

7 CHECKING THE TRAILER BEFORE AND DURING EACH TOW

7.1 PRE-TOW CHECKLIST

Before towing, double-check all of these items:

- Tires, wheels and lug nuts. See the “Major Hazards” section of this manual.
- Tire Pressure. Inflate tires on trailer and tow vehicle to the pressure stated on the Certification / VIN label.
- Coupler secured and locked. See “Coupling To The Tow Vehicle” section of this manual.
- Safety chains properly rigged to tow vehicle, not to hitch or ball. See “Coupling to the Tow Vehicle” section of this manual.
- Test Tail, Stop, and Turn Lights
- Test trailer brakes.
- Safety breakaway switch cable fastened to tow vehicle, not to safety chains. See “Coupling to the Tow Vehicle” section of this manual)
- Cargo properly loaded, balanced and tied down. See the appropriate “Loading The Trailer” section of this manual.
- Tongue weight and weight distribution set-up.
- Doors and gates latched and secured
- Fire extinguisher
- Flares and reflectors

7.2 MAKE REGULAR STOPS

After each 50 miles, or one hour of towing, stop and check the following items:

- Coupler secured
- Safety chains are fastened and not dragging
- Cargo secured
- Cargo door latched and secured