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Easy-to-do tailgate lifter having half width of vehicle

### **Kyokuto Kaihatsu newly develops “Power Gate Half.”**

Kyokuto Kaihatsu Kogyo Co., Ltd. (Head office: Koshienguchi 6-1-45, Nishinomiya-shi, Hyogo, Japan 663-8545, President: Mr. Katsushi Tanaka, Manufacturing and marketing the special purpose vehicle and environment related equipments/facilities) has newly developed a new model of tailgate lifter (product name: Power Gate Half) that is to be mounted on the truck bed. Tailgate lifter is a device that moves up and down between the ground and the truck bed the gate that is mounted on the rear side of truck bed. The benefit of this product is to improve the efficiency and laborsaving at loading and unloading heavy or cart-loaded cargo.

The main feature of newly developed “Power Gate Half” is easy-to-do operation and low price compared with the existing models. We have developed this new model particularly focusing on the improvement of efficiency and laborsaving of physical distribution operation at convenience stores and super markets. This new model is to be exhibited at “2003 Tokyo Truck Show” to be held at Tokyo Big Sight from October 15, 2003. This model is scheduled to be available from the spring of 2004.

#### <<Main features of Power Gate Half>>

##### (1) Gate width is half of vehicle width (Japan’s first form of the gate)

The width of the gate is half of vehicle width. The mounting position is on one side of the hinged double doors of van type truck. Because the existing models of tailgate lifter have the gate that shuts up the doors when it is locked up, the doors cannot be opened unless the gate is lowered. This is somehow burdensome in operation. This new model makes it possible to open one door with the gate locked up. This makes it easy to load and unload a small cargo.

(2) Compact, light-weight, and low price

Compared with our power gate (model GII 700) for 2-ton truck, the gate weight is reduced by 42 % to 165 kg. This weight saving directly contributes to payload increase. The retail price is to be announced later but we are planning to set an affordable price not exceeding JPY 500,000 (suggested retail price of GII 700 is JPY 855,000.)

(3) Mountable to the trucks for which the power gate is not previously designed

Power Gate Half can be mounted to 2-ton standard body (3 m class) for which the tilt type power gates including other make are not designed to mount.

(4) Easy to mount to ready made truck

By unitizing the kit, the mounting operation at body building factory is drastically facilitated.

Power Gate Half can be mounted easily to the truck having a power gate not mounted at the factory.

Besides the above, the specifications are carefully set-up considering the customers' convenience such wireless remote controller and main switch at driver's seat as standard accessories. We are anticipating the annual sales of approximately 600 kits.

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