

## ESSENTIAL TOWING CHECKS

- When calculating the laden weight of the trailer, remember to include the weight of the trailer, plus the weight of the load.
- If the load can be divided between the vehicle and trailer, loading more weight into the vehicle will generally improve stability. Do not exceed the vehicle's weight limits.
- Ensure trailer tyre pressures are set to trailer manufacturer's recommendations.
- If the vehicle is loaded to maximum Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) the nose weight is limited to 150 kg (330 lbs). See **59, TOWING WEIGHTS**.
- If it is necessary to increase the nose weight up to a maximum of 250 kg (550 lbs), the vehicle load should be reduced accordingly. This ensures that the GVW and maximum rear axle load are not exceeded.
- Ensure that a suitable breakaway cable or secondary coupling is used. Refer to the trailer manufacturer's instructions for guidance.

- Ensure that the tow ball is secure.
- Check the operation of all trailer lights.
- It is essential that the trailer is loaded so that it remains parallel to the ground. This is particularly important when towing twin axled trailers.



**Do not loop the breakaway cable over the tow ball as it may slide off.**



**Do not exceed the Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW), maximum rear axle weight, maximum trailer weight, or nose weight. Exceeding any of these limits could cause instability and loss of control.**

### Australia only:

- **Tyre pressures** - Increase rear pressures of towing vehicle to those for maximum Gross Vehicle Weight conditions.
- **Nose weight** - Must be a minimum of 7% of gross caravan/trailer weight, up to a maximum of 350 kg (722 lb).

## TOWING WEIGHTS

Maximum permissible towing weights	On-road	Off-road
Unbraked trailers	750 kg (1650 lbs)	750 kg (1650 lbs)
Trailers with overrun brakes	2000 kg (4400 lbs)*	750 kg (1650 lbs)
Nose weight	150 kg (330 lbs)	-
Nose weight - Australia only	350 kg (770 lb)	-

\* For diesel vehicles in Algeria, Egypt, India, Libya, Morocco, Pakistan and Tunisia, the maximum permissible towing weight for a trailer with overrun brakes is 1500 kg (3307 lbs).

See **59, TOWING WEIGHTS**, for details of the Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW), Gross train weight, axle weights and maximum payload.