

DEFINITIONS OF WHAT IS STAMPED ON THE TRAILER PLATE OF YOUR CARAVAN OR TRAILER (OFTEN CALLED THE VIN PLATE)

A.T.M. (Aggregate Trailer Mass)

This is the weight on all the wheels, plus the ball weight, plus your personal load, including water, gas and any accessories you fit. The total of all of these weights is the Aggregate Trailer Mass (A.T.M.)

G.T.M. (Gross Trailer Mass)

This is the weight on all the wheels, plus your personal load, plus water, gas and any accessories you fit. The total of these weights is the Gross Trailer Mass (G.T.M.)

TARE (Tare Mass)

This is the weight on all the wheels, plus the ball weight. The total of these weights is the TARE. The TARE does not include water and gas as these items form part of your personal payload.

PERSONAL LOAD

Personal load means the weight of all items added to your trailer or caravan such as - clothes, food, hoses, crockery, cutlery, tools, water, gas and any accessories you fit (ie. TV set, radio, awning, push bike, additional spare wheels etc.). The total weight of all items added to your caravan or trailer is the Personal Load.

WARNING You must never exceed the GTM (Gross Trailer Mass).

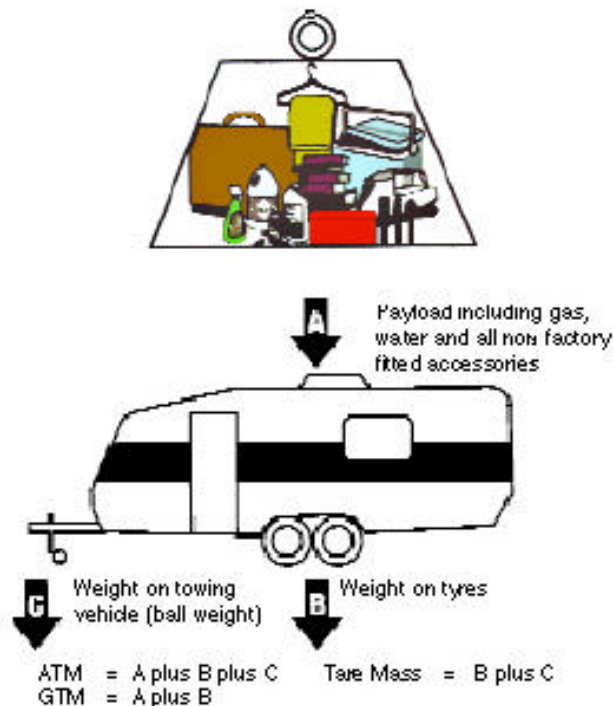
To do so could overload the suspension, chassis or frame and thereby cause an accident by component failure.

If in doubt about the weight of your caravan or trailer you should weigh it when fully loaded on the road including full water tank(s) and gas cylinder(s). This can be done at a Public Weighbridge (check Yellow Pages for locations).

HOW TO CALCULATE WHAT PERSONAL LOAD YOU CAN CARRY IN YOUR TRAILER OR CARAVAN

To calculate the maximum load you can safely carry in your trailer or caravan, take the TARE (as stamped on the trailer plate), from the aggregate trailer mass. A.T.M. (as stamped on the trailer plate). The A.T.M. minus the TARE equals the maximum load your trailer or caravan can carry.

Information from the Recreational Vehicle Manufacturers Association of Australia in the interests of customer safety.



To determine Ball Weight take the GTM from the ATM.