

# Hejny Rentals, Inc.

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## Flatbed Trailer Instruction List

### VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

- A. 8'x12' Flatbed trailers require a 3500 lb. hitch and a 2" ball.
- B. 8'x16' Flatbed trailers require a 5000 lb. hitch and 2" ball.

### HOOK-UP

- A. Temporary hitches or clamp-on bumper hitches are not acceptable.
- B. Check to make sure hitch is secure and that bolts or welds are not loose.
- C. Attach the safety chains so that they cross underneath the trailer tongue.
- D. Check the light wires to make sure they are in good condition (not frayed or broken) and have enough slack to allow for turning. Be sure the brake, turning, and running lights are operational. CUSTOMER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WIRING AND LIGHTS ON TOWING VEHICLE.

### LOADING

- A. DO NOT OVERLOAD TRAILER.
- B. Use the heaviest possible hitch for towing. A loaded trailer should never outweigh the towing vehicle. The towing vehicle must weigh at least 1000 lbs. more than the trailer weight combined with the load weight.
- C. Load the trailer so that 60% of the load is forward of the wheel assembly. This allows 10% of the load to rest on the hitch, and the remainder of the weight to be carried by the trailer.
- D. Make sure the load is secured in front and in back.

### TOWING

- A. Start slowly, drive slowly, stop slowly - you are towing extra weight.
- B. If the trailer sways, pull to the side of the road as soon as possible, applying steady brake pressure until stopped. Determine the cause of the sway: Improper loading, Load shift, Loose hitch, Tire pressure (low or flat), Hub temperature (wheel bearings), or broken springs.
- C. Be careful when backing up - use a spotter.
- D. When passing a slower vehicle, or parking, remember the extra length of your vehicle.
- E. With heavy loads, be careful when driving down steep grades.
- F. Do not transport passenger on/in a towed trailer.

**WARNING! This trailer cannot be transferred or towed by a different vehicle!**

Description of material or equipment being hauled: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: TRAILERS LESS THAN 3000 LBS. GROSS WEIGHT HAVE LIFETIME LICENSE TABS ON TRAILER TONGUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.

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