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## TECHNICAL NOTE

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### TRAILER TIRES

Tire manufacturers recommend tires that have a higher load rating for towing trailers. OE (Original Equipment) tires will be overloaded the minute you hitch up a heavy trailer.

Tires 8 to 12 inches rotate much faster on a trailer than on a vehicle and are prone to overheating at even moderate speeds. Avoid overloading and run with maximum recommended inflation pressures. Travel trailers are usually equipped with tires of sufficient size but for rough road use they do not have enough impact strength; therefore, use steel-belted or fiberglass-belted tires.

Make sure your tire load rating meets the actual load, preferably with some safety margin. Normal light duty truck tires cannot handle this; there have been cases where tires actually caught fire as a result of running hot.

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