

## 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. See **197, WEIGHTS**.
- To maintain vehicle stability, it is essential that the trailer is loaded so that it remains parallel to the ground. This is particularly important when towing a twin axle caravan/trailer.
- Make sure the tyre pressures of the towing vehicle are correct for maximum vehicle loading conditions.
- Make sure the caravan/trailer tyre pressures are set to caravan/trailer manufacturer's recommendations.
- Ensure that a suitable breakaway cable or secondary coupling is used. Refer to the caravan/trailer manufacturer's instructions for guidance.
- Ensure that the tow ball is secure.
- Check the operation of all trailer lights.



**Make sure that the nose weights are correct for the towing equipment being used. See 70, TOWING WEIGHTS.**



**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.**

## TOW BALL/DRAWBAR STOWAGE



**The tow ball/drawbar receiver is heavy, care must be taken when handling it. When the ball locks into position, the locking lever can snap back under spring pressure, take care not to catch your fingers.**

**5 seat vehicles:** The tow ball/drawbar receiver is stowed under the loadspace floor.

**7 seat vehicles:** The tow ball/drawbar receiver is stowed behind an access cover on the left-hand side of the loadspace.