



DIA ACCREDITED TRAINING COURSES

UNCOUPLING DRILL

1. Select a suitable place to leave an uncoupled trailer.
2. Apply the trailer brake.
3. Lower the jockey wheel
4. Disconnect the light cable.
5. Lower trailer legs (If fitted) and lock in place.
6. Lift the trailer coupling socket off the vehicle ball-hitch by winding up with the jockey wheel.
7. Test that the trailer brake is holding.
8. Disconnect the brake-away cable.
9. Drive slowly and carefully away from the trailer.

COUPLING UP DRILL

1. Approach the trailer on foot and check that its brake is applied and holding. Then walk round and inspect for damage. (Lights, tyres etc.). Ensure the shutter is secure and the number plate matches the tow vehicle.
2. Reverse back slowly and carefully onto the trailer.
3. Connect the brake-away cable, if necessary release the brake to adjust the trailer position and re-apply the brake after moving the trailer.
4. Wind down with the jockey wheel to lower the trailer coupling socket onto the vehicle ball-hitch until it locks.
5. Check that it is secure by winding up with the jockey wheel to try to lift the coupling off the ball .
6. Stow away the jockey wheel and lock in place.
7. Connect the light cable.
8. Release trailer brake.
9. Switch on the vehicle side lights and hazard lights.
10. Check that the bulbs are working on the trailer.
11. Raise the trailer legs (If fitted) and lock in place.
12. Press the vehicle foot-brake and ask if the brake light bulb is working.