



Before Towing Checklist

CARAVAN READY

Run through it every time you hitch up · Based on Transport for NSW & RAC guidance



Tyres, wheels & brakes

- ☐ Caravan tyre pressures to spec (cold)
- ☐ Vehicle tyre pressures set for towing
- ☐ Tread at least 1.5 mm, no cuts or bulges
- ☐ Wheel nuts torqued to spec
- ☐ Spare, jack, brace and chocks on board
- ☐ Brakes working; controller set and tested



Lights

- ☐ Indicators, brake, tail and reverse lights tested
- ☐ Number plate visible and lit



Van secured

- ☐ Gas off; fridge latched and in travel mode
- ☐ Windows, hatches, doors and stone shield closed
- ☐ Awning stowed and locked; antenna down
- ☐ 240V lead and hoses stowed
- ☐ Loose items restrained; step retracted



Coupling & connections

- ☐ Coupling fully latched, pin or catch engaged
- ☐ Safety chains connected and crossed
- ☐ Electrical plug and auxiliary plugs connected
- ☐ Breakaway cable connected, battery charged
- ☐ Weight distribution hitch fitted (if used)
- ☐ Jockey wheel removed or locked up
- ☐ Corner stabilisers up



Load

- ☐ Heavy items low, over axles; balanced side to side
- ☐ Within ATM, towbar, towing capacity and tyre limits



Final walk-around

- ☐ Caravan handbrake released; chocks collected
- ☐ Towing mirrors fitted and adjusted
- ☐ Re-check coupling after the first few km

Notes for next time

Date / trip

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Sources: Transport for NSW Caravan Safety Checklist; RAC Caravan Pre-trip Checklist; WA Road Safety Commission "Give a Caradamn" checklist.

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