

1984 RV BUYER'S GUIDE

Select the Ford Recreational Vehicle to suit Your Outdoor Interests

You've made up your mind to join the swelling ranks of those who enjoy getting out and going in the great outdoors. Now, you've got some important decisions to make: What can your budget handle for an RV outfit? How many family members and friends do you have to accommodate? How far do you plan to travel and over what kind of terrain? Will you have towing requirements? These kinds of questions should be carefully considered ... and only you can make the final choices. But, along the way, Ford and your Ford dealer can help in the decision process by offering you sound advice and a wide selection of recreational and tow vehicles to fit your specific requirements.

Here are some basic rec vehicle categories to consider:

Pickup Slide-in Campers. Family favorites that are versatile and economical. You'll find a variety of Ford tough pickups available in a range of wheelbases and powertrain choices, including diesels.

Van Camper and Custom Van Conversions. In general, these rec vehicles offer twice the room of ordinary station wagons for passengers and gear. Ford's number one selling vans are ideal for custom and camper conversions, and handle trailer towing with ease.

Class C Motorhomes. Look for Class C motorhomes that give you the advantages of automotive-style travel, rugged frame construction, special RV chassis, long wheelbases and ample powertrain selections. As the number one selling Class C RV chassis cutaway cab, only Ford provides all these features.

Heavy Duty Trailering. With Ford, fifthwheel and other heavy towing applications are accommodated up to an 18,500 lb. Gross Combined Weight —

1,000 lbs more than competition.

Once you select the RV category that fits your needs, look to Ford's leadership in the field to provide the right vehicle with the quality features and tough construction you demand.

Power/Payloads

Ford offers a wide range of powerteams to meet your payload requirements. In engines, there are powerful gaspowered V8's and a 6.9L diesel, the biggest and most powerful diesel offered currently in a light truck. Matching transmissions are available in 4- and 5-speed manual, automatic SelectShift and overdrive versions. The convenient "Power/ Payload" chart shown below will help you make the proper powerteam choice for your payload and trailer towing needs.

Comfort/Convenience

Choose your level of RV comfort and convenience and Ford meets it. Roominess and driving ease are standard in a great variety of vehicles and models. A long list of options for added RV enjoyment include: trailer towing packages, AM/FM audio systems, air conditioning, tinted windshield and glass, swingaway mirrors, auxiliary fuel tank, speed control, power door locks, power windows, and more.

Quality/Value

You can be confident that any Ford product you choose will measure up to your long-range RV requirements. At Ford, quality rates number one. Ford's stringent vehicle testing procedures ensure that the product is right before it reaches the road. For you as the recreational vehicle user, this adds up to an RV purchase that assures lasting value and dependability.

Variety/Selection

Just choose your style of outdoor fun and let your Ford dealer help you select the right vehicle to match it. Your choices range from Escort, America's best selling car, to the luxurious LTD Crown Victoria; from the economical Ranger to the F-Series 4x4 diesel pickup. They're all loaded with the features and reliability to answer your recreational needs.

Trailer Towing

Having decided to tow a trailer, take your basic needs to your Ford dealer. He'll give you the information necessary to help you choose the proper vehicle for the rig you intend to tow. Ford trailer towing packages are available for light-, medium- or heavy-duty towing with a broad range of options and capabilities.

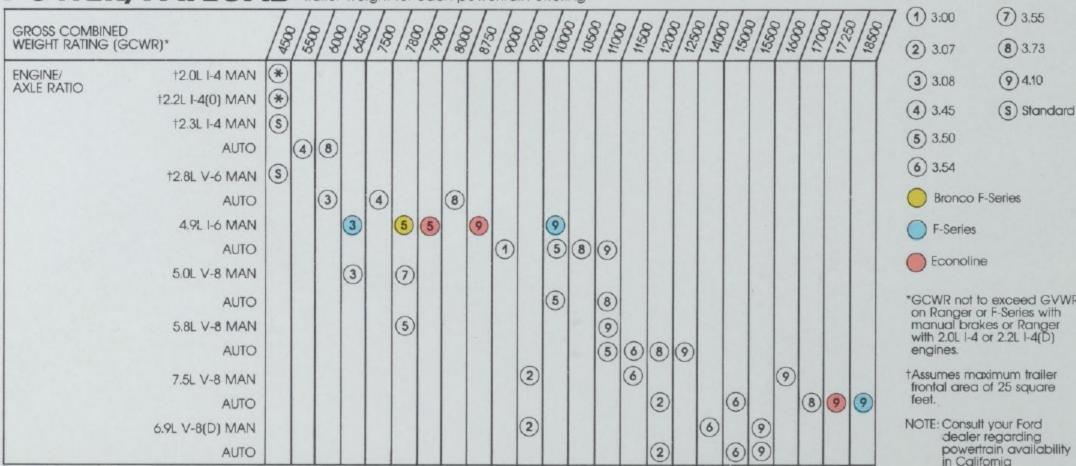
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Ford Dealer RV Expertise

You'll find Ford dealers have the expertise to translate your recreational desires into the reality of a new world of outdoor RV pleasure. For years, Ford has been working in conjunction with a number of top body building companies in the industry to develop unique new rec vehicle combinations. The results of these efforts can be seen at your Ford dealer's showroom.

The Chart below is based on a Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR). To determine this rating establish the total weight of your loaded trailer. Add this figure to the estimated combined weight of the tow vehicle, additional equipment, and passengers. The result is the GCWR.

POWER/PAYLOAD See accompanying model charts for maximum trailer weight for each powertrain offering



8 3.73 9 4.10 (S) Standard Bronco F-Series *GCWR not to exceed GVWR on Ranger or F-Series with manual brakes or Ranger with 2.0L I-4 or 2.2L I-4(D) †Assumes maximum trailer frontal area of 25 square NOTE: Consult your Ford



Entire F-Series Lineup offers Camper Certified Pickups

With the F-150 pickup now available in a camper certified GVW, there's a Ford F-Series model sized to meet your camper needs. Equipped with big gas and diesel V8's, F-Series pickups handle even those large slide-in campers with ease. You get a wide selection, too, in cabs with seating capacity and spaciousness to fit your outdoor lifestyle.

Regular Cab pickups seat three grownups in living-room comfort and feature a folding bench seat back for access to a convenient storage area behind the seat.

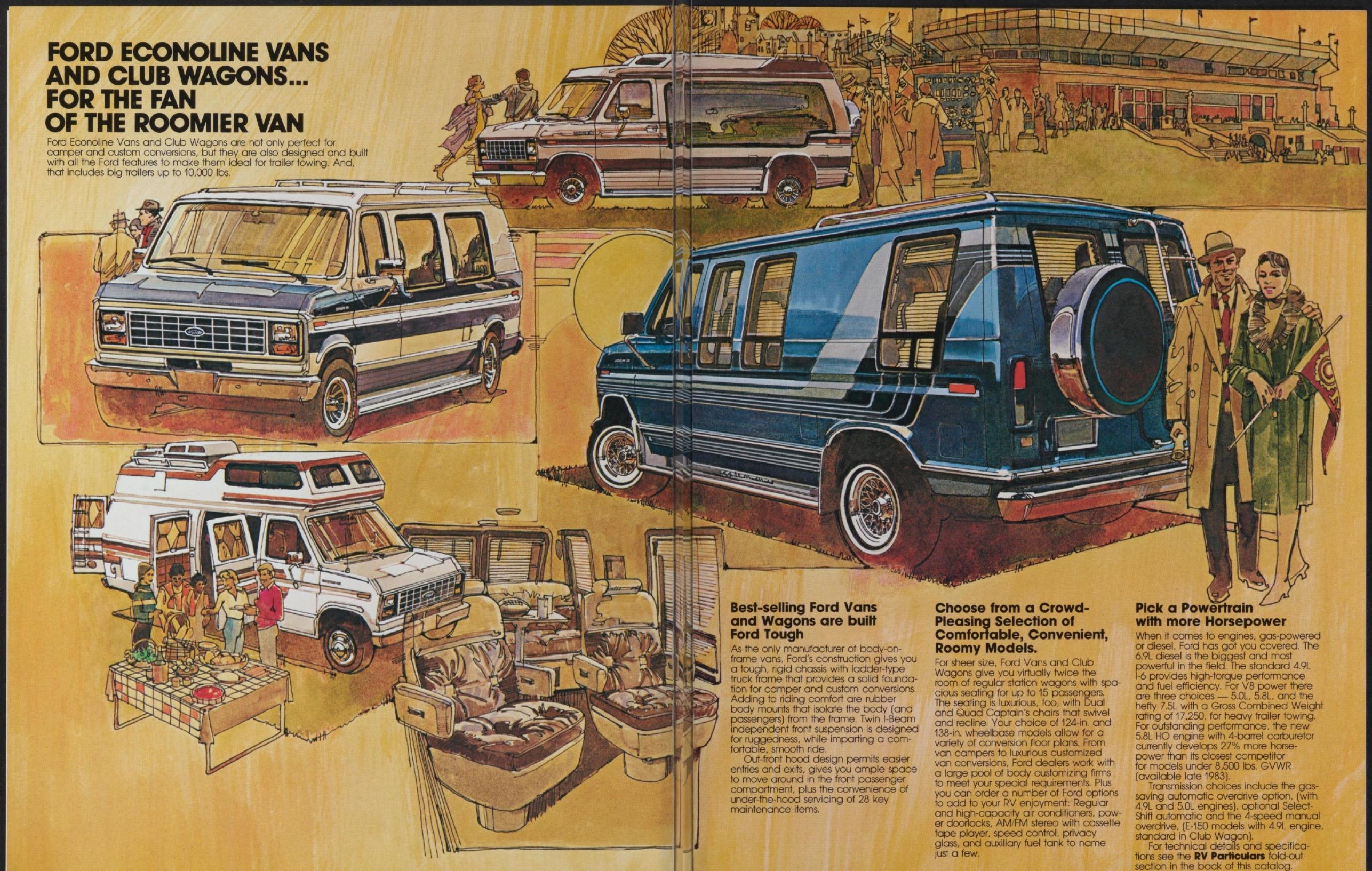
Ford SuperCab pickup is the only full-size, extended cab model you can buy. It's available with both 2- and 4-wheel drive, with an engine line-up that includes the 6.9L diesel and 7.5L V8 engines. This SuperCab is roomy, with 37.4 cu. ft. of loadspace for bagaage and camping gear. For family room, add the optional full-width bench seat in er securely in place. Equip Ranger with back and there's space for six.

Ford Crew Cab pickups are just plain comfortable and convenient, and will easily seat six adults. There are two full-width bench seats and four big doors for easy entry and exit. Crew Cab is now available with the 7.5L V8 engine as well. section in the back of this catalog.

Try Ranger fun in 4x2 and 4x4 versions

You've got a firm foundation for camper caps, slide-ins and/or serious trailer towing with Ranger's sturdy ladder-type frame, plus Ford's tough double-wall construction in the roof, hood, doors, box-sides and tailgate. Like the F-Series, Ranger's convenient tailgate removes in seconds so you can just slide the campthe optional Camper Package and it handles a variety of camper bodies, subject to topside limits regarding size, weight and center of gravity location.

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Enjoy the Familiarity of an Automotive Transportation Setting

Slide into the driver's seat of a Ford RV chassis cutaway cab and right away, you feel at home. The doors have roomy openings and provide ease of entry with their low step-height. The surroundings are friendly, convenient to use and spacious. You're seated at the controls in a customary driving position with a familiar automotive-style instrument panel before you. In short, Ford gives you the proper setting for driver and passengers to enjoy the comfort, ride, and conveniences of operating a spacious, luxurious motorhome.

Selection of RV Chassis Cutaway Cab and Wheelbase

Rugged body-on-frame construction, a Ford exclusive, and long wheelbase availability make the Ford RV chassis cutaway cab the ideal choice for most popular motorhome floorplans. Fulllength siderails and seven crossmembers form the tough frame construction. Ford's unique rubber body mounts and frame spacers positioned at key points along the siderails help eliminate road vibrations and harshness. The special RV chassis, with the rear of the driver's compartment cut away, easily accommodates modern motorhomes of up to 30 feet in length. Long wheelbases of 138, 158, and 176 inches handle RV motorhome bodies offering spacious living area and GVW ratings up to a strapping 11,000 pounds, another Ford exclusive.

Ford Features Give You More in Motorhome Advantages

When you specify Ford for your motorhome, you're getting the class of Class C. Ford gives you the power you need with a 6.9L diesel, the biggest and most powerful in the field. For gas power, there's a big 7.5L V8 with ample horsepower for the most demanding motorhome applications. Ford's out-front design provides extra driver room, passenger room, and walk-through convenience. Another out-front advantage: The hood opening allows service checks of 28 items, all handled quickly and simply from the front of the vehicle, kemember, Ford vans are the number one seller! And, their RV chassis cutaway cabs form the Class C motorhome foundation. So take advantage of the quality and

dependability you get from Ford.
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Opt for Diesel Performance and Economy

Ford's heavy-duty 6.9L V-8 diesel engine offers true truck hauling capability with the advantage of diesel fuel economy. In fact, the 6.9L is simply the biggest and most powerful light-truck diesel engine available in the trailer towing field. It provides a great combination of high cubic-inch performance and traditional diesel fuel operating savings. Its low weight-to-horsepower ratio of only 4.70 lbs. per horsepower is ideal for fifth wheel rigs and heavy towing where engine efficiency is crucial. Trailer

towing capacity goes up to 15,500 lb. Gross Combined Weight rating.

You can team this powerful diesel with a 4-speed manual transmission that's synchronized in all forward gears for easier shifting. Or choose the SelectShift transmission for the ease of automatic shifting.

Go with Ford's Highest **Performance Gas V-8 Power**

The 7.5L is the largest Ford gas V-8 you

can buy for heavy-duty trailer-towing applications. Teamed with the standard 4-speed manual gearbox, or optional automatic, it's an ideal performer for hauling big campers and trailers.

The new 5.8L HO V-8, with 4-barrel carburetion offers a new level of performance in under 8500 lbs. GVWR applications, towing up to 8700 lbs. maximum trailer weight.

The 5.0L V-8 is a proven workhorse for medium and light-duty RV use.

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RV PARTICULARS

Just like driving a car, hauling a slide-in camper or towing a trailer can be an enjoyable experience as long as your vehicle is equipped to handle the job, and is used and maintained properly. By reviewing the charts that follow and talking to your Ford dealer you'll be better able to choose the proper vehicle for the job.

It all begins with the basic question, "What are you going to tow?" Consider what your camper or trailer towing plans

will be, both now and in the foreseeable future, with the key element being the gross weight of the rig to be towed.

Using this gross weight information, you can match the tow vehicle, rig and auxiliary equipment to form a combination that will help ensure that your vehicle will perform to your expectations.

When hauling trailers over 2,000 lbs., a load-equalizing hitch should be used. The equalizing hitch is designed to distribute the weight of the trailer and tow-

that are qualified for slide-in camper bodies will have maximum camper/ cargo weight and center-of-gravity location information included on the Truck Consumer Information Sheet placed in the glove box of each pick-up vehicle. In addition, Ford specifies certain Required Minimum Equipment and Recommended Equipment to assure that your vehicle includes the components needed to meet your camper or trailering needs.

SLIDE-IN CAMPER DATA **RANGER & F-SERIES PICKUPS**

DRIVE			4x2								4x4						
SERIES			RANGER F150			F250		F350			RANGER F150		F150	0 F250			F
GVWR* (Required Minimum)		4380	024	0,300	3/3	880	8700	8700	2000	2000	4480	0,550	8/8	3/8	8600	8000	3/8
PAYLOAD PACKAGE (Required Minimum)	#1						•	•	0				•				
	#1X										-						
	#2																
	#3																
WHEELBASE/ CAB TYPE	107.9"/Regular									•							
	113.9"/Regular																
	133"/Regular						•					•					
	155"/Super																
	168"/Crew																
TIRES (Required Minimum)	P195/75R15SL									0							
	P205/75R14XL									1							
	P235/75R15XL											•	38				
	STANDARD					•	•	•					•	•	•	•	•
ENGINE	2.3L I-4		•							•	•						
	2.8L V-6										•						
	All V-8's					•	•	•				•	•	•	•	•	
AXLE RATIO	3.45	0	0							0	0						
	3.54			0	0	0							6	0	0		
	3.55											0					
	3.73							0									
	4.10						0		0							3	8
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*The combined weight of any camper body, occupants and equipment when added to the vehicle weight must not exceed the vehicle GVW rating.

NOTE: On Ranger, the com-bined frontal area of the vehicle and camper must not exceed 45 square feet.

4.10 Ratio w/5.8L V-8 engine

2 3.73 Ratio w/2.3L I-4 and 5.8L V-8 engines

3 3.54 Ratio w/7.5L V-8 engine

4 3.50 Ratio w/5.8L V-8 engine

REQUIRED **EQUIPMENT:**

Ranger

- Camper Package which includes: - Payload Package, tires, axle ratio as shown in chart - H.D. F/R shock absorbers
 - H.D. F/R springs
 - F/R stabilizer bars

F-Series

F/R stabilizer bars

RECOMMENDED **EQUIPMENT:**

Ranger

- 2.8L V-6 Engine w/4 x 4's
 Automatic Transmission (includes Aux. Oil Cooler)
- 63 Amp Battery
- Super Cooling
- Gauge PackageLow-Mount Mirrors

F-Series

5 4.10 Ratio w/5.8L 2V V-8 engine 3.54 Ratio w/5.8L 4V V-8 engine

Dual Rear Wheels

- Camper Package which includes:
- 60 Amp Alternatort
- 63 Amp-Hr Battery†
- Gauge Package
- -Low-Mount Mirrors
- Extra Engine Cooling†† - Handling Package
- Wiring Hamess for trailer towing
- Engine Oil Cooler (7.5L V-8)
- Aux. Auto. Trans. Cooler
- H.D. Turn Signal Flasher

ttExcept 6.9L V-8(D) and 7.5L V-8 engines

[†] Except 6.9L V-8(D) engine

TRAILER TOWING DATA

The charts that follow, along with the Power/Payload chart showing Gross Combined Weight Rating (GCWR) for each Ford powertrain, will assist you in selecting the Ford vehicle that is best suited for the trailer towing job you have to do.

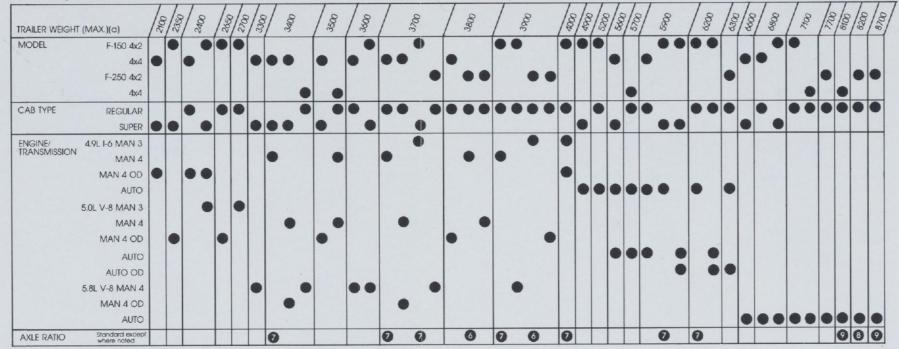
The charts are based on model and maximum trailer weight for your convenience. It should be noted that the trailer weights shown assume a driver (150 lbs), no passengers and no weight in the pickup box. The weight of additional passengers, options, or cargo decrease maximum trailer weight accordingly.

Of equal importance are the listings of Required and Recom mended Equipment. Required Equipment (minimum) is deemed essential to assure that your vehicle includes the necessary powertrain and suspension components to meet the additional ride, handling and performance requirements of hauling your camper or trailer. Recommended Equipment is deemed necessary to assure that your vehicle includes the proper combination of comfort, convenience and performance features to fully meet your camper or trailer towing needs.

Finally, on the subject of trailer towing, several things must be kept in mind:

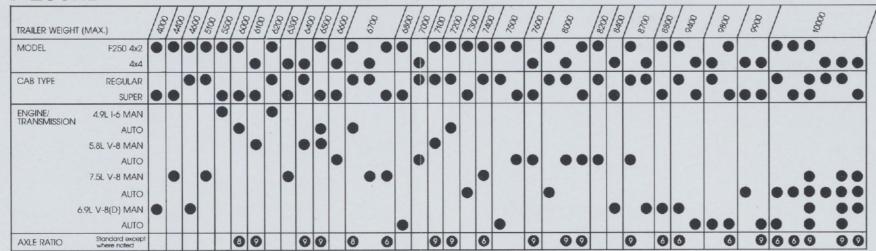
- Trailer Hitches When hauling trailers over 2,000 lbs., a load equalizing hitch should be used. The equalizing hitch is designed to distribute the weight of the trailer and towing vehicle equally between the axles of both the vehicle and the trailer. For trailers under 2,000 lbs., a simple, non-equalizing hitch is usually sufficient.
- Trailer Brakes Separate trailer brakes are recommended and required on most trailers weighing over 1,500 lbs. Check state requirements and trailer manufacturers' recommendations for brake system installation and adjustment. Ford Motor Company does not recommend trailer braking systems that have a direct hydraulic brake fluid connection with the towing vehicle's braking system. Any trailer brake control system utilizing a connection to the towing vehicle's hydraulic fluid system may increase the towing vehicle's stopping distance.
- Safety Chains Always use safety chains between your vehicle and trailer. This will avoid danger to road users if the hitch fails. Cross chains and allow enough slack for turning corners. Connect safety chains to the vehicle frame or hook retainers. Never attach safety chains to the bumper. For rental trailers, follow rental agency instructions for proper hookup of safety chains.
- High Attitude Performance In a high altitude operating environment, gasoline and diesel engines lose power at the rate of 3% to 4% per 1,000 ft. elevation. For these high altitude operating conditions, a reduction in gross vehicle weights and gross combination weights is recommended (1½% to 2% per 1,000 ft. elevation) and will result in improved vehicle

F-150/F-250 (under 8500 lbs. GVWR) 2-AND 4-WHEEL DRIVE



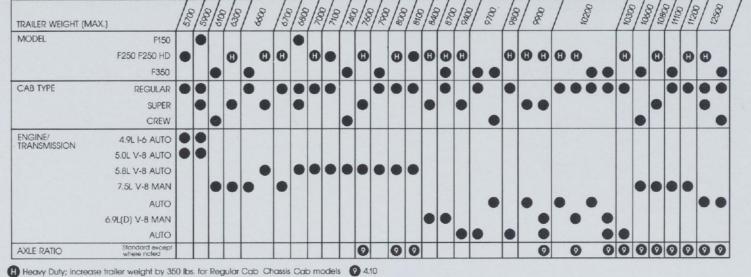
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F-250HD (over 8500 lbs. GVWR) 2-AND 4-WHEEL DRIVE



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FIFTH WHEEL TRAILER TOWING F-SERIES 4-WHEEL DRIVE



NOTE: Consult your Ford

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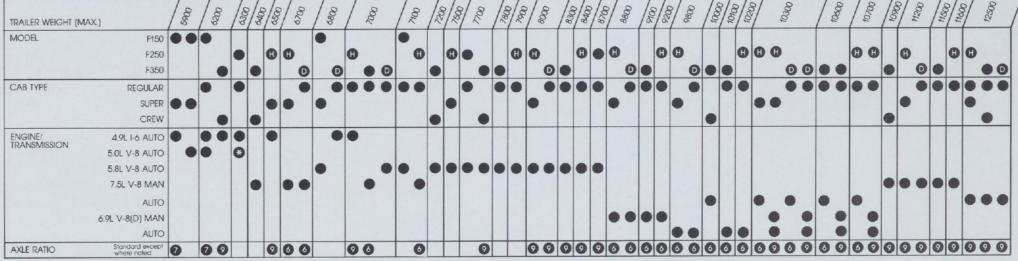
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modifications rest solely with the respective manufacturers and Ford assumes no responsibility for their use.

While EPA mileage estimates were not available at the time this brochure was approved for printing. Ford Cars and Trucks are expected to post as good or better mileage ratings than they did last year. As soon as EPA figures are released, your Ford Dealer will be among the first to have this information and will be happy to

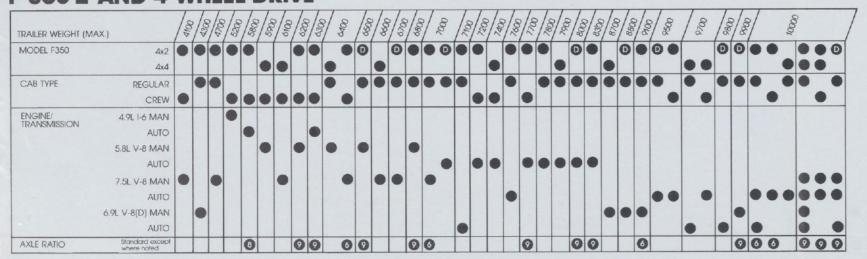
FIFTH WHEEL TRAILER TOWING F-SERIES 2-WHEEL DRIVE



(1) Heavy Duty; Increase trailer weight by 350 lbs. for Regular Cab Chassis Cab models.

F-350 2-AND 4-WHEEL DRIVE

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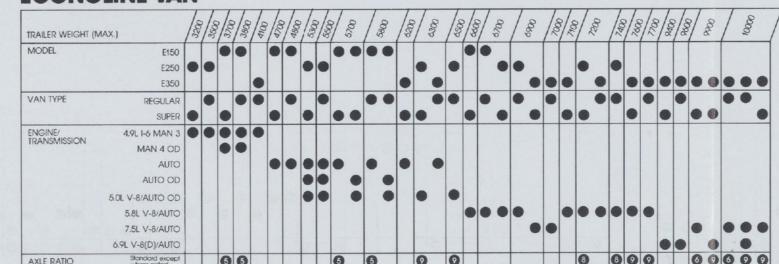


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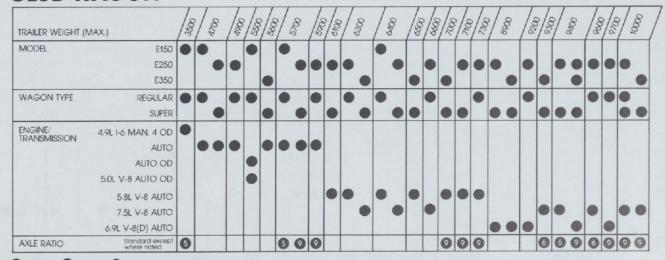
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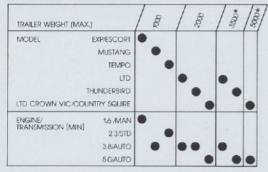
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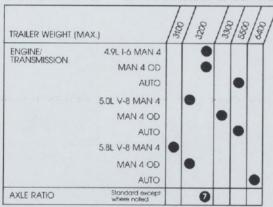
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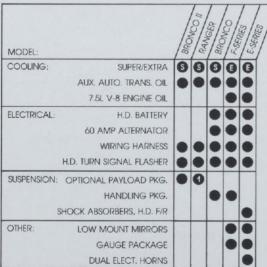
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BRONCO 4-WHEEL DRIVE



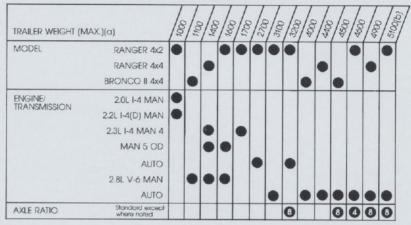
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TRAILER TOWING PACKAGE* CONTENTS



1 Payload Package #3 on 4x2, #2 on 4x4

RANGER/BRONCO II 2- AND 4-WHEEL DRIVE



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(a)Assumes maximum trailer frontal area of 25 sa, feet, GCWR not to exceed the GVWR on vehicles with manual brakes on 2.0L I-4 or 2.2L I-4(D) engines. (b)5000 lb. maximum trailer weight with 113.9" wheelbase

REQUIRED **EQUIPMENT:**

TRAILER TOWING PACKAGE

Bronco II

(w/trailer over 800 lbs.) Ranger

(w/trailer over 1,000 lbs.) LTD, Thunderbird,

LTD Crown Victoria (w/trailer over 2,000 lbs.)

EXTRA COOLING (MINIMUM)

F-Series, Econoline, Club Wagon (w/trailer over 2,000 lbs.)

SUPER COOLING

F-Series fifth wheel applications w/7.5L V-8 engine

Bronco

(w/trailer over 2,000 lbs.)

FRONT AND REAR STABILIZER BARS

F-Series single rear wheel models with weight distributing hitch and GCWR over 17,400 lbs.

2.3L I-4 OR 2.8L V-6 ENGINE

Ranger 4x2 (w/trailer over 1,000 lbs.)

H.D. FRONT AND REAR SHOCK ABSORBERS

Fifth wheel applications on 136.8" and 160.8" wheelbase Chassis Cab

REQUIRED TONGUE LOAD: 10-15% OF TRAILER WEIGHT

Bronco II, Ranger

10-15% OF TRAILER WEIGHT (200 LBS. MAX. FOR TRAILERS UP TO 2,000 LBS.)

Bronco, F-Series, Econoline, Club Wagon

25% OF TRAILER WEIGHT

F-Series fifth wheel applications

RECOMMENDED **EQUIPMENT:**

WEIGHT CARRYING HITCH OR REAR STEP BUMPER

All models (w/trailers under 2,000 lbs.)

WEIGHT DISTRIBUTING HITCH

All models (w/trailer over 2,000 lbs.)

LOAD EQUALIZING BARS

Bronco II, Ranger Bronco, F-Series models w/ weight distributing hitch

EXTRA COOLING

Econoline, Club Wagon, F-Series (w/trailers under 2,000 lbs.)

SUPER COOLING

Bronco

(w/trailers under 2,000 lbs.)
Econoline, Club Wagon, F-Series
and fifth wheel applications
(w/trailers over 2,000 lbs.)

H.D. BATTERY/GAUGE PACKAGE Bronco II, Ranger

AUX. FUEL TANK/DUAL **ELECT. HORNS**

 F-Series and fifth wheel applications

IN BOX SPARE TIRE CARRIER

 F-Series, except fifth wheel applications

TRAILER TOWING PACKAGE

Econoline, Club Wagon, Bronco, F-Series and fifth wheel applications

^{*} Packages on Ford LTD, Thunderbird, Crown Victoria, and Country Squire vary in content with certain powertrains. See individual car catalogs for contents.

