





Towing and Accessories



- Reduce your driving speed and avoid sudden maneuvers. When towing a trailer, steering, stability, turning radius, stopping distance and braking performance are different when compared to driving without a trailer.
- Increase your following distance by maintaining at least twice the distance from the vehicle ahead. This helps to avoid situations that require heavy braking. Sudden braking may result in skidding or jack-knifing, and loss of control.
- Avoid sharp turns. Sharp turns can cause the trailer to contact the vehicle and cause damage. Keep in mind that the trailer wheels are closer to the inside of the turn than the vehicle's wheels. Therefore, make wider turns to prevent the trailer from hitting curbs, road signs, trees or other objects.
- Periodically check the trailer lights and turn signals to confirm that the bulbs are still working. When towing a trailer, the turn signal arrows on the touchscreen flash as normal, even if the bulbs on the trailer are burned out.
- Periodically confirm the cargo is secure.
- Regularly confirm that all towing components are securely tightened.

 **WARNING:** Towing requires you to increase your stopping distance. When towing, increase your following distance and avoid situations that could potentially cause heavy braking. Failure to do so can result in a collision.

 **WARNING:** Observe all regulations and legal requirements in your jurisdiction that apply specifically to trailer towing. Failure to comply with regulations can compromise your safety.

Trailer Mode

Trailer Mode must always be active when towing a trailer. When you connect a trailer's electrical connection while the vehicle is in Park, Model Y automatically engages Trailer Mode. When you disconnect the trailer's electrical connection, Trailer Mode does not automatically disengage. To manually engage or disengage Trailer Mode, touch **Controls > Driving > Trailer Mode** on the touchscreen. One of the following indicators displays:

	Trailer Mode is active.
	Model Y detects a connection for trailer lights but Trailer Mode is disabled. It is likely that a carrying accessory has been connected.



Model Y detects a faulty electrical connection for the trailer lights. Some, or all, trailer lights may not be functioning. Pull over as soon as safety permits and inspect the trailer lights for faulty cabling or connections. If the issues are resolved and the red icon still persists, disable and re-enable Trailer Mode once more.

Some Autopilot features, as well as rear parking sensor functionality, may not be available when Trailer Mode is enabled. In addition, these features operate differently:

- Traffic-Aware Cruise Control increases the following distance from the vehicle in front of you.
- Side collision warnings are active but automatic steering interventions are disabled.
- The braking force provided by Automatic Emergency Braking (see [Collision Avoidance Assist on page 113](#)) may be limited. Therefore, stopping distance may increase.



WARNING: Do not rely on Model Y to detect the trailer and automatically engage Trailer Mode. Always check to ensure Trailer Mode is engaged before towing a trailer.



WARNING: Under no circumstances should you exit Trailer Mode when towing a trailer. Doing so can cause serious injury.

Trailer Brakes

When towing a loaded trailer that weighs more than 1650 lbs (750 kg), Tesla recommends that the trailer be equipped with its own brake system adequate for the weight of the trailer. Ensure compliance with local regulations. A brake controller must be purchased separately.

Follow these steps to connect a brake controller:

1. Connect the wiring on the brake controller to the appropriate locations on the 4-pin pigtail connector included with your vehicle.

