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Whether the plan is to put your brand-new kayak in the bay of your favorite beach town or go four-wheeling through the mud and muck on an off-roading adventure, the proper vehicle is necessary to haul your toys along.

When you buy a vehicle, you want it to fulfill all your needs—and no vehicle does that like a Jeep. It doesn't matter if you're looking for a tough and rugged SUV, or a car with a buttoned-up yet impressive interior—all Jeep vehicles offer an impressive towing capacity. It's up to you to choose which one is right for your needs.

Jeep vehicles are built to be enjoyed, and here is the lowdown on how much enjoyment each Jeep vehicle can offer when it comes to towing capacity. The adventures are yours to have, but your vehicle needs to help make the memories.



Jeep Compass

The Jeep Compass hasn't been around as long as the Wrangler or the Cherokee models, but it has managed to prove itself over its short time on the market. The Compass has become a trusted SUV, with an impressive towing capacity when outfitted with the right engine.

While the other models' towing capacities are based upon their drivetrain or the size of the vehicle, the Compass' ability is based on the engine size and the chosen transmission. With the right engine and equipment, this small SUV has the potential to haul small boats or even that motorcycle you've been waiting to try out on the winding roads around your vacation home.

2.4L I4 Multi-Air® Engine/Manual Transmission

When equipped with this engine and a 6-speed manual transmission, the 4x4 models of the Compass boast a towing capacity that is an impressive 2,000 pounds; however, towing of any kind is not recommended on the FWD vehicles. This model also has Trailer Sway Damping, providing better stability for better peace of mind when you are towing.

Get all your new furniture purchases home yourself! You don't have to wait around for the delivery man. This vehicle has the same towing capacity as the Wrangler when properly equipped.



2.4L I4 Multi-Air® Engine with Engine Stop Start/9-Speed Automatic Transmission

The Compass is produced with the same engine and offered with a 6-speed automatic transmission, but none of those models are considered to be suitable for towing. Therefore, if you wish to haul with your Compass, you'll need to either choose a manual transmission or upgrade to the 9-speed automatic transmission, which allows for a 2,000-pound load.

Although it doesn't have as high a capacity when it comes to towing, the Compass possesses the ability to get small jobs done so you can safely and securely transport any oversized items you purchase to your house. This vehicle proves that you can do big things with small packages.

Jeep Wrangler

Imagine the kind of fun you can have with all your friends when you can back your trailer into the water and put your jet skis to the test. With two front and one rear tow hook on each model, your Wrangler is capable of hauling most of your equipment for extracurricular activities and much more.

With the two front tow hooks, you're able to help out a friend who may have gotten stuck in the mud. Your front tow hooks also allow your Jeep to position itself to help another vehicle get into better position for proper towing, if they've gotten into an off-road situation that they didn't expect.



Two-Door Models

The toughest and most rugged of the bunch—and built for fun both on and off the roads—the Jeep Wrangler traditional two-door model offers an incredible 2,000-pound towing capacity. This vehicle's reputation is all about getting out into the backwoods and enjoying what nature has to offer, and the towing won't disappoint.

Whether you're attaching a small trailer to assist in fitting all of the luggage for your annual week-long road trip or you're transporting a brand-new ATV to the family cabin for added fun, your two-door Wrangler has more than enough strength and traction to handle these jobs.

Four-Door Models

Each of the four trim levels of the four-door Wrangler increases the towing capacity to almost double that of the two-door models. With 3,500 pounds to play with, you've got more options when it comes to hauling certain items. If your idea of the perfect honeymoon is you, your new spouse, and the open road, hook up a small pop-up camper and spend some time communing with nature.



Jeep Cherokee

Over its many years on the market, the Jeep Cherokee has proven itself to be a durable, well-equipped, and handsome vehicle, though some may consider it to be a more buttoned-up version of the highly sporty Wrangler. However, the Cherokee can hold its own quite well.

You may impress your friends with the stunning design on this SUV, but if you want to really impress them, volunteer your vehicle to haul their new bed home for them. You'll be the hit of the great camping weekend if you can bring the canoe or the paddleboat for more fun in the wilderness.

FWD Models

The Cherokee is available in both front-wheel drive and four-wheel drive models, but let's focus on the towing abilities of the front-wheel drive vehicles first. With a maximum towing capacity of 2,000 pounds, the Cherokee offers similar abilities to that of the Compass, despite being a bit bigger.

The Latitude, Latitude Plus, Limited, and Overland models all offer the ability to carry everyone's bicycle for the big team ride over the weekend. With a simple addition of a bike trailer or the right carrier, you'll be able to haul several different bikes for when your friends sign you up for the triathlon three towns over. You'll be the hit of the day, especially if you clinch the win in addition to your transportation abilities.



4x4 Models

When you jump up to the 4x4 models of the Jeep Cherokee, you get into more serious towing capacity: an astonishing 4,500 pounds. Haul nearly anything you want for your outdoor pursuits with this impressive vehicle. When equipping the four-wheel drive option for your SUV, you more than double its capacity.

If you and your friends are planning a trail ride up in the hills or the mountains with your horse, hauling a trailer shouldn't be an issue, as long as you account for the total weight of the towable items. Don't miss out on life's great adventures if you don't have to. Get behind the wheel of a Cherokee; enjoy life's journey.

Jeep Grand Cherokee

If you've ever wondered what it was that makes this vehicle "grand" in comparison to the Cherokee, it may be that it's one of the most awarded SUVs, or it could be the incredible towing capacity. The Grand Cherokee is the hero of the Jeep lineup, and one of the more popular models—with good reason.

Not only is the Grand Cherokee stunningly well-designed, but it has also proven to be incredibly powerful and enjoyable to drive. As this vehicle improves with time, it has become increasingly well-received in the SUV market while still representing Jeep's rough-and-tumble image. Let the Grand Cherokee take you places!

4x2 Models

On the 4x2 models of the Jeep Grand Cherokee—all eight of them—the towing capacity is better than that of any other two-wheel drive Jeep vehicle. Starting out at 3,500 pounds of towing ability, this vehicle has enough underneath the hood to support pulling many different trailers.

If you want to get the family and the new boat into the water this weekend, you won't have to hesitate if you're behind the wheel of the Jeep Grand Cherokee. Whether it's an incredible new playset for your kids, your most prized possessions being moved across town, or a killer yard sale find that you're looking to refurbish on your own time, this vehicle has the power to get it where you need to go.

4x4 Models

With seven trims to choose from, the Grand Cherokee 4x4 model offers a maximum towing capacity of 7,200 pounds and is listed as one of the top vehicles for towing on the market. From the Laredo to the Trackhawk, this vehicle is trail-rated and tow-ready.

It doesn't matter if you plan to get your brand-new boat into the water at the river or if you're hauling building supplies to break ground on your new home, the Grand Cherokee has the capacity to get the job done without issue.

Set Up a Test Drive

Now that you know what the different Jeep models are capable of, it should make it easier to make the decision regarding what is best for you. You want the vehicle that supports the towing of your best toys yet, and Jeep is certain to deliver something that works for your needs. Stop by your local Jeep dealership and get behind the wheel today!

