

1999 TOW RATINGS

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Trailer Life's annual guide to factory tow ratings for passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks is larger than last year. Minimum vehicle towing capacity is 2,000 pounds. While the respective manufacturers provide all the specifications—and every effort has been taken to ensure accuracy—prospective buyers should verify the information by reading the factory tow guide for their particular vehicle. It's also important to note that some capacities may change during the model year without notice, and a few were not available at presstime. Again, consult with the latest towing guide for your respective vehicle manufacturer before signing on the dotted line.

F-350 crew chas cab 4WD SD SRW	7.3 TD**	12,300a,d,g
F-350 crew chas cab SD DRW	7.3 TD**	12,400a,d,e,g
F-350 crew chas cab 4WD SD DRW	7.3 TD**	12,000a,d/e,g
F-450 crew chas cab SD DRW	7.3 TD**	17,700a,g,p
F-450 crew chas cab 4WD SD DRW	7.3 TD**	17,400a,g,p
F-550 crew chas cab SD DRW	7.3 TD**	17,700a,g,p
F-550 crew chas cab 4WD SD DRW	7.3 TD**	17,300a,g,p
Ranger	2.5 I-4	2,240a,e
Ranger 4WD	3.0 V-6	4,360a,e
Ranger SuperCab 4WD	3.0 V-6	4,200a,e
Ranger SuperCab 4WD	3.0 V-6	2,240d,f,i
Ranger	4.0 V-6	6,000a,c
Ranger 4WD	4.0 V-6	5,820a,d
Ranger SuperCab	4.0 V-6	5,980a,c
Ranger SuperCab 4WD	4.0 V-6	5,660a,d
Ranger	4.0 V-6	3,660c,f,i
Ranger SuperCab	4.0 V-6	3,520c,f,i
Ranger SuperCab 4WD	4.0 V-6	3,200d,f,i
Windstar	3.0 V-6	2,000e
Windstar	3.8 V-6	3,500a

*SRW = single rear wheels. DRW = dual rear wheels
 **TD = turbodiesel
 ***SD = Super Duty

aRequires automatic transmission and towing package.
 bRequires 3.31:1 axle ratio.
 cRequires 3.55:1 axle ratio.
 dRequires 3.73:1 axle ratio.
 eRequires 3.98/4.09/4.10:1 axle ratio.
 fManual transmission.
 gFifth-wheel towing.
 hAutomatic transmission.
 iMust be equipped with heavy-duty towing package.
 jRequires automatic transmission cooler.
 kRequires 16-inch rims.
 lAutomatic rated slightly lower.
 mRequires 17-inch wheel option.
 nRequires 3.27:1 axle ratio.
 oRequires 4.30:1 axle ratio.
 pRequires 4.88:1 axle ratio.
 qRequires 5.38:1 axle ratio.
 rNGV = natural gas fueled vehicle.

HONDA

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
Odyssey	V-6 24-valve	3,500a,b
Passport	3.2 V-6	4,500
Acura RL	3.5	2,000
SL-X	STD	5,000

aWith transmission fluid cooler and two occupants. Deduct 150 pounds per passenger up to seven passengers.
 bWithout transmission cooler: 2,000 pounds maximum with two occupants.

HYUNDAI

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
Sonata	V-6	2,000a,b

aManual or automatic transmission.
 bTrailer must have brakes (without brakes = 1,000 pounds).

INFINITI

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
QX4	3.3 V-6	5,000

ISUZU

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
Hombre/Rodeo/Amigo	2.2/2.6 I-4	2,000
Amigo	3.2 V-6	4,500
Rodeo	3.2 V-6	4,500
Trooper	3.2 V-6	5,000
Hombre	4.3 V-6	5,500

JAGUAR

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
All models	all	3,307

NOTE: Jaguar has many towing restrictions; see dealer for details.

JEEP

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
Cherokee/Wrangler	2.5 I-4	2,000a
Cherokee/Grand Cherokee	4.0 I-6	5,000b,c,d
Wrangler	4.0 I-6	2,000f
Grand Cherokee	5.2 V-8	6,700b,c,d,e
Grand Cherokee Limited (4WD)	5.9 V-8	5,000b

NOTE: Trailer brakes required on all trailers weighing more than 1,000 pounds.

aAutomatic Wrangler rated 1,000 pounds.
 bRequires weight-distributing hitch with a maximum hitch weight of 750 pounds.
 cRequires trailer-towing package.
 dRequires automatic transmission.
 e4WD rated 200 pounds lower.
 fMaximum hitch weight of 300 pounds.

KIA

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
Sportage/all models	2.0 I-4	2,000

LAND ROVER

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
Discovery	all	5,500a
Range Rover	all	6,500a

aMaximum trailer weight without brakes is 1,650 pounds.

LEXUS

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
LS/ES models	all	2,000
LX450	4.5 I-6	5,000

LINCOLN

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
Continental/Mark VIII	4.6 V-8	2,000
Navigator	5.4 V-8	8,000a,b,c

aRequires 3.73:1 axle ratio.
 b4WD maximum 7,700 pounds with 16-inch wheels.
 cRequires trailer-towing package for more than 4,000 pounds.

MAZDA

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
B3000	3.0 V-6	4,000a,e
B3000 4WD	3.0 V-6	3,700a,e
B4000	4.0 V-6	6,000a,c,d
B4000 4WD	4.0 V-6	5,700a,c,d
MPV	3.0 V-6	4,300b
MPV AWD	3.0 V-6	4,000b

aRequires automatic transmission; manual rating lower.
 bRequires trailer-towing package.
 cRequires special axle ratio and trailer-towing package.
 dRequires load-equalizing hitch for more than 2,000 pounds.
 eCab Plus rating lower.

MERCEDES-BENZ

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
ML320	3.2 V-6	5,000

MERCURY

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
Grand Marquis	4.6 V-8	2,000
Mountaineer	4.0 V-6	5,860a,c
Mountaineer 4WD	4.0 V-6	5,640a,c
Mountaineer	5.0 V-8	6,700a
Mountaineer AWD	5.0 V-8	6,460a
Villager	3.0 V-6	3,500a

aTowing package required with weight-distributing hitch.
 bLoad-carrying hitch required. Automatic transmission cooler required.
 cWith optional towing package.

MITSUBISHI

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
Montero	3.5 V-6	5,000a
Montero Sport ES	2.4 I-4	2,300a

Montero Sport LS, XLS 3.0 V-6 5,000a

aTow rating with trailer brakes; 1,500 pounds without.

NISSAN

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
Pathfinder	3.3 V-6	5,000a
Frontier	2.4 I-4	3,500b,c
Quest	3.0 V-6	3,500

aManual transmission rated at 3,500 pounds.
 bRequires manual transmission.
 cAutomatic transmission rated at 2,000 pounds.

OLDSMOBILE

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
Bravada	4.3 V-6	5,000a
Silhouette	3.4 V-6	2,000a,b

NOTE: Must have electronic brake controller for vehicles with antilock brakes.

aFrame-mounted hitch required.
 bRequires towing package.

PLYMOUTH

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
Voyager FWD	3.0 V-6	2,000a,b
Voyager FWD	3.3 V-6	3,500b

NOTE: Trailers more than 1,000 pounds must have brakes.

aFour-speed automatic transmission required. Hitch weight must be equal to 10 percent of towed weight.
 bRequires heavy-duty towing package, frame-mounted hitch for trailers of 2,000 pounds or more where applicable. Maximum hitch weight is 15 percent of tow limit.

PONTIAC

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
Montana	3.4 V-6	3,500a

aRequires towing package.

SAAB

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
All	all	2,000a

aMaximum trailer weight without brakes is 1,000 pounds.

SUBARU

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
Legacy Outback/Forester	2.5 I-4	2,000a

aTrailer brakes required. Maximum hitch weight 200 pounds.

TOYOTA

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
4Runner	2.7 I-4	3,500a
4Runner	3.4 V-6	5,000a
Camry/Avalon	all	2,000a
Land Cruiser	4.7 V-8	5,500b
Sienna	3.0 V-6	3,500a,c
Tacoma	all I-4	3,500a
Tacoma	3.4 V-6	5,000a
Tundra	4.7 V-8	7,200c

aMaximum hitch weight 10 percent of tow limit.
 bPreliminary, subject to change.
 cWith optional towing package.
 dTow rating of 4WD is 200 pounds lower.

VOLKSWAGEN

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
EuroVan	all	4,400a

aRequires trailer brakes.

VOLVO

Vehicle	Engine	Tow Limit (lbs.)
All	all	3,300a

aA Volvo hitch is recommended. When towing trailers more than 1,540 pounds, brakes are required.