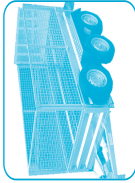


Twin Axle Trailer

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.



It is important to read all of this leaflet BEFORE you use the Twin Axle Trailer

Before driving the vehicle / trailer combination exceeds 3.5 tonnes and you are aware of the rules and procedures in force where people are at work. Find out about the rules and procedures in force where people are at work. Find out about the rules and procedures in force where people are at work.

The Twin Axle Trailer is designed solely to carry goods up to its rated carrying capacity, being towed by a road legal vehicle on made up roads. It must not be used for any other purpose.

It must not be used for carrying passengers or livestock. It must not be used in a way that causes damage to or by the vehicle.

The Twin Axle Trailer must not be used by minors or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The following items of personal protective equipment is the minimum that must be worn: Safety Helmets when working on a construction site, strong gloves for handling wire ropes, Hi-Viz clothing when working on the public highway or construction sites.

Do not use the twin axle trailer unless authorised to do so and have an appropriate driving licence. The twin axle trailer must not be used by minors or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The manual manoeuvring of the twin axle trailer should be carried by one or more able bodied adults. Anyone with either a temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using the trailer.

DRIVING LICENCE
A full driving licence must be held to tow any trailer. Most drivers who passed their driving test in 1996 or earlier will have a full licence to tow a vehicle and trailer combination weighing up to a combined weight of 8.25 tonnes.

With effect from 1st January 1997 the EC Directive on Driving Licences (81/439/EEC) came into effect, affecting new drivers passing their test after that date and HGV drivers who obtained their licence after 31st December 1991. These new drivers are only allowed to drive vehicle and trailer combinations in the categories listed below without taking a further driving test.

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WORK ENVIRONMENT
1. To reduce the risk of serious or fatal injury from breathing toxic fumes, do not drive the trailer in a way that causes fumes to be in the area. The trailer should be driven in a way that the area has good ventilation.

OPERATORS
1. The driver of the towing vehicle has the responsibility for the safe operation of the towing vehicle and trailer.

2. The driver of the towing vehicle must tow the trailer safely. The vehicle manufacturer's recommended towing limit, which is found in vehicle manufacturer's handbook and on the VIN plate on the chassis, must not be exceeded. The maximum gross weight (G.V.W.) of the trailer will be found on the identification plate, normally located on the A frame, close to the towing hitch.

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4. Establish that the vehicle to be used to tow the trailer is capable of doing so. Do not exceed the vehicle manufacturer's recommended towing limit, which should be found in the vehicle manufacturer's handbook and on the VIN plate on the chassis. The maximum gross weight (G.V.W.) of the trailer will be found on the identification plate, normally located on the A frame, close to the towing hitch.

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On other roads the speed limit is 50 mph on a single carriageway and 60 mph on dual carriageways and motorways for vehicles over 7.5 tonnes, articulated vehicles and other unusual vehicles, check the speed limit for the vehicle before driving.

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Before Starting Work...



The driver of the towing vehicle must have at least the following items of personal protective equipment:

• Safety Helmets when working on construction sites

• Strong Gloves for handling wire ropes

• Hi-Viz clothing when working on the public highway or on construction sites

Anyone who is assisting the driver of the towing vehicle will also need to wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

TWIN AXLE TRAILER

1. Check the twin axle trailer thoroughly. If anything is found to be damaged, do not use the trailer. Contact the hire company immediately. Ensure the trailer hitch is compatible with the towing vehicle - it will be found in the vehicle manufacturer's handbook and on the VIN plate on the chassis. The maximum gross weight (G.V.W.) of the trailer will be found on the identification plate, normally located on the A frame, close to the towing hitch.

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