

## **RULE 7: EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

7.2 All tow vehicles as defined in these regulations which operate on Arkansas's public roadways shall have the following minimum equipment installed, or on board:

(A) Fire Extinguisher(s), ABC Type, total capacity of not less than nine (9) pounds.

(B) Amber flashing light(s) visible within 360 degree rotation around the tow vehicle, and visible in bright sunlight.

(1) Unless otherwise required by law, said lights are mandatory only for tow vehicles which hook up or unhook, load or unload, winch or otherwise work while stopped on a public roadway or public roadway right-of-way; provided however, no tow vehicle, which is not equipped with amber flashing light(s) visible within 360 degree rotation around the tow vehicle, and visible in bright sunlight, shall hook up or unhook, load or unload, winch or otherwise work while stopped on a public roadway or public roadway right-of-way.

(2) Unless otherwise required by law, use required only when the tow vehicle is hooking up or unhooking, loading or unloading, winching or otherwise working while stopped on a public roadway or public roadway right-of-way, or when circumstances are such that the vehicle(s) being transported creates a potentially hazardous condition for other motorists.

(C) Tail, turn and stop lights attached, or to be attached, to the towed or towing vehicle so as to be visible from the rear.

(D) Safety chains and/or straps to secure the towed vehicle to the towing vehicle when towing and/or otherwise transporting vehicles on public roadways.

(E) Flares, reflective cones, reflective triangle safety signals, or other similar safety devices.

(F) Shovel and broom for removing debris from the roadway.

(Mandatory only for tow vehicles used in accident recovery; provided however, no tow vehicle shall respond to an accident scene along a public roadway without a broom and shovel on board.)

(G) The name and telephone number of the towing business shall be displayed and permanently affixed on each side of the tow vehicle so that it is visible and legible from a distance of fifty (50) feet; (i.e. painted or by decal, magnetic signs not permanently affixed are not allowed).

(H) Light and air brake hookups (required only on tow vehicles being designated "Heavy Duty" for the purpose of these regulations and capable of towing semi truck and trailer vehicles.)

(I) Safety straps for wheel lift equipment as required by the equipment manufacturer for securing the towed vehicle to the towing vehicle.

(J) Tow vehicles equipped with winches and used for recovery and/or hoisting, and for towing a vehicle during transport, shall have a winch with an 8,000 pound minimum capacity and a minimum 3/8 inch diameter cable size, provided,

(1) Winch capacity and cable size shall increase proportionately with Gross Vehicle Weight Rating increase,

(2) Come-A-Long, chain, or other similar device, shall not be used as substitute for winch and cable.

(K) Any tow vehicle used for hoisting and/or for towing a vehicle during recovery and/or transport shall be equipped with dual rear wheels and shall be rated at a minimum of 9,000 pounds GVWR. provided; however, the owner of a tow vehicle for which the Board issued a Tow Vehicle Safety Permit under the Grandfather Provision on or before January 1, 1995, and renewal permits have been issued regularly thereafter, is exempt from the dual wheel and 9,000 GVWR requirements as long as ownership of the tow vehicle does not change and regular renewals continue to be issued by the Board.

(L) (1) Any tow vehicle used as a Heavy Duty Tow Vehicle as defined by Rule 7.4 shall be equipped with tandem rear axles and equipped with an under-lift device rated at no less than 12,000 lbs. at full extension. Provided; however that the owner of a Heavy Duty Tow Vehicle for which the Board issued a tow vehicle safety permit

on or before the date of the enactment of this section shall be grand-fathered and shall be exempt from this requirement as long as ownership of the tow vehicle does not change and regular renewals continue to be issued by the Board.

(2) Any tow vehicle used as a Heavy Duty Tow Vehicle without an under-lift device shall not be utilized as a primary tow vehicle for non-consent towing, but may be utilized by a non-consent towing business in conjunction with other services rendered as part of non-consent towing, provided, however, any usage in conjunction with non-consent towing shall have coverage in compliance with the insurance requirements of Rule 9.2 of these Rules and Regulations and must display a current consent Tow Vehicle Safety Permit issued by the Board. (3) Any tow vehicle used as a Medium Duty Tow Vehicle as defined by Rule 7.4 excluding rollback tow vehicles shall be equipped with an under-lift device rated at no less than 6,500 lbs. at full extension. Provided; however that the owner of a Medium Duty Tow Vehicle for which the Board issued a tow vehicle safety permit on or before the date of the enactment of this section shall be grand-fathered and shall be exempt from this requirement as long as ownership of the tow vehicle does not change and regular renewals continue to be issued by the Board.

(4) Any tow vehicle used as a Medium Duty Tow Vehicle

without an under-lift device shall not be utilized as a primary tow vehicle for non-consent towing, but may be utilized by a non-consent towing business in conjunction with other services rendered as part of non-consent towing, provided, however, any usage in conjunction with non-consent towing shall have coverage in compliance with the insurance requirements of Rule 9.2 of these Rules and Regulations and must display a current consent Tow Vehicle Safety Permit issued by the Board.