

(3) THE LOCKING DEVICE THAT PREVENTS SEPARATION OF THE TOWED AND TOWING VEHICLES IS WORKING PROPERLY AND IS LOCKED IN PLACE; AND

(4) ONE OR MORE SAFETY CHAINS ARE ATTACHED TO THE TOWED VEHICLE AND THE FRAME OF THE TOWING VEHICLE AND HAVE NO MORE SLACK THAN IS NECESSARY FOR PROPER TURNING.

(C) ATTACHMENT OF THE SAFETY CHAINS TO THE PINTLE HOOK DOES NOT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(D) EXCEPT FOR THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ANY TWO VEHICLES CARRYING POLES, PIPES, MACHINERY, OR OTHER OBJECTS THAT CANNOT BE READILY DISMEMBERED, THE CONNECTION BETWEEN VEHICLES MAY NOT EXCEED 15 FEET.

(E) A ~~VEHICLE EQUIPPED~~ CONNECTION MADE WITH A FIFTH-WHEEL CONNECTION DEVICE IS NOT REQUIRED TO USE SAFETY CHAINS OR CABLES AS ADDITIONAL SECURING DEVICES.

(F) IF A VEHICLE IS TOWED BY A ROPE, CHAIN, OR CABLE, A DRIVER MUST BE IN AND CAPABLE OF STEERING THE TOWED VEHICLE.

[(e)] (G) A [hitching device] PRIMARY CONNECTING SYSTEM used in a combination of vehicles shall be designed, constructed, and installed to insure that a towed vehicle does not shift or swerve more than 6 inches to either side of the path of the towing vehicle while the towing vehicle is moving in a straight line on a level, smooth, paved surface.

[(f)] (H) While one vehicle is towing another and the connection is a chain, rope, or cable, a white, red, or orange-fluorescent warning flag or cloth at least 18 inches square shall be displayed on the connection.

(I) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, OR WHEN ONE TOW DOLLY IS USED TO TOW ONE OTHER VEHICLE, A VEHICLE MAY NOT BE OPERATED IN COMBINATION WITH MORE THAN ONE OTHER VEHICLE.

[(g)] (J) (1) [Except for the vehicles described in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the] THE Administration may adopt [rules and] regulations that establish standards for hitching devices and towing procedures for towing and towed vehicles.

(2) [This] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THIS subsection [does not apply] APPLIES to tractor-trailer [combination or]