

Checking VIN Plates

How to check the towing capacity of your vehicle:

To calculate the towing capacity, all you need is two weights from the VIN Plate:

- 1. Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)
- 2. Gross Train Weight (GTW)

To calculate the towing capacity of this vehicle, subtract GVW from GTW

GTW – GVW 4050 – 2190 = 1860kg



How to check if your vehicle is homologated to tow:

When a car has no towing capacity line 2 may be either blank (as shown on the picture) or shown as 'XXXX' or has the same figure as line 1.



The information in our technical publications is the maximum the vehicle towbar has been tested to. However, in some cases, e.g. eco models, the towing capacity can be reduced or zero. It is the vehicle manufacturer who decides what the towing capacity of their individual model is.

Example:

Volvo XC60 Westfalia Towbar 320 115 600 001 is rated at 2000kg. On the XC60 'DRIVe' model the VIN plate states a lower 'eco-friendly' capacity of a maximum towing weight of 1600kg.