

Towing Attachment

Rule 182

Light Trailers and Caravans

- c) the safety chain(s) or wire rope(s) are not permanently attached to the drawbar;

NOTE: Attachment of safety chains or wire ropes to the drawbar by shackles is not permitted.

- d) if a trailer breakaway protection system is not fitted, the size of the chain or rope and shackles is less than that specified in table 6;

TABLE 6 Minimum chain and shackle sizes

AGGREGATE TRAILER MASS	MINIMUM CHAIN SIZE OR WIRE ROPE SIZE	SHACKLE BODY DIAMETER
Up to 1000kg	6.3 mm	9.5mm
Over 1000kg up to 1600kg	8.0mm	12.7mm
Over 1600 kg up to 2500kg	10.0mm	12.7mm



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e) on rigid drawbar pig trailers in excess of 2.5 tonne gross trailer mass there are less than two chains of a diameter specified in table 7, and there is at least one chain which is not positioned such that it prevents the drawbar from touching the ground when the drawbar is detached.

TABLE 7 Minimum chain sizes

AGGREGATE TRAILER MASS	MINIMUM CHAIN SIZE (2 of)
2500 to 4500 kg	7.1mm
Over 4500 kg up to 7500 kg	9.5mm
Over 7500 kg up to 13500kg	12.7mm

