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We're often asked "can I tow a dinghy (or toad) behind my motorhome?" without further information regarding the coach or the dinghy.

Generically speaking, you need to be concerned with:

- Whether the toad manufacturer specifies that it can be towed with all four wheels on the ground.
- The weight of the toad needs to be within the calculated towing capacity of the motorhome (not just the rated maximum towing capacity) and the gross combined weight rating (GCWR) of the motorhome.
- Use a tow bar rated for at least the weight of your toad, its contents and related safety items.
- Lights, brake and turn signals on the toad that operate when the respective coach lights are operated.
- Auxiliary braking system to apply the toad brakes.
- A breakaway system that will automatically slow or stop the toad in the event that it becomes detached from the coach.

You can get lists of towable cars on the Motorhome Magazine web site - they publish a list every year - look for "Dinghy Towing". FMCA publishes a list too, but you have to be a member to view it on the
FMCA web site
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The dinghy towable list covers only those vehicles which the manufacturer approves of towing without any modifications. Quite a few more vehicles can be modified for towing. If your desired toad is not listed on the above sites, contact Remco , the towing experts.

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