

(ii) Be mounted properly and securely, without excessive slack, but with enough play to allow for universal action of the connection; and

(iii) Have a suitable locking device to prevent accidental separation of the towed and towing vehicles.

(c) The mounting of the trailer hitch (pintle-eye or equivalent mechanism) of the towing vehicle shall include sufficient reinforcement or bracing of the frame to provide sufficient strength and rigidity to prevent undue distortion of the frame.

(d) (1) Every trailer and semitrailer equipped with a towbar and any special mobile equipment being towed shall be coupled directly to the frame of the towing vehicle with one or more safety or "stay" chains or cables. Attachment to the pintle hook does not meet this requirement.

(2) No more slack may be left in these chains or cables than is needed for proper turning.

(3) These chains or cables shall be connected to the towed and towing vehicle and to the towbar to prevent the towbar from dropping to the ground if it fails.]

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) ~~(H)~~ "PRIMARY CONNECTING SYSTEM" MEANS THE COMBINATION OF DEVICES AND THEIR ATTACHING STRUCTURES THAT ARE USED TO CONNECT A TOWED VEHICLE TO A TOWING VEHICLE.

~~(H)~~ ~~"PRIMARY CONNECTING SYSTEM" INCLUDES:~~

~~1. THE CONNECTION OF THE COUPLING ON THE TOWED VEHICLE TO A HITCH ON THE TOWING VEHICLE;~~

~~2. A TOWBAR CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TOWED AND TOWING VEHICLE;~~

~~3. A FIFTH WHEEL CONNECTION DEVICE; AND~~

~~4. A ROPE, CHAIN, OR CABLE WHEN A VEHICLE IS TOWING ANOTHER VEHICLE THAT IS BEING STEERED BY A DRIVER.~~

~~(H)~~ ~~"PRIMARY CONNECTING SYSTEM" DOES NOT INCLUDE:~~