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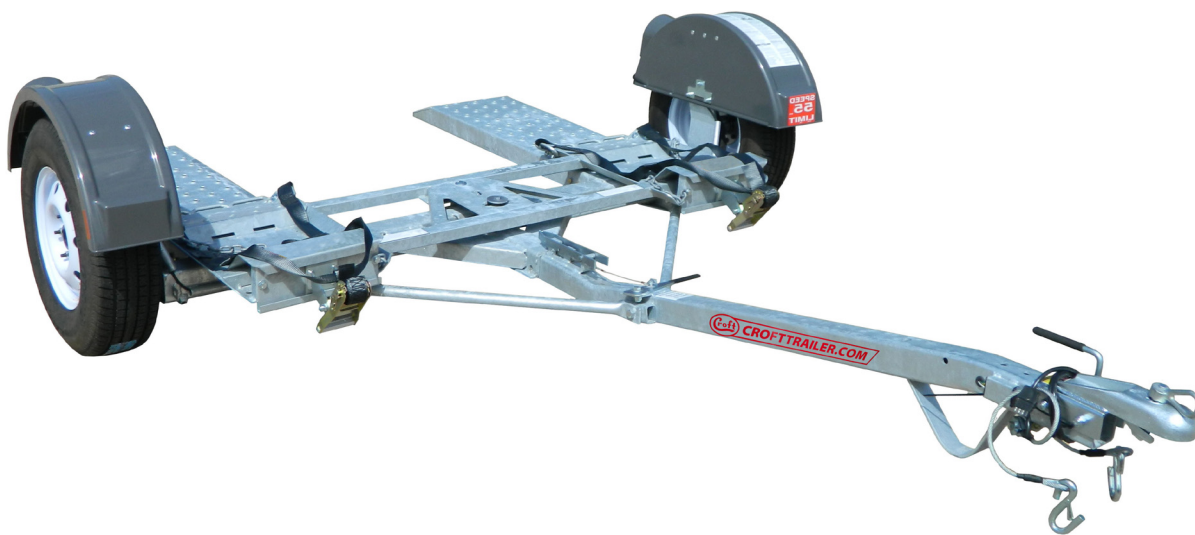
# CROFT TOW DOLLY

*MODELS CGTD76 & CGTD76DB*



## OWNERS MANUAL

Towing Instructions, Assembly, Parts Breakdown and Options



**READ** COMPLETE MANUAL CAREFULLY  
BEFORE ATTEMPTING OPERATION.

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**WARNING**

Exceeding weight limitations or not using a towing vehicle larger and at least 1,000 lbs. heavier than the tow dolly and the towed vehicle combined can result in loss of towing vehicle control, separation of the tow dolly from the towing vehicle, or separation of the towed vehicle from the tow dolly, causing severe personal injury, death, or property damage.

All vehicles to be towed on tow dollies must be towed with the front axle on the dolly.

**It is recommended that two people set-up and load this piece of equipment**

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**WIRING OF THE TOWING VEHICLE**

Connect the wiring to the towing vehicle keeping in mind the color code indicated below.

1. Make certain the towing vehicle lights are "OFF".
2. Connect YELLOW wire to left turn signal and stop wire in the left rear of towing vehicle with the wire splicer supplied.
3. Connect GREEN wire to the right turn signal and stop wire.
4. Connect BROWN wire to tail light wire.
5. VERY IMPORTANT - connect WHITE wire to frame or body of towing vehicle. This is the common ground and a clean metal-to-metal contact must be made.

CAUTION: Many flashers for vehicle turn signals will not carry the additional load of tow dolly turn signals. If normal operation does not occur when connected to the tow dolly, a heavy duty replacement flasher may be obtained through an auto parts outlet store.

**TESTING CIRCUITRY**

1. Check that the WHITE (ground) wire is connected to the frame of the towing vehicle.
2. With headlights in "ON" position, the tail lights should be lighted.
3. Start engine and have someone depress brake pedal. Brake lights of the tow dolly and towing vehicle should come "on" and "off" simultaneously with each application.
4. Put left turn signal on. Left turn light of tow dolly and towing vehicle should flash simultaneously. Should the turn signal light of the tow dolly function opposite to those of the towing vehicle, it is probable that the YELLOW and GREEN wires have been reversed. Check the plug connection under the tongue of the tow dolly to make sure wire colors are not crossed at that point. If this plug connection is correct, correct problem by reversing yellow and green wire connection on the towing vehicle.

# SAFETY

**TAKE NOTE! THIS SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL FOUND THROUGHOUT THIS MANUAL IS USED TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO INSTRUCTIONS INVOLVING YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH.**



**THIS SYMBOL MEANS**

**ATTENTION**

**BECOME ALERT**

**YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!**

## **SIGNAL WORDS:**

Note the use of the following signal words **DANGER**, **WARNING**, and **CAUTION** with the safety messages. The appropriate signal word for each has been selected using the following guidelines:

### **DANGER:**

Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This signal word is to be limited to the most extreme situations typically for tow unit components which, for functional purposes, cannot be guarded.

### **WARNING:**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury, and includes hazards that are exposed when guards are removed. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

### **CAUTION:**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.



## **SAFETY...YOU CAN LIVE WITH IT**



### **EQUIPMENT SAFETY GUIDELINES**

Every year many accidents occur which could have been avoided by a few seconds of thought and a more careful approach to handling equipment. You, the operator, can avoid many accidents by observing the following precautions in this section. To avoid personal injury, study the following precautions and insist those working with you, or you yourself, follow them.

Replace any caution, warning, danger or instruction safety decal that is not readable or is missing. Location of such decals is indicated in this booklet.

Do not attempt to operate this tow unit under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Review the safety instructions with all users.

Operator should be a responsible adult. **DO NOT ALLOW PERSONS TO OPERATE OR ASSEMBLE THIS UNIT UNTIL THEY HAVE DEVELOPED A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND HOW IT WORKS.**

Do not paint over, remove, or deface any safety signs or warning decals on your tow unit . Observe all safety signs and practice the instructions on them.

Never exceed the limits of a tow unit. If its ability to do a job safely is in question **DON'T TRY IT.**



### **LIGHTING AND MARKING**

It is the responsibility of the owner to know lighting and marking requirements of local highway authorities and to install and maintain equipment to provide compliance with regulations.

Light bar kits and magnetic tow lights are available from Croft Trailer Supply Inc.





## **SAFETY SIGN CARE**

- Keep safety signs clean and legible at all times.
- Replace safety signs that are missing or have become illegible.
- Replacement parts that displayed a safety sign should also display current sign.
- Safety signs are available from Croft Trailer Supply.

### **How to install safety signs:**

- Be sure installation surface is clean and dry.
- Decide on exact position before you remove backing paper.
- Remove smallest portion of split backing paper.
- Align decal over specified area and carefully press small portion with exposed sticky backing in place.
- Slowly peel back remaining paper and carefully smooth remaining portion of decal into place.
- Small air pockets can be pierced with a pin and smoothed out using piece of decal backing paper.



## **TIRE SAFETY**

- Failure to follow proper procedures when mounting a tire on a rim can produce an explosion which may result in serious injury or death.
- Do not attempt to mount a tire unless you have proper equipment and experience to do the job.
- Inflating or servicing tires can be dangerous. Whenever possible, trained personnel should be called to service and/or mount tires.
- Tow unit tires must be inflated to recommended P.S.I. . See decal on tow unit for correct pressure.
- Always order and install tires and wheels with appropriate type and load capacity to meet or exceed gross weight of unit.



## **REMEMBER**

Your best assurance against accidents is a careful and responsible operator. If there is any portion of this manual or function you do not understand, contact Croft Trailer Supply.



## **BEFORE OPERATION:**

- Carefully study and understand this manual.
- Keep wheel and lug nuts tightened to specified torque.
- Assure tires are inflated evenly.
- Give unit a visual inspection for any loose bolts, worn parts, or cracked welds, and make necessary repairs. Follow maintenance safety instructions included in this manual.
- Be sure there are no tools lying on or in tow unit.
- Do not use unit until you are sure that area is clear, especially around children and animals.
- Don't hurry learning process or take unit for granted. Ease into it and become familiar with your new tow unit.
- Practice operation of your tow unit and its attachments. Completely familiarize yourself and other operators with its operation before using.
- Make sure that brakes are evenly adjusted (if equipped with brakes)
- Securely attach to towing vehicle. Use an appropriately sized and rated hitch ball and attach safety chains.
- Do not allow anyone to stand between tongue or hitch and towing vehicle when backing up to unit.
- Make sure tow rating on vehicle is high enough for what it is towing.



## **DURING OPERATION**

- **SAFETY CABLES** - Always follow state and local regulations regarding safety chains and auxiliary lighting when towing. Be sure to check with local law enforcement agencies for your own particular regulations. Only safety chains (not elastic or nylon/plastic tow straps) should be used to retain connection between towing vehicle and towed unit in event of separation.
- Do not load towed vehicle with cargo. Towed vehicles exceeding weight limits will overload tow unit and may cause serious injury and damage.
- Criss cross safety cables under tongue, secure to mounting loops on towing vehicle.
- Secure emergency brake actuator cable to mounting loop on towing vehicle.
- Beware of bystanders, **PARTICULARLY CHILDREN!** Always look around to make sure it is safe to start engine of towing vehicle or move unit. This is particularly important with higher noise levels, as you may not hear people shouting.
- **NO PASSENGERS ALLOWED**- Do not carry passengers anywhere on or in towed unit.
- When halting operation, even periodically, set towing vehicle parking brake, shut off engine, and **remove ignition key**.
- Be extra careful on inclines.

- **MANEUVER TOWING VEHICLE AT SAFE SPEEDS. DO NOT EXCEED 55 M.P.H.**
- Avoid overhead wires or other obstacles. Contact with overhead lines could cause serious injury or death.
- Avoid loose gravel, rocks, and holes; they can be dangerous for unit operation or movement.
- Allow for unit length when making turns.
- Do not work under raised components or attachments unless securely positioned and blocked.
- Keep all bystanders and pets clear of work area.
- Operate towing vehicle from operators seat only.
- As a precaution, recheck hardware on tow unit every 50 miles, and correct all problems. Follow maintenance safety procedures.



### **FOLLOWING OPERATION**

- Following operation, or when unhitching, stop towing vehicle, set parking brake, shut off engine and **remove ignition key**.
- Store tow unit in area away from human activity.
- Do not permit children to play on or around stored tow unit.
- Make sure parked tow unit is on hard, level surface.
- Wheel chocks may be needed to prevent unit from rolling.



### **HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORT OPERATIONS**

- Adopt safe driving practices:
  - Always drive at safe speed relative to local conditions and ensure that your speed is low enough for an emergency stop. **Do not exceed 55 M.P.H.**
  - Reduce speed prior to turns to avoid risk of overturning.
  - Always keep towing vehicle in gear to provide engine braking when going downhill. **Do not coast.**
  - **Do not drink and drive!**
- Comply with state and local laws governing highway safety.
- Local laws should be checked for all highway lighting and marking requirements.

- Plan your route to avoid heavy traffic.
- Be a safe and courteous driver. Always yield to oncoming traffic in all situations, including narrow bridges, intersections, etc.
- Watch for obstructions overhead and to both sides while transporting.
- Operate with maximum visibility at all times. Make allowances for increased length and weight of tow unit when making turns and stopping.



## **PERFORMING MAINTENANCE**

- Good maintenance is your responsibility. Poor maintenance is an invitation to trouble.
- Make sure there is plenty of ventilation. Never operate engine of towing vehicle in a closed building. Exhaust fumes may cause asphyxiation.
- Before working on tow unit, stop towing vehicle, set parking brake, turn off engine and **remove ignition key**.
- Always block wheels and never use a jack as sole support.
- Always use proper tools or equipment for job at hand.
- Use extreme caution when making adjustments.
- Follow torque chart in this manual when tightening bolts and nuts.
- Openings in skin and minor cuts are susceptible to infection from brake fluid. **Without immediate medical treatment, serious infection and reactions can occur.**
- After servicing, be sure all tools, parts and service equipment are removed.
- Do not allow grease or oil to build up on any step or platform.
- When replacing bolts, refer to owners manual for proper size and grade.
- Refer to bolt torque chart for head identification marking.
- Where replacement parts are necessary for periodic maintenance and servicing, genuine factory replacement parts must be used to restore your tow unit to original specifications. Manufacturer will not claim responsibility for use of unapproved parts and/or accessories or other damages as a result of their use.
- If tow unit has been altered in any way from original design, manufacturer does not accept any liability for injury or warranty.
- A fire extinguisher and first aid kit should be kept readily accessible while performing maintenance on this tow unit.

# BOLT TORQUE

## TORQUE DATA FOR STANDARD NUTS, BOLTS, AND CAP SCREWS.

Tighten all bolts to torques specified in chart unless otherwise noted. Check tightness of bolts periodically, using bolt chart as guide. Replace hardware with same grade bolt.

NOTE: Unless otherwise specified, high-strength Grade 5 hex bolts are used throughout assembly of equipment.



### Torque Specifications

#### Bolt Torque for Standard Bolts \*

"A"	GRADE 2		GRADE 5		GRADE 8	
	lb-ft	(N.m)	lb-ft	(N.m)	lb-ft	(N.m)
1/4"	6	(8)	9	(12)	12	(16)
5/16"	10	(13)	18	(25)	25	(35)
3/8"	20	(27)	30	(40)	45	(60)
7/16"	30	(40)	50	(70)	80	(110)
1/2"	45	(60)	75	(100)	115	(155)
9/16"	70	(95)	115	(155)	165	(220)
5/8"	95	(130)	150	(200)	225	(300)
3/4"	165	(225)	290	(390)	400	(540)
7/8"	170	(230)	420	(570)	650	(880)
1"	225	(300)	630	(850)	970	(1310)

#### Bolt Torque for Metric Bolts \*

"A"	GRADE 8.8		GRADE 9.8		GRADE 10.9	
	lb-ft	(N.m)	lb-ft	(N.m)	lb-ft	(N.m)
6	9	(13)	10	(14)	13	(17)
7	15	(21)	18	(24)	21	(29)
8	23	(31)	25	(34)	31	(42)
10	45	(61)	50	(68)	61	(83)
12	78	(106)	88	(118)	106	(144)
14	125	(169)	140	(189)	170	(230)
16	194	(263)	216	(293)	263	(357)
18	268	(363)	--	--	364	(493)
20	378	(513)	--	--	515	(689)
22	516	(699)	--	--	702	(952)
24	654	(886)	--	--	890	(1206)

Torque figures indicated are valid for non-greased or non-oiled threads and heads unless otherwise specified. Therefore, do not grease or oil bolts or cap screws unless otherwise specified in this manual. When using locking elements, increase torque values by 5%.

\* GRADE or CLASS value for bolts and capscrews are identified by their head markings.

## TOW DOLLY LOAD LIMITATIONS

### READ TOW DOLLY INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE LOADING

**Maximum Tire Tread Width or Outside Body Width:  
42" Min. - 76" Max.**

### Maximum Towed Vehicle Weight

	With H3BOS	With 13689	With Brakes
Front Wheel Drive	4,250 lbs	4,500 lbs	4,500 lbs
Rear Wheel Drive or Four Wheel Drive	4,250 lbs	5,000 lbs	5,000 lbs

- Vehicle must be centered with front end on tow dolly facing forward.
- Vehicles with low front end or air dams may not have enough ground clearance to drive up on tow dolly platform.
- Vehicle must have lockable steering.
- Rear-wheel or four-wheel drive vehicles must have drive shaft disconnected.
- Do not tow mid or rear engine mounted vehicles
- Towed vehicles must not be loaded with possessions, people, pets, etc.

#### **BACKING UP**

The tow dolly is not a trailer and cannot be backed up because it swivels both at the coupler and car platform. If you must back up, unload car first, disconnect the coupler, and move car and dolly separately.

**PLAY IT SAFE: Park where you can pull out going forward.**



# WARNING

# TOW DOLLY INSTRUCTIONS

Read the following information completely before hooking up, loading, using, unloading or unhooking the tow dolly. Failure to abide by the following can result in damage to property, severe personal injury and/or death.

## IMPORTANT DO'S & DON'TS

- Read the towing instructions in the towed vehicle's owner's manual.
- Use a 2", 5000 lb. (or greater) capacity ball for a Tow Dolly *without* surge brakes and a 2", 6000 lb. (or greater) capacity ball for a Tow Dolly *with* surge brakes.
- Make sure the towing vehicle's parking brake is fully engaged before starting hookup, loading, unloading or unhooking of the Tow Dolly.
- Do not load the towed vehicle onto the Tow Dolly until the Tow Dolly is completely and properly hooked up to the towing vehicle and setting on a level surface.
- Always drive the front wheels of the towed vehicle onto the Tow Dolly. Do not load backwards.
- Tail lights and stop lights must be hooked up and operating properly at all times.
- Do not load a towed vehicle that exceeds the weight or size limits onto the Tow Dolly.
- Always have someone safely guide you when driving the towed vehicle onto the Tow Dolly.
- Be sure the tires of your towed vehicle and the Tow Dolly are in good condition and inflated to the proper pressures. Tire pressure may increase during travel - do not bleed off this increase in pressure.
- Do not back up your towing vehicle when the Tow Dolly is attached. The Tow Dolly swivels both at the coupler and at the car platform. If you *must* back up, unload the towed vehicle first, disconnect the Tow Dolly and move the vehicle and tow dolly separately. *Play It Safe... park where you can pull ahead when leaving.*
- Do not exceed 55 miles per hour, or any lower posted speed limit.
- Avoid sharp turns or swerves.
- Braking distance increases when using a Tow Dolly. Use caution and always allow sufficient distance for braking.
- Do not transport passengers or cargo in the vehicle being towed.
- Do not unhook the Tow Dolly from the towing vehicle until the towed vehicle is completely unloaded from the Tow Dolly.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

The customer assumes all risks inherent in the operation, use, or possession of the Tow Dolly. Towing a vehicle is the customer's responsibility and it is the customer who must ensure that the weight and size limits of the Tow Dolly rented will not be exceeded by the vehicle being towed. Any injury or damage that results from exceeding weight or size limits is the sole responsibility of the customer.

## TOWING VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

The customer assumes all responsibility for the towing vehicle's fitness and suitability to perform the towing task in a safe, legal, and reliable manner. These responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:

- The towing vehicle's weight being at least 1000 lbs. greater than the weight of the tow dolly and the towed vehicle.
- Compliance with towing restrictions as stated by the towing vehicle's owner's manual and/or manufacturer.
- The towing vehicle having, as a minimum, a 5000 lb., Class 3 hitch and hitch ball for a Tow Dolly *without* surge brakes. Or a 6000 lb. hitch, class 3 and hitch ball for a Tow Dolly *with* surge brakes. (Hitch ball must be 2". Do not use any other size hitch ball.)
- The towing vehicle being in good condition.
- The towing vehicle having a current federal and/or state inspection where applicable, and complying with any applicable laws.
- Making sure all lights are properly hooked up and operating at all times.
- The towing vehicle's hitch being approximately 20 inches to the top of the ball. Make sure that the hitch and the hitch ball are in good condition and not rusted, loose or stripped. Both the hitch and the hitch ball must be securely attached to the towing vehicle.
- Tow dolly must be connected directly into tow vehicle receiver hitch or into an approved rise drop receiver only! Tow dolly should never be inserted into a receiver extension, bike rack, storage rack, motorcycle rack, or any other device that extends the tow dolly away from the tow vehicle.

## LOAD WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS

Load Limits (total weight of towed vehicle). A towed vehicle exceeding the weight limit will overload the tow dolly and may cause serious injury and damage to both the towed vehicle and the Tow Dolly.

For Tow Dolly *without* surge brakes:

- Front-Wheel-Drive Vehicles: 4330 lbs. max.

- Rear-Wheel-Drive Vehicles: 4330 lbs. max.

For Tow Dolly *with* surge brakes:

- Front-Wheel-Drive Vehicles: 4550 lbs. max.

- Rear-Wheel-Drive Vehicles: 4960 lbs. max.

Size Limits. A towed vehicle exceeding the width limit will obstruct the platforms swivel action when towing and could damage the towed vehicle's tires and the fenders.

- Maximum Vehicle Tread & Body Width: 76" from outside of left tire to outside of right tire on the front axle.

The tow dolly may only be used with a vehicle that is equipped with a 2", 5,000 lb. capacity ball. When used properly, the tow dolly can provide a safe and effective means to transport a vehicle within the following limitations.

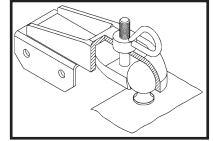
**WARNING:** Read all Tow Dolly instructions and load limitations before using Tow Dolly.

## IMPORTANT

Tow dolly must be attached to the towing vehicle before loading the towed vehicle onto the tow dolly. Do not back the vehicle with the tow dolly attached, as this will damage the towed vehicle and tow dolly. If in a situation where backing is necessary, disconnect the towed vehicle from the tow dolly, and the tow dolly from the towing vehicle and move separately.

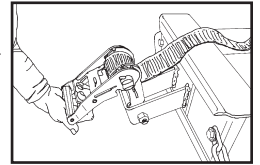
## HOOK-UP OF THE TOW DOLLY

1. Loosen coupler loop nut. Place the coupler of the tow dolly over the 2" hitch ball on the truck. Be sure the coupler is fully seated down over the ball. Make sure that the hitch and hitch ball are in good condition and not rusted, loose or stripped. Both the hitch and hitch ball must be securely attached to the towing vehicle.
2. Completely tighten the coupler loop nut. Pull up on the tow dolly tongue to be sure it is properly secured.
3. Connect the color coded wires from the tow dolly to the corresponding color coded posts on the towing vehicle's electrical box.
4. Crisscross the safety chains under tongue and secure to towing vehicle frame. Allow some slack in the chains for movement during turns made by the towing vehicle and tow dolly.



## HOOK-UP OF THE TOWED VEHICLE TO TOW DOLLY

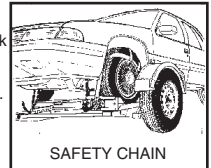
1. Be sure that the towing vehicle and tow dolly are straight and on level ground.
2. Make sure that the tow dolly platform is straight.
3. Lift ratchet handle to full extended position and unroll straps from ratchet. Return ratchet handle to the down position.
4. Lay straps along fender side of tow dolly, off of tow dolly platform.
5. Allow tow dolly platform to tilt back by releasing the locking pin.
6. Slowly drive the front end of the towed vehicle onto the tow dolly until tires on the towed vehicle are resting against the tow dolly wheel stops. The platform will go into upright position.



Make certain that the towed vehicle is centered on tow dolly platform since the platform swivels during turns. Adequate space is required between the tow dolly fenders and towed vehicle.

**CAUTION: NEVER BACK A TOWED VEHICLE ONTO A TOW DOLLY.**

7. Locking pin on platform must go into the locked position.
8. For safety reasons, engage the parking brake of the towed vehicle (see item #13) and place transmission in low gear (standard) or park (automatic).
9. Center the tie down ratchets in front of the towed vehicle tires and pull the tow dolly tire straps forward over the tires.
10. Tighten each strap securely by pulling up and down as many times as necessary on the tie down ratchet assembly handle until the tire flattens slightly against the tire stop. Place handle in down position.
11. Hook up safety chains from tow dolly platform to the frame of towed vehicle directly above the area where chains are mounted on tow dolly. Allow slight slack in the chains to provide for suspension movement on the towed vehicle.
12. Disconnect the drive shaft on the towed vehicle if rear-wheel or four-wheel drive. Consult your dealer if you are uncertain of above. **TOWING ABOVE VEHICLE WITHOUT DISCONNECTING DRIVE SHAFT WILL DAMAGE TOWED VEHICLE'S TRANSMISSION EVEN IF TRANSMISSION IS PLACED IN NEUTRAL.**
13. Release parking brake on towed vehicle and be sure the steering is **LOCKED** in the straight position. The towed vehicle must have lockable steering. Remove keys from ignition and lock vehicle.
14. Check the towing system after hook-up, tow about 100 feet, then stop and perform a safety check. Check the bolts, chains, coupler, ramps, tire straps, and other items to make sure they are in the right position and secure. Repeat the safety check after the first 5 miles and then every 50 miles thereafter.
15. Towed vehicle is now safely connected and ready to be towed.

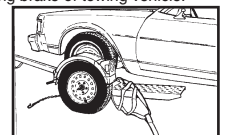


CHECK THE TOW DOLLY BOLTS, COUPLER, SAFETY CHAINS, ELECTRICAL HOOK-UP, AND TIRE STRAPS AFTER 100 FEET, AFTER THE FIRST 5 MILES OF TRAVEL, AND THEN EVERY 50 MILES THEREAFTER.

**DO NOT EXCEED 55 MILES PER HOUR OR ANY LOWER POSTED SPEED LIMIT.**

## UNLOAD TOWED VEHICLE FROM TOW DOLLY

1. Park towing vehicle and tow dolly straight and on level ground. Apply parking brake of towing vehicle.
2. Fully apply towed vehicle parking brake.
3. Install drive shaft on rear-wheel or four-wheel drive towed vehicle.
4. Remove wheel straps and safety chains from towed vehicle.
5. Release tow dolly platform locking pin.
6. Release parking brake on towed vehicle.
7. SLOWLY back towed vehicle off of tow dolly to prevent bottom of vehicle from contacting ramps.



CHECK TRANSMISSION FLUID LEVEL ON TOWED VEHICLE IF DRIVE SHAFT WAS REMOVED AS FLUID **MAY** HAVE LEAKED OUT DURING TOWING.

8. Return tow dolly platform to the up position and engage locking pin.
9. Take up excess slack on tow dolly straps in ratchet assembly.
10. Store all safety chains in storage position.
11. Wrap tow dolly electrical wires around tow dolly tongue handle.