

Tow Dolly Instructions

WARNING

Exceeding weight limitations or not using a towing vehicle larger and at least 1,000 lbs. heavier than the tow dolly and the towed vehicle combined can result in loss of towing vehicle control, separation of the tow dolly from the towing vehicle, or separation of the towed vehicle from the tow dolly, causing severe personal injury, death, or property damage.

All vehicles to be towed on tow dollies must be towed with the front axle on the dolly.

It is recommended that two people set-up and load this piece of equipment

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TOW DOLLY LOAD LIMITATIONS

Read Tow Dolly Instructions Before Loading

Maximum Tire Tread Width: 42" Min. - 76" Max.

Maximum Towed Vehicle Weight:

Front Wheel Drive 4,500 lbs.(GT300SB)

Rear Wheel Drive 4,800 lbs.(GT300SB)

or Four-Wheel Drive

-Vehicle must be centered with front end on tow dolly facing forward.

-Vehicles with low front end or air dams may not have enough ground clearance to drive up on tow dolly platform.

-Vehicle must have lockable steering.

-Rear-wheel or four-wheel drive vehicles must have drive shaft disconnected.

-Do not tow mid or rear engine mounted vehicles

-Towed vehicles must not be loaded with possessions, people, pets, etc.

DO NOT EXCEED 55 MILES PER HOUR OR

ANY LOWER POSTED SPEED LIMIT.

BACKING UP

The tow dolly is not a trailer and cannot be backed up because it swivels both at the coupler and car platform. If you must back up, unload car first, disconnect the coupler, and move car and dolly separately.

Play It Safe: Park where you can pull out going forward.

WARNING!

Read the following information completely before hooking up, loading, using, unloading or unhooking the tow dolly. Failure to abide by the following can result in damage to property, severe personal injury and/or death.

IMPORTANT DO'S & DON'TS

- Read the towing instructions in the towed vehicle's owner's manual.
- Use a 2", 5000 lb. (or greater) capacity ball for a Tow Dolly *without* surge brakes and a 2", 6000 lb. (or greater) capacity ball for a Tow Dolly *with* surge brakes.
- Make sure the towing vehicle's parking brake is fully engaged before starting hookup, loading, unloading or unhooking of the Tow Dolly.
- Do not load the towed vehicle onto the Tow Dolly until the Tow Dolly is completely and properly hooked up to the towing vehicle and setting on a level surface.
- Always drive the front wheels of the towed vehicle onto the Tow Dolly. Do not load backwards.
- Tail lights and stop lights must be hooked up and operating properly at all times.
- Do not load a towed vehicle that exceeds the weight or size limits onto the Tow Dolly.
- Always have someone safely guide you when driving the towed vehicle onto the Tow Dolly.
- Be sure the tires of your towed vehicle and the Tow Dolly are in good condition and inflated to the proper pressures. Tire pressure may increase during travel - do *not* bleed off this increase in pressure.
- Do not back up your towing vehicle when the Tow Dolly is attached. The Tow Dolly swivels both at the coupler and at the car platform. If you *must* back up, unload the towed vehicle first, disconnect the Tow Dolly and move the vehicle and tow dolly separately. *Play It Safe...park where you can pull ahead when leaving.*
- Do not exceed 45 miles per hour, or any lower posted speed limit.
- Avoid sharp turns or swerves.
- Braking distance increases when using a Tow Dolly. Use caution and always allow sufficient distance for braking.
- Do not transport passengers or cargo in the vehicle being towed.
- Do not unhook the Tow Dolly from the towing vehicle until the towed vehicle is completely unloaded from the Tow Dolly.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Customer Responsibilities

The customer assumes all risks inherent in the operation, use, or possession of the Tow Dolly. Towing a vehicle is the customer's responsibility and it is the customer who must ensure that the weight and size limits of the Tow Dolly rented will not be exceeded by the vehicle being towed. Any injury or damage that results from exceeding weight or size limits is the sole responsibility of the customer.

Towing Vehicle Requirements

The customer assumes all responsibility for the towing vehicle's fitness and suitability to perform the towing task in a safe, legal, and reliable manner. These responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:

- The towing vehicle's weight being at least 1000 lbs. greater than the weight of the tow dolly and the towed vehicle.
- Compliance with towing restrictions as stated by the towing vehicle's owner's manual and/or manufacturer.
- The towing vehicle having, as a minimum, a Class 3, 5000 lb. hitch and hitch ball for a Tow Dolly *without* surge brakes. Or a class 3, 6000 lb. hitch and hitch ball for a Tow Dolly *with* surge brakes. (Hitch ball must be 2". Do not use any other size hitch ball.)
- The towing vehicle being in good condition.
- The towing vehicle having a current federal and/or state inspection where applicable, and complying with any applicable laws.
- Making sure all lights are properly hooked up and operating at all times.
- The towing vehicle's hitch being approximately 20 inches to the top of the ball. Make sure that the hitch and the hitch ball are in good condition and not rusted, loose or stripped. Both the hitch and the hitch ball must be securely attached to the towing vehicle.

Load Weight and Size Limits

Load Limits (total weight of towed vehicle). A towed vehicle exceeding the weight limit will overload the tow dolly and may cause serious injury and damage to both the towed vehicle and the Tow Dolly.

For Tow Dolly *without* surge brakes:

- Front-Wheel-Drive Vehicles: 4300 lbs. max.
- Rear-Wheel-Drive Vehicles: 4300 lbs. max.

For Tow Dolly *with* surge brakes:

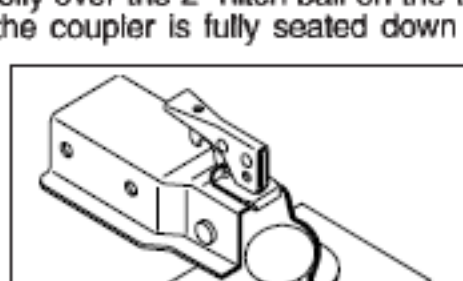
- Front-Wheel-Drive Vehicles: 4500 lbs. max.
- Rear-Wheel-Drive Vehicles: 4800 lbs. max.

Size Limits. A towed vehicle exceeding the width limit will obstruct the platform's swivel action when towing and could damage the towed vehicle's tires and the fenders.

- Maximum Vehicle Tread & Body Width: 76" from outside of left tire to outside of right tire on the front axle.

HOOK-UP OF THE TOW DOLLY

1. Loosen coupler loop nut. Place the coupler of the tow dolly over the 2" hitch ball on the truck. Be sure the coupler is fully seated down over the ball.

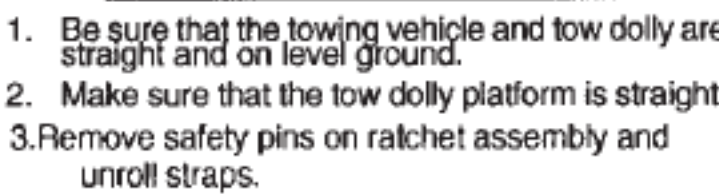


Make sure that the hitch and hitch ball are in good condition and not rusted, loose or stripped. Both the hitch and hitch ball must be securely attached to the towing vehicle.

2. Completely tighten the coupler loop nut. Pull up on the tow dolly tongue to be sure it is properly secured.
3. Connect the color coded wires from the tow dolly to the corresponding color coded posts on the towing vehicle's electrical box.
4. Crisscross the safety chains under tongue and secure to towing vehicle frame. Allow some slack in the chains for movement during turns made by the towing vehicle and tow dolly.

HOOK-UP OF THE TOWED VEHICLE TO TOW DOLLY

1. Be sure that the towing vehicle and tow dolly are straight and on level ground.
2. Make sure that the tow dolly platform is straight.
3. Remove safety pins on ratchet assembly and unroll straps.



4. Lay straps along fender side of tow dolly, off of tow dolly platform.
5. Allow tow dolly platform to tilt back by releasing the locking pin.
6. Slowly drive the front end of the towed vehicle onto the tow dolly until tires on the towed vehicle are resting against the tow dolly wheel stops. The platform will go into upright position.

Make certain that the towed vehicle is centered on tow dolly platform since the platform swivels during turns. Adequate space is required between the tow dolly fenders and towed vehicle.

CAUTION: NEVER BACK A TOWED VEHICLE ONTO A TOW DOLLY.

7. Locking pin on platform must go into the **locked** position.
8. For safety reasons, engage the parking brake of the towed vehicle (see item #13) and place transmission in low gear (standard) or park (automatic).
9. Center the tie down ratchets in front of the towed vehicle tires and pull the tow dolly tire straps forward over the tires.

10. Tighten each strap securely by pulling up and down as many times as necessary on the tie down ratchet assembly handle until the tire flattens slightly against the tire stop. Place handle in down position.



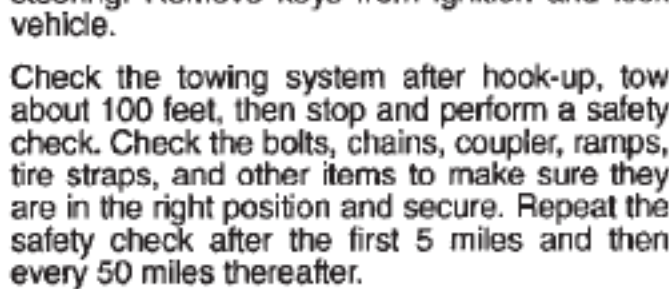
11. Hook up safety chains from tow dolly platform to the frame of towed vehicle directly above the area where chains are mounted on tow dolly. Allow slight slack in the chains to provide for suspension movement on the towed vehicle.
12. Disconnect the drive shaft on the towed vehicle if rear-wheel or four-wheel drive. Consult your dealer if you are uncertain of above. **TOWING ABOVE VEHICLE WITHOUT DISCONNECTING DRIVE SHAFT WILL DAMAGE TOWED VEHICLE'S TRANSMISSION EVEN IF TRANSMISSION IS PLACED IN NEUTRAL.**
13. Release parking brake on towed vehicle and be sure the steering is **LOCKED** in the straight position. The towed vehicle must have lockable steering. Remove keys from ignition and lock vehicle.
14. Check the towing system after hook-up, tow about 100 feet, then stop and perform a safety check. Check the bolts, chains, coupler, ramps, tire straps, and other items to make sure they are in the right position and secure. Repeat the safety check after the first 5 miles and then every 50 miles thereafter.
15. Towed vehicle is now safely connected and ready to be towed.

CHECK THE TOW DOLLY BOLTS, COUPLER, SAFETY CHAINS, ELECTRICAL HOOK-UP, AND TIRE STRAPS AFTER 100 FEET, AFTER THE FIRST 5 MILES OF TRAVEL, AND THEN EVERY 50 MILES THEREAFTER.

DO NOT EXCEED 45 MILES PER HOUR OR ANY LOWER POSTED SPEED LIMIT.

UNLOAD TOWED VEHICLE FROM TOW DOLLY

1. Park towing vehicle and tow dolly straight and on level ground. Apply parking brake of towing vehicle.
2. Fully apply towed vehicle parking brake.
3. Install drive shaft on rear-wheel or four-wheel drive towed vehicle.



4. Remove wheel straps and safety chains from towed vehicle.
5. Release tow dolly platform locking pin.
6. Release parking brake on towed vehicle.
7. **SLOWLY** back towed vehicle off of tow dolly to prevent bottom of vehicle from contacting ramps.

CHECK TRANSMISSION FLUID LEVEL ON TOWED VEHICLE IF DRIVE SHAFT WAS REMOVED AS FLUID MAY HAVE LEAKED OUT DURING TOWING.

8. Return tow dolly platform to the up position and engage locking pin.
9. Take up excess slack on tow dolly straps in ratchet assembly.
10. Store all safety chains in storage position.