

Checklist for the Utility/Cargo Trailer Buyer

Are you **busy researching and comparing trailer brands and options for your new trailer?**

As you know, there is so much to consider!

Use this **organizer as a safety checklist for the tow vehicle and to prioritize** the wide list of options available as you compare models or brands.

Before we look at trailers, let's consider your vehicle and how you will use the trailer!

Consider Your Tow Vehicle

<input type="checkbox"/> Type of vehicle	
<input type="checkbox"/> Capacity of tow vehicle - adequate for trailer? (Consult your owner's manual)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hitch Capacity -adequate for what size of trailer?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brake control - necessary for towing any trailer with electric brakes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ball size	
<input type="checkbox"/> Airbags - required for this trailer?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Weight distributing hitch - required for this trailer?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gooseneck or bumper pull trailer	

Consider How You Will Use the Trailer

<input type="checkbox"/> Primary use for the trailer (tractor, ATV, car, gravel, mowers, motorcycles, forklift, etc)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Secondary desired uses for the trailer , etc	
<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional or regular use	
<input type="checkbox"/> Length and width required (have you measured what you want to haul?)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Expected maximum weight of load	
<input type="checkbox"/> Any special considerations regarding the type of roads you expect to travel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Any ground clearance issues for the equipment to be loaded?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

This section will help you compare different trailers.

Print as many sheets as necessary.

Trailer Construction

	Brand/Model	Brand/Model
<input type="checkbox"/> Size and type of material used in frame		
<input type="checkbox"/> Weight of trailer		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction of floor		
<input type="checkbox"/> Roof construction if applicable		
<input type="checkbox"/> Spacing of uprights if applicable		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wall thickness		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expected Payload		
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension		
<input type="checkbox"/> Warranty – length and coverage		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other_____		

Wheels and Axles

<input type="checkbox"/> Tires – Brand, size and capacity to fit size of trailer		
<input type="checkbox"/> Spare tire		
<input type="checkbox"/> Axles – torsion or spring, EZ Lube		
<input type="checkbox"/> Electric brakes if any - on 1 or 2 axles as required for weight of load		

Exterior

<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting – type		
<input type="checkbox"/> Trailer jack - weight capacity, single or dual		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tie rings or other tie systems		
<input type="checkbox"/> Number and placement of tie rings or other systems		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dump trailers - type of lift		
<input type="checkbox"/> Single, Double rear doors if applicable		
<input type="checkbox"/> Style of ramps - rampgate, slide-in, fold-up		
<input type="checkbox"/> Style of sides if any - solid, pipe rail, height		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

Interior (if applicable)

<input type="checkbox"/> Dome lights, switches		
<input type="checkbox"/> Roof vents		
<input type="checkbox"/> Adequate ventilation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tie rings or other tie systems		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
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Other Optional Features

<input type="checkbox"/> _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> _____		

Financial

<input type="checkbox"/> Price		
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment		
<input type="checkbox"/> Financing – should I get pre-approved?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Available cash down payment		
<input type="checkbox"/> Resale value		
<input type="checkbox"/> Value = Price, quality, features!		

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