

Towing

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Avoid sudden movements when towing if possible. Gradual acceleration, wide turns, slower lane changes... remember that your vehicle is essentially a lot longer and heavier than normal.

It's always a good habit to do a quick inspection each time you're stopped on your trip. You never know when you might catch something that would have been a problem out on the road.

Give more room on the road than you normally would. You're pulling more weight and it might take longer to slow down or stop.

Nobody likes rush hour, but it's particularly interesting when towing a camper. Take some time to plan ahead and avoid high traffic times. You'll have a much more enjoyable road trip.

You're on vacation, so what's the hurry? You'll get better gas mileage at lower speeds, and besides, it's just the safer way to go when you're towing.

Check your tire pressure often and try to always run near the maximum recommended pressure. It's safer and you'll save some gas.

This is common sense for any long-distance driving. If you're tired, just pull over and take a rest.

It's critical that you can see around your vehicle. Make sure to check your mirrors before you get on the road to ensure everything to the side and behind you is visible.

Backing up with a trailer is tricky but not impossible. Go slow, put your hand on the bottom of the wheel and move it in the direction you want the trailer to move. Have your passengers get out and spot you. The best strategy is to just avoid situations where you'll need to back up, but if you must, just take your time and you'll do fine.