



International Traveler station wagon (left) can tow RV trailers up to 25-ft. and 5,000 lbs. when equipped with a Class III equalizer hitch platform (insert). Scout II sport utility vehicle (right) has heavy duty rear step bumper with hitch ball (insert) for towing trailers up to 2,000 lbs.

It's easy when you

## Know how to tow trailer

America is going camping, and then some! According to the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association, more than two million RV travel trailers will be on the road this year. A 4x4 vehicle such as the International Scout Traveler station wagon can provide comfortable seating for a driver and four or five passengers as well as air conditioning, a smooth ride, cruise control, tilt steering wheel, AM/FM stereo and more. In some cases, 4x4

vehicles are superior to passenger cars for towing travel trailers up to 25-ft. and 5,000 lbs. For example, a loaded Scout Traveler weighs about 5,000 lbs. — equal to an average 23-25 ft. trailer when loaded. The more evenly balanced a tow vehicle and trailer, the better the stability. Another advantage is maneuverability. The Traveler's "moment of steer" (distance between rear axle centerline to trailer coupler) is shorter than any passenger car

capable of towing a Class III trailer. Finally, four-wheel-drive affords an extra measure of safety for certain road situations — better traction for driving on rain-slicked pavement is one example. Any vehicle to be used for trailer towing should be specified with a heavy duty alternator, heavy duty battery, Class III (up to 5,000 lbs.) equalizer hitch platform, six-way trailer wiring, and a heavy-duty flasher.

### Helpful tips on trailer towing

- Handling, steering, braking, accelerating and riding of your vehicle are altered when towing. International Scout recommends that before heading out, practice operating your tow vehicle/trailer combination near home.
- Stopping distances are increased with a trailer. Begin to brake well in advance.
- Use the engine to provide braking assistance by shifting to a lower gear when descending grades.
- More room is needed for your combination to pass other vehicles safely.
- Since you are driving a slower, more cumbersome vehicle, be sure to be particularly courteous in your driving.
- Don't try to maintain high road speeds; road grade, rolling resistance and air turbulence all put

- increased horsepower requirements on your vehicle.
- On hot summer days, climbing grades may increase water temperature levels. Minimize overheating by downshifting to a lower gear.
- The trailer should be carefully loaded. If possible, place 10 per cent of the total trailer weight on the trailer hitch. Ideally, the load should be balanced left to right.
- The use of a load equalizing hitch transfers trailer torque weight (load) from the rear wheels of the towing vehicle to the front wheels of the trailer axle. An equalizer hitch should be used for trailers 2,000-5,000 lbs.
- Check trailer brakes and lights for good working order and proper con-

- nection before starting out on the road.
- Avoid "jackrabbit" starts and "crash" stops. Always start slowly and in low gear.
- Backing a trailer properly takes practice. A simple method of backing into the spot you want is to turn the wheel in the direction opposite to the way you want the rear of the trailer to turn.
- A trailer 2,000 lbs. or less can be safely towed and stopped by any model Scout. It does not need an independent brake system.
- A trailer 2,000 lbs. and up must have its own brake system. Since the trailer often weighs as much as the towing vehicle, power brakes are mandatory. All International Scouts are equipped with power brakes as standard equipment.

### Weather stations located throughout country

Today, almost anywhere you go in the Great Outdoors, there are weather stations to serve you. Three frequencies on the public service high band (PSB-HI) are used to broadcast the weather reports from the National Weather Service network — 162.40, 162.475 and 162.55 MHz. Here are the locations of weather stations, listed by frequency and alphabetically by state:

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It will probably be dusk before you settle down to the warmth of your first day's campfire. For dim light (campfire, sunrise, sunset) use an existing-light camera with high-speed film, such as Kodak Ektachrome 160 movie film.

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