

Towing a Smart Car >> Practical advice from Smart

Flat towing

Flat towing is when all wheels of the vehicle are on the ground during the tow. For vehicles that will be flat towed over long distances observe the following Smart recommendations:

Preparing the vehicle: Contact an authorized Smart center for information on recommended tow bar equipment

Before towing:

1. Engage the parking brake.
2. Make sure the ignition is switched on.
3. Depress the brake pedal and keep it pressed.
4. Move the gear selector lever to neutral position **N**.
5. Release the brake pedal.
6. Switch off the ignition.
7. Leave the key in the starter switch.
8. Wait approximately 30 seconds until the multifunction display in the instrument cluster is completely blank.
9. Release the parking brake.
10. Remove the key from the starter switch.

During towing:

Make sure the gear selector lever remains in neutral position **N** with the ignition switched off.

After towing:

Engage the parking brake.

- Do not flat tow the vehicle with the front axle raised. Doing so may cause serious damage to the brake system which is not covered by the Smart Limited Warranty.
- Failure to follow Smart recommendations for flat towing can cause damage to your vehicle:
 1. Leaving the key in starter switch position **1** (ignition on) may result in the vehicle locking. The vehicle will lock if the wheels are turning at vehicle speeds of approximately 8 mph (14 km/h) or more.
 2. the ESP being activated. Active braking action through the ESP may seriously damage the brake system which is not covered by the smart Limited Warranty.
 3. Not moving the gear selector lever to neutral position **N** may result in significant transmission damage.

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