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How To Tow A Trailer - Some Basics You Should Know For Your Own Safety



Be certain you know how to tow a trailer safely, before trying to do so. Towing necessitates the proper equipment like a towing hitch to firmly connect the trailer to the towing vehicle.

Whether you are towing a boat to the nearby lake or tools for heavy-duty work, you have to be safe by making use of the correct tow hitch and methods.

Towing Equipment and Towing Hitch Basics

Here are some basic towing equipment pieces you should know:

1. Trailer hitch receiver - The bar to metal which connects to your car. You require a ball mount to connect to the base.
2. Ball mount - The ball of metal atop the trailer hitch receiver
3. Trailer tongue - A bar from the trailer's front to the towing hitch
4. Coupler - Inverted cup at the tongue's end which is placed over the ball mount to connect your vehicle and the trailer.

The way to Attach the Towing Hitch

Here are some tips on how to attach a trailer to a tow vehicle:

1. Know the towing capacity of your vehicle in addition to the weight you're towing. Your manual would show you the vehicle's capacity. To know the weight you're towing, measure the trailer's weight and the objects on it. Account for any extras such as the inside contents of the camper or the fuel within the tank.
2. Select the correct rating along with the tow hitch. Hitches are categorized into Categories I to V, each class increasing in towing capacity. Class I trailers have a maximum capacity of two thousand pounds while Category V trailers have a maximum ten thousand pounds capacity.
3. Connect the brakes and lights wiring. Break as well as turn signals is fitted into trailers. Equip your vehicle with the suitable wiring harness to attach the light to the vehicle. Trailer brakes may be required for a towing weight of over 1500 lbs. thus make sure your vehicle has them as well.
4. Trailer registration is a must. License plates are required for trailers. Before taking to the road, obtain correct plates and registration and affix the plate at the rear end.
5. Know your length of your state and width cargo limits. Restrictions are set with regard to cargo weight and length before having to use additional lights or flags. States, for instance, need a red light or flag at the back of the vehicle for long wooden planks.
6. Strap down the cargo. Bumps, hills and turns might shift the cargo. The trailer could be ripped of the hitch if the cargo becomes off balance. To avoid this incident tightly pack and secure everything.
7. Hook your trailer. Attach the ball mount and coupler together. sure they fit securely. Attach safety chains between the tow vehicles and trailer as well. Cross the said chains underneath the tongue of the trailer. Attach the chain to tow vehicle and not the tow hitch. The chains work as backup safety choices that keep the tow vehicle and trailer connected if the hitch fails. Fix all electrical and check the lights.

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