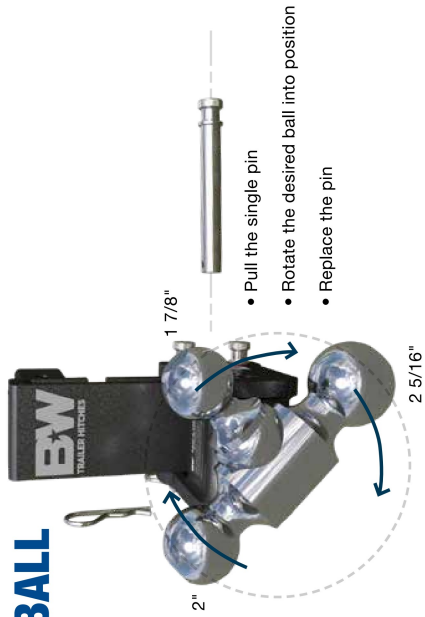


ROTATING THE BALL



STOWING YOUR HITCH

Keep your hitch handy, but out of the way. When you're not towing, just rotate the hitch under your vehicle, lock the pins, and your Tow & Stow is stowed safely away. Stow in a manner that gives you the most clearance to avoid impacts.

ADJUSTING YOUR HITCH HEIGHT

It's important your trailer is level when towing.

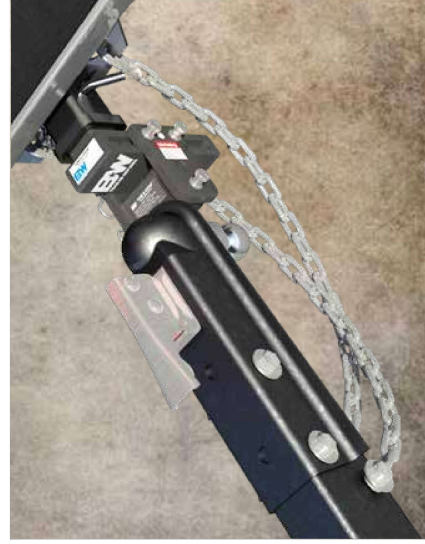


Keeping your trailer level may mean using your Tow & Stow in an inverted position. When you need more rise for the ball, simply turn the Tow & Stow upside down in the receiver socket.



Along with proper weight distribution of the cargo and staying away from loads that exceed the capacity of the trailer, keeping your trailer level helps to maintain good handling characteristics while driving.

SAFETY CHAINS ARE REQUIRED ON OUR HIGHWAYS



If the trailer coupler and ball size are properly matched and the coupler is correctly attached to the ball and locked in place, there is almost no chance the two will ever separate under normal driving conditions.

If the trailer coupler separates from the Tow & Stow for whatever reason, those safety chains are your insurance for keeping your trailer from rolling off into the ditch, or worse, into oncoming traffic.

ANTI-THEFT DESIGN

When the Tow & Stow hitch is installed in most receiver hitches, the adjustable arm of the hitch cannot be removed. By locking the hitch to the receiver, the whole hitch is secure.



ANTI-THEFT PLATE

A few receiver hitch assemblies provide enough clearance to allow the adjustable arm to be removed. If yours can be removed, contact customer service for an anti-theft plate.

KNOW BEFORE TOWING

We have rated the 2" Tow & Stow hitch to tow 10,000 lbs. This is called Gross Towing Weight Rating (GTWR^{*}). The Vertical Towing Weight Rating (VTWR^{*}) also called Tongue Weight Rating is 1,000 lbs. Both your towing vehicle and your trailer ratings are very important. Instructions on how to find and use these ratings are on the next few pages of this book.

All of our Tow & Stow hitches are tested for both strength and endurance according to SAE J-684, the latest standard for bumper pulled hitches.

WEIGHT RATING FOR 2" SHANK

2 5/16" BALL	GTWR* 10,000 lbs	VTWR* 1,000 lbs
2" BALL	GTWR* 7,500 lbs	VTWR* 750 lbs
1 7/8" BALL	GTWR* 3,500 lbs	VTWR* 350 lbs

WEIGHT RATING FOR 2 1/2" SHANK

2 5/16" BALL	GTWR* 14,500 lbs	VTWR* 1,450 lbs
2" BALL	GTWR* 7,500 lbs	VTWR* 750 lbs
1 7/8" BALL	GTWR* 3,500 lbs	VTWR* 350 lbs

WEIGHT RATING FOR 3" SHANK

2 5/16" BALL	GTWR* 21,000 lbs	VTWR* 2,100 lbs
2" BALL	GTWR* 7,500 lbs	VTWR* 750 lbs
1 7/8" BALL	GTWR* 3,500 lbs	VTWR* 350 lbs

Without proper knowledge, towing can be a dangerous activity. If you are new to towing, we recommend

"The Trailer Handbook: A Guide to Understanding Trailers and Towing Safety"



from the National Association of Trailer Manufacturers.

This booklet is available by going to NATM.com.

FINDING MANUFACTURER WEIGHT LIMITS

Information for 2010 and newer truck models can be found on B&W's website, HowMuchCanITow.com.

Locate your **Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)**.

This is the maximum allowable weight of the fully loaded vehicle. You can find this, most likely, on the sticker inside your driver's side door.

You should also locate your **Gross Combined Weight Rating (GCWR)** from your truck manufacturer. This is the maximum allowable weight of the tow vehicle and the loaded trailer including all cargo and passengers. Find this in your owner's manual or by calling your truck dealer.

And finally, locate your **Max Tow Rating**.

It is sometimes located in the truck owner's manual or look for it at trailerlife.com/trailer-towing-guides.

B&W recommends that your **Vertical Towing Weight Rating (VTWR)** for your hitch be no more than 10% of your truck's Max Tow Rating.

Make this calculation: Max Tow Rating x .10 = VTWR

Once you have located your truck manufacturer's weight ratings, transfer them into the corresponding boxes on the next two pages.

