



TRAILER MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Pre-Tow Inspection Checklist

- Inspect Tires:
 - Check tire pressure with a gauge and ensure it matches the recommended PSI.
 - Look for punctures, cracks, bulges, and worn tread. Use the penny test for tread depth.
- Inspect Lights & Signals:
 - Test taillights, brake lights, and turn signals.
- Inspect Brakes:
 - Check brake components for wear or damage.
 - Perform a spin test on wheels and test the brakes during a short drive.
- Inspect Hitch & Coupler:
 - Examine for rust, cracks, or damage.
 - Ensure the coupler latches securely.
 - Inspect safety chains for wear or rust.
- Inspect Suspension & Axles:
 - Check for rust, wear, or damage. Look for uneven tire wear or abnormal wheel tilt.
 - Test wheel bearings for excessive play.
- Inspect Grease & Lubrication:
 - Lubricate moving parts, including the hitch, axles, wheel bearings, and tongue jack.

Routine Maintenance

- Tire Care:
 - Replace tires every 5 years or as needed.
 - Rotate and balance tires to prevent uneven wear.
 - Store tires indoors or cover them to protect from UV damage when not in use.
 - Replace punctured or severely worn tires promptly.
- Electrical System Maintenance:
 - Inspect wires and connectors for corrosion, damage, or looseness.
 - Replace burned-out bulbs or blown fuses.
 - Clean connectors with contact cleaner and battery terminals with a baking soda solution.
 - Secure wires against the frame and use coverings for protection.
- Brake Maintenance:
 - Check brakes regularly for wear and damage.
 - Adjust or replace brake components as necessary.
 - Ensure proper braking performance during test drives.

Remember:

Regular trailer maintenance ensures safety, prevents breakdowns, and saves you from costly repairs by catching small issues early.

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