

## TRAILER CHECKLIST

### Before the trip

Item to check	What to look for
Tyres	Check for wear and correct inflation (about 35psi)
Spare tyre	Check security, tread and inflation (about 40psi)
Wheel bearings	Excess wheel wobble? Adjust castle nut if necessary
“Dolly” wheel	Ensure that it is in the “travel” position and secure
Wheel brace	Ensure that one is held of the correct type and size for trailer
Load	Secure load for travel
Flags	Fit red flag if load overhangs >1 metre
Lights - indicators	Check for operation
Lights - brakes	Check for operation
Lights - park/driving	Check for operation
Safety Chains	Cross chains over and attach trailer to towed vehicle using D shackles
Padlocks (where fitted)	Check keys and ensure that trailer is locked to towed vehicle.
Registration Cert.	Is a current Rego Certificate and license plate fitted?
Trailer plug	Is there a strong connection between plug and socket?
Jack	Does the tow vehicle have a jack and handle in the event of puncture?
Chocks	Remove chocks only when the trailer is connected to the braked vehicle.

## During the trip

Item to check	What to look for
Tyres	Check excessive temperature and tyre faults
Wheel bearings	Check for excessive temperature or noise.
“Dolly” wheel	Secure?
Load	Secure?
Lights - indicators	Still operational?
Lights - brakes	Still operational?
Lights - driving	Still operational?

## After the trip

Item to check	What to look for
Tyres	Check excessive temperature and tyre faults
Wheel bearings	Check for excessive temperature
“Dolly” wheel	Secure
Padlocks	Secure trailer lock when unattached
Chocks	Install chocks to front and/or back of wheels to prevent rolling when the trailer is disconnected
Report faults	Report any faults to the Trailer Co-ordinator so that repairs/maintenance may be completed.

## Towing Considerations

- Reduced braking capacity
- Increased fuel consumption
- Reduced safe passing opportunities
- Reduced rear vision
- Reduced acceleration
- Increased driver fatigue
- Increased wind effects
- Height of trailer when reversing (car ports, overhanging trees)