

TK HIRE



Operating and safety instructions for Trailers

SAFETY FIRST:

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. In accordance with Health and Safety in Employment Act requirements, this sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for use at a commercial worksite so that the information is available to all users.

Required Safety Equipment



Certification

Is your vehicle capable of towing this trailer?

It is the drivers legal responsibility to check vehicle manufactures towing specifications for braked and unbraked maximum loadings and are adhered to. This also includes all on road legal requirements.

Pre Checks and Safety

- ! WOF and Registration is current
- ! Tyres are inflated and free of damage
- ! All lights are working
- ! Brake fluid level is full (if applicable)
- ! Tow ball and coupling are compatible
- ! Always ensure you comply with the legal requirements when carrying dangerous goods

Connection to the Tow Vehicle

Connect the trailer to the towing vehicle
Check that the tow coupling is properly secured to the tow ball by way of catch or pin being correctly in place
Secure safety chain with the "D" shackle to the towing vehicle
Attach the trailer light connection lead
Stow the jockey wheel/stand into it's correct position (if applicable)
Ensure the hand brake is released and that the reversing latch is out of the reverse position (if applicable)

Towing Speeds

The maximum legal travel speed while towing a trailer is 90km/hr on the open highway

Loading the Trailer

Never overload a trailer, this is one of the main causes of accidents when trailers are involved

The load must not exceed 1.25m from the centre line of the trailer

Any load that exceeds more than 1.0m behind the trailer must have a clearly visible flag attached to it.

To avoid swaying large masses should be concentrated slightly forward of the axle of the trailer and as low as possible.

The drive of the vehicle on which the trailer is attached is responsible for ensuring all loads are legally secured while in transit.

Travelling

When travelling with a loaded trailer you must be capable of stopping within 7 metres from a speed of 30km/hr.

Where possible avoid excessive braking while cornering as this may cause losing control and jack knifing

Use a lower gear when travelling down hill to help prevent the trailer pushing the tow vehicles while braking

Never tow with the park brake on

Allow more distance to overtake and avoid cutting off the overtaken vehicle when returning to your lane

Care must be taken not to hold up following traffic unnecessarily

