



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: Do you ship trailers?

A: Due to freight and shipping costs, it is not cost effective to ship our trailers (either inside or outside of the US / overseas). If it is a trailer we have in our current inventory, we can work with you to make pick-up / drop-off arrangements (for an additional fee). If it is a custom-made trailer, we can work with our vendors to make convenient shipping arrangements.

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### Q: Do you rent trailers?

A: Due to the Insurance / Registration requirements, and extensive Liability paperwork, we do not rent trailers at this time. However, we offer a large variety of new (leftovers) and used trailers that are affordable and accommodate many budgets.

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### Q: What distinguishes Hampton R.V. Trailer from the competition?

A: Hampton R.V. Trailer offers a large variety of trailers, as well as the highest quality of parts and service / maintenance that goes along with your purchase. We work very closely with our customers to make sure we put you in a trailer that meets your specific needs. If we don't have it in stock, we'll work with our well-known manufacturers and order it for you! Unlike many of our competitors, we hope to building a lasting relationship - not just a sale! We are one of the most reputable businesses serving the Tri-State Area (NY, NJ and PA)!

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### Q: Do you offer financing?

A: Yes! Our staff will work to get you the best financing available in relation to your purchase. We use several reputable lenders for both personal and commercial financing.

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### Q: How do I determine what size or type of trailer I should purchase?

A: Give us a call! You should consider the answers to important questions such as what will the trailer be used for / what will you be loading on or in it? Will you need an open or enclosed trailer? What is the size or maximum weight you plan to carry? Will you need additional features (ie. Ramps)? We can help you find which trailer style and options best suit your needs.

A description of some commonly purchased trailers include:

- **Dump Trailer:** Used on farms, nurseries, construction sites, golf courses, etc. They are multipurpose units for both commercial and residential use, from hauling equipment to storing construction debris, etc.

- **Deck-Over Trailer:** Used for medium to heavy duty agricultural, industrial and landscape needs. A multi-purpose trailer with its deck positioned over the wheels instead of between them. The design gives you 100% use of the bed for hauling tractors, equipment, etc. The deck is 34" off the ground, which allows for plenty of clearance when traveling over rough or uneven ground.
  - **Tilt-Bed Trailer:** A utility / equipment trailer which has a hinged platform, allowing for the loading of equipment from the ground without requiring the use of ramps.
  - **Equipment Trailer:** Used for hauling small to medium-sized equipment (ie. Construction equipment). These trailers come with a wide variety of options including side rails, to spare tire mounts, to double brake axles.
  - **Gooseneck Trailer:** A type of Equipment trailer used for hauling medium to large-sized equipment.
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**Q: What does the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of a trailer mean? How much can I haul?**

A: All trailers have a stated GVWR. This weight is the amount that can be safely loaded into the trailer, including the empty trailer weight. For example, if your trailer indicates a GVWR of 7,000 lbs, and the trailer weighs 1,200 lbs empty, the carrying or load capacity for the trailer would be 5,800 lbs (7,000 – 1,200 = 5,800).

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**Q: Do you take trade-ins?**

A: This is assessed on an individual basis. It all depends on the year, manufacturer, model, condition, etc. of the trailer you plan to turn in. The trailer must be in very good to new condition (both inside and out). This determination is subject to our inspection and the likelihood that we would be able to sell it. If interested, please bring the trailer by for an appraisal in person. We can not determine value / condition based on pictures, etc.

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**Q: What types of trailers do you service?**

A: **ANY** and **ALL** trailers! We have the parts, knowledge and experience to service and repair any trailer.

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**Q: Will I need brakes on my trailer?**

A: According to the size of your tow vehicle and the weight of your load, you may decide to have brakes installed on your trailer. Brakes provide greater / safer stopping power that might be needed (and/or required) based on your load specs. Single axle trailers usually have brakes as option. Most tandem axle trailers however, come equipped with electric brakes, due to the size / weight of the trailer alone.

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**Q: What type of vehicle is best for pulling a gooseneck trailer?**

A: In general, you should avoid short beds, short wheelbases, small engines, high gear ratios, soft suspensions, and 4-wheel drives. A ¾ ton or 1-ton is preferred as long as it has an engine that can handle your trailer size. A "dually"

is needed for trailers about 40'+ and for trailers with heavy tongue loads (like a living quarters trailer). 4-wheel drive vehicles often have less towing capacity, and OFTEN have clearance problems between the bed and the trailer neck. It is IMPORTANT to note if you have a sleeper, light bar, fuel tank, bedrails, or any obstruction behind the cab or on the bed. The neck of the trailer will usually have to be built differently, or those items would have to be removed.

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**Q: What is the “tongue weight”?**

A: The weight that presses down on the trailer hitch (bumper pull) or the rear axle (gooseneck). Your bumper pull tongue weight should be 10-15% of your trailer weight. Your gooseneck tongue weight should be 25% of the trailer weight.

If you have too much tongue weight, your front wheels can lose traction and make steering and braking difficult. You can also cause damage to the suspension and drive train.

However, too little tongue weight can make the rear end fishtail and can cause you to loose control.

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**Q: What size hitch do I need to pull my trailer?**

A: Hitches are specific to the towing vehicle. For an estimate, please give us a call with the year, make and model of your tow vehicle. We will be able to give you an accurate price for hitch, wiring and installation.

In general, however, most single axle trailers are equipped with a 2” coupler. Most tandem axle trailers are equipped with a 2-5/16” coupler. We have a large selection of trailer balls, ball mounts, and hitches for your convenience. If we don’t have it in stock – we’ll get it!

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**Q: What type of light hook-up will I need?**

A: Trailers with no brakes come equipped with a 4-way flat connector. Trailers with brakes have a 7-way adapter. Open trailers with brakes usually have a 6-way connector. Please give us a call with your trailer and tow vehicle information. We’ll make sure you have the necessary accessories to wire it correctly, or we can do it for you!

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**Q: Do I really need to service my trailer annually?**

A: **Yes!** Annual service appointments could save you money by spotting issues before they become too expensive to repair! More importantly, they help to ensure the overall safety of the trailer!

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