

QUAD BIKE

Towing Tips

Check your owner's manual. If you don't have it — find it online using your bike's model number before you hitch anything up.

Before you hitch up

Is this load within my bike's tow and hitch limits?	Where am I going today? Do I need to make changes to my load because of the route?
Have I done my pre-start quad checks?	Is my load liquid or likely to move?

IF THE ANSWER IS **NOT SURE TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, THEN STOP AND CHECK BEFORE YOU GO.**

What to look for in your manual

Maximum tow capacity This includes what you're towing + you + the load combined.
Maximum tongue weight Weight pressing on your hitch point.
Front & rear rack limits How much you can carry front and rear of a vehicle.
Different bikes, different limits If you run multiple quads, check each model separately.

Key messages

NEVER	Reinforce or modify the tow bar.
	Tow from anything except the manufacturer's hitch.
	Exceed hitch weight — even if total tow weight looks OK.
THINK TWICE	Towing loads that move (stock or liquid).
	Towing across a slope.
	Towing heavy trailers on uneven ground.
	Towing changes balance – is this the right vehicle?
CONSIDER	Installing swivel couplings.
	Installing a CPD, speed limiter and GPS unit.

QUAD BIKE TOWING TIP (CONTINUED)

Common towed items & typical weights			
Item	Empty Weight	Fully Loaded Weight	Risk
Spray trailer (100L)	25 – 35 kg	125 – 135 kg	HIGH Liquid shifts
Spray trailer (300L)	40 – 55 kg	340 – 355 kg	VERY HIGH Liquid shifts
Farm stock trailer (6x4)	100 – 110 kg	Varies (trailer will have a max)	MEDIUM
Calfateria	150 – 450 kg	650 – 1150kg	VERY HIGH Consider 4WD vehicle
Mower	235 – 300 kg	-	MEDIUM

IF THE RISK IS HIGH TO VERY HIGH THEN A QUAD BIKE MAY NOT BE THE RIGHT VEHICLE, CONSIDER USING A UTE OR A SXS.

Common things we load up & typical weights		
Item	Typical Weight	Risk
Hay bales (small square)	15 – 25 kg each	MEDIUM Stack carefully
Roll of fencing wire	50 kg	MEDIUM Keep load low
Calves	25 – 35kg	HIGH Weight can shift
Lambs	35 – 50 kg	HIGH Weight can shift
Sheep	55 – 110 kg	HIGH Weight can shift
Feed bag	20 kg	MEDIUM Keep load low
Chemical drums	100 - 200 kg	HIGH Liquid shifts