

## **PERFECT TRAILERS**

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	TRAILER	BEFORE THE TRIP			
	CHECKLIST				
No.	Items to check	What to look for	Inspected/ OK	Corrected	Not Applicable
1	TYRES	Check for Wear and correct inflation,			
2	SPARE TYRE	Check Security, tread and inflation			
3.	Wheel Bearings	Excess Wheel Wobble? Adjust Castle nut if necessary, check the spirit /safety pin. One Set of extra bearing given to client.			
4.	Dolly Wheel	Ensure that it is in the "travel" position and secure.			
5.	Wheel Brace	Ensure that one is held of the correct type and size for the trailer			
6.	Load	Secure Load for the Travel			
7.	Flags	Fit red Flag of load overhangs (check relevant state legislation for permissions)			
8.	Lights/ Reflectors	Check left/right indicator, brake light and park/driving Lights all are working. Compulsory Reflectors fitted to the vehicle, Clearance lights working if trailer wider than 2.1 meters.			
9.	Safety Chains/Drawbar	Cross Chains over and attach trailer to towed vehicle using D-Shackles. Check Drawbar is securely mounted and not cracked.			
10.	Padlocks (where fitted)	Check keys/ Tradesman top locks are locked/ Top is bolted/welded to the trailer/inspect bolts/welding			
11.	Coupling/Hand Brake/ Brakes	Check Grease, coupling nut adjusted, put safety pin in coupling., MUST take off Hand Brake (otherwise it will burn the Drums) Ensure on coupling component is loose or is cracked.  Check trailers by compressing brake device (if override brake system) and attempt to move the trailer and ensure the brakes retard the movement of the trailer.  Other brake systems, apply the trailer service brake, attempt to move the trailer forward, the park brake must retard the movement of the trailer.			
12.	VIN Plate	Check Vin Plate installed and Vin Number stamped on A Frame			
13.	Registration Certificate/Plate	is the Number/Licence Plate Fitted, VIN on Rego Cert matches with the VIN Plate			
14.	Trailer Plug	Trailer plug securely fitted and locked (if flat plug is fitted)			
15.	Jack	Does the tow vehicle have a jack and handle in the event of pucture			

16.	Chocks/Hand Brakes	Remove Chocks/ hand brake only when the trailer is connected to the braked Vehicle.		
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		DURING THE TRIP		
	ITEMS TO CHECK	WHAT TO LOOK FOR		
17.	Tyres	Tyres Check excessive temperature and tyre faults		
18.		Check for excessive temperature or noise; Excess Wheel Wobble (Wherever you stop for fuel or food)		
19.	Dolly" wheel	Secure?		
20.	Load	Secure?		
21.	Lights	Check left/right indicator, brake light and park/driving Lights all are working		
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		AFTER THE TRIP		
	ITEMS TO CHECK	WHAT TO LOOK FOR		
22.	Tyres	Tyres Check excessive temperature and tyre faults		
23.	Wheel bearings/ Hubs	Check for excessive temperature or noise; Excess Wheel Wobble, Check if any hub has missing or broken wheel mounting nuts, studs or bolts.		
24.	Dolly" wheel	Secure?		
25.	Padlocks (where fitted)	Check keys/ Tradesman top locks are locked/ Secure Trailer Lock when unattached		
26.	Chocks	Install chocks to front and/or back of wheels to prevent rolling / Do not rely on just hand brakes.		
27.	General	Check whether any nut, bolt or locking device is not secured or is missing.		
28.	Suspension	Check to see if any suspension component is broken, cracked, missing, not secured.		
29.	Report faults	Report any faults to the Trailer Co-ordinator so that repairs/maintenance may be completed.		
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Trailer inspected by

Customer's Signatures with Date

## **Towing Considerations:**

- Reduced braking capacity
- Reduced safe passing opportunities
- Reduced acceleration
- Increased wind effects

- Increased fuel consumption
- Reduced rear vision
- Increased driver fatigue
- Height of trailer when reversing (car ports, overhanging trees)