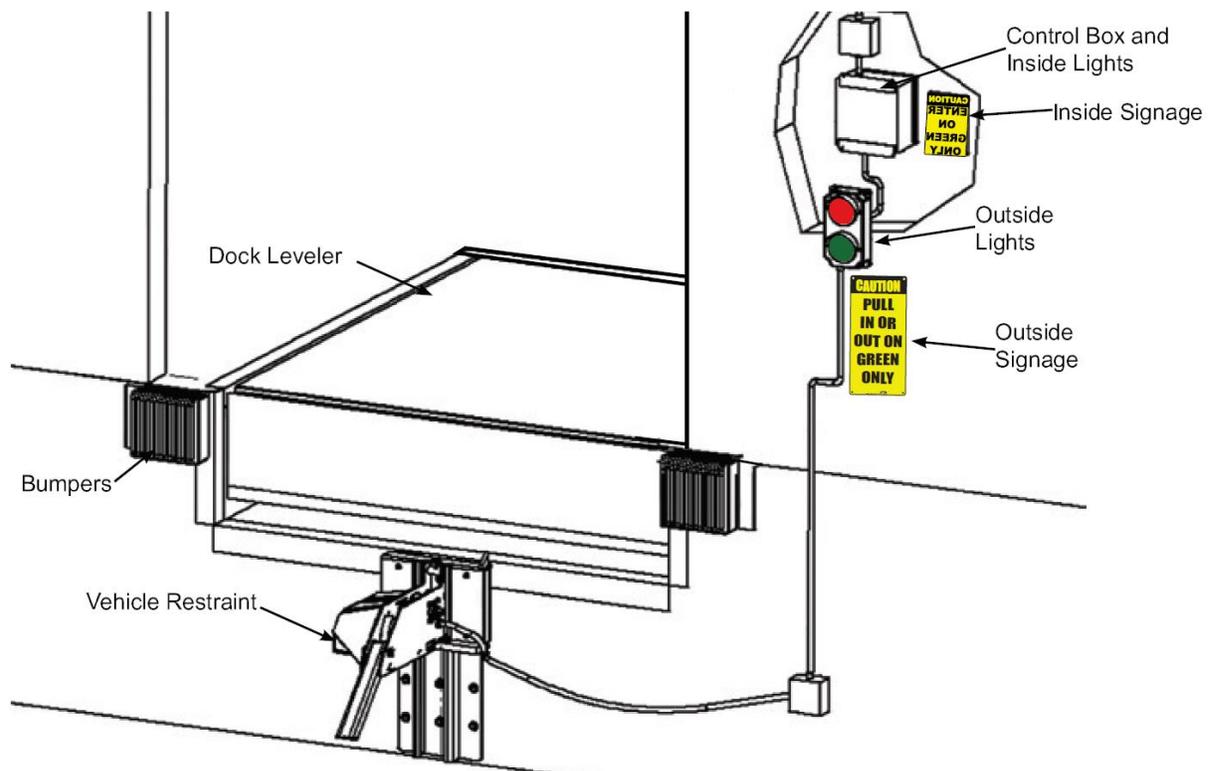


Why Should I Care About Vehicle Restraints?

Anyone who works near a loading dock is familiar with how busy, and potentially hazardous the environment around loading and unloading can be. From trailer creep to trailer up-ending, these financial and time-costing accidents can be better avoided with the addition of one piece of equipment: a vehicle restraint. Not only a physical deterrent to potential hazards, this visual deterrent to cargo theft helps improve safety and security in the workplace.

Still not convinced you should care? Let's cover the basics quick: a vehicle restraint is a piece of equipment installed at the loading dock. It's intended to help a transport vehicle from intentionally or unintentionally leaving during the unload/loading process. Yes, we've mentioned some of this already but this function alone helps to prevent potentially fatal accidents to personnel on forklifts, pallet jacks or those simply walking in and out of the trailer. So a vehicle restraint not only protects your shipments and material handling equipment, but invaluable personnel as well.



Although you may choose the more budget-friendly wheel chock, a wall or ground-mounted vehicle restraint can help to securely keep a trailer and its cargo at the loading dock. Additionally, many vehicle restraints incorporate a red and green light system, along with signage to improve communication between dock workers and truck drivers. **To learn more about why you should care about vehicle restraints**, visit <http://www.mhi.org/lodem>.