

Properly Loading A Trailer Is A Difficult Balancing Act

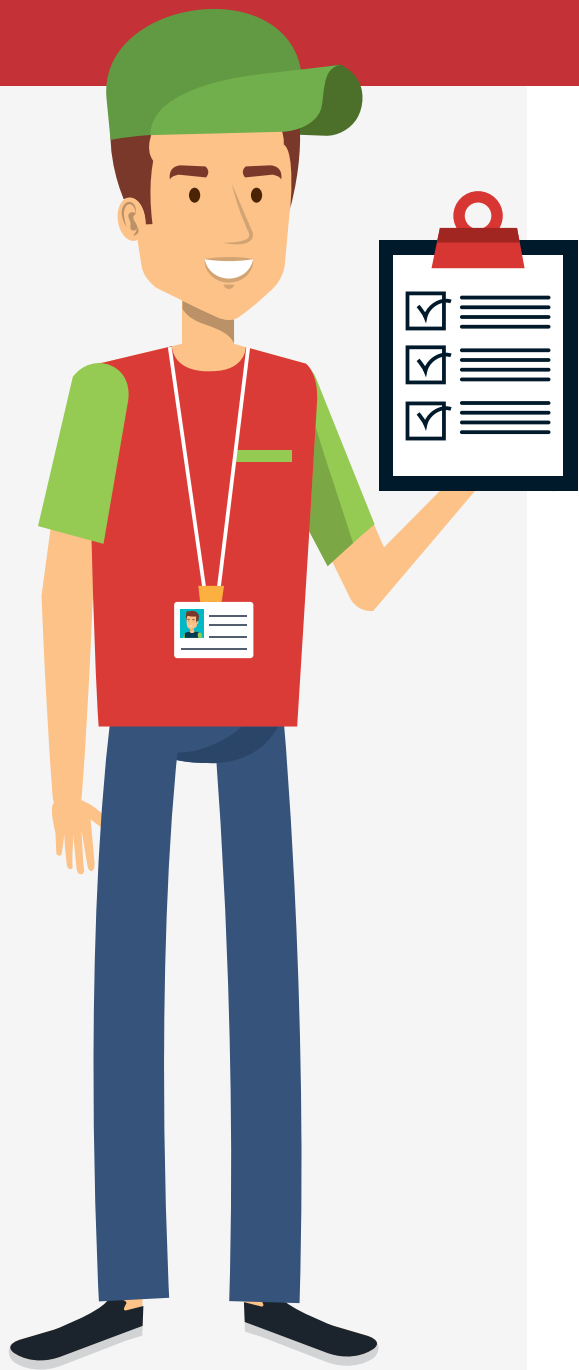


Improper trailer loading will cause the tow vehicle and trailer “combination” to begin whipping, which is violent and uncontrollable sway.

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Knowing how to load your trailer is critical.

Proper cargo weight distribution helps you tow your trailer safely, protecting your vehicle, yourself and everyone on the road.



DO'S

- Do put 60% of the cargo weight in the front half of the trailer, with the heavier items loaded in the front.
- Do place lighter items in the rear and near the top of enclosed trailers.
- Do make sure the cargo weight is distributed evenly on left and right sides.
- Do pack cargo firmly and closely and tie it down; keep cargo in place with rope or ratchet tie-downs.
- Do load motorcycles in a wheel chock or against the front wall; always face forward; secure with using tie-down straps.

DON'TS



- Don't load items in any order just to physically fit them into the trailer.
- Don't exceed the trailer's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), or combined trailer/cargo maximum gross weight.
- Don't overload the tow vehicle; check the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) for the maximum weight that can be supported by the vehicle's axle.
- Don't load cargo on the outside of the trailer or let cargo hang out of the trailer.
- Don't carry hazardous materials, explosives or flammables.



Do you know your vehicle's towing capacity? Are you aware of your trailer's weight limits? Stay safe — always consult your tow vehicle and your trailer owner's manuals!