



ach year since 1999, Family Motor Coaching has published a list of vehicles in a particular model year that can be towed four wheels down behind a motorhome. Beginning around October of each year, the calls start to come in to FMC staff from members asking when the towing guide for the upcoming model year will be published. Well, that time has arrived.

While some motorhomers choose to use a dolly or flatbed trailer to tow their vehicle, the majority prefer the simplicity of four-wheels-down towing. Towing in this manner eliminates any concerns about where to store the dolly or trailer upon arriving at a campsite or returning to a stationary residence. Plus, once the towing equipment — base plate, tow bar, and lights — is installed, hooking up the towed vehicle to the motorhome and preparing it to be towed should be a quick and safe procedure.

The list that appears on the following pages represents 2015-model-year cars, trucks, and sport-utility vehicles that manufacturers have indicated can be towed four wheels down behind a motorhome without significant modifications.

A number of vehicles from last year's chart have been discontinued or deemed not towable and are not on the 2015 list. They include the Honda CR-V, which is now outfitted with a continuously variable transmission (CVT). The Dodge Challenger owners manual now indicates that model is not towable. Subaru no longer offers the hatchback version of its WRX STI, and the Subaru Legacy 2.5i and Outback 2.5i cannot be towed four wheels down because a manual transmission is no longer an option. Also, Toyota has discontinued the Matrix, and Chevrolet no longer offers the Captiva Sport.

However, a few new vehicles have been added. They include the front-wheel-drive Honda Fit, which has a curb weight of 2,513 pounds and a length of 160 inches. The listing for Cadillac now includes the four-wheel-drive Escalade, which weighs 5,840 pounds and is 203.9 inches long. And Chevrolet's redesigned midsize pickup,

Colorado, and its upscale twin, the GMC Canyon, are available with curb weights that start at 4,100 pounds and lengths of 212.4 inches to 224.6 inches.

## **BEFORE YOU BUY**

Towing information may be difficult to obtain directly from the auto manufacturers, and oftentimes dealership salespeople don't understand the concept of recreational towing or have limited knowledge about which vehicles can be towed four wheels down.

That's why it's important to do your homework when it comes to selecting your next towed vehicle. Think of the "Towables For 2015" guide as the first step in your discovery process. Also, you may want to check the "Technical Forums" at FMCA.com to see whether there have been reports about towing particular vehicles.

Following are some additional guidelines:

- Before purchasing a vehicle, make sure the dealership representative with whom you are speaking understands that you are looking to tow the vehicle and not to use it to tow a trailer.
- Next, and perhaps the most important step, is to request that you be shown a copy of the vehicle's owners manual. Once you have the manual in hand, find the section that addresses four-wheelsdown towing — often under a heading such as "Recreational Towing." (Do not confuse this with "Emergency Towing," which may be possible four wheels down on a limited basis for emergency purposes only.) In this section you will find specific guidelines regarding towing procedures, necessary modifications, and safety issues pertaining to the vehicle. Many manufacturers have their owners manuals available online. If you have a particular vehicle in mind, visit the manufacturer's Web site and click on the "Owners" link to see whether the manual for that vehicle is available to download.

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A guide to 2015-model-year

vehicles that manufacturers

The following information is intended to help motorhome owners select a vehicle that is approved by its manufacturer for flat towing. The information was gathered from automobile manufacturers and vehicle owners manuals and pertains only to model-year 2015 vehicles. The information may or may not be correct for earlier or later models. While every attempt has been made to present accurate information, continued vehicle improvements and production-line changes could alter the information and render it out-of-date. Before purchasing any vehicle, consult its owners manual to determine whether the vehicle can be flat towed behind a motorhome and what procedures must be taken to prepare the vehicle for towing. Towing surveys for prior years are available at www.FMCmagazine.com.

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- Once you are confident the vehicle is towable and you are comfortable with the towing setup procedures and guidelines, ask a few more questions before making the purchase. Find out from the dealer, manufacturer, or owners manual how towing will affect the vehicle's warranty. Also, ask the dealer rep whether any service bulletins have been released that relate to towing the vehicle behind a motorhome.
- If possible, have the vehicle weighed. Your motorhome has been given a gross combination weight rating (GCWR), which is the maximum allowable combined weight of the motorhome and the attached towed vehicle. The accompanying charts include approximate curb weights as supplied by the manufacturers; however, optional equipment and accessories can increase the weight of the vehicle. So, make sure that its weight will not push the combined weight above the GCWR. It's also a good idea to weigh your motorhome (see "Weigh Me!" February 2011, page 38). Because of overloading issues, some motorhomes should not tow anything. In fact, certain motorhomes may need to have their loads lightened before being driven solo.

## **TOWING EQUIPMENT**

Once you've selected a vehicle for towing, the next step is to purchase a tow bar and base plate. Several companies sell tow bars with varying convenience



and safety features. The most important factor when selecting a towing package is to make sure it is rated to handle the weight of the towed vehicle. Have the initial installation done by qualified and experienced personnel. After installation, check the equipment frequently and use it only in the manner for which it was designed. As with any mechanical gear, proper maintenance can increase the life of towing equipment. However, there comes a time when the equipment must be replaced to prevent a dangerous situation. Frequent inspections will alert you to the need.

When hooking up the towed vehicle, do not let yourself be distracted. Also, get in the habit of checking the towing equipment each time you stop for fuel or to take a break. Walk around the towed vehicle to make sure the tires are properly inflated and do not exhibit any unusual wear patterns. Perform these safety inspections each time you're stopped and you will decrease the chances of a potential problem while on the road.

Safety is the most important issue for motorhomers when they operate their coaches. That's why, for safety's sake, every motorhome owner who tows a vehicle four wheels down should consider using an auxiliary braking system. Many motorhome, chassis, and automobile manufacturers recommend that supplemental brakes be used on any towed vehicle.

A question that is often asked concerning supplemental brakes involves the legal ramifications of not using them. Not all jurisdictions mandate supplemental brakes on towed vehicles, but when it comes to four-wheels-down towing, safety should be paramount. Your motorhome's brakes were designed to stop the weight of the coach. Add several thousand pounds of towed vehicle weight to the equation, and the motorhome's braking system is being asked to do more than it was intended. The extra weight can reduce the effectiveness of the brakes in emergency stopping situations, as well as lead to premature — and potentially costly —

wear on the motorhome's braking system.

A supplemental brake provides stopping assistance to the tandem, allowing the towed vehicle's brakes to slow the vehicle and reduce the weight inertia that's pushing forward against the rear of the motorhome. Most of us have never heard anyone say that the brakes on their motorhome stop it too quickly. Nevertheless, many of us have seen what happens when brakes don't work quickly enough.

Although this guide focuses on vehicles that can be flat towed, there is no single best way to tow. Each vehicle and each method has its advantages and disadvantages. If a vehicle you already own or wish to purchase cannot be flat towed, it may be possible to tow it on a dolly or trailer or have adaptations made to the vehicle to make it towable.





**Cadillac** SRX

## **READING THE CHART**

Based on questions we've received from readers in past years, here are some clarifications regarding information that appears on the accompanying towing chart. A "Yes" in the column under the type of transmission (auto or manual) means that when equipped with that type of transmission, the vehicle is towable; "No" means it is not towable. If the model is not available with a particular transmission, "N/A" appears in the column. The "Approximate Curb Weight" and "Total Length" figures are for a vehicle's base model. "TBD" means that as of press time that piece of information was still to be determined. Keep in mind also that although some vehicles are indicated as being towable, not all trim lines, engine configurations, etc. within that model line may be towable; always refer to the particular vehicle's owners manual to be sure.

BUICK						
MODEL	TRANSA Auto	MISSION Manual	DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
Enclave <sup>1</sup>	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>2</sup>	4,922 lbs.	201.9 in.
Enclave <sup>1</sup>	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>2</sup>	4,724 lbs.	201.9 in.
Regal 2.0-liter GS	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None³	3,710 lbs.	190.2 in.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To prevent the battery from draining while the vehicles is being towed, remove the 15-amp ECM fuse and the 15-amp OnStar fuse in the battery compartment behind the passenger seat on the floor. Also remove the 50-amp BATT1 fuse from the underhood fuse block.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> When towing the vehicle for extended periods of time, start the vehicle as often as possible to prevent battery drain.

CADILLAC						
MODEL	TRANS/ Auto	MISSION Manual	DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
Escalade <sup>1</sup>	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	5,840 lbs.	203.9 in.
SRX	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>2</sup>	4,442 lbs.	190.3 in.
SRX	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>2</sup>	4,277 lbs.	190.3 in.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To be flat towed, the Escalade must have an eight-speed automatic transmission and be four-wheel drive with a two-speed transfer case that has a Neutral and a 4 low setting. The negative battery cable must be disconnected and not touch the terminals. The Escalade with six-speed automatic transmission CANNOT be flat-towed.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The vehicle should be run at the beginning of each day and at each RV fuel stop for about five minutes. Reinstall the fuses to start the vehicle.

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CHEVROLET						
MODEL	TRANSA Auto	MISSION Manual	DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
Colorado <sup>1</sup>	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,140 lbs.	212.7 in.
Cruze <sup>2</sup>	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	3,084 lbs.	181.0 in.
Equinox <sup>3</sup>	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None⁴	3,777 lbs.	187.8 in.
Equinox <sup>3</sup>	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None⁴	3,777 lbs.	187.8 in.
Malibu <sup>5</sup>	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None	3,393 lbs.	191.5 in.
Silverado 1500¹	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,749 lbs.	205.6 in.
Silverado 2500 HD¹	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	6,044 lbs.	224.4 in.
Silverado 3500 HD¹	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	6,281 lbs.	224.4 in.
Sonic Hatchback <sup>3 &amp; 6</sup>	Yes	Yes	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None⁴	2,690 lbs.	159.0 in.
Sonic Sedan <sup>3 &amp; 6</sup>	Yes	Yes	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None⁴	2,727 lbs.	173.1 in.
Spark	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	70 mph/None	2,269 lbs.	144.7 in.
Suburban <sup>1</sup>	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	5,896 lbs.	224.4 in.
Tahoe <sup>1</sup>	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	5,683 lbs.	204.0 in.
Traverse <sup>7</sup>	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None⁴	4,956 lbs.	203.7 in.
Traverse <sup>7</sup>	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None⁴	4,713 lbs.	203.7 in.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Only four-wheel-drive vehicles with a two-speed transfer case that have a Neutral and 4 low setting can be towed four wheels down. The negative battery cable must be removed from the battery and must not touch the terminals.

DODGE						
MODEL	TRANS/ Auto	MISSION Manual	DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
Dart	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,122 lbs.	183.9 in.
Durango <sup>1</sup>	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	None	5,330 lbs.	201.2 in.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Only all-wheel-drive models equipped with the two-speed transfer case can be towed four wheels down. Refer to the towing instructions in the owners manual.

FIAT						
MODEL	TRANSA Auto	MISSION Manual	DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
500, 500c	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,363 lbs.	139.6 in.
500 Turbo	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,477 lbs.	144.4 in.
500L Pop <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,203 lbs.	166.5 in.
500L Easy, Trekking <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,203 lbs.	166.5 in.
500 Abarth, 500c Abarth	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,512 lbs.	144.4 in.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 500L Pop vehicles equipped with the Euro Twin Clutch transmission can be towed four wheels down, but vehicles equipped with Aisin automatic transmission cannot.



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> To prevent the battery from draining while the vehicle is being towed, remove fuses 22, 23, 24, and 25 from the instrument panel fuse block.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> To prevent the battery from draining while the vehicle is being towed, remove the Discrete Logic Ignition Switch fuse from the instrument panel fuse block.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The vehicle should be run at the beginning of each day and at each RV fuel stop for about five minutes. Reinstall any fuses that may have been removed before starting the vehicle.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> To prevent the battery from draining while the vehicle is being towed, remove fuses 8, 22 (Key Access only), and 24 from the instrument panel fuse block.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Sonic RS with automatic transmission CANNOT be towed four wheels down.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> To prevent the battery from draining while the vehicle is being towed, remove the 15-amp ECM fuse and the 15-amp OnStar fuse in the battery compartment behind the passenger seat on the floor. Also remove the 50- amp BATT1 fuse from the underhood fuse block.



FORD									
MODEL	TRANS/ Auto	MISSION Manual	DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH			
C-MAX Energi	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	70 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	3,859 lbs.	173.6 in.			
C-MAX Hybrid	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	70 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	3,607 lbs.	173.6 in.			
Edge V-6 <sup>2</sup>	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,186 lbs.	188.1 in.			
Edge V-6 <sup>2</sup>	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	3,988 lbs.	188.1 in.			
Explorer V-6 <sup>2</sup>	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,610 lbs.	197.1 in.			
Explorer V-6 <sup>2</sup>	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,432 lbs.	197.1 in.			
F-150 4x4	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,309 lbs.	209.3 in.			
F-250/350/450 4x4 <sup>3</sup>	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	6,351 lbs.	227.6 in.			
Fiesta four-door sedan <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes	Front-wheel drive	70 mph/None	2,578 lbs.	173.5 in.			
Fiesta five-door hatchback <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes	Front-wheel drive	70 mph/None	2,537 lbs.	159.7 in.			
Flex 3.5-liter V-6	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,637 lbs.	201.8 in.			
Flex 3.5-liter V-6	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,439 lbs.	201.8 in.			
Flex 3.5-liter EcoBoost V-6	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,828 lbs.	201.8 in.			
Focus four-door Sedan <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes	Front-wheel drive	70 mph/None	2,907 lbs.	178.5 in.			
Focus five-door Hatchback <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes	Front-wheel drive	70 mph/None	2,920 lbs.	171.6 in.			
Fusion Energi	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	70 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	3,913 lbs.	191.8 in.			
Fusion Hybrid	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	70 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	3,639 lbs.	191.8 in.			
Taurus 3.5-liter <sup>2</sup>	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,140 lbs.	202.9 in.			
Taurus 3.5-liter <sup>2</sup>	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	3,917 lbs.	202.9 in.			
Taurus SHO 3.5-liter EcoBoost V-6 <sup>2</sup>	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,343 lbs.	202.9 in.			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Start the engine and allow it to run for five minutes at the beginning of each day and every six hours thereafter.

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GMC						
MODEL	TRANS/ Auto	MISSION Manual	DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
Acadia <sup>1</sup>	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>2</sup>	4,850 lbs.	200.8 in.
Acadia <sup>1</sup>	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>2</sup>	4,656 lbs.	200.8 in.
Canyon Crew Cab, 3.6-liter <sup>3</sup>	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,420 lbs.	212.4 in.
Canyon Extended Cab, 2.5-liter <sup>3</sup>	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,100 lbs.	212.4 in.
Sierra 1500 <sup>3</sup>	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,749 lbs.	205.6 in.
Sierra 2500/3500 <sup>3</sup>	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	6,041 lbs.	224.3 in.
Terrain⁴	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>2</sup>	4,020 lbs.	185.3 in.
Terrain⁴	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>2</sup>	3,853 lbs.	185.3 in.
Yukon³	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	5,735 lbs.	203.9 in.
Yukon XL <sup>3</sup>	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	5,960 lbs.	224.3 in.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To prevent the battery from draining while the vehicle is being towed, remove the 15-amp ECM fuse and the 15-amp OnStar fuse in the battery compartment behind the passenger seat on the floor. Also remove the 50-amp BATT1 fuse from the underhood fuse block.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> To prevent the battery from draining while the vehicle is being towed, remove fuse 32, the Discrete Logic Ignition Switch fuse, from the instrument panel fuse black

HONDA						
MODEL	TRANSMISSION Auto Manual		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
Fit LX, EX	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	2,513 lbs.	160.0 in.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Special procedure required for every eight hours of towing. Refer to owners manual for details.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Vehicles equipped with the 2.0-liter EcoBoost I-4 engine cannot be towed four wheels down.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Only four-wheel drive vehicles with a manual-shift transfer case can be towed four wheels down. Put the transfer case into N (Neutral) and hub locks in the Free position.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Disconnect the negative (black) cable from the battery before towing. After towing, start the engine within 15 minutes of reconnecting the battery cable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The vehicle should be run at the beginning of each day and at each RV fuel stop for about five minutes. Reinstall the fuses to start the vehicle.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Only four-wheel-drive vehicles with a two-speed transfer case that has a Neutral and a 4 low setting can be towed four wheels down. Negative battery cable must be disconnected and not touch the terminals.







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Infiniti Q60S Convertible 6MT

Jeep Wrangler Unlimited **Kia** Rio

HYUNDAI						
MODEL	TRANSMISSION Auto Manual		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
Accent Sedan GLS	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,480 lbs.	172.0 in.
Accent Hatchback GS, Sport	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,489 lbs.	162.0 in.
Elantra	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,773 lbs.	179.1 in.
Elantra GT	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,855 lbs.	169.3 in.
Genesis Coupe	No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	None	3,514 lbs.	182.3 in.
Veloster	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,672 lbs.	166.1 in.
Veloster Turbo, Turbo R-Spec	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,877 lbs.	167.3 in.

INFINITI						
MODEL	TRANSA Auto	MISSION Manual	DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
Q60S Coupe 6MT, Limited 6MT	No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	70 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	3,708 lbs.	183.7 in.
Q60S Convertible 6MT	No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	70 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,149 lbs.	184.0 in.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> After towing 500 miles, start and idle the engine with the transmission in Neutral for two minutes.

## **TOW BAR MANUFACTURERS**

Following is a list of companies that offer tow bars and related equipment.

Blue Ox

(800) 228-9289 (402) 385-3051 www.blueox.com **CURT Manufacturing** (800) 798-0813

(715) 831-8713 www.curtmfg.com

Demco-Dethmers Mfg. Co.

(800) 543-3626 (712) 725-2311

www.demco-products.com

NSA Products Inc.

(800) 933-3372 (620) 365-7714 www.readybrake.com

Roadmaster Inc.

(800) 669-9690 (360) 213-0380

www.roadmasterinc.com

JEEP								
MODEL	TRANSMISSION Auto Manual		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH		
Cherokee <sup>1</sup>	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	3,953 lbs.	182.0 in.		
Compass	No	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	3,258 lbs.	175.1 in.		
Compass	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,107 lbs.	175.1 in.		
Grand Cherokee <sup>2</sup>	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,677 lbs.	189.8 in.		
Patriot	No	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	3,290 lbs.	173.8 in.		
Patriot	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,133 lbs.	173.8 in.		
Wrangler	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	3,760 lbs.	152.8 in.		
Wrangler Unlimited	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	4,075 lbs.	173.4 in.		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Only four-wheel-drive vehicles with a two-speed power transfer unit can be towed four wheels down. On January 20, 2016, Chrysler Fiat announced that an accessory is needed to ensure the Cherokee's Electric Power Steering system functions when it is flat towed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Only four-wheel-drive vehicles equipped with Quadra-Trac II/Quadra Drive II can be towed four wheels down.

KIA						
MODEL	TRANSMISSION Auto Manual		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
Forte LX	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,804 lbs.	179.5 in.
Forte5 SX	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,970 lbs.	171.3 in.
Forte Koup EX, SX	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,820 lbs.	178.3 in.
Rio LX	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,494 lbs.	171.9 in.
Rio 5-door LX	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,479 lbs.	159.3 in.
Soul Base	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	2,714 lbs.	163.0 in.

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LINCOLN						
MODEL	TRANS/ Auto	MISSION Manual	DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
MKS	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,391 lbs.	205.6 in.
MKS	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,204 lbs.	205.6 in.
MKT <sup>2</sup>	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,942 lbs.	207.6 in.
MKT <sup>2</sup>	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,702 lbs.	207.6 in.
MKX	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,413 lbs.	186.7 in.
MKX	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	4,236 lbs.	186.7 in.
MKZ 3.7-liter <sup>2</sup>	Yes	N/A	All-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	3,993 lbs.	194.1 in.
MKZ 3.7-liter <sup>2</sup>	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	65 mph/None <sup>1</sup>	3,823 lbs.	194.1 in.
MKZ Hybrid	Yes	N/A	Front-wheel drive	70 mph/None <sup>3</sup>	3,792 lbs.	194.1 in.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Start the engine and allow it to run for five minutes at the beginning of each day and at least every six hours thereafter.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  Start the engine and allow it to run for one minute at the beginning of each day.



NISSAN									
TRANS/ Auto	MISSION Manual	DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH				
No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	70 mph/500 mi. <sup>1</sup>	3,274 lbs.	167.5 in.				
No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	70 mph/500 mi. <sup>1</sup>	3,372 lbs.	170.5 in.				
No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	70 mph/500 mi. <sup>1</sup>	3,479 lbs.	167.2 in.				
No	Yes	Four-wheel drive	70 mph/500 mi. <sup>1</sup>	4,438 lbs.	205.5 in.				
No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	70 mph/500 mi. <sup>1</sup>	4,256 lbs.	205.5 in.				
No	Yes	Four-wheel drive	70 mph/500 mi. <sup>1</sup>	4,387 lbs.	205.5 in.				
No	Yes	Rear-wheel drive	70 mph/500 mi. <sup>1</sup>	3,708 lbs.	205.5 in.				
No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	70 mph/500 mi. <sup>1</sup>	2,950 lbs.	163.8 in.				
No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	TBD/500 mi. <sup>1</sup>	2,855 lbs.	182.1 in.				
No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	70 mph/500 mi <sup>1</sup>	2,414 lbs.	163.0 in.				
No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	70 mph/500 mi. <sup>1</sup>	2,363 lbs.	175.4 in.				
No	Yes	Four-wheel drive	70 mph/500 mi. <sup>1</sup>	4,358 lbs.	178.7 in.				
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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  After towing 500 miles, start and idle the engine with the transmission in Neutral for two minutes.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Vehicles equipped with a 2.0-liter engine cannot be towed four wheels down.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  On four-wheel-drive vehicles, place the transfer case in the 2H range.



RAM									
MODEL	TRANSMISSION Auto Manual		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH			
Ram 1500 <sup>1</sup>	Yes	N/A	Four-wheel drive	None	4,725 lbs.	209.0 in.			
Ram 2500 <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	6,625 lbs.	231.0 in.			
Ram 3500 <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes	Four-wheel drive	None	6,370 lbs.	230.4 in.			
<sup>1</sup> See detailed procedures in the 2015 Ram 1500/2500/3500 owners manual.									

SCION									
MODEL	TRANSA Auto	MISSION Manual	DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH			
tC¹	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,058 lbs.	176.6 in.			
xB¹	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None	3,020 lbs.	168.1 in.			
After towing, leave the engine in idle for at least three minutes before driving the vehicle.									

SMART	_	_	_	_	
MODEL	TRANSMISSION Auto Manual	DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOT.

SWALL										
MODEL	TRANSMISSION Auto Manual		DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH				
Fortwo Coupe, Passion Coupe <sup>1</sup>	N/A	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Rear-wheel drive	None	1,764 lbs.	106.1 in.				
Fortwo Passion Cabriolet <sup>1</sup>	N/A	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Rear-wheel drive	None	1,808 lbs.	106.1 in.				

SUBARU						
MODEL	TRANS/ Auto	MISSION Manual	DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH
Forester 2.5i, 2.5i Premium	No	Yes	All-wheel drive	None	3,296 lbs.	180.9 in.
Impreza 2.0i 4-door	No	Yes	All-wheel drive	None	2,955 lbs.	180.5 in.
Impreza 2.0i 5-door, 2.0i Sport Premium	No	Yes	All-wheel drive	None	2,955 lbs.	174.0 in.
WRX	No	Yes	All-wheel drive	None	3,267 lbs.	180.9 in.
WRX Premium, WRX Limited	No	Yes	All-wheel drive	None	3,302 lbs.	180.9 in.
WRX STI, WRX STI Limited	No	Yes	All-wheel drive	None	3,386 lbs.	180.9 in.
XV Crosstrek 2.0i Premium	No	Yes	All-wheel drive	None	3,098 lbs.	175.2 in.

TOYOTA								
MODEL	TRANS/ Auto	MISSION Manual	DRIVE CONFIGURATION	SPEED/DISTANCE LIMITS	APPROXIMATE CURB WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH		
Corolla L	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None <sup>1</sup>	2,800 lbs.	182.6 in.		
Corolla S Plus	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None <sup>1</sup>	2,845 lbs.	183.1 in.		
Yaris L, SE	No	Yes	Front-wheel drive	None <sup>1</sup>	2,315 lbs.	155.5 in.		
<sup>1</sup> After towing, leave the engine in idle for at least three minutes before driving the vehicle.								

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The battery must be disconnected using the dealer-installed matching on/off switch on the battery terminal.

<sup>2</sup> The Smart Fortwo is equipped with an electronically assisted manual transmission that can be driven in automatic or manual mode.