## **RICE TRAILERS**

## **UTILITY TRAILER / CUSTOMER CHECKLIST BEFORE EACH USE**

Congratulations on the purchase of your Rice Trailer! ------ The transporting of your trailer & equipment is very important. The proper care and towing techniques of your trailer will keep you satisfied with your purchase for years to come.

The following checklist will assist you in maintaining and towing techniques of your trailer. Rice Trailers requires this list to be completed before each trip and during your annual maintenance.

	Each Use
Make sure your trailer hitch & hitch ball properly matches the coupler size and	√ n for anfotr
capacity on the trailer. Make sure to attach a coupler latch safety pin or lock to the coupler	l loi salety.
Trailer must be securely attached to towing vehicle before loading or unloading trailer.	$\checkmark$
Always tow the trailer in a level position or "slightly" higher in the front.	$\checkmark$
Place load properly on the trailer, making sure the weight loaded on the trailer is distributed properly for tongue weight. Secure load to deck of trailer securely.	✓
Check lighting on trailer for proper operation each time before towing.	$\checkmark$
If your trailer is equipped with electric brakes, you must have a trailer electric brake controller installed on the towing vehicle for the trailer brakes to function. Make sur are working properly with sufficient stopping power. The vehicle's brake controller can be necessary for proper braking.	
On electric brake equipped trailers, make sure the battery is fully charged. Make sure the brake away cable is attached to the towing vehicle and not dragging the grou	✓ ınd.
Check tire pressure. Adjust pressure to the manufacturer's recommendation listed on tire sidewall. Note: pressure is checked on a cold tire before a trip.	√
Check overall condition of the trailer: tie downs, ramps, coupler, wiring, etc., for proper operation. Make sure all gates and ramps are secured before towing. Make sure that the trailer deck is free of debris before loading and towing on the road. *Keep all body parts safely away when lowering ramps or gates!	✓
When connecting trailer to tow vehicle, connect safety chains (cross chains under tongue), lighting hookup, emergency stop cable if equipped with brakes. Make sure that these items do not drag the ground.	\$
Check bearings for proper lubrication. Check grease monthly.	√
Check lug nuts to make sure they are properly tightened.	$\checkmark$
Inspect all bolts, boards, brackets and axles. If loose re-tighten. If rusted beyond repair	✓

or damaged, replace before using / towing trailer.

Be sure to maintain a safe distance between you and other vehicles when towing Ve recommend to generally travel / tow at slower speeds.

My sales representative has explained all items listed above. Trailer is in working order. I have received my owners manual as well as a copy of my warranty. I understand all forms and instructions.