

TRAILERS AND THE VOSA REGULATIONS

For many years American Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels have been imported into the UK with only electric brakes and no mechanical handbrake. Despite many importers, trade and private, saying and believing that these are not required the VOSA regulations state very clearly that a mechanical handbrake is required to comply with the current regulations.

The regulations clearly state that the trailer should have means of ensuring that it will not move or runaway when not attached to a towing vehicle and the reliance on an electric braking system is inadequate.

Some of the UK importers are now having mechanical handbrakes fitted as standard and others offer them as optional equipment and others who neither fit them or even offer them as an optional extra.



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1988

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Roadworthiness Prohibition Notice

Operator/Driver Details	Vehicle Details
Operator Licence No. BRIAN CHAMBERLAIN 98 BALDOCKS LANE MELTON MOWBRAY LE131EP	Prohibited Vehicle ID 1A9AA02MIAA015284 Vehicle Make ALLEN CAMPER Towing Vehicle Reg. YN55VBB Odometer Reading

Defects	
The defects leading to the prohibition are shown below and on continuation pages where necessary	
Severity	Page 1 of 1
I	PARKING BRAKE HAND LEVER, CANNOT BE SET, NO PARKING BRAKE SYSTEM FITTED TO THE TRAILER REF: KEVIN GIST SWANSEA

I hereby prohibit all driving and towing of this vehicle on public roads. This prohibition comes into force on 06/09/2012 at 11:41 and it will stay in force until it is removed by prior appointment at LOCAL VE 0300 123 9000.

Issuing Officer Details	Receipt Details
Signature	Signature
Name Richard Hollinshead	Name BRIAN CHAMBERLAIN
Date Issued 06/09/2012	
Time Issued 11:41	
Place where issued: MARSTON LAYBY, A361, SOMERSET	

Variation Details	
Signature	Date of issue
Name	Time of issue

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Removal of Roadworthiness Prohibition

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Odometer Reading

Removal Details
I hereby remove the prohibition issued to 1A9AA02MIAA015284

An executive agency of the
Department for
Transport

Issuing Officer Details	Receipt Details
Signature	Signature
Name Alan Everingham	Name BRIAN CHAMBERLAIN
Date Removed 13/09/2012	
Time Removed 15:16	
Place where issued: LIVINGSTON TEST STATION, GRANGE ROAD, EDINBURGH	

Notes
This "Removal of Roadworthiness Prohibition" also removes any other Roadworthiness prohibitions and variations issued prior to the issue date and time of this Notice. It does not remove any weight prohibitions.

Before a prohibition can be removed an Examiner will have to be satisfied that the vehicle is fit for service. Sometimes vehicles are subjected to an inspection equivalent in scope to an annual test. However in some cases the Examiner may have been satisfied by a less than full inspection. It should therefore not be assumed this vehicle has been subjected to a full examination. In any event this notice should not be taken as a guarantee that the vehicle is free from defects.

In recent years VOSA have started to tighten up on the regulations and many owners and operators of Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels have been pulled over at the side of the road and served with a Roadworthiness Prohibition Notice which means that the trailer must be fitted with a mechanical handbrake before it will be allowed to continue to be towed on UK roads from the date of the Prohibition Notice. It can, however, be taken to have this equipment fitted with a dispensation notice for one trip only to have the work done.

If your trailer is not currently fitted with a mechanical handbrake then you would be advised to have the work done as soon as possible or take risk of being served with a Road Worthiness Prohibition Notice.

When the mechanical handbrake has been fitted and approved by VOSA you will be issued with Removal of Road Worthiness Prohibition notice.