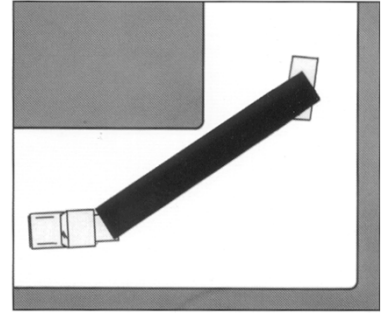


# Frequently Asked Questions:



## Does the Hydra-Steer “self-steer”?

The Hydra-Steer is designed to allow the driver to steer the trailer as required when the trailer's power unit is running. This allows the driver to be in control of the trailer at all times. Some trailers are designed with a self-steer feature but the Hydra-Steer is not.

## Will I need a second person to steer the Hydra-Steer?

No. The Hydra-Steer is designed to be controlled by the driver of the tractor. Most drivers quickly become comfortable using the 2-button pendant to steer right or left. Some have even customized their rigs by replacing the pendant with a toggle switch mounted to the shift lever of their tractors.

## Can a second person assist with the steering of the Hydra-Steer if necessary?

Yes, but only one person is allowed to control the Hydra-Steer at any one time. All Hydra-Steer trailers are setup with a pendant plug-in at the rear of the trailer. In some instances it is very helpful to have a second person “spot” the trailer to place it exactly in the right position for the load to be lifted.



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## Frequently Asked Questions (continued):

**Do I need to run the gas power unit throughout the trip from plant to the job site?**

**No.** In long distance applications many drivers turn the power unit off once they've left the plant. It can be easily started again as the route may require or once you get to the job site.

**How do I backhaul my Hydra-Steer?**

In cases where a 2, 3, 4 or 5-axle Hydra-Steer is being used you simply connect (by pinning) the tongue of the Hydra-Steer to the front bunk located on the tractor or jeep trailer. Once pinned you are ready to go. For larger loads, where a lowboy is used in conjunction with the tractor, the Hydra-Steer can be "decked-up" for backhaul. Many Hydra-Steer users have arranged with the contractor at the site to make this a quick and painless task.



**Can ERMIC provide a Hydra-Steer trailer design that will work for all of my State's permitting requirements?**

Generally the answer to this question is no. While we do work closely with many transportation managers we seldom know all of the many variables that come into play with each load. Variables such as route to the job site, length of load including the tractor and lowboy, height of the total load, bridge restrictions along the way, special county or city restrictions, seasonal restrictions all come into play when applying for a permit. We will be happy to provide Hydra-Steer owners with configuration drawings that they can use when applying for permits.

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## Frequently Asked Questions (continued):

**Can both pieces of the Modular Hydra-Steer be used to transport products?**

**Yes, if your Modular Hydra-Steer is a “double modular”. Most Hydra-Steer trailers are “single modular” meaning the rear portion cannot be used for load transportation. The lower complexity of the single modular allows for easy conversion back and forth from a 5 to a 3 or a 6 to a 3. Double modulares require an extra tongue with a power unit which increases the complexity.**

**5-Axle Single Modular Hydra-Steer Trailer  
5-Axle Configuration**



**3-Axle Configuration**



**Rear Tandem – Detached**



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