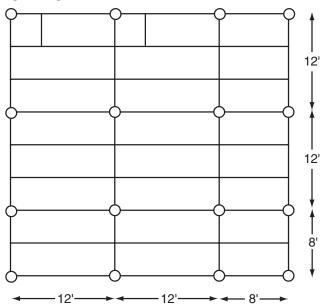






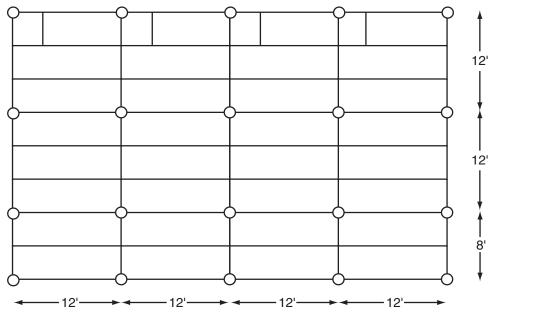


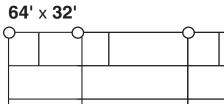
32' × 32'

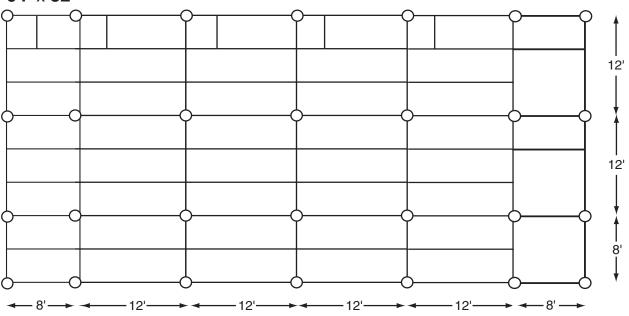


### TYPICAL STAGE LAYOUTS (CONTINUED)

**48'** x **32'** 







TYPICAL STAGE LAYOUTS (CONTINUED)

# TO SETUP PLATFORMS

- **NOTE:** The following instructions show how to construct a platform using 12' trusses. The procedure is similar when 4' or 8' trusses are used.
- **NOTE:** If guard rails will be installed on a platform that contains 4' trusses, place the 4' trusses at the rear of the platform (to provide the most rigid possible support for the rails).
- **NOTE:** If guard rails will be installed on a platform that uses 12' trusses along the guardrail locations, place an extra 4' truss at one of the intermediate locations (to provide the most rigid possible support for the rails).

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Some setup steps require two people to avoid injury.

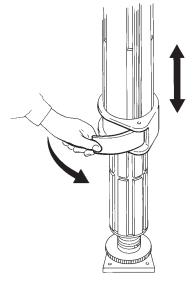
#### TOOLS REQUIRED

- · Power screw gun (optional), for fine height adjustment
- Carpenter's level
- Tape measure.

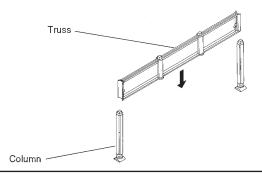
#### SETUP

- 1. Plan the stage layout.
- 2. Move the platform components to the setup area using the storage/transport carts.
- 3. Remove two columns from their cart. If they have telescoping legs, adjust their gross height as shown.

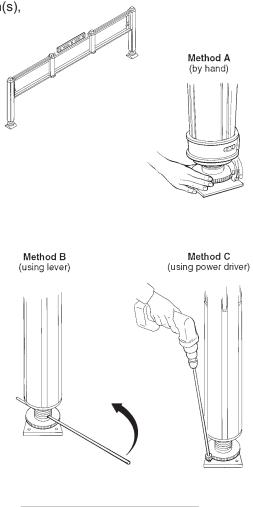
NOTE: You will make final leveling adjustments later.



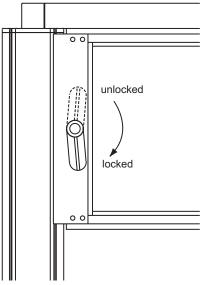
4. Lower a truss between the first two columns as shown.



5. Level the truss by adjusting the height of the column(s), using any of the fine adjustment methods shown.



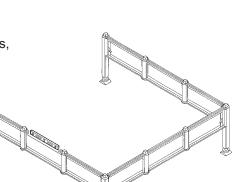
6. Wiggle the columns to ensure that the truss is fully seated, and then lock the truss to both columns.

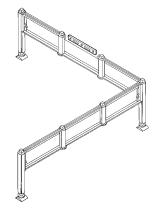


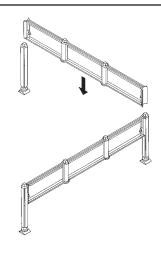
7. Adjust the gross height of a third column, and install a second truss.

8. Level the second truss using one of the fine height adjustments described in step 5.

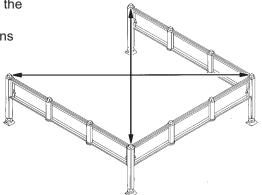
9. Adjust the gross height of a fourth column, install a third truss, and level it in the same way as the previous sections.



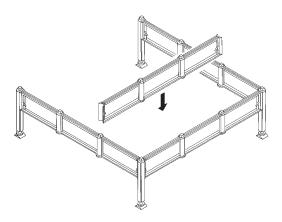




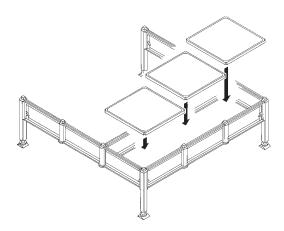
10. To ensure easy and fast placement of decks, check that the sections placed so far are square.Use a tape measure as shown (if the diagonal dimensions are equal, the sections are square).



11. Install and lock a fourth truss.

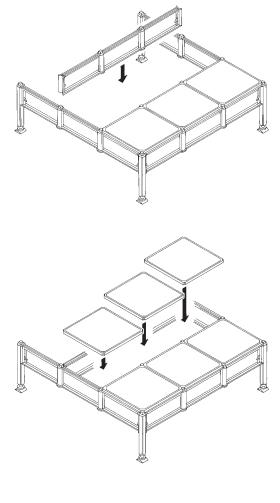


12. Place three decks on the foundation as shown.



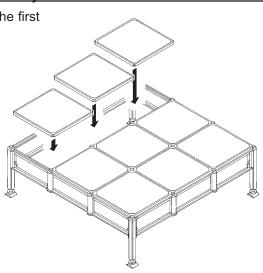
13. Install and lock a fifth truss.

14. Place three more decks on the foundation.



15. Install and lock a sixth truss.

16. Place three more decks on the foundation to complete the first 12' x 12' (366 x366 cm) section.



17. Repeat steps 7 through 16 as necessary to complete the stage. Additional sections can be attached in any direction from the first section.

# TO INSTALL BACK AND SIDE RAILS

1. Set a guard rail in the truss channel.



2. Pull the top of the rail away from the platform until the latch plate engages into the slot on the bottom of the truss.

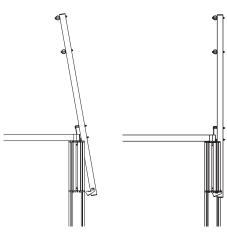
### WARNING

Weight or pressure in excess of 250 pounds horizontally or vertically may cause rail to collapse.

### WARNING

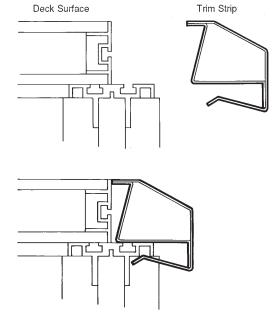
Never use Guard Rails as:

- As a crowd barrier
- As a perch
- As a tie-down.





- 3. To install the optional Wenger trim strips where rails or stairways won't be used:
  - a. Hold a trim strip as shown, so the top of the strip is level with the deck surface.
  - b. Press the strip onto the edge of the deck so the flexible clip snaps into the groove under the upper truss channel.



# To Install Stairway(s)

### **A**CAUTION

Some setup steps require two people to avoid injury.

 Install the stairway attachment bracket. Slip the attachment bracket onto the truss where the stairway is to be installed. The bracket latches (hooks) must hook into the grooves of the truss. Check that the attachment bracket is properly installed by pulling the bracket outward

(away from the truss).

If the latches are in place, you will not be able to pull the bracket away from the truss.

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Stairway is unsafe if attachment bracket latches are not engaged.

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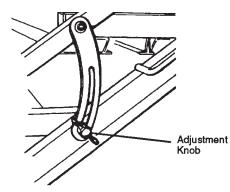
Tighten adjustment knobs to prevent hand injury during installation.

- Bracket latches (2 on top, 2 on bottom)
- 2. Install the stairway onto the attachment bracket. To prevent hand injury during installation, tighten the adjustment knobs that are along the rails of the stairway.

There are either one or two knobs on each side, depending on the stairway height.

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To prevent hand injury during installation, tighten the adjustment knobs that are along the rails of the stairway.



# TO INSTALL STAIRWAY(S) (CONTINUED)

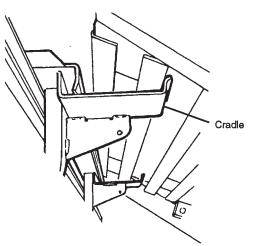
3. Position the stairway.

**NOTE:** This step requires two to four people.

Lift the stairway into position, so that the top step rests in the cradle area of the attachment bracket.

### **A**CAUTION

To avoid injury, keep hands clear from between step stringers.



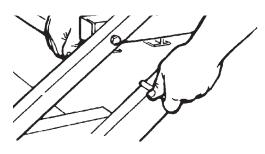
- 4. Position the steps
- **NOTE:** This step may require two people.

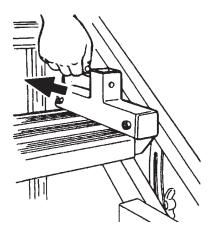
Loosen the adjustment knobs (see step 2), and rotate the steps to their fully horizontal position. You may have to slightly realign the stairway to the deck.

Retighten the adjustment knobs to 50 to 60 in-lbs of torque.

Recheck that the bracket latches (hooks) under the stage deck are still properly engaged. (See Step 1).

5. Install the handrails. Pull the pins from the handrail post sockets.





# TO INSTALL STAIRWAY(S) (CONTINUED)

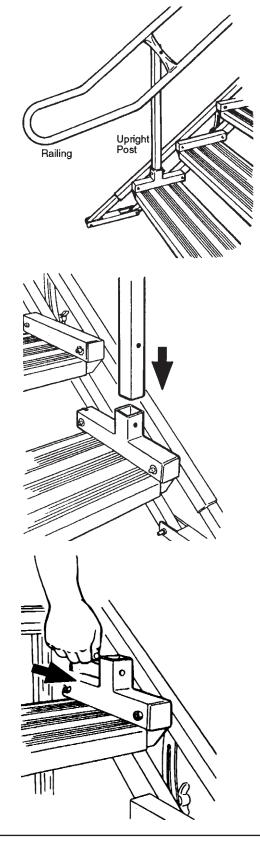
6. Position the upright posts.

*IMPORTANT*: In this step, be sure the railing is inside the upright posts, as shown.

Insert the upright posts of the handrails into the sockets.

7. Secure the upright posts Align the holes in the posts and sockets, and reinsert the pins.





# TO ATTACH DRAPERY SKIRTING

Optional trim strips can be ordered with hook-and-loop strips along the edge for attaching optional drapery skirting.

Drapery skirting sections have matching hook-and-loop strips.

Tuck the top edge of the skirting under the lip of the stage at stairway locations.

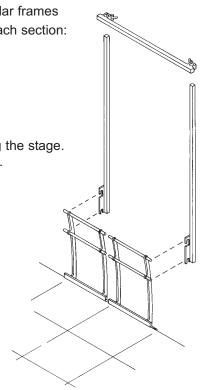
# TO INSTALL BACKDROP(S)

Backdrop drapery sections attach (using hook-and-loop strips) to tubular frames that are mounted on the crossbars of a pair of guard rails. To install each section:

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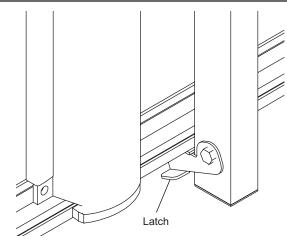
To avoid injury, use two people to install the backdrop frame.

- Hold the backdrop crosstube with its hook-and-loop surface facing the stage. Slide the crosstube onto the two upright tubes and lock both ends. Be sure the crosstube is level.
- 2. Center the backdrop frame on two adjacent guard rail cross bars.
- Attach the drapery to the crosstube (use a ladder). Butt drapery sections together to prevent any gaps.



# TO DISASSEMBLE STAGE

- Remove any backdrops, drapery skirting, back and side guard rails, and stairways, by reversing the assembly procedures. To release the guard rails, pull down on the latch.
- Disassemble the platforms in reverse order of their assembly sequence.
  If components are to be placed on Wenger Transport/Storage Carts, refer to the instructions in this manual.



# TO REMOVE THE STAIRWAY

- 1. Pull the pins and lift the handrails out of the sockets.
- 2. Loosen the adjustment knobs, rotate the steps into the storage (folded) position, and then retighten the knobs.

Use the handles provided, and keep your hands clear of the space between the step stringers.

- 3. Lift the stairway up and away from the attachment bracket.
- 4. Lift the attachment bracket up and away from the truss.

# TO TRANSPORT AND STORE STAGE COMPONENTS

#### WARNING

Components can fall from cart and cause injury unless properly loaded.

Position the platform components carefully on their carts for transport and storage.

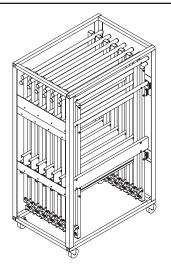
Secure the cart straps promptly, and never move loaded carts unless their straps are properly secured. Be especially careful that trusses are secured.

Refer to the instructions on the following pages for additional information.

### **TO TRANSPORT AND STORE STAGE COMPONENTS** (CONTINUED)

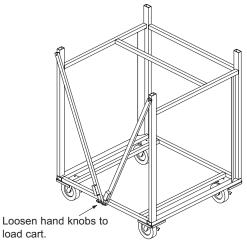
#### GUARD RAILS

Store the guard rails on the rail cart by suspending their rails on the saddle brackets.



### DECKS

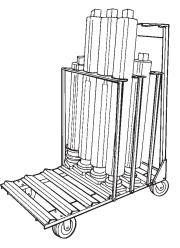
- 1. Loosen the hand knobs at the bottom of the bumper tubes to allow the decks to be placed in the cart.
- 2. Lay the decks flat on the deck cart snugly against the back of the cart.
- 3. Lock the bumper tubes back in place by tightening the hand knobs.



#### COLUMNS

- Stand a row of columns (feet down) at the backrest end of the column cart, then pivot a spacer frame against the columns. Repeat until the cart is filled.
- 2. Pull the strap around the columns and through the clamp assembly.

Tighten the strap, and lock the clamp handles.

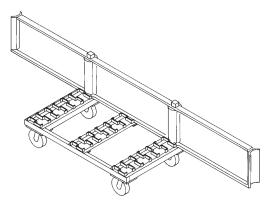


### **TO TRANSPORT AND STORE STAGE COMPONENTS** (CONTINUED)

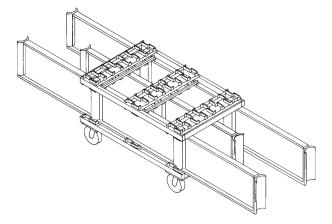
#### TRUSSES

- 1. Set the base (castered) frame next to the stage.
- 2. Set trusses on the base so that they fit between the separators.

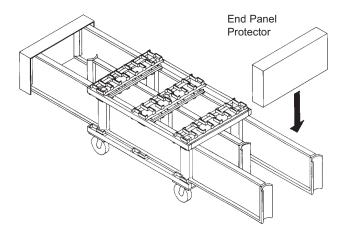
For greatest stability, keep longer trusses to the outside of the cart and shorter trusses to the inside.



3. When the base is filled, set one of the divider frames on top so its separators are holding the first layer of trusses.

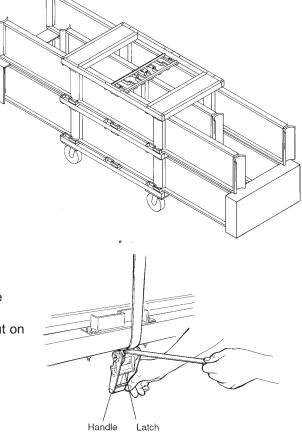


4. Install bumpers on the ends of the first layer of trusses to prevent damage when moving and storing.



### **TO TRANSPORT AND STORE STAGE COMPONENTS** (CONTINUED)

- 5. Fill the second layer with trusses (as in steps 2 and 3).
- **NOTE:** A third layer of trusses may be added by using the other divider frame. Install the top frame so its separators are holding the top layer of trusses.



- 6. Secure the load by tightening the strap:
  - a. Wrap the strap around the stack of trusses, and pull its free end around the center spindle of the ratchet.
  - b. If the ratchet is in its released position, pull out on the latch and swing the handle out.
  - c. Pump the handle until the strap is tight.

### **A**WARNING

Trusses can fall unless stacked and secured properly on carts.

# MAINTENANCE

#### DECKS

Keep the deck surfaces clean and dry. When necessary, clean with a damp cloth. No other maintenance is required. Do not use oil-based cleaning products, and do not wax or polish the decks.

### **A** CAUTION

To keep deck from becoming slippery, do not wax or polish.

#### DRAPERY SKIRTING AND BACKDROPS

Drapery sections may be washed or dry cleaned. The drapery sections are attached with hook-and-loop strips, so they can be easily removed for cleaning.

- Machine-wash at 120°F or lower using mild detergent. Remove immediately after the wash cycle is completed.
- Tumble dry at "permanent-press" or lower temperature. Remove and hang immediately to prevent wrinkling. Excessive heat or drying time will detract from the permanent-press characteristics of the fabric.
- Little or no ironing is required.
- When dry cleaning, tumble dry on the lowest heat cycle and remove immediately when dry.

#### **OTHER PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE**

Inspect all bolts on the platform and accessories every six months, and tighten as necessary. Replace any worn, bent, or broken parts promptly to prevent injury.

# **Replacement Parts List**

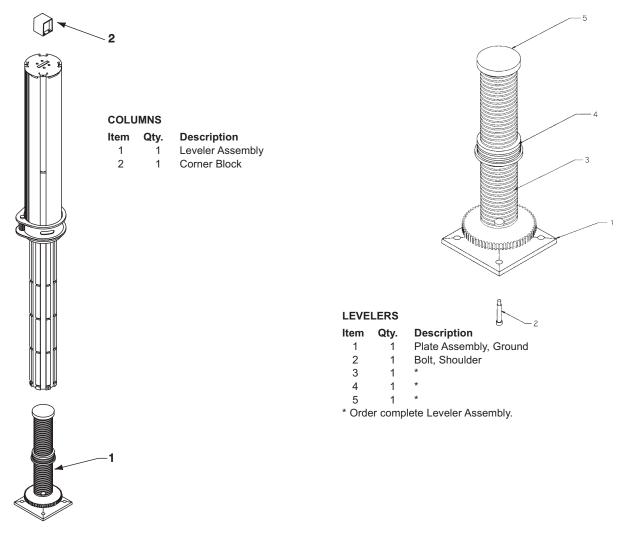
#### **ORDERING REPLACEMENT PARTS**

Replacement parts for your Vision<sup>™</sup> Platform System can be ordered from Wenger Corporation by:

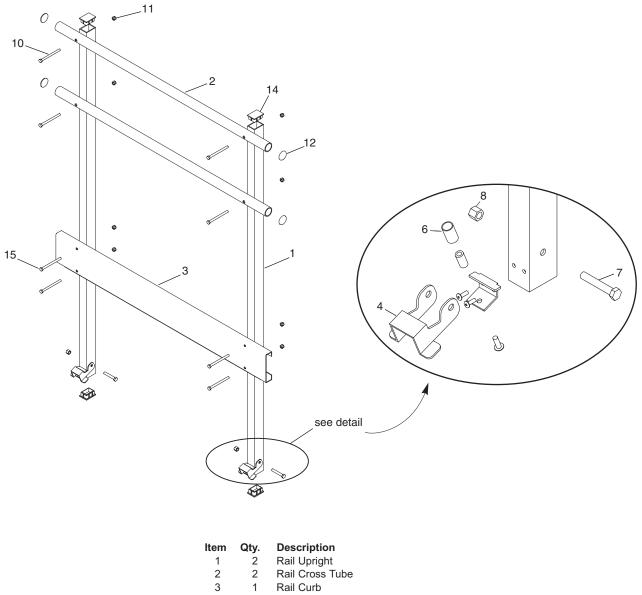
Phone: USA (800) 887-7145 International (collect): (507) 455-4100 Fax: (507) 455-4258 Website: www.wengercorp.com Mail: Wenger Corporation 555 Park Drive P.O. Box 448 Owatonna, Minnesota USA 55060-0448

When ordering replacement parts, always indicate the product name and model.

#### COLUMNS AND LEVELERS

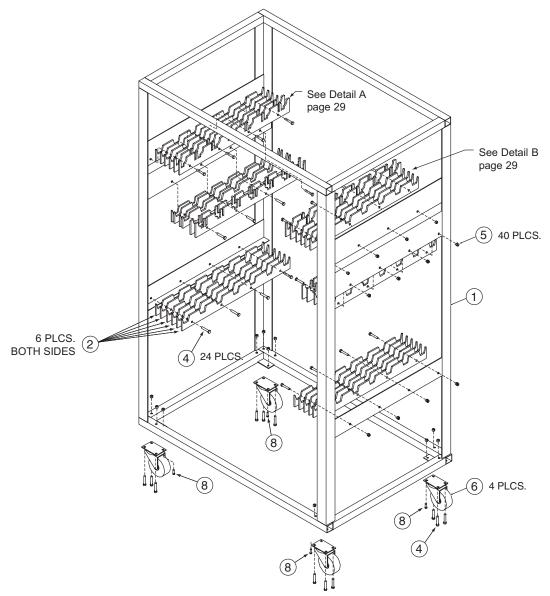


#### GUARD RAIL



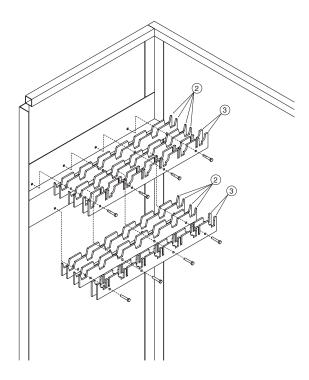
- 4 2 Latch, Striker
- 6 2 Rail Latch Spring
- 7 2 Capscrew,  $3/8-16 \times 2-1/4$ "
- 8 2 Lock Nut, 3/8-16
- 10 4 Capscrew, 5/16-18 × 4"
- 11 8 Lock Nut, 5/16-18
- 12 4 Plug, 1-1/2" OD, 1-1/4" ID
- 14 4 Plug, 1-1/2" × 2" × 10 ga
- 15 4 Capscrew, 5/16-18 × 3-3/4"

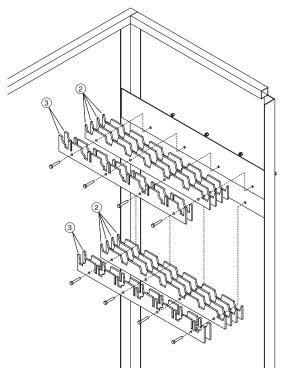
### GUARD RAIL TRANSPORT/STORAGE CART



ltem	Qty.	Description
1	1	Rail Cart Weldment
2	28	Curb Glide (see also Detail A, B, page 29)
3	8	Rail Guide (see also Detail A, B, page 29)
4	36	Capscrew, 5/16-18 × 2-1/4"
5	40	Lock Nut, 5/16-18
6	4	Caster, Swivel
8	4	Capscrew, 5/16-18 × 3/4"

GUARD RAIL TRANSPORT/STORAGE CART (CONTINUED)



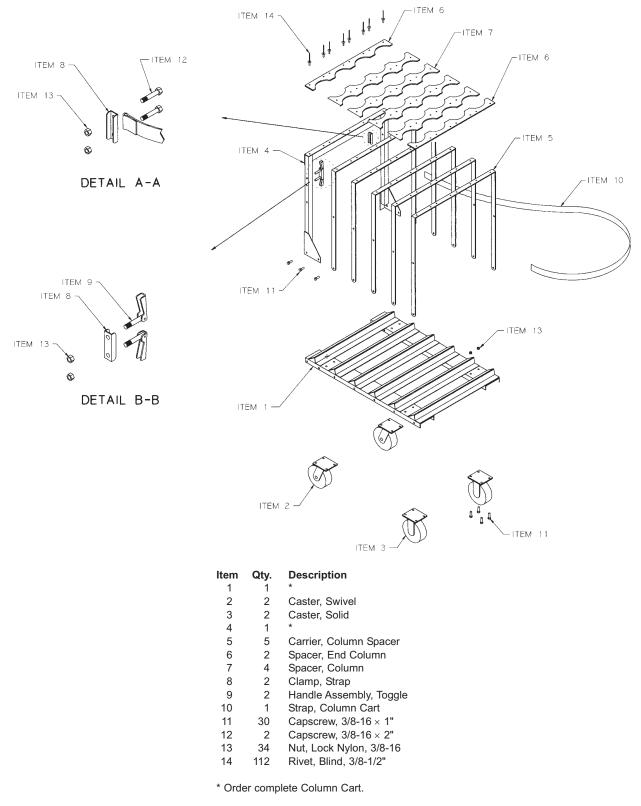


DETAIL A SCALE: NONE ORIENTATION FOR ITEMS 2 AND 3

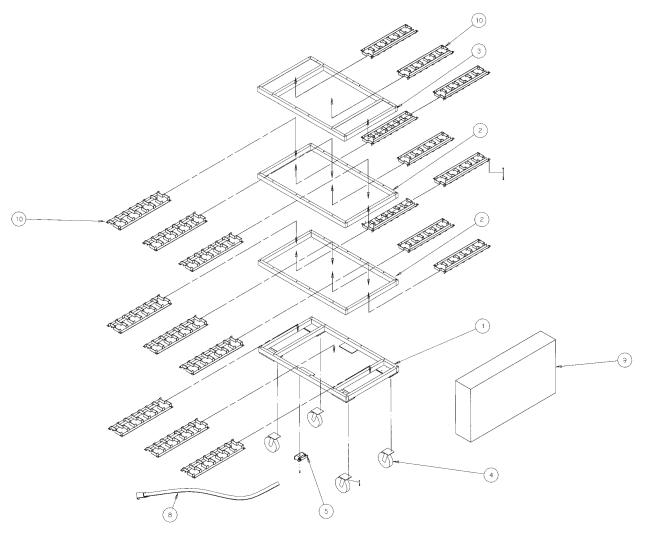
DETAIL B SCALE: NONE ORIENTATION FOR ITEMS 2 AND 3

Item	Qty.	Description
2	28	Curb Glide
3	8	Rail Guide

#### COLUMN TRANSPORT/STORAGE CART



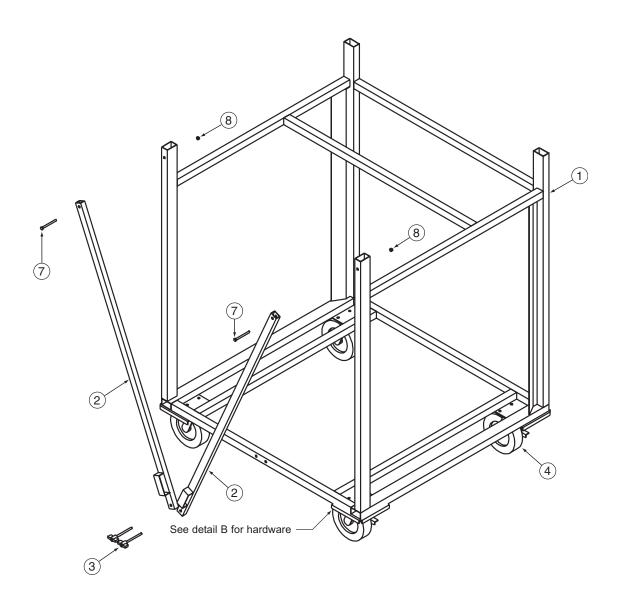
### TRUSS TRANSPORT/STORAGE CART



ltem	Qty.	Description
1	1	*
2	2	*
3	1	*
4	4	Caster, Swivel
5	1	Ratchet
8	1	Strap, Truss Cart
9	2	Bumper Weldment
10	18	Separator Weldment

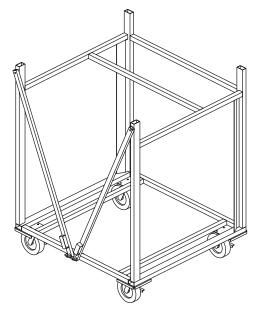
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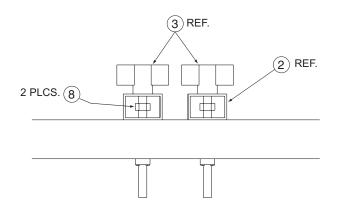
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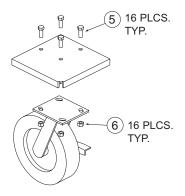


ltem	Qty.	Description
1	1	Deck Cart Weldment
2	2	Tube/Bumper Weldment
3	2	Knob
4	4	Caster, Swivel
5	16	Capscrew, 3/8-16 × 1"
6	16	Lock Nut, 3/8-16
7	2	Capscrew, $5/16-18 \times 4"$
8	4	Lock Nut, 5/16-18

DECK TRANSPORT/STORAGE CART (CONTINUED)

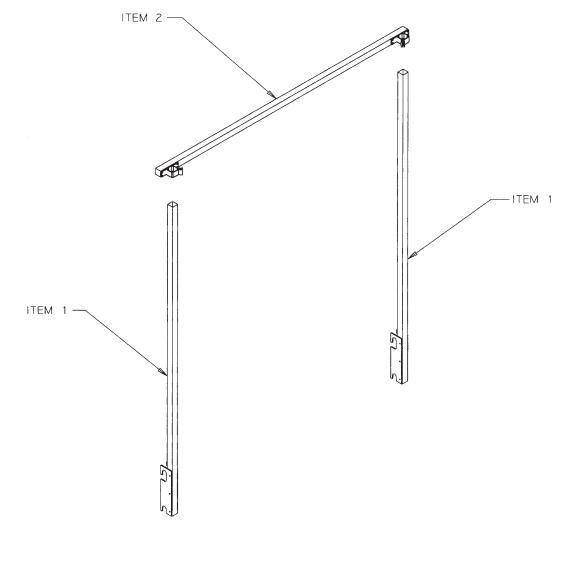


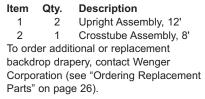




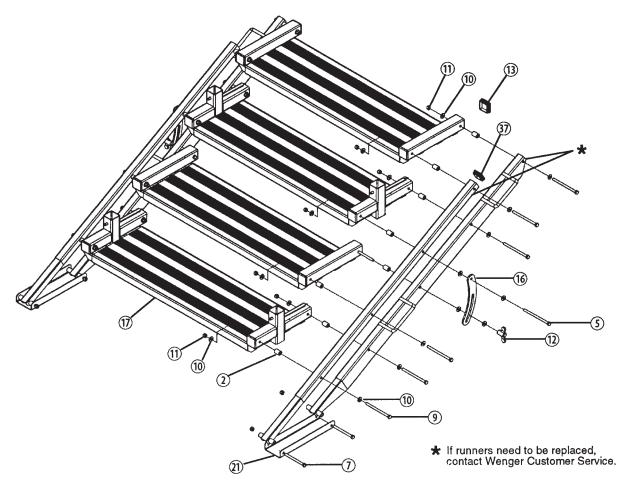
Qty.	Description
1	Deck Cart Weldment
2	Tube/Bumper Weldment
2	Knob
4	Caster, Swivel
16	Capscrew, 3/8-16 × 1"
16	Lock Nut, 3/8-16
2	Capscrew, $5/16-18 \times 4"$
4	Lock Nut, 5/16-18
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### **BACKDROP FRAMES**





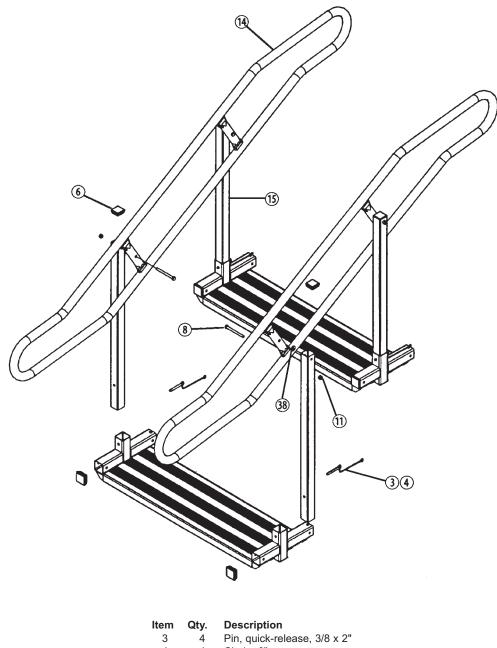
#### **S**TAIRWAY



ltem	Qty.	Description
2	24	Spacer, nylon
5	2	Capscrew, 3/8-16 x 5-1/2"
7	4	Capscrew, 3/8-16 x 4-1/4"
9	12	Capscrew, 3/8-16 x 5-1/4"
10	34	Washer, flat, 3/8" x 1-1/4"
11	22	Nut, lock, 3/8-16
12	2	Knob, T-handle
13	10	Plug, 2" square
16	2	Brace, adjustment
17	4	Step assembly
21	2	Shoe, stairway base
37	2	Plug, 1-1/2" square

Quantities indicated are for a 4-Step Stairway. Most quantities are greater on other models.

### STAIR HANDRAIL ASSEMBLY



3	4	Pin, quick-release, 3/8 x
4	4	Chain, 6"
6	4	Plug, 1-3/4" square
8	4	Capscrew, 3/8-16 x 4"
11	22	Nut, lock, 3/8-16
14	2	Handrail weldment
15	4	Tube, railing post
38	4	Washer, nylon spacer

Quantities indicated are for a 4-Step Stairway. Most quantities are greater on other models.