

TOWABLES 2009

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A guide to 2009-model-year vehicles that manufacturers have indicated can be recreationally towed behind a motorhome without significant modifications.



Jeep Compass

The following information is intended to help motorhome owners select a vehicle that is approved by its manufacturer for flat towing. The information was gathered from automobile manufacturers and pertains only to model-year 2009 vehicles. The information may or may not be correct for earlier or later models. While every attempt has been made to present accurate information, continued vehicle improvements and production-line changes could alter the information and render it out-of-date. Before purchasing any vehicle, consult its owners manual to determine whether the vehicle can be flat towed behind a motorhome and what procedures must be taken to prepare the vehicle for towing. Towing surveys for prior years are available at www.FMCA.com.

Having another vehicle along when traveling by motorhome makes leaving the campground less of a hassle when it comes time to go get some groceries, grab a bite to eat, or visit a nearby landmark. Plus, it provides travelers with alternative transportation should they experience a problem with the motorhome that requires it to be out of commission for a period of time. That's why most motorhomers tow another vehicle behind their coach.

Several ways to tow a vehicle behind a motorhome exist, including using a dolly or flatbed trailer, but the most popular method is to use a tow bar and tow four wheels down. To help motorhomers determine which

2009-model-year vehicles can be flat towed behind a motorhome, *Family Motor Coaching* has compiled this guide to provide readers with a starting point in their search for a towed vehicle.

The list of 2009 vehicles includes many familiar models that have been deemed towable in past years, but several newcomers may be of interest to those searching for a new towed vehicle. One of these is the Chevrolet Traverse. This crossover sport utility vehicle (SUV) comes with an automatic transmission and is available in either front-wheel-drive or all-wheel-drive configurations. Also from General Motors, the new four-wheel-drive Hummer H3T is towable with a manual or automatic transmission and features a five-passenger cab and a separate 5-foot-long bed.

Chrysler adds a trio of vehicles to this year's list with the Dodge Caliber, Jeep Compass, and Jeep Patriot. The front-wheel-drive Caliber with a manual transmission is towable four wheels down and has a base curb weight of less than 3,000 pounds. Both the Compass and Patriot are compact SUVs that are available in front-wheel-drive or four-wheel-drive configurations and are towable when equipped with a manual transmission.

New from Ford this year is the Flex, a large SUV-type vehicle that seats up to seven passengers. It is available with either front-wheel drive or all-wheel drive and includes an automatic transmission.

Hummer H3T



Smart Fortwo Passion Cabriolet

A manufacturer making its debut on the towables list is Smart, which offers a pair of economical, lightweight, subcompact vehicles. The Fortwo Passion coupe and Fortwo Passion cabriolet are rear-wheel-drive two-seaters that feature a five-speed automated manual transmission that allows the driver to switch between manual and automatic modes. Both vehicles have curb weights of less than 1,900 pounds and report EPA fuel mileage estimates of 33 mpg in the city and 41 mpg on the highway.

LET THE SEARCH BEGIN

Towing information may be difficult to obtain directly from the auto manufacturers, and oftentimes dealership salespeople don't understand the concept of recreational towing or have limited knowledge about which vehicles can be towed four wheels down.

That's why it's important to do your homework when it comes to selecting your next towed vehicle. Think of the "Towables For 2009" guide as the first step in your discovery process.

Several steps must be taken prior to purchasing a towed vehicle. First, make sure the dealership representative with whom you are speaking understands that you are looking to tow the vehicle and not use it to tow a trailer.

Next, and perhaps the most important step, is to request that the salesperson show you a copy of the

owners manual for that vehicle. No vehicle should leave the lot without one, so insist upon seeing it. Once you have the manual in hand, find the section that addresses four-wheels-down towing — often under a heading such as "Recreational Towing." (Do not confuse this with "Emergency Towing," which may be possible four wheels down on a limited basis for emergency purposes only.) In this section you will find the specific guidelines regarding the towing procedures, necessary modifications, and safety issues pertaining to the particular vehicle. Keep in mind that while a manufacturer may say a vehicle can be towed without significant modifications, what may not be significant to one person may be burdensome to another.

Once you are confident that the vehicle is towable and you are comfortable with the towing setup procedures and guidelines, you should have a few more questions answered before making the purchase. Find out from the dealer, manufacturer, or owners manual how towing will affect the vehicle's warranty. Also, ask the dealer rep whether any service bulletins have been released that relate to towing the vehicle behind a motorhome.

Finally, if possible, have the vehicle weighed. Your motorhome has been given a gross combination weight rating (GCWR), which is the maximum allowable combined weight of the motorhome and the attached

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towed vehicle. The following list includes approximate curb weights as supplied by the manufacturers; however, optional equipment and accessories undoubtedly will increase the weight of the vehicle. So, make sure that its weight will not push the combined weight above the GCWR. It's also a good idea to weigh your motorhome (See "Weight And Tire Safety," July 2007, page 62). Because of overloading issues, some motorhomes should not be towing anything. In fact, certain motorhomes may need to have their loads lightened before being driven solo.

The next step is to purchase a tow bar and base plate. Several companies sell tow bars with varying convenience and safety features. The most important factor when selecting a tow bar and base plate package is to make sure it is rated to handle the weight of the towed vehicle. Once you've made your choice, have the initial installation done by knowledgeable, qualified, and experienced personnel. Once it is installed, it's imperative that all equipment be checked frequently and used only in the manner for which it was designed. As with any mechanical gear, proper maintenance can increase the life of towing equipment. However, there comes a time when the equipment must be replaced to prevent a dangerous situation. Frequent inspections will alert you to the need.

When hooking up the towed vehicle, do not let yourself be distracted. We've all heard stories about someone who had a weld break or who forgot to connect the safety chains but was fortunate enough that nothing bad happened. Others were not so lucky, and they know that the personal and financial costs of a towing mishap can be enormous.

Also, get in the habit of checking the tow bar, connector pins, safety chains, and electrical connection each time you stop for fuel or to take a rest break. Walk around the towed vehicle to make sure the tires are properly inflated and are not exhibiting any unusual wear patterns. Perform these quick safety inspections each time you're stopped and you will decrease the chances of a potential problem while on the road.

Safety is the most important issue for motorhomers when they operate their coaches. That's why, for safety's sake, every motorhome owner who tows a vehicle four wheels down should consider using an auxiliary braking system. Many motorhome, chassis, and automobile manufacturers recommend that supplemental brakes be used on any towed vehicle. Check your motorhome's owners manual and you likely will find requirements and information regarding the use of auxiliary brakes.

A question that is often asked concerning supplemental brakes involves the legal ramifications of not using one. Not all jurisdictions mandate supplemental brakes on towed vehicles, but when it comes to four-wheels-down towing, safety should be more important than whether you are likely to receive a traffic citation. Your motorhome's brakes were designed to stop the weight of the coach. Add several thousand pounds of towed vehicle weight to the equation and the motorhome's braking system is being asked to do more than it was intended. The extra weight can reduce the effectiveness of the brakes in emergency stopping situations, as well as lead to premature — and potentially costly — wear on the motorhome's braking system.

A supplemental brake provides stopping assistance to the tandem, allowing the towed vehicle's brakes to slow the vehicle and reduce the weight inertia that's pushing forward against the rear of the motorhome. Most of us have never heard anyone say that the brakes on their motorhome stop it too quickly. Nevertheless, many of us have seen what happens when brakes don't work quickly enough.

Although this guide focuses on vehicles that can be flat towed, there is no single best way to tow. Each vehicle and each method has its advantages and disadvantages. If a vehicle you already own or wish to purchase cannot be flat towed, it may be possible to tow it on a dolly or trailer or have adaptations made to the vehicle to make it towable.





Buick Enclave CXL



Chrysler Aspen

READING THE CHART

Based on questions we've received from readers in past years, here are some clarifications regarding information that appears on the accompanying towing chart. A "Yes" in the column under the type of transmission (auto or manual) means that when equipped with that type of transmission, the vehicle is towable; "No" means it is not towable. If the model is not available with a particular transmission, "N/A" appears in the column. The "Approximate Curb Weight" and "Total Length" figures are for a vehicle's base model. Keep in mind also that although some vehicles are indicated as being towable, not all trim lines, engine configurations, etc. within that model line may be towable; always refer to the particular vehicle's owners manual to be sure.

BUICK

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Enclave	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None	4,985 lbs.	201.5 in.
Enclave	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	4,780 lbs.	201.5 in.

CHEVROLET

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Avalanche	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	5,645 lbs.	221.3 in.
Cobalt Sedan, Coupe	Yes	Yes	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	2,730 lbs.	180.3 in.
Colorado	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	3,684 lbs.	192.4 in.
Equinox Sport	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive*	65 mph/None	3,818 lbs.	189.6 in.
HHR	Yes	Yes	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	3,155 lbs.	176.2 in.
Malibu	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	3,415 lbs.	191.8 in.
Silverado	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,798 lbs.	205.6 in.
Suburban	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	5,836 lbs.	222.4 in.
Tahoe	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	5,560 lbs.	202.0 in.
TrailBlazer	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,523 lbs.	191.8 in.
Traverse	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None	4,925 lbs.	205.0 in.
Traverse	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	4,720 lbs.	205.0 in.

* Only Equinox Sport vehicles with a 6-speed automatic transmission can be towed four wheels down.



GMC Yukon XL



Honda Fit

CHRYSLER

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Aspen 4x4*	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	5,070 lbs.	200.8 in.
PT Cruiser	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,070 lbs.	168.9 in.

* Only Aspens equipped with the optional low-speed transfer case that has a neutral position can be towed four wheels down. The standard Aspen 4x4 is an all-wheel-drive vehicle that does not have a neutral position and cannot be towed four wheels down.

DODGE

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Caliber	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,966 lbs.	173.8 in.
Dakota 4x4	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	4,376 lbs.	218.5 in.
Durango 4x4*	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,940 lbs.	200.8 in.
Ram 1500 4x4	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,893 lbs.	209.0 in.
Ram 2500 4x4	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	5,984 lbs.	227.7 in.
Ram 3500 4x4	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	6,471 lbs.	227.7 in.

* Only Durangos equipped with the optional low-speed transfer case that has a neutral position can be towed four wheels down. The standard Durango 4x4 is an all-wheel-drive vehicle that does not have a neutral position and cannot be towed four wheels down.



Ford Flex



Hummer H2



Hyundai Santa Fe

FORD

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Edge	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	None	4,288 lbs.	185.7 in.
Edge	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	None	4,078 lbs.	185.7 in.
Escape I-4	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	3,504 lbs.	174.7 in.
Escape I-4	Yes	Yes	Front-wheel drive	70 mph*/None	3,355 lbs.	174.7 in.
Escape Hybrid	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	3,829 lbs.	174.7 in.
Escape Hybrid	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	None	3,669 lbs.	174.7 in.
Escape V-6	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	3,578 lbs.	174.7 in.
Escape V-6	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	None	3,421 lbs.	174.7 in.
Explorer V-6 4x4 [†]	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,628 lbs.	193.4 in.
Explorer V-8 4x4 [†]	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,719 lbs.	193.4 in.
Explorer Sport Trac V-6 4x4 [†]	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,752 lbs.	210.2 in.
Explorer Sport Trac V-8 4x4 [†]	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,840 lbs.	210.2 in.
F-150 4x4 [§]	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,971 lbs.	213.1 in.
F-250/350/450 4x4 [§]	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	6,976 lbs.	227.0 in.
Flex	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	None	4,640 lbs.	201.8 in.
Flex	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	None	4,468 lbs.	201.8 in.
Focus	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,588 lbs.	175.0 in.
Fusion	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	70 mph*/None	3,181 lbs.	190.2 in.
Ranger 4x2	No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	55 mph/None	3,120 lbs.	189.4 in.
Ranger 4x4 [¶]	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	55 mph/None	3,713 lbs.	203.6 in.
Taurus	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	None	3,930 lbs.	201.8 in.
Taurus	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	None	3,741 lbs.	201.8 in.
Taurus X	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	None	4,203 lbs.	200.3 in.
Taurus X	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	None	4,033 lbs.	200.3 in.

*The maximum speed with vehicles equipped with a manual transmission is 70 mph. | [†]With dealer-installed Neutral Tow Kit (part #1L2Z-7H332-AB). | [‡]With dealer-installed Neutral Tow Kit (part #6L2Z-7H332-A). | [§]Only with manual-shift 4x4 vehicles; no electronic shift-on-the-fly vehicles. Transfer case must be shifted to "neutral." | [¶]Automatic transmission: With dealer-installed Neutral Tow Kit (part #3L2Z-7H332-AA). Manual Transmission (both 4x2 and 4x4): Vehicle must be shifted into "neutral" and the maximum towing speed is 55 mph.



Infiniti G37 Sport Sedan



Jeep Patriot

GMC

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Acadia	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None	4,925 lbs.	201.1 in.
Acadia	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	4,720 lbs.	201.1 in.
Canyon	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	3,684 lbs.	192.4 in.
Envoy	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,540 lbs.	191.6 in.
Sierra	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	6,400 lbs.	205.6 in.
Yukon	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	5,536 lbs.	202.0 in.
Yukon XL	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	5,836 lbs.	222.4 in.

HONDA

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
CR-V 4x4	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	65 mph/None*	3,501 lbs.	177.9 in.
CR-V 4x2	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None*	3,389 lbs.	177.9 in.
Fit	Yes	Yes	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None*	2,489 lbs.	161.6 in.

* Special procedure required for every 8 hours of towing to avoid severe transmission damage. Please refer to the owners manual for full details.

HUMMER

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
H2	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	6,614 lbs.	203.5 in.
H3	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	4,698 lbs.	187.5 in.
H3T	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	4,934 lbs.	212.7 in.



Kia Sportage 4x2



Lexus IS 250

HYUNDAI

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Accent	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,365 lbs.	168.5 in.
Elantra	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,723 lbs.	177.4 in.
Elantra Touring	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,937 lbs.	176.2 in.
Santa Fe 4x2	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,727 lbs.	184.1 in.
Sonata	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,292 lbs.	188.9 in.
Tucson 4x2	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,240 lbs.	170.3 in.

INFINITI

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
G37 Sport Coupe	No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	60 mph/500 mi.*	3,662 lbs.	183.1 in.
G37 Sport Sedan	No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	60 mph/500 mi.*	3,615 lbs.	187.0 in.

* Idle the engine in "neutral" for several minutes after every 500 miles of towing.

JEEP

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Commander*	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,866 lbs.	188.5 in.
Compass	No	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	3,223 lbs.	173.4 in.
Compass	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,071 lbs.	173.4 in.
Grand Cherokee*	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,640 lbs.	188.0 in.
Liberty	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,222 lbs.	176.9 in.
Patriot 4x4	No	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	3,250 lbs.	173.6 in.
Patriot 4x2	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,108 lbs.	173.6 in.
Wrangler	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	3,760 lbs.	152.8 in.
Wrangler Unlimited	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	4,075 lbs.	173.4 in.

*Only vehicles equipped with the Quadra-Trac II and Quadra-Drive II systems can be towed four wheels down.



Lincoln MKX



Mazda B2300

KIA

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Optima	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,142 lbs.	189.0 in.
Rio	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,438 lbs.	158.1 in.
Spectra	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,701 lbs.	177.2 in.
Sportage 4x2	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,230 lbs.	171.3 in.

LEXUS

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
IS 250	No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	None	3,455 lbs.	180.3 in.

LINCOLN/MERCURY

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Mariner I-4	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	3,493 lbs.	174.7 in.
Mariner I-4	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	None	3,341 lbs.	174.7 in.
Mariner Hybrid	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	3,829 lbs.	174.7 in.
Mariner Hybrid	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	None	3,669 lbs.	174.7 in.
Mariner V-6	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	3,549 lbs.	174.7 in.
Mariner V-6	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	None	3,385 lbs.	174.7 in.
Milan I-4	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	70 mph*/None	3,154 lbs.	191.4 in.
MKX	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	None	4,400 lbs.	186.5 in.
MKX	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	None	4,210 lbs.	186.5 in.
Sable	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	None	3,930 lbs.	202.1 in.
Sable	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	None	3,741 lbs.	202.1 in.

*The maximum speed with vehicles equipped with a manual transmission is 70 mph.



Nissan 370Z



Pontiac G6

MAZDA

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
B2300 Regular Cab	No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	55 mph/None	2,999 lbs.	187.5 in.
B4000 Cab Plus 4 Door 4x4	No	Yes	Four-wheel drive	55 mph/None	3,662 lbs.	202.9 in.
Tribute i	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	55 mph/None	3,291 lbs.	174.9 in.
Tribute Hybrid 4x2	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	None	3,652 lbs.	174.9 in.
Tribute Hybrid 4x4	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	3,843 lbs.	174.9 in.

NISSAN

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
370Z	No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	None/500 mi.*	3,232 lbs.	167.1 in.
Altima Sedan	No†	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None/500 mi.*	3,145 lbs.	189.8 in.
Altima Coupe	No†	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None/500 mi.*	3,076 lbs.	182.5 in.
Frontier Crew Cab 4x2	No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	None/500 mi.*	4,259 lbs.	205.5 in.
Frontier Crew Cab 4x4	No	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None/500 mi.*	4,440 lbs.	205.5 in.
Frontier King Cab 4x2	No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	None/500 mi.*	3,664 lbs.	205.5 in.
Frontier King Cab 4x4	No	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None/500 mi.*	4,300 lbs.	205.5 in.
Sentra	No†	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None/500 mi.*	2,899 lbs.	179.8 in.
Versa Sedan	No†	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None/500 mi.*	2,671 lbs.	176.0 in.
Versa Hatchback	No†	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None/500 mi.*	2,693 lbs.	169.1 in.
Xterra 4x2	No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	None/500 mi.*	4,150 lbs.	178.7 in.
Xterra 4x4	No	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None/500 mi.*	4,360 lbs.	178.7 in.

* All Nissan vehicles: After towing 500 miles, idle the engine in "neutral" for several minutes to circulate the fluids.

† CVT versions also not towable.



Saturn Vue Hybrid



Scion xB

PONTIAC

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
G5	Yes	Yes	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	2,752 lbs.	179.8 in.
G6*	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	3,305 lbs.	189.0 in.
Torrent GXP†	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	3,819 lbs.	189.6 in.
Vibe	No	Yes	All-wheel drive	None	3,284 lbs.	171.1 in.
Vibe	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,856 lbs.	171.1 in.

* The G6 equipped with a 3.9-liter V-6 and a four-speed automatic transmission cannot be towed four wheels down. | † Only the Torrent GXP with front-wheel drive and a six-speed automatic transmission is towable four wheels down.

SATURN

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Aura	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	3,436 lbs.	190.0 in.
Aura Hybrid	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	3,523 lbs.	190.0 in.
Outlook	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None	4,905 lbs.	201.1 in.
Outlook	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	4,700 lbs.	201.1 in.
Vue	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None	4,071 lbs.	180.1 in.
Vue	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	3,689 lbs.	180.1 in.
Vue Hybrid	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	4,265 lbs.	180.1 in.

SCION

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
tC	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,932 lbs.	174.0 in.
xB	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,020 lbs.	167.3 in.
xD	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,625 lbs.	154.7 in.



Smart Fortwo Passion Coupe



Subaru Impreza WRX Sedan

SMART

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Smart Fortwo Passion Coupe*	N/A	Yes†	Rear-wheel drive	None	1,808 lbs.	106.1 in.
Smart Fortwo Passion Cabriolet*	N/A	Yes†	Rear-wheel drive	None	1,852 lbs.	106.1 in.

* The battery must be disconnected. | † The Smart Fortwo is equipped with an automated manual transmission that allows the driver to select either manual shifting or automatic shifting options.

SUBARU

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Forester	No	Yes	All-wheel drive	None	3,250 lbs.	179.5 in.
Impreza 2.5i, GT, WRX 4-door	No	Yes	All-wheel drive	None	3,075 lbs.	180.3 in.
Impreza 2.5i, Outback Sport, WRX 5-door	No	Yes	All-wheel drive	None	3,075 lbs.	173.8 in.
Legacy	No	Yes	All-wheel drive	None	3,275 lbs.	185.0 in.

SUZUKI

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Grand Vitara Xsport, Luxury*	Yes	No	Four-wheel drive	55 mph/200 mi.†	3,611 lbs.	177.1 in.
SX4 Crossover	No	Yes	All-wheel drive	55 mph/None	2,855 lbs.	162.8 in.
SX4 Sport	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	55 mph/None	2,668 lbs.	177.6 in.

* Only Grand Vitara Xsport and Luxury models equipped with the 4-Mode four-wheel-drive system can be towed four wheels down.

† Stop towing every 200 miles and follow the instructions in the owners manual to circulate the oil in the transfer case and/or transmission. Transfer case in neutral; manual transmission model in second gear and automatic transmission lever in "D."



Suzuki Grand Vitara



Toyota Yaris Liftback

TOYOTA

MODEL	TRANSMISSION		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
	Auto	Manual				
Camry	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,263 lbs.	189.2 in.
Camry Solara	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,185 lbs.	192.5 in.
Corolla	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,723 lbs.	178.7 in.
Matrix	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,865 lbs.	171.9 in.
Yaris Liftback	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,295 lbs.	150.6 in.
Yaris Sedant	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,293 lbs.	169.3 in.

If you're going to tow, always . . .

. . . follow the towing instructions provided in the towed vehicle's owners manual exactly as written.

. . . make sure no one is standing between the towed vehicle and the motorhome when the towed vehicle is being positioned to be hooked up.

. . . adhere to the motorhome's gross combination weight rating when towing another vehicle.

. . . check the towing equipment – receiver, tow bar, base plate, safety chains, electrical wiring – for damage or wear.

. . . check the towed vehicle's tires for proper inflation and condition.

. . . give your undivided attention while hooking up the towed vehicle. Complete the entire process before moving on to something else.

. . . make sure the connections – tow bar, safety chains, electrical – are secure.

. . . check the towed vehicle's brake lights, taillights, and turn signals to make sure they are operational once the vehicle is hooked up.

. . . release the towed vehicle's parking brake and make sure the steering wheel is unlocked, if necessary, before towing.



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