

How to use a trailer winch



Winches are very useful when loading broken down vehicles onto a car trailer however, it is important that all safety measures are carried out correctly to avoid damage or injury.

- Ensure the trailer is safely connected to the towing vehicle prior to operating the winch to prevent the trailer from rolling away.
- Only load the vehicles on and off the trailer on a flat, sealed surface, ensuring the towing vehicle is parked with the handbrake on.
- If required, check the towing vehicles wheels for added safety to prevent any movement
- Turn winch handle anticlockwise to release 1 meter of cable.
- Pull winch cable out towards the trailer ramps. Be very careful and stay clear of the winch assembly as handle on the winch **will spin**.

- Inspect the winch cable prior to use to check for excessive wear or fraying.
- Attach the winch cable to approved tow points on the vehicle only.
- **Never** stand behind a vehicle that is being winched onto a car trailer as the cable may fail at any time
- **Never** stand anywhere near a cable whilst under tension.
- Keep the winch cable centered and ensure the vehicle is loaded in the centre of the trailer.
- **Never** wear loose clothing when using the winch as it may become caught in the cogs.

Note: The winch is designed to pull the vehicles **on to the trailer only** and **NOT** to be used for unloading or for securing the vehicle to the trailer during travel.

