

USCG AUXILIARY TRAILER CHECK LIST

- References:**
- (a) Motor Vehicle Safety Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTP), CGTTP 4-01.4 (series)
  - (b) Standard Spotter Visual Signals
  - (c) Vehicle Trailer-Truck-Hitch Matching Checklist
  - (d) Choosing the Correct Ball or Pintle Mount
  - (e) Motor Vehicle Manual, COMDTINST M11240.9 (series)
  - (f) Non-Standard Boat Operator’s Handbook, COMDTINST M16114.28 (series)

Member Name (Printed)	Rank/Grade
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Note: **DO NOT MOVE TRAILER WITH OUT COMPLETING CHECK LIST**

**Requirements:**

1. Member possesses a current and unrestricted state driver’s license.
2. Vehicle has current registration and insurance.
3. Vehicle is authorized as facility in Auxdata.
4. Member is familiar with the vehicle, its controls, fueling procedures, etc.
5. Member is familiar with unit surrounding area roadways and traffic hazards.
6. Member is familiar with reference (a), Motor Vehicle Safety Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTP), CGTTP 4-01.4 (series) and reference (b), Standard Spotter Visual Signals.

<b>Equipment matching</b>	Date	Initials
1. Use a towing vehicle-hitch-trailer checklist to determine if the tow vehicle and trailer are compatible. See reference (c), Vehicle Trailer-Truck-Hitch Matching Checklist.		
2. Determine if vehicle has the correct hitch sing instruction in reference (d), Choosing the Correct Ball or Pintle Mount.		
3. Locate, identify, and confirm weight rating information stickers for tow vehicle, hitch, and trailer (e.g., BCW, GVWR, GCWR, and MTTR).		

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<b>Plan a safe towing evolution</b>	Date	Initials
1. Lay out a route for the mission.		
2. Discuss route restrictions.		
3. Discuss fuel stops.		
4. Discuss safe speed considerations.		
5. Discuss likely traffic conditions and the implications.		
6. Discuss contingencies. Turn on flashers or use road flares to ensure visibility to other drivers. Turn on emergency flashers before stopping. Set out a road flare 100 yards behind rig. Chock rear trailer tire to prevent movement.		
7. Discuss action to be taken if an accident occurs.		
8. Conduct a pre-mission trailer inspection per reference (e), Motor Vehicle Manual, COMDTINST M1 1240.9 (series) and/or (f), Non-Standard Boat Operator's Handbook, COMDTINST M61 14.28 (series).		
9. Conduct a vehicle inspection, following manufacturer recommendations, of tire pressure, brakes, all fluid levels (e.g., oil, water, transmission, washer, and brake), headlights, turn signals, and wiper blades.		
10. Discuss verbal and visual signals. See reference (b), Standard Spotter Visual Signals.		
<b><u>11. Lead the towing team through a risk assessment, utilizing the input from all team members.</u></b>		

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<b>Properly connect the trailer to the towing vehicle except steps requiring operation of the towing vehicle</b>	Date	Initials
1. Properly chock trailer to prevent movement.		
2. Clear area of hazards.		
3. Connect coupler to ball, or lunette ring to pintle hook, and lock in place.		
4. Properly connect safety chains.		
5. Connect brake lines (if applicable).		
6. Connect lighting harness.		

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