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## Do I need Electric Brakes?

Regulations state that trailers which weigh 750kg GTM\* or less AND have a single axle will not require a braking system.

Trailers, horse floats, boat & trailers and caravans, which **exceed the 750kg GTM limit legally require having an efficient braking system on at least one axle.**

It is also a legal requirement that all caravans, trailers and floats **exceeding 2000kg (GTM) are fitted with an efficient braking system on all wheels.**

Electric brakes are the most common form of an “efficient braking system” and come standard on most camper trailers and caravans.

GTM	<750kg Single axle	750kg – 2000kg	2001kg – 4500kg
Electric Brakes Required?	No Brakes required	Yes – must be fitted with an efficient brake system considered to have brakes operating on the wheels of at least one axle	Yes – must be fitted with an efficient brake system must have brakes operating on all wheels
Brake Away Unit	NA	NA	The brake system must cause an immediate application of the trailer brakes in the event of the trailer becoming detached from the towing vehicle. Under these circumstances, the brakes must remain applied for at least 15 minutes.

Additional rules and regulation may apply depending on which state or territory of Australia you intend to tow in.

Please check with your local road authority on state specific requirements.