



Tool Tips Operation & Safety

Dump / Multi Purpose Trailer



Safety Practices:

Ensure all fastening devices from the trailer to attachments are secured for transportation.

Be sure the trailer tongue is locked or latched securely on the hitch ball, without excessive play or looseness. Ensure tow chains are connected to vehicle.

Connecting a trailer to your tow vehicle changes just about every driving characteristic of your vehicle. It takes a harder push on the accelerator to get the truck moving, a greater distance to get it up to speed, and an extended distance to stop the truck when you hit the brakes.

These driving changes mean you have to be more prepared than ever to avoid cars that pull out in front of you or a ball rolling into the street.

Quick braking can cause jackknifing, and abrupt steering changes can make the trailer sway, it's important to train yourself to look as far ahead as possible so that you can anticipate what might be in your path.

Slow down in congested areas.

Put more space between you and the vehicle ahead of you than you normally would.

Watch what's happening several cars ahead.

Make wider turns - When you are pulling a trailer, remember that as you go around curves and corners the trailer's wheels will not track the same as the tow vehicle's -- they will track tighter.

Towing Uphill and Downhill - Downshifting provides more uphill power and helps slow the vehicle on a downhill grade. Brakes will overheat if you keep your foot on the brake pedal when going downhill. Engage tow-mode if your truck has that feature.

Backing Up:

Move slowly and don't over-steer when backing up -- slight movements of the wheel are all it takes.

If possible, have someone outside of the truck help guide your movements.

Questions or Problems?

Contact the Home Depot listed on your contract.

Need More Information?

The instructions on this sheet are abbreviated instructions only and are provided solely as a customer service. They are not meant to replace the tool's operation manual. If you are unsure of the tool's safe and proper operation, please request an operator's manual from one of our sales associates. You can also view or download a copy of the operating manual at www.compactpowerrents.com.

Contact Compact Power Equipment Rental at 888-COMPACT compactpowerrents.com

Tool Operation:

Step	Action
	Trailer
1	Check the ball size on the tow vehicle (embossed on top the ball) to ensure it matches the size on the trailer hitch. Typically a 2" ball and hitch will be used, but for larger equipment a 2 and 5/16" are employed. If the ball is too small or large an appropriate tow ball and mount can be purchased from The Home Depot.
2	<u>Bumper hitches (ball mounted directly to bumper) are not permitted.</u>
3	Connect trailer wiring harness to tow vehicle wire harness and test lights by starting the vehicle and testing brake pedal and turn signals
4	Connect safety chains from the trailer to the tow vehicle.
5	Trailers equipped with electric brakes or surge brakes have a device that applies the brakes if the trailer becomes disconnected from the tow vehicle. The system connects to the tow vehicle with a small cable that pulls a lever to engage the trailer-mounted brake unit if the trailer and tow vehicle become separated. <u>If your trailer has this feature, use it every time you tow.</u>
6	Ensure tires are adequately inflated.
7	Ensure all lug nuts are tight.
8	Properly secure any materials within the trailer. Even trailers with high walls should have materials adequately secured.
9	Make sure that the jack on the trailer is securely raised and locked into place prior to towing.
10	Ensure all pins, chains, binders and retention devices are fastened securely before towing the equipment.
11	Adjust the exterior rearview mirrors so that you can see the sides of the tow vehicle and the sides of the trailer. It is best to point the mirrors down slightly so that I can see where the tires are in relation to the pavement lines. It is critical that you have a good view of vehicles behind and beside you. If you cannot see past the trailer, install new (additional) mirrors
12	When operating the dump mechanism of the trailer, beware pinch points and crushing hazards.