

Trailer Annual Service Record

Keep an annual service history for a trailer, so its condition is a record of dates and work rather than a vague sense that it was fine last year.

The once-a-year service record for a trailer — bearings, brakes, coupling, tyres, lights and chassis — kept as a dated history rather than a walk-around before one journey.

INSPECTION RULES DIFFER BY COUNTRY AND BY USE

Whether a trailer has to be inspected or tested, how often, and by whom depends on its weight, what it is used for and the country it is used in, and trailers used for business are usually treated differently from private ones. Check what applies to yours — this sheet records the service, it does not set the interval.

Trailer make & model	ID / registration	Year	
Chassis / VIN	Plated MAM	Unladen weight	Axles

SERVICE HISTORY

one line each year — the chain of dates is the record

Date	Miles or years	Work carried out	Parts fitted	By	Cost

BEARINGS AND HUBS

☐ Wheels jacked clear and checked for play at the top and bottom of the tyre

☐ Bearings stripped, inspected and repacked, or replaced

☐ Grease clean — milky grease means water, gritty grease means it is too late

☐ Seals, dust caps and split pins renewed where they were disturbed

COUPLING, DAMPER AND BRAKES

- ☐ Coupling head wear checked on the ball, and the locking mechanism working
- ☐ Overrun damper tested — it should push in slowly and return on its own
- ☐ Brake shoes, drums and auto-reverse mechanism inspected
- ☐ Brake rods, cables and compensator freed off, adjusted and greased
- ☐ Handbrake holds on a slope; breakaway cable or safety chain sound

WHEELS AND TYRES

- ☐ Tread, sidewalls and date code on every tyre including the spare
- ☐ Pressures set to your own figures for the load, not to a car's figures
- ☐ Wheel nuts tightened to your own torque figure, and re-checked after a run
- ☐ Rims checked for corrosion, cracks and buckling

LIGHTS AND ELECTRICS

- ☐ All lamps, indicators, fog and reversing lights, with a second person watching
- ☐ Plug, socket and cable clean, dry and clipped clear of the road
- ☐ Earth connection clean — most trailer light faults are an earth fault
- ☐ Number plate present, legible and matching the towing vehicle

CHASSIS, FLOOR AND BODY

- ☐ Chassis, drawbar and welds checked for cracks and corrosion
- ☐ Floor sound from above and from underneath
- ☐ Sides, ramps, doors and their hinges and catches

☐ Jockey wheel, prop stands, tie points and lashing rings

Signed

Print name

Date

Notes and anything specific to yours