

SASKATCHEWAN TOW VEHICLE LIMITS

TRAILER TOWING

- (a) The Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) of a travel trailer cannot exceed the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of the towing vehicle, unless equipped with a weight-distributing hitch. In Saskatchewan, for vehicles equipped with a weight-distributing hitch, the GVW of the trailer cannot exceed twice the GVWR of the tow vehicle.
- (b) The Gross Vehicle Weight of a Fifth Wheel or Gooseneck Trailer cannot exceed twice the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of the towing vehicle.
- (c) Gross Axle Weight Ratings on the truck front and rear axles and trailer axles cannot be exceeded.
- (d) All trailers with a Gross Vehicle Weight or Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 1360 kg (3000 lbs) must be equipped with brakes on all axles and a break-away system if manufactured on or after January 1, 1985 and brakes on at least one axle if the trailer was manufactured before January 1, 1985.
- (e) Trailers must be equipped with operational tail lamps, brake lamps, signal lamps, clearance lamps, side marker lamps, rear identification lamps and license plate lamp.
- (f) Gross Axle Weight Ratings cannot be exceeded on any one axle of the vehicle combination.
- (g) Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of the Tow Vehicle cannot be exceeded.
- (h) Do I Need a Special Driver's License to Tow a Trailer? A trailer and its load weighing over 4,600 kg (10,141 lbs.) meets the definition of a Class 1 vehicle and operators require a Class 1 license. If you wish to tow trailers weighing over 4,600 kg, but do not wish to drive power unit semi-trailers, buses or three-axle trucks, you may obtain restricted Class 1 privileges. A "G" restriction limits the driver to operating two-axle trucks (not including two-axle power units) towing trailers in excess of 4,600kg.

Towing two trailers is permitted, provided the lead trailer is a tandem axle trailer if the trailer is a bumper hitch type. If the lead trailer is a fifth wheel or gooseneck trailer it may be a single axle trailer. The maximum length of a combination is 75 ft. 5 in.

This is not intended to be a complete guide, it is intended to answer some of the more frequently asked questions, and is current as of August 3, 2006.