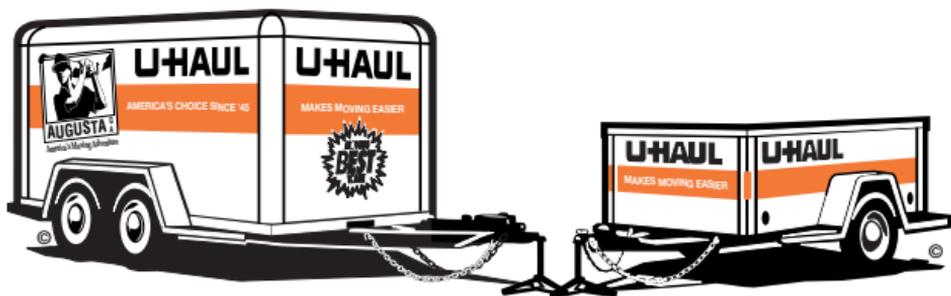




TRAILER USER INSTRUCTIONS

**STUDY INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE
USING EQUIPMENT**



WARNING



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THESE INSTRUCTIONS
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INJURY OR DEATH.**

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WARNING

FAILURE TO READ AND FOLLOW ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS BOOKLET MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH

-  **DO NOT** put the vehicle in motion before everyone in the vehicle has their safety restraint fastened. See page 12.
-  **NEVER** use a cell phone when you are driving. You may become distracted and cause an accident. See Page 12.
-  The **recommended maximum speed** when towing a trailer is **45 mph**.
-  Load 60% of the cargo weight in the front half of the trailer. See page 9.
-  **NEVER** exceed the trailer's maximum gross weight posted in the trailer. See page 11.
-  **DO NOT** overload your tow vehicle. Check the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) on the label, inside the driver door. See page 4.
-  **NEVER** allow passengers in any trailer or load cargo on the outside of the trailer. See page 9.
-  **DO NOT** use any type of sport-utility vehicle, not equipped with a hard top, to tow a trailer. See page 2.
-  Use the check list before towing and while on the road. See back cover.
-  **ANTICIPATE STOPS! BRAKE EARLY!** Allow a 4 second gap between you and the vehicle in front of you. In adverse weather, allow at least a 5 second gap. See page 13.
-  Slow down for downgrades and shift your transmission into a lower gear. See page 12.
-  Slow down for curves, adverse weather, hazardous road conditions and expressway exits. See page 12.
-  Your vehicle/trailer combination may experience momentary disturbances. If a disturbance happens, **DO NOT** brake, speed up or turn the steering wheel. Let off the gas pedal and keep the steering wheel in a straight ahead position, sufficient to maintain the lane of travel. See page 14.
-  If the combination travels off the paved roadway, hold the steering wheel firmly. Let off the gas pedal. **DO NOT** apply your brakes. **DO NOT** turn sharply. Slow down below 25 mph. Then gradually turn the steering wheel to get back on the roadway. Proceed with caution when entering traffic. See page 15.

EQUIPMENT

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Driving a vehicle/trailer combination is different from driving a vehicle alone. These instructions are to help you, your passengers and your cargo reach your destination safely. If you have any questions while reading this booklet, please do not hesitate to contact the nearest U-Haul representative.

If the driving duties are to be shared, make sure all drivers read and understand these instructions.

YOUR TOW VEHICLE



WARNING:

U-Haul does not allow any type of sport-utility vehicle, not equipped with a hard top, to tow a trailer. Towing with vehicles not equipped with a hard top is no different than towing with a hard top vehicle. In the unlikely event of an accident, vehicles not equipped with a hard top offer less crash and ejection protection than vehicles that have a hard top.

For occasional towing, your vehicle can tow any single axle U-Haul trailer, as long as the loaded weight of the trailer does not exceed your vehicle's curb weight. Your vehicle also can occasionally tow any U-Haul trailer equipped with brakes, provided the curb weight of your tow vehicle is at least 80% of the loaded weight of the braked trailer.

Changes to your tow vehicle from how it was manufactured can affect its ability to tow. These changes can include different tires, suspension changes, etc. Check your vehicle's owner manual or with an authorized automotive dealer to make sure any changes to your tow vehicle are approved. **DO NOT** tow the trailer if your tow vehicle has changes that are not approved.

If a tire goes flat on your tow vehicle, avoid driving on a compact spare tire any longer than necessary. Be sure the compact spare tire is properly inflated and do not exceed its weight limits. Check the vehicle manufacturer instructions for further information.

Refer to the owner's manual, decal instructions or an authorized automotive dealer for any specific handling characteristics of your tow vehicle.

MAINTENANCE

Your tow vehicle's engine, transmission, steering, suspension, front end alignment, and tire condition, if not properly maintained, may affect the vehicle's ability to tow the trailer at the **recommended maximum speed of 45 mph**. Have an authorized automotive repair facility inspect and repair your vehicle **before** towing.

To find the capabilities of the engine, transmission and axles of your vehicle for towing, refer to the owner's manual, or check with an authorized automotive dealer.

TOWING EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Hitches

Hitches must be able to tow the weight of the trailer and its cargo. If your tow vehicle does not have an adequate hitch system, a U-Haul representative can advise you on the type of hitch required for your intended use.

Hitch Balls

If the tow vehicle has the proper hitch, a U-Haul representative can advise you on the correct ball size and rating for your trailer. Hitch ball sizes of 1-7/8", 2" and 2-1/8" are acceptable with a U-Haul trailer coupler.

Other Hitch Systems

Weight distributing or sway control devices **ARE NOT RECOMMENDED** for towing U-Haul trailers. Towing a properly loaded U-Haul trailer does not require these devices (see page 8). These devices may have an effect on vehicle braking and may restrict the operation of the trailer coupling mechanism.

Lights and Mirrors

When towing a trailer, all lights must be operational. Also, your tow vehicle must have external mirrors on both sides. A U-Haul representative can advise you of the systems available if your vehicle is not properly equipped.

LOADING YOUR TOW VEHICLE

To find how much weight you are allowed to put in your tow vehicle, including driver, passengers, cargo and any additional equipment:

Step 1: Find the tow vehicle manufacturer's re-commended Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). This is found on a label inside the driver door.

Answer _____ pounds

Step 2: Subtract the curb weight of your tow vehicle from the answer in Step 1. Contact your U-Haul Representative for help in finding the curb weight of your tow vehicle.

Answer _____ pounds

Step 3: Subtract 250 pounds from the answer in Step 2 if your trailer has 2 tires. Subtract 400 pounds from the answer in Step 2 if your trailer has 4 tires.

Answer _____ pounds

The answer in Step 3 is the amount of weight you can put in your tow vehicle. This weight includes driver, passengers, cargo and any additional equipment.

If the rear of your tow vehicle seems low, reduce the load in the rear seat, trunk or cargo bed areas. This can affect handling and headlight aim.

THE U-HAUL RENTAL HITCH

The U-Haul rental hitch has a maximum rating of 5,000 pounds. Make sure the towing vehicle bumper is not cracked and is securely bolted to the towing vehicle on both sides. The bumper is part of your vehicle. U-Haul does not warrant the bumper, nor will we pay for the cost of repairing or replacing it.

YOUR TRAILER

After a U-Haul representative has hooked up the trailer, it is important for you to inspect all connections before and during your trip.

U-Haul does not recommend that you try to detach or attach the trailer, hitch, ball, coupler, safety chains, or light connectors, unless an emergency arises. If you suspect or detect something is wrong, please contact the nearest U-Haul representative.

TIRE PRESSURE

Set all tires to the proper pressure. Find the recommended **COLD** pressures on the tire sidewall, owner's manual, your vehicle's door decal or on the trailer decal. **DO NOT** put more pressure in the tire than is indicated on the tire sidewall. Tire pressures go up during driving. **DO NOT** let off this extra pressure.

INSPECTING CONNECTIONS

Check all connections at each stop. Use the checklist on the back cover.

PERMANENT OR TOW BUMPER HITCH

Make sure the hitch is securely attached to your tow vehicle and the hitch ball is securely attached to the hitch.

U-HAUL C1M RENTAL HITCH (FIG. 1)

- 1.) Make sure that the top (A) and bottom (B) hooks are securely attached to the bumper (C).
- 2.) Check that the top and bottom hooks (A&B) are located as close as practical to the bumper mounting bracket (D).
- 3.) If your tow vehicle has bumper guards, make sure the hitch cross bar (E) does not contact the bumper guards.
- 4.) The hitch ball (F) should be vertical and centered on the rear bumper (C) and the hitch cross bar (E) should be level.
- 5.) The hook chains (H) must have one chain link engaged in the key hole shaped slots (J) before firmly tightening the wing nut (K).
- 6.) When the wing nuts (K) are hand tightened, the compression springs (L) under the wing nuts should compress fully.

- 7.) If the hitch ball is not vertical or the hitch cross bar (E) is not level, loosen the wing nuts, use a different chain link in the key hole slot (J) and repeat step 6.

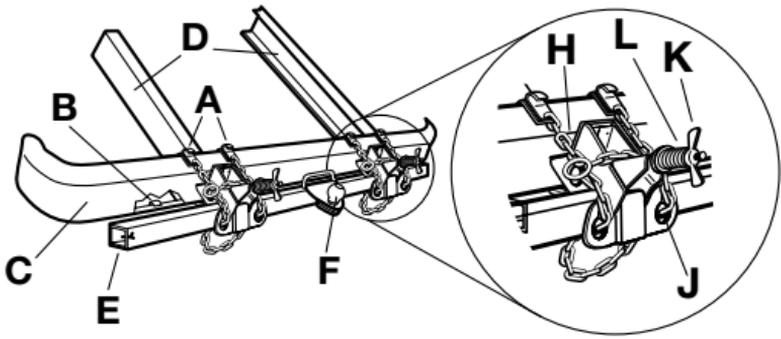
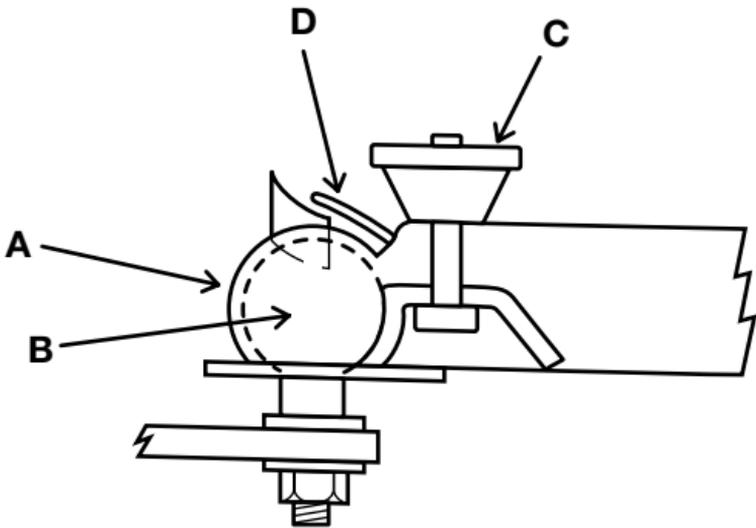


Fig. 1

TRAILER COUPLER (FIG. 2)

The coupler (A) should completely cover and enclose the hitch ball (B). Make sure there is no interference or gap inside the coupler. Hand tighten the handwheel (C). Push back on the front of the trailer to ensure that the coupler properly covers the hitch ball. Re-tighten the handwheel (C) by hand. The U-Haul coupler has a positive locking system (D).



CORRECT

Fig. 2

EMERGENCY SAFETY CHAINS (FIG. 3)

The purpose of the safety chains is to keep the trailer connected to your tow vehicle in the unlikely event the coupler comes off the ball or the ball comes off the hitch. Safety chains are attached to the trailer tongue and are equipped with “S”-hooks on their free ends. **DO NOT** attempt to tow the trailer by the safety chains alone, unless it is necessary to get the combination off the roadway to a safe place. **DO NOT** tow the trailer without the safety chains securely attached to the towing vehicle.

The left chain (A) crosses underneath the trailer tongue (B) and hooks to the right side of the tow vehicle frame (C) or structure, the tow vehicle bumper brackets or to the permanent hitch. The right chain (D) hooks to the left side in the same manner. The “S”-hooks can be placed through a link in the chain. Crossing the chains under the tongue allows the minimum amount of slack for turning. This method may prevent the tongue (B) from striking the pavement in the unlikely event the trailer becomes separated from the tow vehicle.

The chains (A&D) need slack to allow your vehicle to make turns. Make sure these chains attach securely to your tow vehicle and do not drag on the roadway.

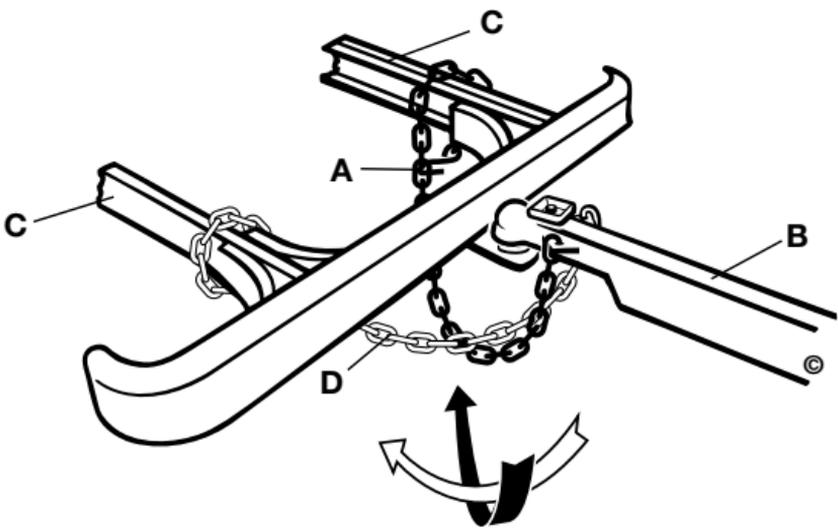


Fig. 3

EMERGENCY BRAKE CHAIN (FIG. 4)

Trailers with brakes have a third chain, called the emergency brake chain (E). This chain applies the brakes automatically in the unlikely event of a separation of the trailer from the tow vehicle. Attach this chain to the tow vehicle frame member or structure or bumper bracket (C). Use slightly less slack than your safety chains. *Slack is necessary to prevent the emergency brake from activating on turns or inclined driveways.*

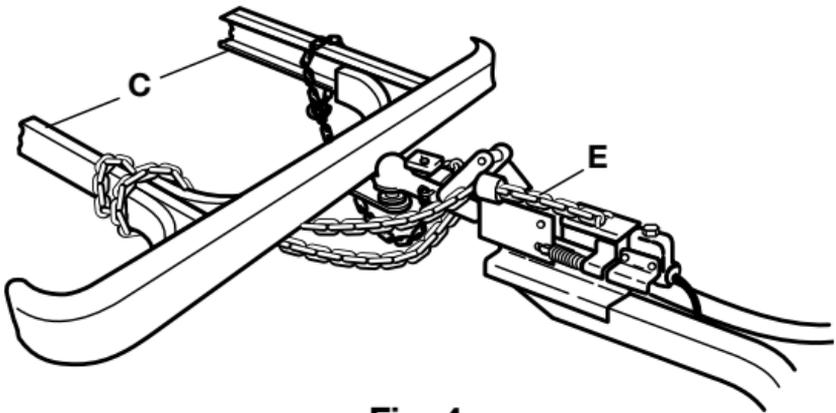


Fig. 4

LIGHTING CONNECTIONS

Before starting your trip, get familiar with the lighting wire connections. The trailer has a separate lighting wire for the left and right side. Check that the left trailer wires are attached to the left side vehicle connectors. The right trailer wire must connect to the right side vehicle connectors.

The wire on each side of the tongue is made of two or three separate colored wires. On a trailer with two wires, the black wire (brake & turn signal) is plugged into the black connector. The white wire (running lights) is plugged into the white connector.

For a trailer that has three separate colored wires on each side, the black wire (brake lights) is plugged into the black connector. The white wire (running lights) is plugged into the white connector. The green wire (turn signal) is plugged into the green connector.

When the trailer has three wires per side and the tow vehicle only has two connectors per side, do not attach the green (turn signal) wires. The turn signals will work through the black wires.

Lighting connection systems for tow vehicles with a three-wire and other systems are available. Your nearest U-Haul representative will be able to instruct you on the connection steps for these systems.

Make sure all vehicle and trailer lights function properly.

The wires need slack to allow your tow vehicle to make turns. Make sure all wires are connected and do not drag on the roadway.

LOADING YOUR TRAILER

WARNING:

Failure to follow these loading instructions may result in disturbances of your tow vehicle/trailer combination at the **recommended maximum speed of 45 mph or below.**

If you have any questions about loading your U-Haul trailer, contact U-Haul Customer Services at 1-800-789-3638.

WARNING:

Never allow passengers in the cargo area of any trailer. It is against the law in most states and passengers risk injury due to shifting cargo, asphyxiation and lack of collision protection.

DO NOT load cargo on the outside of the trailer. Loading cargo outside the trailer may result in a disturbance of the vehicle/trailer combination at or below the **recommended maximum speed** limit of **45 mph.**

VAN TRAILERS

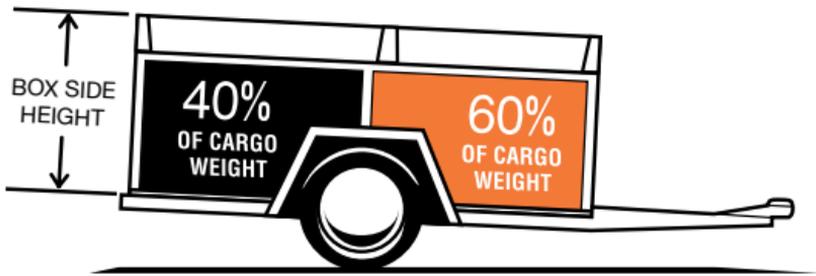
Load your trailer with at least 60% of the cargo weight in the front half of the trailer. Do this by loading the heaviest items first (such as appliances, tool boxes, boxes of books, etc.) in the front of the trailer, then load your lighter items near the top and to the rear. The centerline of the trailer box is marked on the inside of the trailer. Pack all items closely and firmly. This will place the proper amount of weight on the hitch (tongue weight). Secure the heavy items with rope to the tie downs in the trailer. If the trailer is not completely full, secure the load with rope to the trailer tie downs. This will prevent the load from shifting or damaging your belongings.



OPEN TRAILERS

Load heavier in the front of the box (60% of the cargo weight). When loading an open trailer, follow the same instructions as outlined when loading a van trailer, except **DO NOT** load small goods above the height of the trailer box side. Secure the cargo to prevent the load from shifting or damaging your belongings.

A U-Haul representative can advise you on the equipment available to protect your goods.

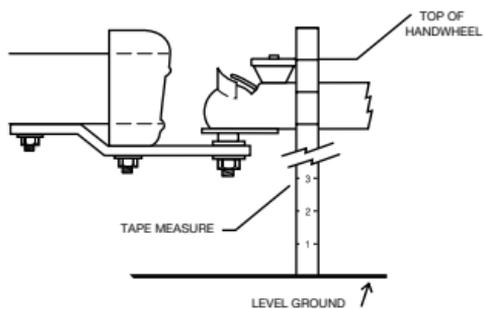


TONGUE WEIGHT

The following guideline is to help you make sure enough weight is on the towing hitch (tongue weight).

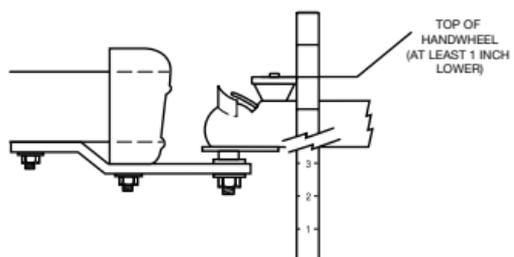
DO NOT DISCONNECT THE TRAILER

Step 1: With the tow vehicle and trailer *empty*, and the trailer attached to your tow vehicle, measure the distance from the ground to the top of the trailer coupler handwheel.



Answer _____ inches

Step 2: With the trailer *fully loaded* and the tow vehicle *empty*, measure the distance from the ground to the top of the trailer coupler handwheel.



Answer _____ inches

Step 3: Subtract the answer in Step 2 from the answer in Step 1. (Answer 1 – Answer 2)

Answer _____ inches

If your answer in Step 3 is greater than or equal to 1 inch, your trailer has enough tongue weight. If your answer is less than 1 inch, it is recommended that you reload your trailer, and put more weight in the front of the trailer. An answer in Step 3 less than 1 inch, can create a disturbance in your tow vehicle/trailer combination at the **recommended maximum speed of 45 mph or below.**

Take your tow vehicle/trailer combination for a short test drive. If you feel the combination is not handling properly, reload your trailer.

If you are not sure the trailer is properly loaded, take your tow vehicle/trailer combination to the nearest U-Haul representative and ask if your trailer is properly loaded.

DO NOT OVERLOAD

U-Haul trailers are designed to move household-type goods. Commercial loads (such as wood, food products, machinery, etc.) are heavier than household goods. **DO NOT** load the trailer more than one-third full, if you intend to move these items. Sand, dirt and gravel are even heavier, and require that you **DO NOT** load more than a maximum of four inches above the trailer floor.

Every U-Haul trailer has an empty and maximum gross (fully loaded) weight labeled on the inside of the trailer at the front. Never load the trailer so that it exceeds this maximum gross weight. If in doubt, check the weight at a commercial or state scale. (See the Yellow Pages under "Scales, Public.")

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL/CONTRABAND

WARNING:

DO NOT transport hazardous materials, corrosives, explosives or flammables such as gasoline or paint thinner. A container that is almost empty is just as dangerous as a full one. Flammables may explode or ignite through spontaneous combustion from vehicle movement.

Empty and air out the tanks on lawn mowers, camping stoves and lanterns before loading.

Liquid Propane gas tanks cannot be transported unless secured standing upright.

WARNING:

NEVER fill a portable fuel container **IN** or **OUT** the trailer. Vapors can be extremely flammable and explosive.

Securely close and properly package household cleaning products.

Illegal items cannot be transported.

TOWING

Be rested before driving. **DO NOT** drive when fatigued. Avoid driving at night. Night drivers have a 3 times greater fatality rate.

U-Haul does not recommend using cruise control or overdrive when towing a trailer.

SAFETY RESTRAINTS

U-Haul recommends all occupants wear appropriate safety restraints at all times while riding in a vehicle. State laws require children to be restrained while in a vehicle. Smaller children and babies should always be restrained in an approved child or infant restraint. Refer to vehicle manufacturer instructions and the child restraint instructions for proper application and usage for your child.

WARNING:

Rear-facing infant seats should never be placed in the front seat of the tow vehicle equipped with a passenger-side air bag. A child may be seriously injured if an activated airbag strikes the child restraint.

CELL PHONES

WARNING:

U-Haul **DOES NOT** recommend using a cell phone when you are driving. You may become distracted and cause an accident. If you need to use a cell phone while driving, find a safe place to exit the roadway, such as a rest area, before using the cell phone.

SPEED LIMIT

WARNING:

Excess speed is a major cause of vehicle/trailer combination accidents. The **recommended maximum speed** when towing a trailer is **45 mph**. Please observe this limit or the posted speed limit, whichever is lower. Slow down for curves, adverse weather, hazardous road conditions and expressway exits. Do not feel secure if your trailer tows easily at higher speeds. A road hazard that could be avoided at **45 mph**, may become unavoidable at 55 mph.

STOPPING/FOLLOWING DISTANCE

WARNING:

Your vehicle/trailer combination is heavier and longer than your vehicle alone. This means it will take you longer to stop.

 Allow at least 4 seconds between you and the vehicle in front of you. Start counting when the back of the vehicle in front of you passes a fixed object, such as a sign post, telephone pole, or crack in the road. Count “one thousand and one, one thousand and two, one thousand and three, one thousand and four”. If the front of your vehicle reaches the object before the end of the 4 seconds, ease off the gas pedal slightly to increase the distance. Then check your following distance again.

 If you are driving in adverse weather, such as rain, snow, or fog, use at least a 5 second gap.

HILLS

To prevent your tow vehicle’s engine from lugging when traveling up hills, shift into lower gears. This will improve gas mileage and reduce engine overheating.

WARNING:

Disturbances happen more frequently going downhill. Prevent this by decreasing speed **BEFORE** starting down the hill. Shift into lower gears, allowing the engine to help you control your speed.

DO NOT ride the brake pedal going downhill. Prolonged use of your brakes results in overheating and the loss of braking effectiveness. When you need to slow down, apply the brake pedal and slow down below the **45 mph recommended maximum speed**. Then let completely off the brake pedal.

PASSING

Your vehicle/trailer combination is heavier and longer than your tow vehicle alone and you will require more time and distance to pass.

WARNING:

Passing by another vehicle in the same or opposite direction can result in a disturbance. This disturbance is greater as the speed of your vehicle increases. See the COMBINATION DISTURBANCES section on what to do if a disturbance happens.

COMBINATION DISTURBANCES

One or more causes (cross winds, passing vehicles, driver steering inputs, improper loading, excessive speed, etc.) may result in a disturbance.

WARNING:

During a combination disturbance, applying your brakes or turning the steering wheel can cause a jackknife, loss of control or both. If a disturbance happens:

-  Let off the gas pedal. **NEVER** speed up to try to control a disturbance.
-  **DO NOT** apply your brakes.
-  Steer straight ahead, sufficient to maintain your lane of travel. **DO NOT** try to control the disturbance by turning the steering wheel.

After the disturbance has stopped:

-  Pull a safe distance off the roadway and stop. Get all occupants out and away from the roadway.
-  Check the cargo in the trailer to make sure the load has not shifted. Also make sure the trailer is loaded heavier in front.
-  Check that all the tires are properly inflated and all lug nuts are tight.
-  Check the trunk or cargo bed of the towing vehicle to make sure it is not overloaded.
-  **DO NOT** exceed the **45 mph recommended maximum speed**. Disturbances happen most often at higher speeds.

If the disturbance persists, contact the nearest U-Haul representative and have them inspect or exchange the trailer, if necessary. If the disturbance still occurs, something is wrong with your tow vehicle.

ROAD SHOULDERS

Sometimes the trailer is wider than the tow vehicle. Allow for this by driving in the center of your lane.

WARNING:

If wheel(s) of the vehicle/trailer combination go off the paved roadway:

-  Hold the steering wheel firmly.
-  Let off the gas pedal and slow down below 25 mph.
-  **DO NOT** apply your brakes.
-  **DO NOT** turn the steering wheel sharply.
-  After slowing below 25 mph, gradually turn the steering wheel to get back on the roadway.
-  Proceed with caution when entering traffic.

BACKING UP

Keep your hand at the bottom of the steering wheel. To move the trailer left, move your hand left. To move the trailer right, move your hand right. If your tow vehicle/trailer combination starts to jackknife, or isn't headed where you want it, STOP. Pull forward to straighten out, then start again.

BREAKDOWNS & ACCIDENTS

GET OFF THE ROAD

Immediately park your tow vehicle/trailer combination in a safe place, completely off the roadway. Turn on your emergency flashers. Get all occupants out of the vehicle and away from the roadway.

If you must continue on the roadway to reach a safe place off the road, turn on your emergency flashers and proceed with caution.

Do not hesitate to drive on a flat tire if it is necessary to reach a safe place completely off the roadway. Drive slowly, since the scraping tire and wheel could cause a fire.

MINOR BREAKDOWNS

**U-HAUL HOTLINE
1-800-528-0355
24 HOURS - 7 DAYS A WEEK**

If the trailer's mechanical problem is minor, and the tow vehicle/trailer combination can be safely driven, go to the nearest U-Haul representative. A U-Haul representative can be found in the White Pages under "U-Haul." If a U-Haul agency cannot be contacted, tire related service may be obtained from a local Goodyear tire dealer.

Take the trailer to the nearest garage or service station, only if you have been unable to contact a U-Haul or Goodyear representative. If the estimate is less than \$50, proceed with repairs. Obtain an official receipt from the company performing the service. The receipt must have the company name, address, and an itemization of work and cost. Present the receipt to the U-Haul representative when you return the trailer.

If the estimate is more than \$50, call U-Haul Hotline. Be prepared to give your exact location, a callback telephone number, and have your contract with you when you call.

MAJOR BREAKDOWNS

**U-HAUL HOTLINE
1-800-528-0355
24 HOURS - 7 DAYS A WEEK**

If the mechanical problem is major or if the trailer is inoperable or cannot be driven safely, call U-Haul Hotline. Be prepared to give your exact location, a callback telephone number, and have your contract with you when you call. Hotline will have a U-Haul representative contact you and do what-ever is necessary.

ALL ACCIDENTS

In case of an accident, get everyone out of the vehicle and completely off the roadway. Call a doctor or ambulance if anyone is injured. Care for yourself and the people with you. Notify the police as soon as possible.

Call U-Haul Hotline if anyone is injured, another vehicle is involved in the accident, or there is any damage.

Get the following information of all parties involved in the accident: name, address, home and business phone number. From the other driver get their driver's license number, the state the driver's license was issued and their insurance carrier's name. Use the form on the next page.

Be courteous and calm. Do not argue. Make no comment regarding the accident to anyone except the police, a U-Haul representative or insurance carrier, or your insurance carrier.

For your protection, complete a U-Haul Equipment Damage Report when returning the trailer.

ACCIDENT REPORTING

Fill out the On-Scene Accident Information Form found on the next page of this booklet. Completion of this brief form will insure you prompt action. Bring this booklet with the completed form with you when returning your trailer.

ON-SCENE ACCIDENT INFORMATION

DATE & TIME OF ACCIDENT

AM PM

STREET OR HIGHWAY

CITY

STATE

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATED BY:

ACCIDENT REPORT NUMBER

OTHER VEHICLE DRIVER'S INFORMATION

OTHER DRIVER'S NAME

CURRENT ADDRESS

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OTHER DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER

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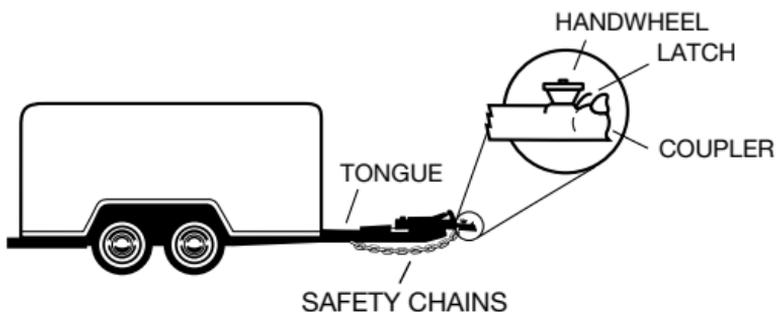
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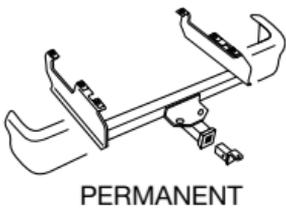
- COUPLER –** The part of the tongue that covers and connects to the hitch ball.
- HANDWHEEL –** The device on top of the coupler that tightens or loosens the ball clamp around the hitch ball.
- SAFETY CHAINS –** The chains that are attached to the trailer tongue with hooks on their free ends. These chains keep the trailer connected to the tow vehicle should the coupler come off the hitch ball or the hitch ball comes off the hitch.
- TONGUE –** The part of the trailer from the trailer box to the coupler.
- TONGUE WEIGHT –** The downward weight applied by the trailer on the hitch ball.



- CURB WEIGHT –** The weight of the vehicle with standard equipment, full of all fluids and appropriate options.
- GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING –** The weight specified by the manufacturer as the recommended maximum weight of a single vehicle.
- HARD TOP –** A metal or fiberglass rigid structure that fastens to the vehicle and encloses the occupant compartment.

HITCH –

The device providing the connection between the tow vehicle and the trailer. May be a permanent hitch or a rental hitch.



PERMANENT



TOW
BUMPER



RENTAL

HITCH BALL –

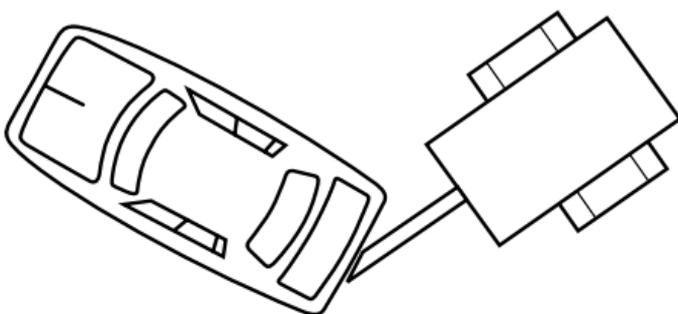
The ball-shaped portion of the hitch onto which the coupler is attached.

SAFETY RESTRAINT – Seat belts for adults and older children, approved child or infant restraints for smaller children. Refer to the vehicle manufacturer instructions and the child restraint instructions for proper application and usage for your child.

TOW VEHICLE – The vehicle that pulls the trailer.

DISTURBANCE – Movement of the tow vehicle, trailer or both from their intended path, due to one or more causes (i.e.: cross winds, passing vehicles, road surfaces, driver steering inputs, improper loading, excessive speed, etc.).

JACKKNIFE – When the tow vehicle and the trailer are at an excessive angle to each other.



LUGGING – The engine is temporarily overloaded, such as a vehicle going up a steep hill. The vehicle may jerk when the engine is lugging.

USER INSTRUCTIONS



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TOWING CHECKLIST

(USE AT EACH STOP)

BEFORE TOWING

- Towing hitch and hitch ball are tight.
- Coupler handwheel is tight.
- Safety chains are properly attached and secure.
- All lights are connected and working.
- Check all tires for correct pressure.
- Load trailer heavier in front.

BEFORE DRIVING

- Fasten safety restraints.
- Properly adjust mirrors.

ON THE ROAD

- Reduce speed to **45 mph** or below.
- Stop often for rest.
- Inspect vehicles and connections at each stop.
- Anticipate stops, brake early.

REMEMBER

ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED BY:

- Driver error
- Excessive speed
- Failure to load trailer heavier in front



HOTLINE

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USE FOR BREAKDOWNS
ACCIDENT ASSISTANCE OR
ABANDONED EQUIPMENT

Have your rental contract with you when you call. Be prepared to give the operator the exact location of the equipment and a callback phone number.

**24 HOURS
7 DAYS A WEEK**