

2017 TRAILERING GUIDE

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02 SELECTING A VEHICLE/MAXIMUM TRAILER WEIGHT RATINGS (LBS.)¹

The chart below gives you an idea of the maximum amount of weight you can confidently and safely trailer with different Chevrolet models when your vehicle is properly equipped. When determining the total weight of trailer and cargo, include the weight of any additional passengers and optional equipment (driver weight and base equipment are already included). See pages 09–15 for maximum trailer weight ratings by specific model.

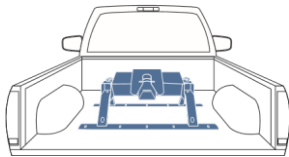
03 VEHICLES AND HITCHES



Hitch Ball on Step-Bumper

SELECTING THE RIGHT HITCH Choosing the right hitch and making the proper electrical connections affects how your vehicle handles, corners and brakes, and allows you to alert other drivers of your intentions. Before selecting a hitch or trailering package, you should be familiar with the weight ratings specific to your Chevrolet vehicle, which are detailed on pages 09–13.

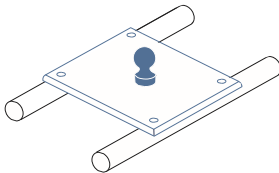
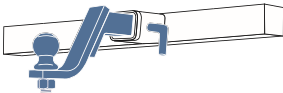
SELECTING TRAILERING EQUIPMENT Most Chevrolet vehicles offer a variety of standard and available equipment for enhanced trailering



Fifth-Wheel Hitch

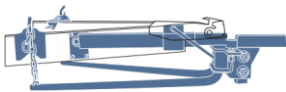
performance. Aside from the equipment described below, features such as heavy-duty cooling and extendable trailering mirrors may be available. See your Chevrolet dealer for more information on the model you’re interested in.

WEIGHT-CARRYING HITCH This consists of a hitch ball mounted to a step-bumper or draw bar. Hitch balls are available in a range of sizes. Make sure that the diameter of your hitch ball matches your trailer coupler. Also check that the ball meets or exceeds the gross trailer weight rating.



WEIGHT-DISTRIBUTING HITCH This hitch type distributes the trailer tongue load by using spring bars to shift some of the hitch weight forward onto the tow vehicle’s front axle and rearward to the trailer’s axles.

e schedules. The vehicle owner is responsible for obtaining the proper equipment (hitch ball, hitch type of the proper size and capacity) required to safely tow both the trailer and the load that will be towed. For more information, consult your Owner’s Manual or speak to a trailering expert at your Chevrolet dealer.



These charts will assist in determining how to best equip your Chevrolet vehicle for trailering. To help you understand the charts, consider these trailering factors:

RGAWR AND GVWR Addition of trailer hitch weight cannot cause vehicle weights to exceed Rear Gross Axle Weight Rating (RGAWR) or Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). These ratings can be found on the certification label located on the driver door or doorframe.

GCWR The Gross Combination Weight Rating is the total allowable weight of the completely loaded vehicle and trailer.

TRAILER WEIGHT RATING This rating is determined by subtracting the tow vehicle's weight (curb weight) from the Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR). Base vehicle (curb) weight plus driver is used, so additional passengers, equipment and cargo weight reduce this rating.

AXLE RATIO In general, a higher axle ratio offers higher Trailer Weight Ratings, quicker acceleration and less fuel efficiency. A lower axle ratio offers more fuel efficiency and quieter vehicle operation but will have slower acceleration and lower Trailer Weight Ratings.

NOTE The safety steps described here are by no means the only precautions to be taken when trailering. See the Owner's Manual for your Chevrolet vehicle for additional guidelines and trailering tips.

TRAILERING CAUTION If you don't use the correct equipment and drive properly, you can lose control of your vehicle when you pull a trailer. If the trailer is too heavy, your vehicle brakes may be less effective. You and your passengers could be seriously injured. Pull a trailer only after you have read the information in this guide and followed the steps on the following pages.

Represents minimum recommended hitches. Please refer to your trailer's Owner's Manual or ask your Chevrolet dealer. 2 Not required on Silverado 2500HD or 3500HD.

13 COLORADO, TAHOE, SUBURBAN, TRAVERSE AND EQUINOX TRAILER WEIGHT RATINGS

COLORADO TRAILER WEIGHT RATINGS ^{1, 2}

ENGINE	AXLE RATIO	GCWR ³	EXTENDED CAB 2WD	EXTENDED CAB 4x4	CREW CAB 2WD	CREW CAB 4x4
2.5L 4-cylinder	4.10	8,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
3.6L V6	3.42	12,000	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
3.6L V6 with Trailering Package	3.42	12,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Duramax 2.8L Turbo-Diesel 4-cylinder	3.42	12,700	7,700	7,600	7,700	7,600

Colorado Duramax 2.8L Turbo-Diesel 4-cylinder Extended Cab models are available for fleet and government orders only.

TAHOE/SUBURBAN TRAILER WEIGHT RATINGS ¹

ENGINE	AXLE RATIO	GCWR ³	TAHOE 2WD	SUBURBAN 2WD	TAHOE 4WD	SUBURBAN 4WD
EcoTec3 5.3L V8 with Max Trailering Package	3.42	14,000	8,600	8,300	8,400	8,000
EcoTec3 5.3L V8	3.08	12,000	6,600	6,300	6,400	6,000

When using a weight-carrying hitch, the maximum trailer weight is 5,000 lbs. with a 600-lb. trailer tongue weight. A weight-distributing hitch and sway control are required for trailers with tongue weights greater than 600 lbs.

TRAVERSE TRAILER WEIGHT RATINGS ¹

ENGINE	AWD	
3.6L V6 SIDI FWD	3.16	10,250
3.6L V6 SIDI AWD	3.16	10,450

When using a weight-carrying hitch, the maximum trailer weight is 5,000 lbs. with a 600-lb. trailer tongue weight. A weight-distributing hitch and sway control are required for trailers with tongue weights greater than 5,000 lbs.

EQUINOX TRAILER WEIGHT RATINGS ¹

ENGINE	AXLE RATIO	GCWR ³	FWD	AWD
2.4L 4-cylinder SIDI FWD	3.23	5,787	1,500	—
2.4L 4-cylinder SIDI AWD	3.53	5,952	—	1,500
3.6L V6 SIDI AWD	2.77	8,157	—	3,500

Before you buy a vehicle or use it for trailering, carefully review the Trailering section of the Owner's Manual. The weight of passengers, cargo and options or accessories may reduce the amount you can tow. ²

NOTES ON COLORADO, TAHOE AND SUBURBAN Trailer weight ratings are calculated assuming a base vehicle, except for any option(s) necessary to achieve the rating, plus driver. The weight of other optional equipment, passengers and cargo will reduce the trailer weight your vehicle can tow. See your Chevrolet dealer for additional details. Trailer tongue weight should be 10% to 15% of total loaded trailer weight (up to 1,000 lbs.). Addition of trailer tongue weight must not cause vehicle weights to exceed Rear Gross Axle Weight Rating (RGAWR) or Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR).

The standard Heavy-Duty Trailering Package (K5L) includes auxiliary external transmission fluid cooler and engine oil cooler (not available on Colorado).

NOTES ON EQUINOX Trailer tongue weight should be 10% to 15% of total loaded trailer weight (up to 350 lbs.). Addition of trailer tongue weight must not cause vehicle weights to exceed Rear Gross Axle Weight Rating (RGAWR) or Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). Maximum trailer weight rating requires the available Trailering Package.

NOTES ON TRAVERSE Trailer weight ratings are calculated assuming a base vehicle, except for any option(s) necessary to achieve the rating, plus driver. The weight of other optional equipment, passengers and cargo will reduce the trailer weight your vehicle can tow. See your Chevrolet dealer for additional details. Trailer tongue weight should be 10% to 15% of total loaded trailer weight (up to 600 lbs.). Addition of trailer tongue weight must not cause vehicle weights to exceed Rear Gross Axle Weight Rating (RGAWR) or Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). Maximum trailer weight rating requires the factory-installed Trailering Package.

17 CLOSING REMARKS

TRAILERING WITH YOUR CHEVROLET Chevrolet vehicles are built strong and durable to handle the demands of trailering. Certain equipment that prepares a Chevrolet vehicle for trailering is standard: a large fuel tank, a high-capacity alternator and a front stabilizer bar. For other available trailering-related equipment, talk to your dealer. You'll need a hitch, of course, and a wide selection of hitch types are available, either as factory equipment or from your dealer. In addition, if you plan to tow frequently, you should equip your Chevrolet vehicle with the available Trailering Package. This package includes a trailer hitch platform and an electrical harness. Also required with this package are a hitch ball, a mounting head, and possibly weight-distributing and anti-sway assemblies; these are available through aftermarket sources. Please carefully review your Chevrolet Vehicle Owner's Manual for important safety information about trailering with your vehicle.

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