

# Towing

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## ESSENTIAL TOWING CHECKS

- The trailer should be parallel to the ground when loaded.
- 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. See **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS** (page 270).
- Ensure that all applicable regulations and legislation are complied with when loading and towing a trailer.
- Increase rear tyre pressures of the towing vehicle to those for maximum vehicle loading conditions. See **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS** (page 270).
- 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).
- 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.

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- **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).
- **Hitch height** - Must be set with the engine running, so that the caravan/trailer is level when connected to the vehicle.

## GEAR CHANGING

To avoid overheating the gearbox, and the clutch in manual gearbox vehicles, it is not advisable to tow heavy trailer loads at speeds of less than 32 km/h (21 mph) using the main gearbox in high range. Select low range instead.

### WARNING



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