

The 5-Minute “Pre-Flight” Towing Checklist

Keep it simple and keep it safe. This final walk-around should be completed every time you hitch up at home or at the campground before heading onto the highway.

1. The Hitch Connection

- Coupler latched and secured with a safety pin or lock
- Tongue jack fully raised
- Safety chains crossed and securely attached
- Breakaway cable attached to the truck frame

2. Weight Distribution (If Equipped)

- Spring bars seated and pinned
- Brackets secured and locked
- Sway control connected and tightened properly

3. Electrical & Lights

- 7-way plug fully connected
- Left turn signal functioning
- Right turn signal functioning
- Brake lights functioning
- Running lights functioning

4. Tires & Wheels

- Tire pressures checked
- Lug nuts visually inspected
- Wheel chocks removed

5. Final Walk-Around

- Entry steps folded in
- Antenna or satellite lowered
- Stabilizer jacks fully raised
- Shore power and hoses disconnected

Pro Tip

After driving the first 50 kilometres, stop in a safe location and carefully check wheel hub temperatures. If one hub feels significantly hotter than the others, it may indicate a brake or bearing issue that should be inspected before continuing your trip.

