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TRAILERING 101

A guide to towing for beginners and professionals. Learn how to load your trailer, safe driving techniques, and how to deal with common towing situations.

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PRE-TOWING CHECKLIST



Recommended list of items to check before towing.

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TRAILERING TECHNOLOGY



Features available from the factory that help make towing safer and easier.

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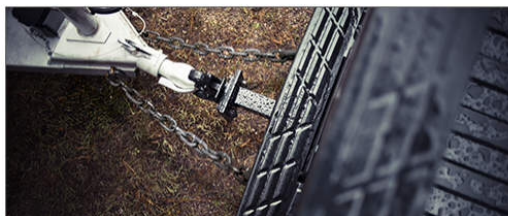
POWERTRAIN



Information about the powerful engines that help get the job done.

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SAFETY



Steps to take to help ensure safe towing.

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HITCHES & EQUIPMENT



Description of the different types of hitches and trailering equipment.

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FIFTH-WHEEL & GOOSENECK



Differences between fifth-wheel and gooseneck trailers.

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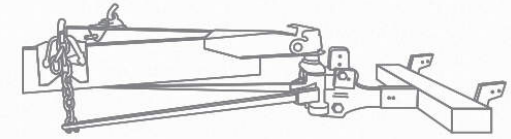
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WEIGHT-DISTRIBUTING CARRYING HITCH

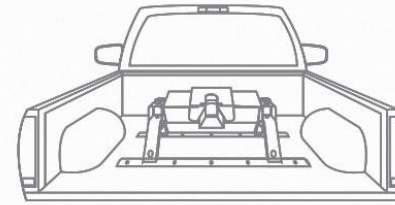
This is most often used for heavier trailering. This hitch type more evenly distributes the trailer load by using spring bars to shift some of the hitch weight forward onto the tow vehicle's front axle, and rearward to the trailer's axles.



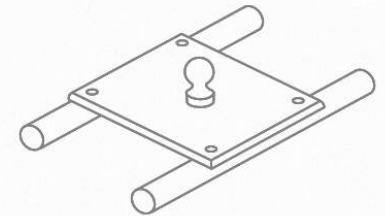
WEIGHT-DISTRIBUTING HITCH

FIFTH-WHEEL HITCH AND GOOSENECK HITCH

These are designed for heavy trailering. Located in the bed of the truck, these hitches position the trailer's kingpin weight over or slightly in front of the truck's rear axle. Fifth-wheel and gooseneck hitches are most frequently used with travel trailers, horse trailers and other large trailers.



FIFTH-WHEEL HITCH



GOOSENECK HITCH

TRAILERING PACKAGE

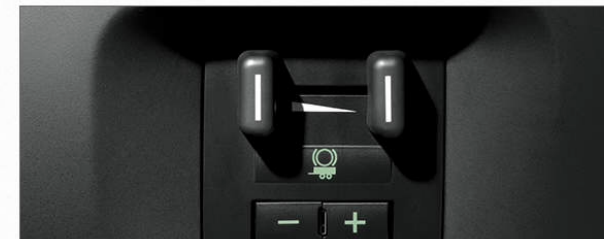
An optional Heavy-Duty Trailering Equipment Package is available for a wide variety of GMC models (and is standard on some Sierra and Yukon models). The package includes a trailer hitch platform and may include other trailering equipment.

WIRING HARNESS

Connects the trailer to the tow vehicle's electrical system so the tow vehicle can operate the trailer lights and brakes, if equipped.

INTEGRATED BRAKE CONTROLLER

This is optional on most Sierra pickups and Yukon models. Completely integrated within the electrical system and its antilock braking system, it allows your trailer's brakes to operate simultaneously with the vehicle's brakes.



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- **Safety chains/cables and trailer jack** Make sure they work properly and lube the jack with a light marine grease.
- **Tie downs** Make sure they are in good working condition.
- **Springs/axles** Inspect and check the mounting bolts. Tighten if needed.
- **Wiring harness and plug** Look for abraded wiring, dangling wiring, hanging lights and anything else that looks out of the ordinary.

BRAKES

- Fluid level
- Shoes or pads
- Parking brake cable adjustment

HITCH

- Receiver locking pin
- Bolts
- Hitch ball
- Wiring harness and plug

ENGINE

- Belts
- Hoses
- Oil
- Transmission fluid level
- Coolant
- Battery connection

OTHER

- Windshield wiper blades
- Washer fluid

MIRRORS AND LIGHTS

- Mirrors (clean and adjusted)
- Brake lights
- Headlamps and tail lamps
- Turn signals
- Four-way flashers

TIRES

- Tread
- Inflation

TRAILER

- Welded and bolted joints
- Safety chains/cables
- Springs
- Axles
- Mounting bolts

