



## Light Vehicle Towing Guidelines

You should know your towing capacity and how to tow to protect you, your load and other road users.

Your load capacity will depend on if your trailer is equipped with brakes or not, is single or tandem axle, its dimensions, and the tow bar rating and size of the vehicle towing the trailer.

The Maximum Towed Mass (MTM) is the maximum weight that your towbar can handle.

### Load distribution will assist in improved handling & safety.



Ravensdown may ask customers to prove their vehicle has the capacity to tow the intended load and will not load a vehicle or trailer over the allowed capacity.

It is important to understand that overloading or incorrect loading of trailers can impact both the vehicle warranty and insurance liability and cover in the event of an accident.

### Loads are to be secured prior to leaving site.



#### Lash

Lashings secure product to the load platform. Ensure lashings are in good condition. All bags must be secured with the correct load-rated tie-downs.



#### Restrain

Loading racks, headboards, chocks, dunnaging boards or stay bars can further restrain product and prevent movement during transport.



#### Contain

Product is contained in a cage trailer. Product must be tied down to prevent movement. Lock the cage to keep product secure.

# Trailer load limit guidelines

The following are general guidelines only. For more information visit the NZ Transport Agency website.

\*MTM = Maximum Towed Mass or Maximum Towing Capacity

These weights are indicative only

Guideline Only	Unbraked	Braked
 <p>Single axle trailer behind car</p>	MTM* 750KG	Up to MTM (but the lesser of tow bar or vehicle rating)
 <p>Single axle trailer behind large car/ute/SUV</p>	MTM 750KG	Up to MTM (but the lesser of tow bar or vehicle rating)
 <p>Tandem axle trailer behind large car/ute/SUV</p>	MTM 750KG	Up to <b>3500kg</b> (but the lesser of tow bar or vehicle rating)
 <p>Single axle car transporter</p>	MTM 750KG	Up to <b>1100kg</b> (but the lesser of tow bar or vehicle rating)
 <p>Tandem axle car transporter behind large car/ute/SUV</p>	MTM 750KG	Up to <b>2100kg</b> (but the lesser of tow bar or vehicle rating)

## More information

Visit the NZ Transport Agency for their guide to safe loading & towing for light vehicles.

[www.nzta.govt.nz/guide-safe-loading-towing](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/guide-safe-loading-towing)



Visit the AA for a guide on vehicle towing weight, including a useful breakdown by vehicle brand.

[www.aa.co.nz/cars/owners/towing/towing-weights](http://www.aa.co.nz/cars/owners/towing/towing-weights)

