

Recreational Vehicle Towing

Recreational vehicle towing means towing the vehicle behind another vehicle, such as behind a motor home. The two most common types of recreational vehicle towing are known as dinghy towing and dolly towing. Dinghy towing is towing the vehicle with all four wheels on the ground. Dolly towing is towing the vehicle with two wheels on the ground and two wheels up on a device known as a dolly.

Here are some important things to consider before recreational vehicle towing:

- Become familiar with the local laws that apply to recreational vehicle towing. These laws may vary by region.
- Be sure you know the towing capacity of the towing vehicle. Read the tow vehicle manufacturer's recommendations.
- Know how far the vehicle will be towed. Some vehicles have restrictions on how far and how long they can tow.
- Get the proper towing equipment. See your dealer or trailering professional for additional advice and equipment recommendations.
- If the vehicle is ready to be towed, just as preparing the vehicle for a long trip, ensure the vehicle is prepared to be towed.

Dinghy Towing

Run the ignition of a vehicle that is being dinghy towed in the beginning of each day, and at each fuel stop for about five minutes to ensure proper lubrication of transmission components.

Caution: Too much or too little fluid can damage the transmission. Be sure that the transmission fluid is at the proper level before towing with all four wheels on the ground.

Caution: Do not tow a vehicle with the front drive wheels on the ground if one of the front tires is a compact spare tire. Towing with two different tire sizes on the front of the vehicle can cause severe damage to the transmission.

To dinghy tow:

1. Position the front of the vehicle being towed—with all four wheels on the ground—behind the towing vehicle.
2. Secure it to the towing vehicle.
3. Put the vehicle in N (Neutral).
4. Shut engine off (vehicle will remain in accessory mode).
5. Release the Electric Parking Brake (EPB), if applied.
6. Disconnect the negative (–) terminal connector from the 12-volt battery.
7. Close the hood of the vehicle.

Caution: If the vehicle is towed without performing each of the steps listed under “Dinghy Towing,” the automatic transmission could be damaged. Be sure to follow all steps of the dinghy towing procedure prior to and after towing the vehicle.

Caution: If 105 km/h (65 mph) is exceeded while towing the vehicle, it could be damaged. Never exceed 105 km/h (65 mph) while towing the vehicle.

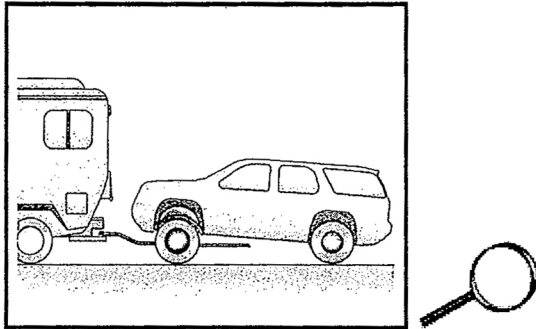
Once the destination is reached:

1. Shift the vehicle to P (Park).

2. Reconnect the negative (–) terminal connector to the 12-volt battery.
3. Start the engine and let it idle for more than three minutes before driving the vehicle.

For AWD vehicles only, a lubrication cycle is recommended after 2 700 km (1,700 miles) of recreational dinghy towing. Drive the vehicle in AWD up to 40 km/h (25 mph) for a minimum of 30 seconds to distribute lubrication throughout the rear drive module and protect the system for additional dinghy towing.

Dolly Towing

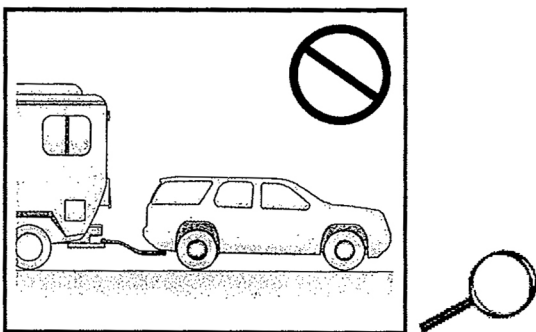


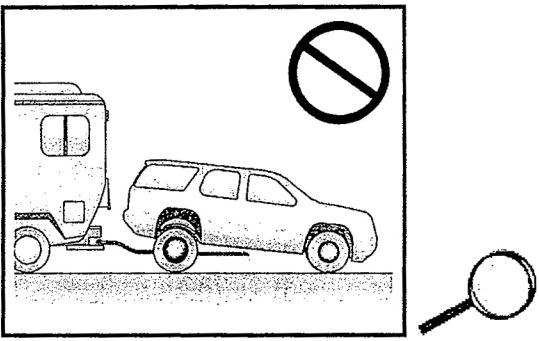
To tow the vehicle from the front with the rear wheels on the ground:

1. Put the front wheels on a dolly.
2. Move the shift lever to P (Park).
3. Set the parking brake.
4. Secure the vehicle to the dolly.
5. Follow the dolly manufacturer's instructions for preparing the vehicle and dolly for towing.
6. Release the parking brake.
7. Turn vehicle off.
8. Disconnect the negative (–) terminal connector from the 12-volt battery.
9. Close the hood of the vehicle.

For AWD vehicles only, a lubrication cycle is recommended after 2 700 km (1,700 miles) of recreational dolly towing. Drive the vehicle in AWD up to 40 km/h (25 mph) for a minimum of 30 seconds to distribute lubrication throughout the rear drive module and protect the system for additional dolly towing.

Towing the Vehicle from the Rear





Caution: Towing the vehicle from the rear could damage it. Also, repairs would not be covered by the vehicle warranty. Never have the vehicle towed from the rear.