

EXAMPLE - TRAILER DRIVER'S CHECKLIST

Check Point	Guidance	Checked?
Load weight	Is the trailer (1000KG) plus load within your vehicle's capacity?	
Load Balance	Is this placed to give lateral balance besides a low centre of gravity?	
Load security	Have all the ties been checked for: good condition, tension, correct use of the buckles, position to avoid fraying and tied off as security against buckle failure?	
Nose weight	Has this been checked to be the correct requirement for the tow vehicle?	
Tyres	Are they free from defects and inflated to the correct pressure (Including spare)?	
Jack and wheel brace	Are they in the trailer and located for easy access?	
Tow hitch coupling	Test security by raising the jockey wheel until it lifts the vehicle	
Jockey wheel security	Is this fully raised and secured against vibration loosening?	
Breakaway cable	Is this secured and positioned to avoid dragging on the road?	
Number plate	Is the correct number plate fitted (both registration number and style)?	
7 Core cable and plug	Is the plug undamaged and the cable secured to avoid dragging on the road but allowing for cornering?	
Lights	Check all the lights (including fog) are working. Are you carrying the spares?	
Markers	Check the rear marker is secured and can be easily seen from both rear and side	
Rear light marker	Is this available for driving at night and poor visibility?	
Weather OK?	Check the weather forecast for high winds and icy conditions which could be dangerous for trailing	
Co Driver/ Passenger	Ensure there is a person accompanying you who can help with navigation, manoeuvring assistance and if needed driving. (Think! Tiredness Kills)	