

			Unbraked Trailer			Braked Trailer		
			On-Road	Rough-Road	Off-Road	On-Road	Rough-Road	Off-Road
Gross Trailer Mass	GTM	The total of the weight on the wheels plus your Personal Load. NB: Legislation does not require trailers to have brakes unless the GTM is going to be more than 750kg.	750	750	750	900	750	1000
Tare Mass	TARE	Total unladen weight of the camper, ie. weight on the wheels plus the Ball Weight	390	400	510	390	400	510
Ball Weight	BW	The weight of the unladen camper on your towing vehicle.	40	40	75	40	40	75
Maximum Personal Load	MAX-PL	Gross Trailer Mass less (Tare Mass less Ball Weight) (GTM - (TARE - BW))	400	390	315	550	390	565

Definitions

Personal Load	PL	The total weight of ALL non-factory fitted items added to your trailer, ie. clothes, food, tools, water, gas, boat, push bike, extra spare wheels etc.
Aggregate Trailer Mass	ATM	The total of the weight on the wheels plus the Ball Weight plus your Personal Load.

So ... do you need brakes on your camper? Only you will know how much the gear that you load into your camper weighs and this is really the deciding factor as to whether or not you will need brakes (refer to the above table to determine what your maximum personal load can be in both braked and unbraked situations). If you are at all in doubt about the weight of your camper you should weigh it on the road when fully loaded, including full water tank/s and gas cylinder/s. This is easily done at a public weighbridge - check the Yellow Pages for the location of one near you.