



The Speedy Towbars Caravan Holiday Checklist

Vehicle Checks

- Check Vehicle Fluid Levels, including oil, coolant and brake fluid.
- Check your battery is in good condition. Does your car labour to start? (We recommend traveling with a lithium jump starter to avoid any flat battery issues)
- Check tyre wear and adjust tyre pressures (including spare)
- Check wheel nuts are tight
- Secure any cargo inside vehicle

Towbar Maintenance

- Inspect towbar for rust, cracks, or damage
- Ensure the towball and towbar bolts are tight and secure
- If hiring a caravan, have you checked you have the correct coupling, wiring setup and accessories?
- Is your vehicle and tow bar rated to the correct capacity and able to tow the caravan?

Hooking Caravan to Vehicle

- Couple the caravan to your vehicle - ensure the coupler, pin or housing is connected properly and secured. To test, use the jockey wheel to lift the van whilst attached to the car. If it's connected correctly, it will not detach.

- Attach safety chains with correct D-shackles, ensuring chains are crossed.
- Connect trailer plug to vehicle socket and other accessory sockets and test function i.e trailer lights, brake controller, Anderson plug, reverse camera.
- Confirm breakaway cable is connected and in good condition. Test pin removes and activates trailer brakes.

Caravan Safety Check

- Check caravan tyres for pressure and tread (including spares)
- Retract stabiliser legs and lock into travel position
- Secure jockey wheel in travel position
- Check suspension and undercarriage
- Turn off gas bottles and secure in holders
- Close and lock all windows, hatches and doors
- Retract awnings and secure externally mounted items
- Lower and lock TV antennas or satellite dishes
- Inspect chassis and coupling for cracks or wear
- Confirm load is evenly distributed front to back
- Weigh caravan if unsure about towing weight compliance

Interior Caravan Checks

- Lock all cupboards, drawers and the fridge
- Secure loose items inside
- Switch off appliances and gas connections
- Empty water tanks if not needed for transit (to reduce weight) - be careful not to throw off the weight distribution
- Secure TV, microwave and any removable items
- Stow keys and documents in an easy-access place

Final Departure Checks

- Is your caravan sitting level?
- Check towing mirrors are correctly adjusted
- Do a full walkaround inspection of tow vehicle and caravan
- Confirm caravan handbrake is released
- Test-drive in a quiet area and check braking and handling
- Ensure you have your licence, rego and insurance details
- Pack a roadside emergency kit (spare tyre, jack, torch, tools, lithium jump starter - trust us its good insurance to have one of these!)
- Share travel plans with a friend or family member