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2001 DINGHY TOWING GUIDE

This year's guide contains information only on vehicles that are approved by the manufacturers for towing, and we've left out any vehicles that have towing speed limits slower than 55 mph, or distance limits of less than 200 miles. You may have seen vehicles other than those listed in this guide being dinghy towed; many vehicles can, in fact, be towed on all fours if methods are used to prevent rotation of drivetrain components, or if transmission lubrication pumps are employed. Suitable products are available at RV stores. When in doubt, consult the vehicle's owner's manual; it's the final word.

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TOWABLE CARS

Manufacturer	Base Curb Weight (lb)	Speed/Distance Limits	Manual Trans	Automatic Trans	EPA Mileage City/Hwy	Base Retail Price
CHEVROLET						
Cavalier Coupe	2,617	65/None	Yes	Yes	24/34	\$13,160
Cavalier Sedan	2,676	65/None	Yes	Yes	24/34	\$13,260
Malibu	3,051	65/None	Yes	Yes	20/30	\$17,020
Malibu LS	3,077	65/None	Yes	Yes	20/30	\$19,320
CHRYSLER/DODGE						
Neon 4DR	2,559	None	Yes	No	28/35	\$13,275*
PT Cruiser	3,123	None	Yes	No	20/26	\$16,500*
Sebring Coupe	3,100	None	Yes	No	21/27	\$20,495*
Stratus Coupe	3,012	None	Yes	No	23/30	\$18,395*
* Prices include destination charges.						
FORD						
Escort ZX2	3,085	None	Yes	No	25/33	\$12,050
Focus	2,551	None	Yes	No	25/35	\$12,125
HYUNDAI						
Accent	2,255	Legal/None	Yes	No	28/37	\$8,999
Elantra	2,635	Legal/None	Yes	No	25/33	\$11,999
Tiburon	2,633	Legal/None	Yes	No	23/31	\$13,999
INFINITY						
G20	2,923	60/500	Yes	No	24/31	\$21,395
LEXUS						
ES 300	3,373	55/200	N/A	Yes	20/28	\$31,505
MITSUBISHI						
Eclipse RS	2,822	None	Yes	No	23/31	\$17,987
Eclipse GS	2,910	None	Yes	No	23/31	\$18,797
Eclipse GT	3,053	None	Yes	No	20/28	\$20,947
Eclipse Spyder GS	3,042	None	Yes	No	22/30	\$23,407
Eclipse Spyder GT	3,241	None	Yes	No	20/27	\$25,407
Mirage	2,125	None	Yes	No	33/40	\$11,877

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NISSAN						
Altima XE	2,851	70/500	Yes	No	23/31	\$15,140
Maxima GXE	3,186	70/500	Yes	No	22/27	\$21,049
Sentra XE	2,548	70/500	Yes	No	27/35	\$11,649
OLDSMOBILE						
Alero GX	3,050	65/None	Yes	Yes	21/30	\$16,425
PONTIAC						
Grand Am	3,066	65/None	Yes	Yes	21/29	\$16,715
Sunfire	2,606	65/None	Yes	Yes	24/34	\$14,695
SATURN						
SC Series	2,384	65/None	Yes	Yes	Manual 28/40 Auto 25/35	\$12,535
SL Series	2,351	65/None	Yes	Yes	Manual 29/40 Auto 25/35	\$10,570
SW Series	2,461	65/None	Yes	Yes	Manual 27/38 Auto 25/35	\$14,290
LS Series	2,945	65/None	Yes	Yes	Manual 25/33 Auto 20/26	\$14,495
LW Series	3,083	65/None	Yes	Yes	Manual 24/32 Auto 20/26	\$18,835
SUBARU						
Impreza L Sedan	2,735	None	Yes	No	23/29	\$15,995
Impreza L Wagon	2,835	None	Yes	No	23/29	\$16,395
Outback Sport	2,860	None	Yes	No	23/29	\$18,195
Legacy L	3,255	None	Yes	No	21/28	\$19,295
Legacy L Wagon	3,345	None	Yes	No	21/28	\$19,995
TOYOTA						
Camry	2,998	None	Yes	No	24/33	\$18,475
Corolla	2,405	None	Yes	No	32/41	\$12,793
Celica GT	2,460	None	Yes	No	28/33	\$16,985
Celica GT-S	2,500	None	Yes	Yes*	23/32	\$21,455
Echo 2DR	2,035	None	Yes	No	34/41	\$9,995
Echo 4DR	2,055	None	Yes	No	34/41	\$9,995

* Automatic transmission model may be dinghy towed at under 55 mph for 200 miles.

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TOWABLE SPORT-UTILITY VEHICLES & PICKUPS

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ACURA						
MDX	4,328	65/None*	N/A	Yes	17/23	\$34,370
<i>* Follow prescribed automatic transmission fluid recirculation procedure after every eight hours of towing.</i>						
CHEVROLET/GMC						
Blazer/Jimmy2DR 4WD	3,848	None	Yes*	Yes*	15/18	\$22,170
Blazer/Jimmy 4DR 4WD	4,049	None	N/A	Yes*	16/20	\$26,770
Silverado/Sierra 4WD (1500 Series)	4,413	None	Yes**	Yes**	15/20	\$18,945
Tahoe/Yukon 4WD	5,113	None	N/A	Yes**	14/17	\$27,857
Suburban/Yukon XL 4WD	5,219	None	N/A	Yes**	14/16	\$28,837
Tracker 2DR 4WD	2,811	55/200***	Yes	Yes	25/27	\$16,335
Tracker 4DR 4WD	2,987	55/200***	Yes	Yes	22/25	\$16,955
<i>* Transfer case must be in neutral.</i>						
<i>** Transfer case must be in neutral, ignition in the "off" position and the fuse removed.</i>						
<i>*** After 200 miles, the transfer case oil must be circulated for one minute before continuing.</i>						
DODGE						
Dakota 4WD	3,852	None	Yes	Yes	20/24	\$18,075
Durango 4WD	4,648	None	N/A	Yes	15/18	\$29,355
Ram 4WD	4,718	None	Yes	Yes	13/17	\$21,785
FORD/MERCURY						
Escape 2WD	2,991	55/None	Yes	No	23/28	\$17,645
Mountaineer 4WD	4,045	None	N/A	Yes*	16/20	\$29,655
Ranger	3,085	55/None	Yes	No	22/26	\$16,995
Ranger 4x4	3,411	55/None	Yes	No	17/20	\$23,940
<i>* 4WD V-6 model with Control-Trac and dealer-installed neutral tow kit only.</i>						
HONDA						
CR-V	3,126	Legal/None	Yes	Yes*	22/25	\$20,450
<i>* Only with prescribed towing procedure.</i>						
INFINITY						
QX4	4,074	60/200	No	Yes	15/19	\$34,150

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JEEP						
Cherokee 2DR 4WD	3,297	None	Yes	Yes	17/22	\$21,465
Cherokee 4DR 4WD	3,355	None	Yes	Yes	17/22	\$22,500
Grand Cherokee 4WD	3,972	None	Yes	Yes	16/21	\$29,855
Wrangler 4WD	3,105	None	Yes	Yes	18/20	\$15,475
KIA						
Sportage 2WD	3,186	55/400*	Yes	No	20/27	\$15,295
Sportage 4WD	3,352	55/400*	Yes	No	20/22	\$16,795
<i>*Stop every 400 miles, start engine and let idle for a few minutes to ensure that transmission is sufficiently lubricated.</i>						
LAND ROVER						
Discovery	4,576	None	Yes	Yes	13/17	\$34,150
Range Rover	4,960	None	Yes	Yes	12/15	\$59,000
LEXUS						
RX 300 2WD	3,715	55/200	N/A	Yes	19/23	\$33,095
RX 300 4WD	3,924	55/200	N/A	Yes	18/22	\$35,655
MAZDA						
B-Series Pickup 2WD	2,960	55/None	Yes	No	20/25	\$12,225
B-Series Pickup 4WD	3,380	55/None	Yes*	Yes*	17/20	\$18,250
Tribute DX 2WD	2,991	55/None	Yes	No	23/28	\$17,005
<i>*With manual transfer case.</i>						
NISSAN						
Frontier 2WD	3,050	60/500	Yes	No	22/26	\$11,699
Frontier 4WD	3,903	60/500	Yes**	No	16/18	\$18,549
Pathfinder SE	3,940	60/200/500*	Yes**	No	17/19	\$27,649
Xterra XE	3,504	60/200/500*	Yes**	No	19/24	\$17,999
<i>* V-6 engine, 200 mile limit; 4-cylinder, 500-mile limit. Start engine to recirculate transmission fluids when this limit is reached.</i>						
<i>** 4WD transfer case must be left in neutral.</i>						
SUBARU						
Forester L	3,140	None	Yes	No	21/28	\$20,295
Outback Wagon	3,425	None	Yes	No	21/28	\$22,895
SUZUKI						
Vitara 4WD	2,987	55/200	Yes**	Yes*	22/25	\$17,099
Grand Vitara	3,197	55/200	Yes**	Yes*	19/21	\$19,599
<i>* Stop towing vehicle every 200 miles. With the transfer case lever in neutral, start engine, shift into D (Drive) and rev engine for about one minute to circulate oil in the transfer case. Shift into park before next towing.</i>						
<i>** Stop towing vehicle every 200 miles. Leave manual transmission in second gear. With the transfer lever in neutral, start engine and rev for about one minute with the clutch engaged to circulate oil in the transfer case.</i>						
TOYOTA						
RAV4 2WD	2,711	55/200*	Yes	Yes	25/31	\$16,215
RAV4 4WD	2,877	55/200*	Yes	Yes	22/27	\$18,665
<i>* After 200 miles, the engine must be started and allowed to idle for more than three minutes before driving or continuing to tow.</i>						