

RV ROAD TEST CHECKLIST

Preparation Steps	
	Confirm that trailer weights are within tow vehicle ratings
	<u>Before</u> connecting umbilical cord to tow vehicle, confirm that trailer batteries have a full charge (required for brakes in case trailer separates from tow vehicle)
	Trailer has been prepared for departure and hitched to tow vehicle. (See RV Departure Checklist: Trailers.)
	Tow vehicle suspension does <u>not</u> appear overloaded
	Trailer running lights
	Trailer signal lights
	Trailer brake lights
	Trailer emergency flashers
	Driver seat adjusted
	Tow vehicle mirrors adjusted
	Both sides of trailer are visible in tow vehicle mirrors
	Parking brake released
	Manually engage trailer brakes (via brake controller in tow vehicle) and attempt to drive forward
	Drive forward slowly and manually engage trailer brakes (via brake controller in tow vehicle)
	Drive forward slowly and depress tow vehicle brake pedal
	Pull breakaway switch cable on trailer and attempt to drive forward
	Re-insert breakaway switch cable
	Post a spotter behind the trailer
	Slowly drive in reverse while steering sharply in one direction, <u>keeping a close eye on the trailer's front corners</u> approaching the tow vehicle. Confirm that a 70° turn does not cause trailer to contact any part of tow vehicle.
	Drive forward to straighten trailer, then repeat above step in other direction.
	Post top clearance in driver's view, in feet and inches. During road test, observe bridge and other structure clearances to ensure that trailer will fit.