

Basic Trailering Information

Trailer Classes

CLASS I

LIGHT-DUTY

- 2,000-lb. maximum weight (trailer and cargo combined)
- Folding camping trailers and trailers for small boats, motorcycles and snowmobiles
- Many Ford vehicles can handle easily
- Conventional weight-carrying hitch

CLASS II

MEDIUM-DUTY

- 2,001-3,500-lb. gross trailer weight
- Single-axle, small- to medium-length (up to 18 ft.) trailers
- Ford trucks and compact SUVs can be equipped to tow these trailers⁽¹⁾
- Conventional weight-distributing hitch not required unless specified for a particular vehicle

CLASS III

HEAVY-DUTY

- 3,501-5,000-lb. gross trailer weight
- Dual-axle or large single-axle travel trailers
- Most properly equipped Ford trucks and SUVs can tow them⁽¹⁾
- Conventional weight-distributing hitch not required unless specified for a particular vehicle

CLASS IV

EXTRA-HEAVY-DUTY⁽²⁾

- Over 5,000-lb. gross trailer weight⁽²⁾
- Largest travel and 5th-wheel trailers made for recreation
- Most Ford trucks and SUVs can be equipped to handle trailers in this class⁽¹⁾
- Most applications require a conventional weight-distributing or 5th-wheel hitch

⁽¹⁾ Refer to page 18 for required equipment.

⁽²⁾ Some industry sources refer to trailers over 10,000 pounds as Class V Trailers. Ford Super Duty® Pickups and Chassis Cabs can be equipped to handle these trailers.

RV Trailer Types

Folding Camping Trailer



These are relatively inexpensive units providing campers with a comfortable, dry, mobile shelter, plus these added benefits:

- Lightweight for easy towing (usually range from 300 to 2,000 pounds)
- Simple conventional weight-carrying hitch is usually sufficient for towing
- Compact, low-profile traveling package
- Easily maneuverable – generally 8 to 16 feet long

Conventional Travel Trailer



Generally larger, rigid construction units offering more of the conveniences

of home, including such features as kitchen sink, dinette, shower, refrigerator and flush toilet. Additional benefits include:

- Widely varied levels of roominess, comfort and luxury – depending on the towing capacity of your vehicle, and your budget
- Sizes usually range from 12 to 35 feet long
- Normally towed with a conventional weight-distributing hitch, depending on weight

5th-Wheel Trailer



Provides the same types of accommodations

as a conventional travel trailer, but with these unique characteristics:

- The forward raised portion is designed to extend over the box of a pickup truck
- Attaches to the truck via a 5th-wheel hitch mounted in the pickup bed
- Offers the advantages of improved weight distribution and towing dynamics, since some trailer weight is directly over the towing vehicle