

A quick guide to towing your caravan

To keep everyone safe, legal weight limits are set for your caravan and the vehicle towing it.

You'll find each set of these limits etched into the VIN plate of your towing vehicle, as well as on the body of your caravan.

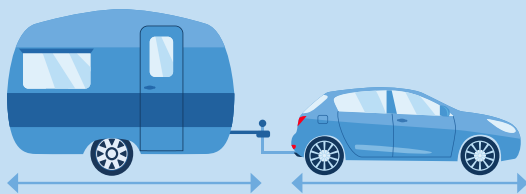
Payload

Payload is whatever you're carrying, minus the weight of your vehicles. For your towing vehicle, it includes things like luggage, petrol, the tow ball, passengers, and anything on your roof. For your caravan, it includes luggage, the water in your tanks, food, BBQs, dishes, bedding, and more.



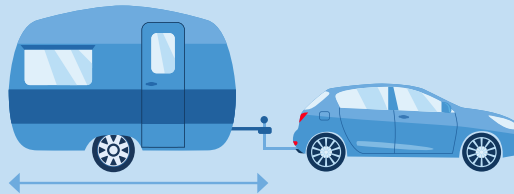
Tare mass

The weight of your tow vehicle or caravan without any payload.



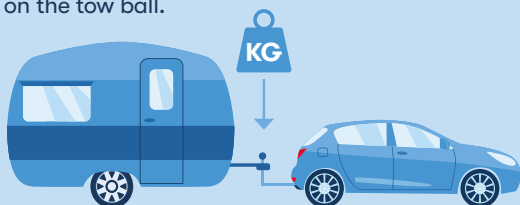
GTM (Gross Trailer Mass)

The maximum weight you can place over your hitched caravan's axle.



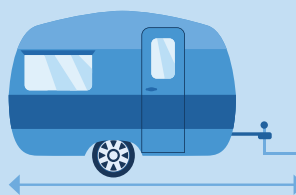
Tow ball mass

The maximum weight your caravan can place on the tow ball.



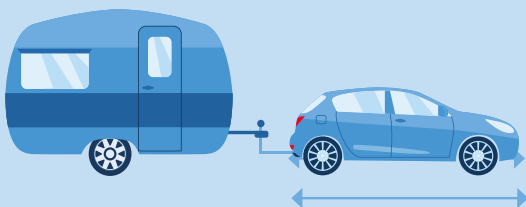
ATM (Aggregate Trailer Mass)

The weight of your caravan with a full payload, plus the tow ball mass.



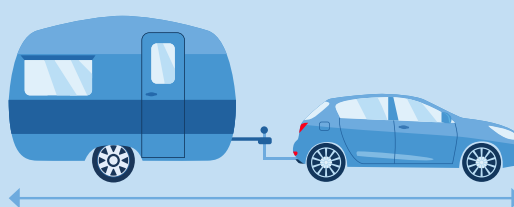
GVM (Gross Vehicle Mass)

The tare mass of your vehicle, plus payload. When hitched, this also includes tow ball mass.



GCM (Gross Combined Mass)

The weight of your fully loaded tow vehicle and caravan, hitched together.



To learn more about weight limits, go to transport.tas.gov.au