

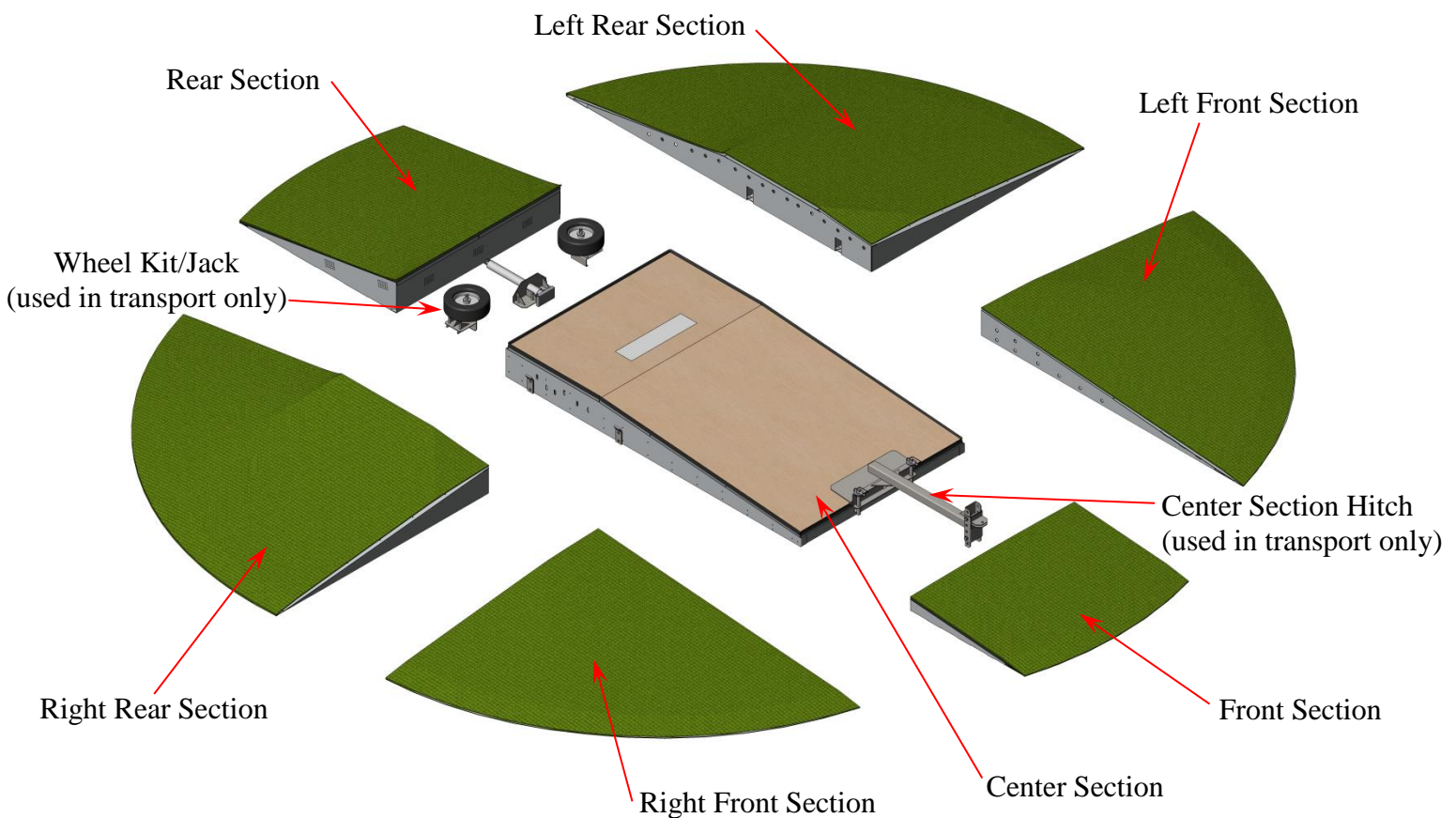


Portable Pitcher's Mound Installation Instructions

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The Porta-Pitch provides a durable and cost effective alternative for all multi-use baseball facilities looking to maximize the use of their playing surface for alternative events that require removal of their pitcher's mound.

Component Identification



Installation Location

1. Begin the installation by marking the location of the mound in reference to home plate (see *figure 1*). Once location is determined, attach the Center Section Hitch (see **Hitch Attachment**, page 5) first and then the Wheel Kit. To attach (1) wheel kit, begin by attaching the jack onto the side frame of the center section. Match the (4) curved finger pattern of the jack to the matching (4) vertical obrounds on the vertical surface of the center section. Turn the jack handle slowly and continuously monitor the jack and center section interface while elevating the unit. You may have to lower the jack and re-adjust the jack until the interface feels firmly attached. Once the desired height of about 6" is achieved, grab (1) wheel kit and insert into its matching finger/obround pattern (see *figure 2*). Slide the wheel kit vertical until it stops paying close attention the flat face of the wheel kit sits flat up against the vertical face of the center section. Slowly lower the center section while continuously monitoring the wheel kit/center section interface. You may need to elevate and re-adjust the wheel kit until the wheel kit is firmly attached. Duplicate procedure with the other remaining wheel kit. Once complete, place the lifting jack in a secure area for future wheel kit removal. Move and fine tune the center section into position until it satisfies the required measurements per venue rule books. One may want to optionally mark the field to help facilitate quicker future installation and placement of the center section. Remove Wheel Kits and the hitch (see **Hitch Attachment**, page 5).

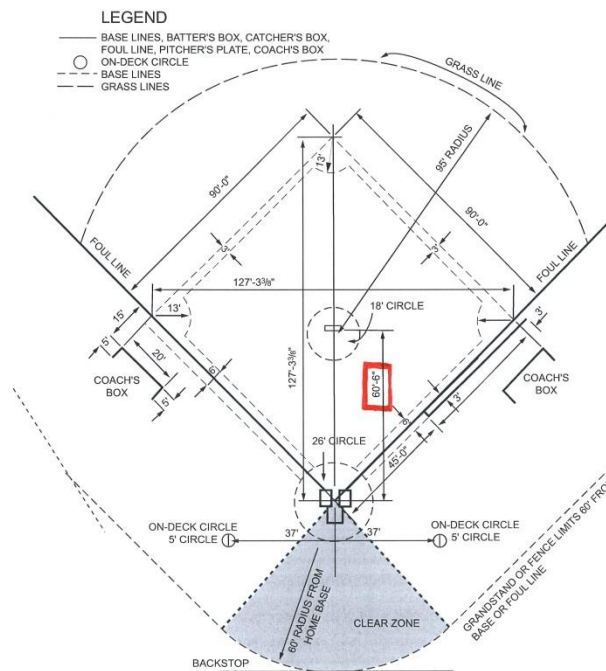


Figure 1

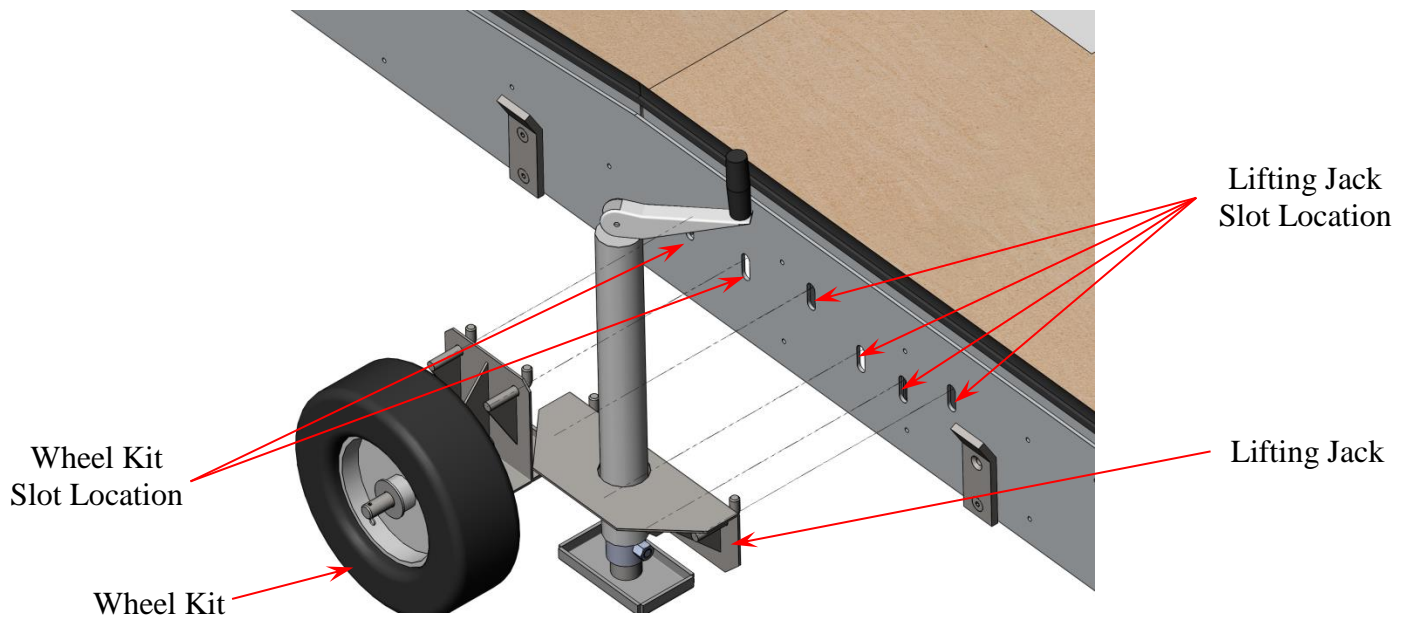
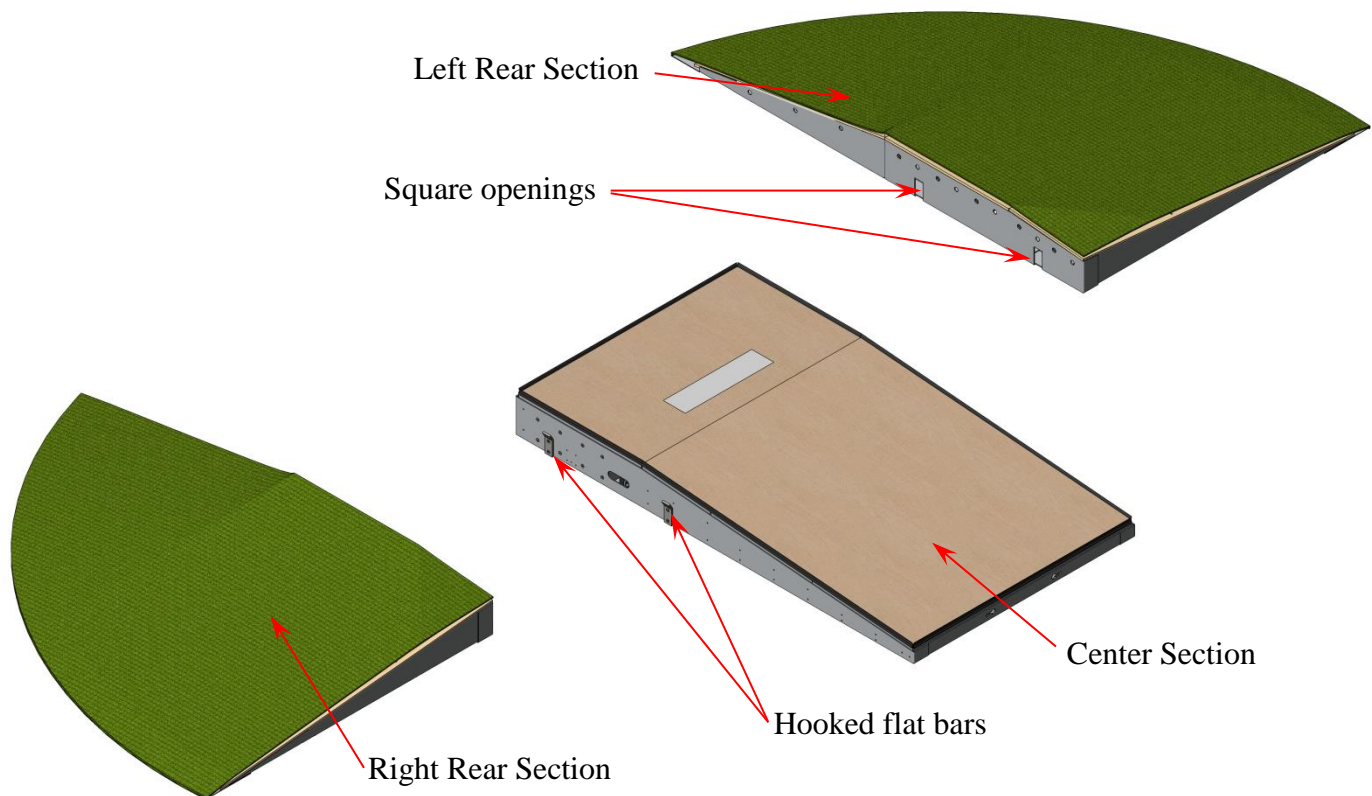


Figure 2

- Next install both the Left and Right Rear Sections of the mound (see *figure 3*). These pieces must be installed first prior to any others. The left and right rear pieces have square openings that allow the assemblies to lock onto the hooked flat bars attached onto the sides of the center section. Be certain the pieces have settled completely onto the hooked flat bars prior to proceeding to the next assembly procedure.



Figure

3. Position both the Left Front and Right Front Sections per *figure 4*. Tweak components until seams blend.

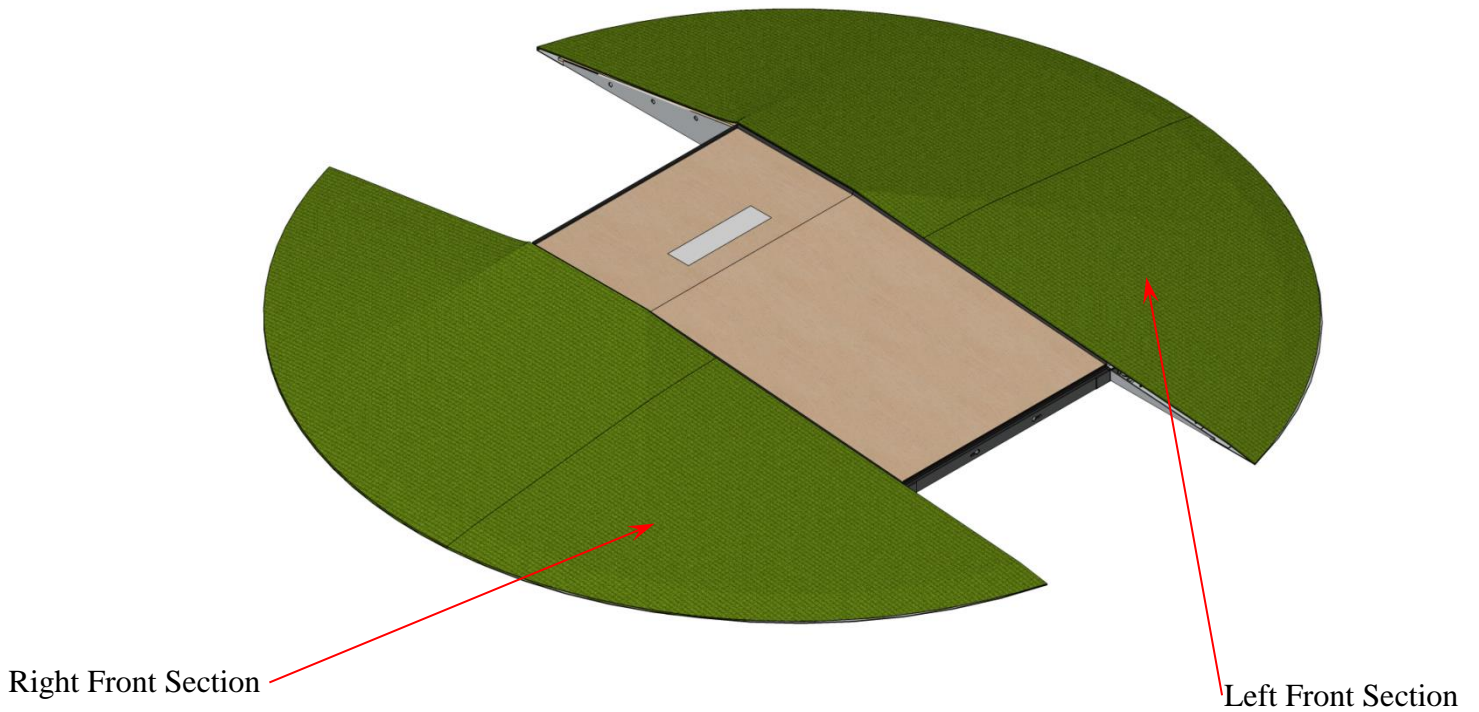


Figure 4

4. Install the Rear Section per *figure 5*. The unit straddles the Left and Right Rear Sections. Verify the Rear Section has a tight seam between the front side of the Rear Section and the rear side of the Center Section.

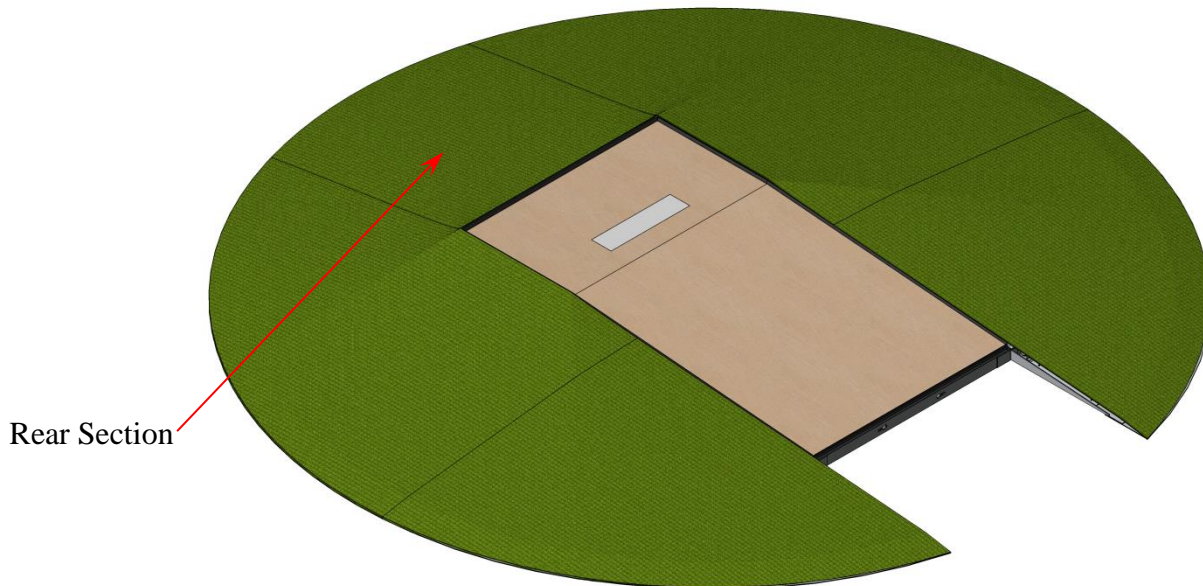


Figure 5

5. Install Front Section per *figure 6*. The unit is straddled between the Left and Right Front Sections. Verify the Front Section has a tight seam between the rear side of the Front Section and the front side of the Center Section.



Figure 6

6. Verify all components are properly installed and secured. Blend any unsightly seams by “raking” using your hand.
7. ***Synthetic Model:** Add infill into the center section only. Fill center section with infill flush to the pitching rubber and the exterior flexible gasket. Verify that there is dense amounts of infill immediately surround the pitching rubber.
8. Reverse procedure for disassembly of the mound.

Hitch Attachment

1. To attach the Center Section Hitch, locate (2) hitch pins. Remove locking pin(s) and flat washer(s) from pin. Insert the short side of pin into circular opening located on the front face of the Center Section (*figure 7*). Once inserted into the opening, slide the pin into the groove to engage the pin to the Center Section. Repeat procedure with remaining pin.

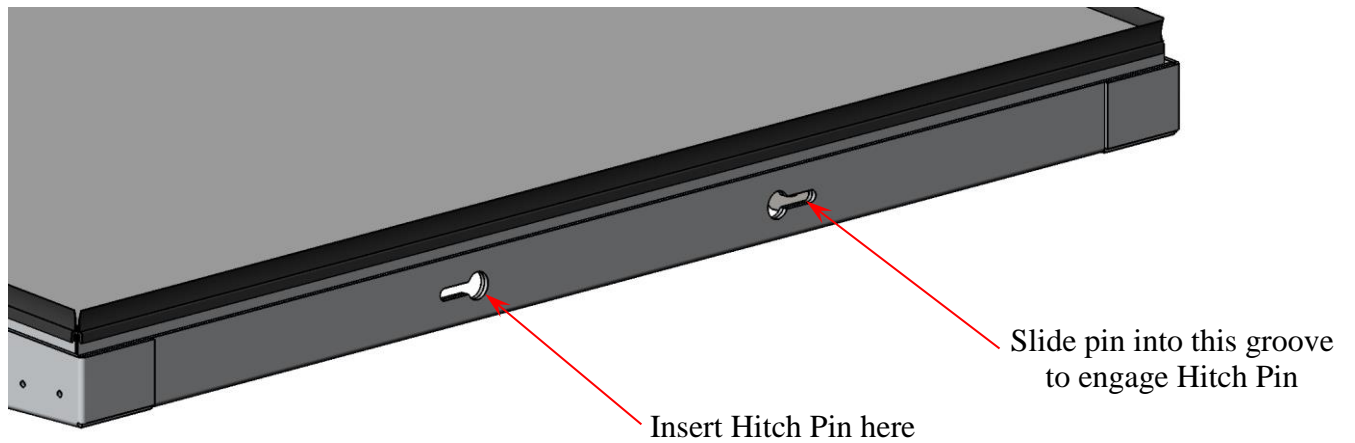


Figure 7

2. Once both pins are engaged into the grooves, place Center Section Hitch onto the pins as shown in *figure 8*. Place flat washer, insert locking pin and lock into position. Repeat procedure for opposing pin. Verify all components are secured correctly prior to attaching the hitch to a motorized vehicle.

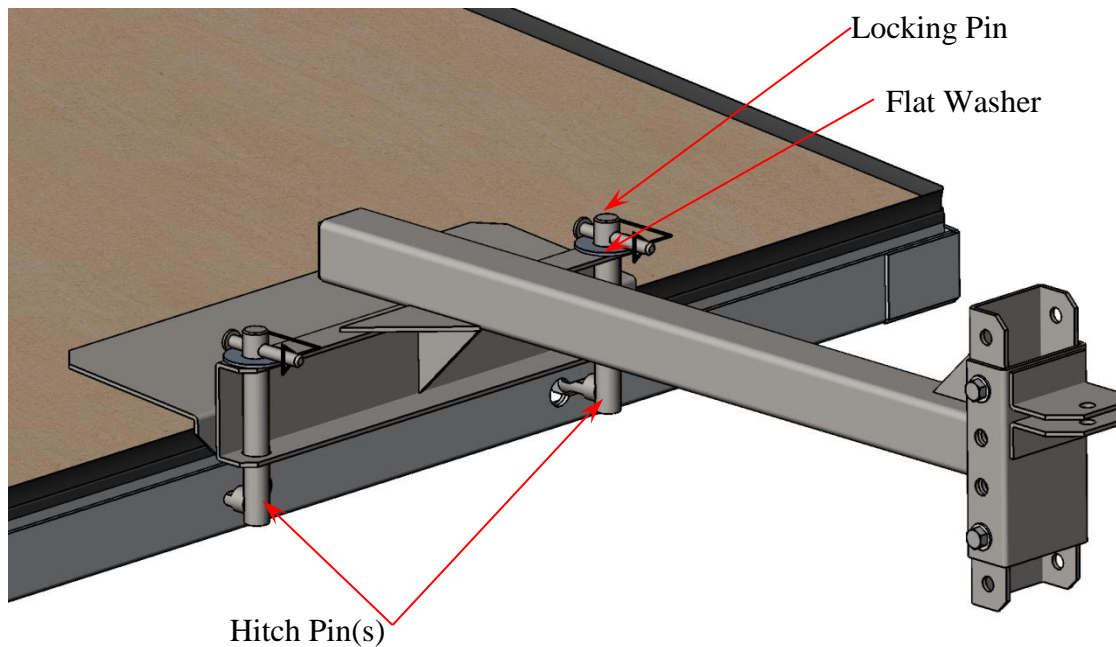


Figure 8

3. Due to a variety of commercial maintenance vehicles, the Center Section Hitch has an adjustable height mechanism that can be adjusted to the vehicles hitch point (*figure 9*). Adjust the Center Section Hitch mechanism so when attached to the vehicle the front side of the center section has about 3" to 4" of clearance when attached to the pulling vehicle.

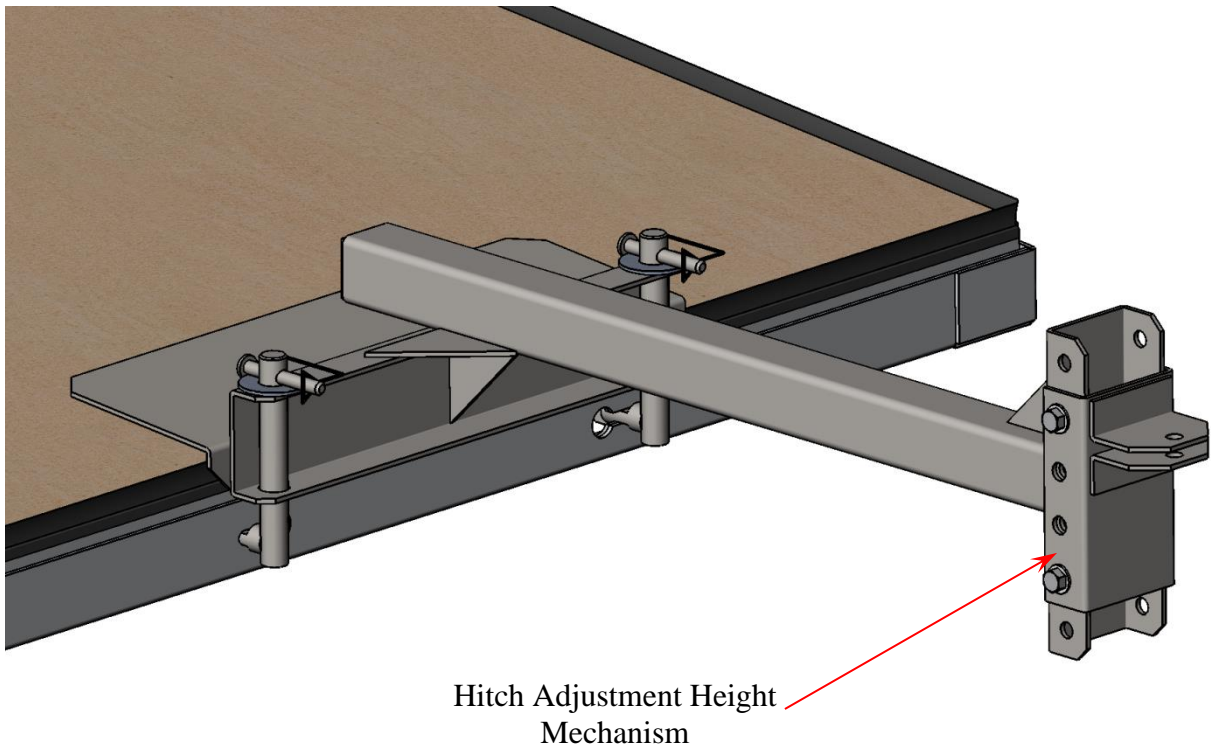


Figure 9

4. Reverse procedure to remove Center Section Hitch.

Safety Procedures

1. You must have at least (3) individuals to lift the perimeter sections of the mound. The heaviest section weighs about 150 lbs. Please verify that your personnel are able to safely lift the components. To help facilitate the transport of the various sections, your facility may have purchased the optional LGPRTPTCH-Cart. This optional cart is designed to carry the (6) perimeter sections to and from your storage area. **DO NOT USE THE CENTER SECTION AS A TRANSPORT CART! IT WILL LEAD TO MECHANICAL FAILURES THAT WILL NOT BE COVERED ON YOUR WARRANTY!**

2. Always verify your Center Section Hitch is attached prior to elevating/attaching Center Section Wheel kits.
3. Never put your hands/feet under the center section unit while it is being elevated and/or with wheel kits installed.
4. Verify your commercial motorized vehicle can handle the force of pulling the Center Section. Follow your vehicles specified instructions on how to attach the hitch to the vehicle. **DO NOT SUDDENLY PULL THE CENTER SECTION! IT MAY LEAD TO MECHANICAL FAILURE! THE CENTER SECTION IS NOT INTENDED FOR HIGHWAY USE! DO NOT USE THE CENTER SECTION AS A TRAILER TO CARRY MATERIALS/WEIGHT!**
5. Do not allow personnel to ride the Center Section while in motion.
6. Do not add any in-fill material to any sections of the mound. This additional material will add weight to your mound therefore resulting in heavier sections. The factory installed carpet has an extra thick thatch layer that simulates the feel of in-fill material.

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