

Trailer Pre-Tow Inspection Checklist

Run the same walk-around every time, in the same order, so nothing gets skipped because you were in a hurry.

A pre-tow inspection for a trailer, horsebox, plant trailer or caravan. Runs top to bottom in the order you would walk around it.

KNOW YOUR OWN LIMITS

Load security and towing limits are legal duties in most countries, and the limits depend on your vehicle, your licence and the trailer's plated weights. Check what applies to you — this sheet records the walk-around, it does not set the rules.

Trailer / unit	Registration or ID	Date
Towing vehicle	Checked by	

COUPLING

☐ Coupling head fully seated and locked on the ball	
☐ Safety chain or breakaway cable connected correctly	
☐ Jockey wheel raised, clamped and secure	
☐ Handbrake released; damper and linkage sound	

RUNNING GEAR

☐ Tyre pressures correct, including the spare	
☐ Tyre tread, sidewalls and age	
☐ Wheel nuts tight to torque	
☐ Hubs not running hot after a short run	
☐ Suspension and axle visually sound	

LIGHTS AND ELECTRICS

☐ Side and tail lights	
☐ Brake lights	
☐ Indicators both sides	

BODY AND LOAD

Date