

Attaching A Trailer

Connecting a trailer correctly is critical to safe towing, we will now show you the correct way to attach a trailer to your vehicle.

1.

First adjust the height of the trailer coupling using jockey wheel (if fitted) so there is sufficient clearance for the towball to pass under the trailer coupling. Then unlock safety/security latch on coupling, lift the handle and secure in the open position.



2.

Then reverse vehicle so towball is under cup of trailer hitch or close to trailer coupling if no jockey wheel - *never drag trailer to vehicle.*



3.

Lower trailer hitch using jockey wheel until cup is fully covering towball. If no jockey wheel, lift trailer drawbar and place coupling onto towball. If the trailer is heavy seek assistance.



4.

Lower handle of the trailer coupling and lock safety/security latch in place.



5.

Once trailer is securely attached raise jockey wheel and remove if it is a clamp-on or rotate and lock the jockey wheel into the horizontal position if it is a swing-up version.



6.

Securely attach safety chain using D shackle ensuring safety chain is sufficiently clear of the road surface.



7.

Should trailer be fitted with two safety chains then cross them prior to attaching to vehicle. The only remaining task is to connect the trailer lights to the vehicle.



Attaching Electrical Lead Lights

Before you can tow your trailer, you must connect the trailer lights to the vehicle's electrical system and check their operation.

1.

Connect the trailers electrical plug to the electrical socket on your vehicle, ensuring sufficient lead to allow the trailer and vehicle to turn, but keeping the lead well clear of the road surface.



2.

[TIP]
Threading any excess lead through the coupling handle will keep the cable clear and help prevent the lead from damage.



3.

Confirm the brake, tail and indicator lights are all working correctly.
You are now ready to tow you trailer safely.



Operating Jockey Wheel

Here are some safety tips for using the jockey wheel.

1.

The Jockey Wheel must only be in the vertical position when the trailer is disconnected from the vehicle.



2.

Swing-up Jockey Wheels - once the trailer is safely connected to the vehicle wind the jockey wheel up so that is it clear of the ground, pull the handle to release the jockey wheel and rotate into the horizontal position.
Clamp-on Jockey Wheels - once the trailer is safely connected to the vehicle wind the jockey wheel up so that is it clear of the ground, undo the clamp and remove the jockey wheel, retighten the clamp and store the jockey wheel in a safe place.



3.

Swing up Jockey wheels must be in the horizontal position prior to towing the trailer. Never tow a trailer with the jockey wheel in the vertical position.

