

Vehicle recovery

⚠ WARNING

The recovery agent **MUST** activate the Emergency Park Release before towing commences. This procedure is covered in a separate publication for service personnel.

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If transmission Neutral (N) is selected and the engine is then switched off, after 10 minutes has elapsed, the transmission will automatically select Park (P). At this point if the Emergency Park Release has not been activated and the vehicle is being towed, serious damage to the transmission will result. There is also a danger to personal safety.

⚠ WARNING

If the engine cannot be used during towing, there will be no power assistance to the braking system. This will result in much greater effort to stop the vehicle and in a greatly increased stopping distance.

NOTICE

Only tow the vehicle in a forward direction with all four wheels on the ground. Towing in a reverse direction or with only two wheels on the ground, will cause serious damage to the transmission.

NOTICE

Do not tow the vehicle for more than 30 miles (50 km). Do not exceed 30 mph (50 km/h). Towing for a greater distance or at a higher speed may result in serious damage to the transmission.

NOTICE

Do not tow the vehicle if the transmission cannot be set in Neutral (N), or if the rear electronic differential has failed in the locked position.

The following procedure must be carried out carefully to prevent damage to the vehicle:

1. Secure the towing attachment from the recovery vehicle to the front towing eye. See **225, TOWING EYES**.
2. With the Electric Parking Brake (EPB) applied, switch on the ignition.
3. Press the brake pedal, and rotate the gear selector to the Neutral (N) position.
4. Activate the Emergency Park Release.
5. Switch off the ignition, and leave the Smart key in a secure place inside the vehicle.
6. The ignition may be switched on to allow operation of turn signals, brake lamps etc.
7. Release the EPB before towing the vehicle.

NOTICE

Leaving the ignition switched on for extended periods will drain the vehicle battery.

AFTER TOWING ON FOUR WHEELS

1. Apply the Electric Parking Brake (EPB).
2. Switch on the ignition and press the brake pedal.
3. Rotate the gear selector to the Park (P) position.
4. Deactivate the Emergency Park Release.
5. Switch off the ignition and remove the Smart key from the vehicle.
6. Remove the recovery vehicle towing attachment from the front towing eye and refit the cover.

⚠ WARNING

Use extreme caution when detaching towing equipment. Vehicle movement is possible which can result in serious injury.