



Instruction for:
2ton and 3ton Tow Rope

Models: **TH2502, TH3002**

Thank you for purchasing a Sealey Product. Manufactured to a high standard this product will, if used according to these instructions and properly maintained, give you years of trouble free performance.



IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. NOTE THE SAFE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, WARNINGS AND CAUTIONS. USE THIS PRODUCT CORRECTLY AND WITH CARE FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT IS INTENDED. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY CAUSE DAMAGE AND/OR PERSONAL INJURY, AND WILL INVALIDATE THE WARRANTY. PLEASE KEEP INSTRUCTIONS SAFE FOR FUTURE USE.

1. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Your tow rope is suitable for use with vehicles up to 2 or 3 tons in weight according to the model's specifications. The weight limit applies to the rolling load on a level surface. The tow rope is not suitable for lifting a dead weight and should never be used as a lifting sling. **DO NOT** use the rope for any purpose other than towing a vehicle up to its maximum rated capacity. On extreme gradients, the capacity can be exceeded by a vehicle weighing less than the indicated capacity, particularly if the "pull" from the towed vehicle is sudden and not gradual. Remember that the weight of the towed vehicle should be calculated to include any load in the vehicle.

- ✓ Examine the tow rope before and after each use to ensure there is no wear or damage, from the rope dragging on the road surface or snagging on sharp edges. **DO NOT** use the rope if it is worn or damaged.
- ✓ Use the tow rope only on vehicles with standard tow fittings. The fittings on both vehicles must be approximately the same height from the ground.
- ✓ Ensure the sections of the vehicles with the tow fittings are strong enough for towing. **DO NOT** use the tow rope if there is too much damage or heavy rust around the fitting area.
- ✓ Place an "ON TOW" notice in the back window or other visible location of the towed vehicle. Attach a marker (a piece of rag or fabric, preferably red) to the centre of the rope. The registration number of the towed vehicle must also be visible and it must be taxed, insured and, if relevant, have a current DOE test certificate.
- ✓ Keep the ignition in the towed vehicle on to ensure that all lights, steering, etc. will operate. If the ignition cannot be turned on, you must fit a repeater trailer board to the towed vehicle. See the current Sealey catalogue for details of approved towing boards incorporating lighting and signalling equipment.
- X **DO NOT** tow a vehicle if the ignition cannot be turned on and the vehicle has power steering or a steering lock.
- X **DO NOT** tow a vehicle with defective braking systems.
- X **DO NOT** tow an unmanned vehicle.

2. DESCRIPTION

Elasticated webbing design helps prevent tow rope dragging on the ground during overrun. Ropes feature tough, heavy-duty stitched hook retaining sleeves. Exhaustively tested for compliance with HSE requirements.

3. ASSEMBLY & PREPARATION

- 3.1 Position the towing vehicle in line with the towed vehicle. Release the safety catch on one hook and fasten it to the tow fitting at the rear of the towing vehicle. Check to make sure that the safety hook is reset.
- 3.2 Elongate the tow rope and attach the other hook to the tow fitting of the towed vehicle.
- 3.3 Attach a marker (a piece of rag or fabric preferably red or other bright colour) to the centre of the rope.
- 3.4 Establish a form of agreed signals between the drivers of both vehicles. Signals for increasing speed, slowing down, stopping, and turning left or right are strongly recommended. The use of a horn may be included as part of the signals, however, using a horn after dark in built up areas is against the law.

4. OPERATION

- 4.1 The driver of the towed vehicle should take up a comfortable driving position with hand brake on and foot brake engaged.
- 4.2 The driver of the towing vehicle should satisfy himself that the weight of the towed vehicle is less than the weight of the towing vehicle.
- 4.3 The driver of the towing vehicle should now take up a comfortable driving position and check all rear view mirrors. Give the appropriate signal for starting, release the hand brake and let in the clutch very gradually. Take care not to start too fast and "snatch" the load.
- 4.4 The distance between the vehicles must be enough for the driver to see the rear lights of the towing vehicle.
- 4.5 Drive to suit the traffic. Even in favourable conditions, a maximum speed of 15 mph is recommended.
- 4.6 Always take great care when towing and ensure a very gradual "take-up" when starting and braking. The tow rope may not be able to withstand sudden changes in speed.

5. MAINTENANCE

- 5.1 Store the rope in a dry place at room temperature away from sunlight. Always keep the rope in the bag in which it was supplied. Keep these instructions with the product at all times.
- 5.2 Check the rope before and after each use for wear or damage from the rope dragging on the road surface or snagging on sharp edges of the vehicles.

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