



Vintage Automobile Association of WA (Inc) TRAILER HIRE CONDITIONS and MEMBER HIRE AGREEMENT

1. The Trailer will only be hired to financial members of the VAA.
2. The Member must hold a valid Australian Drivers Licence (and allows for towing of the trailer).
3. **The HIRE FEE will be \$50 per hire (maximum 1 week). No concessions apply.**
4. **MAXIMUM LOAD ON CAR TRAILER: 1.2 TONES (1200KG).**
5. The Aggregate Trailer Mass (i.e., mass of trailer plus load) **MUST NOT** exceed the maximum towing capacity of the tow vehicle as specified by the vehicle manufacturer. The towing capacity of vehicles is usually provided in the vehicle operator's handbook. Also check towbars manufacturers specification plate on towbar as the two may differ.
6. The trailer may not be towed by a vehicle whose unladen weight is less than the total weight of the trailer and any equipment or load on the trailer.
7. The Member should inspect and confirm for themselves that the trailer is in a good and serviceable condition before commencing the hire,
8. The Member acknowledges that safety chains and proper lights are required, and it is their responsibility to comply with all applicable rules and regulations including load capacity and operation of the trailer and of the towing car.
9. Safety chains must be attached to tow vehicle correctly.
10. All lights must be working correctly. It is recommended that you drive with your lights on to increase visibility to other drivers while towing.
11. **Use of the winch:**
 - Please place a bag or rag on the cable between the winch and item being winched.
 - Before commencing to load a vehicle, the tyres are to be inflated to the tyres recommended PSI.
 - **Maximum load for Winch is S.W.L. 1000kg**, not designed for lifting and keep clear of all moving parts.
 - The winch is not to be used for securing load under any circumstances.
 - The winch is not to be used to unload a vehicle under any circumstances.
 - Before using winch ensure the ratchet on the winch is engaged and keep engaged all times under load.
 - Do not release cable to its full extent.
 - Do not load the trailer unless the area directly behind is clear for 20 metres and load on level ground.

12. The Member agrees to ensure:

- That the loads or part thereof will not under any circumstances part from or leave the trailer during transit,
- The load is secured using suitable tie down materials. (The Member agrees not to use the winch on the car carrier to secure the load). **SEE ATTACHED THE VEHICLE RESTRAINT GUIDE.**
- To have the coupling attached to the tow vehicle at all times when loading, whilst loaded and during unloading. The jockey wheel is for raising and lowering the trailer and is not to be used to manoeuvre the trailer.

13. The Member must not exceed 80km per hour or less where lower speed limits apply.

14. The Member shall use the trailer in a skilful and proper manner and shall not speed or overload it or use it other than for its normal intended use.

15. The Member agrees to insure his/her own property and towing vehicle against loss or damage for any reason whatsoever prior to loading or towing the trailer and agrees that no claim for loss or damage to such property or vehicle shall be made against the VAA and the trailer owner,

16. The Member is responsible for keeping the trailer secure. The Member accepts full liability for any costs and expenses of repair or replacement relating to the trailer or vehicle in the event that the trailer or vehicle is lost, stolen or in any way damaged.

17. The Member shall indemnify and keep indemnified and save harmless the VAA and trailer owner's servants and agents from and against all liability, expenses, damages, suits, actions, claims and demands of every description whatsoever and howsoever arising either directly or indirectly from the use maintenance, transport, operation of the trailer (by the Member and those for whom it is responsible) or otherwise.

18. Upon completion of the hiring, the trailer should be properly cleaned by the Member.

I, (Member Name) _____ have read, and hereby agree to adhere to all of the above Trailer Hire Conditions.

Signed: _____ Date: / /

Vehicle Restraint Guide



Introduction.

The procedures describe the processes by which vehicles are to be restrained . Authorised Personnel are responsible for complying with these procedures at all times when securing vehicles for transport. The procedures provide guidance of a general nature, including the minimum number and position of lashing required per vehicle, including specific instructions on the operation of the wheel lashings required for particular types of trailer floor or trailer design of pressed metal decking, tread plate decking. Note - “Wheel lashing” refers to the entire restraint system used on each wheel vehicles consists of a webbing type restraint system and tensioner.

Required minimum number of lashings per vehicle. As required under the **Load Restraint Guide Edition 2 2004 . Special Requirements**

- 1.1 Metropolitan:** *2 lashings on diagonally opposite corners of the vehicle.*
- 1.2 NonMetropolitan:** *3 lashings, one each on 3 different corners of the vehicle.*
- 1.3 Highway, Motorway or Toll road deemed to be a National carriageway or part thereof**

Irrespective of point 1.1 and or 1.2 loads travelling on any Highway, Motorway or road deemed to be a National carriageway or part thereof, must conform to National Legislation which states that a minimum of straps per vehicle are to be applied.

The lashings must be located on diagonally opposite corners of the vehicle – unless specifically otherwise approved.

There are three types of webbing anchor devices approved for use as over the wheel lashings: **50mm** wide plain webbing and **38mm** wide webbing with non-slip sleeve. .

If lashings are damaged e.g. cut or frayed webbing or otherwise damaged so that the webbing has lost **more than 10%** of the original material cross section or where anchorages or winches are mechanically inoperative, then the lashing should be replaced.

Deformation (Damage) to Load Restraint Anchoring devices-(Ratchets) need to be replaced

In the case where the lashing is the incorrect type, then the correct type should be procured.

DO NOT improvise or use non-approved substitutes.

Any defective lashings are to be exchanged for replacement lashings. All lashings used to secure the vehicle must be checked and adjusted as necessary, on longer distance trips, the lashings should be checked within each 200 km or more frequently, depending on road conditions.

Anchor and runner Claw Hook

