

Glider Trailers

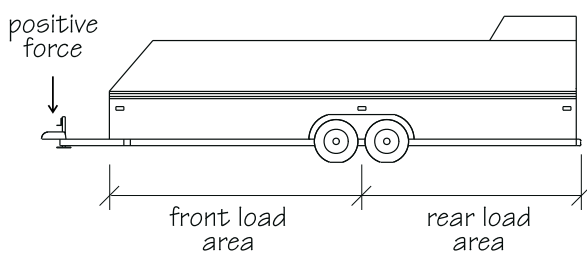
Introduction

Glidors are built to international class specifications and most new gliders are imported from Europe and delivered in custom built trailers. The axles on the trailers are positioned to achieve the correct trailer balance and handling characteristics. However, the trailer's rear overhang may exceed the Australian limit of 3.7 metres.

To enable gliders to be readily transported in Victoria, since May 1999 glider trailers have been allowed a maximum rear overhang of 5 metres when being towed in Victoria, subject to conditions.

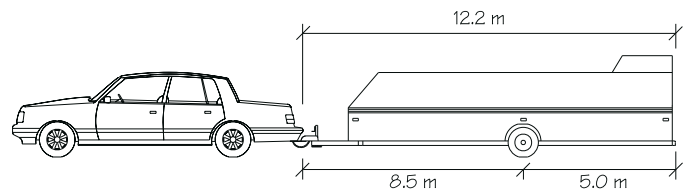
Glider trailer dimensions

- (1) The rear overhang of a glider trailer must not exceed 5 metres.
- (2) The rear load area, on the trailer may be longer than the front load area, provided there is a positive downwards force on the towing vehicle's tow coupling. It should be noted that, when the trailer is being towed without a glider in it, there must continue to be a download force on the tow coupling. Some ballast may be necessary towards the front of the trailer to achieve this force.

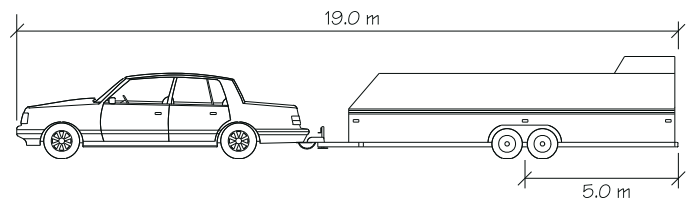


- (3) The width of the load carrying area, or body, of the glider trailer must not exceed 2 metres if the trailer's rear overhang exceeds 3.7 metres.

- (4) The glider trailer must not exceed the following maximum dimensions:



- (5) The overall length of the motor vehicle and glider trailer must not exceed 19 metres.



Glider trailer requirements

The glider trailer must only be used when transporting a glider and any glider accessories associated with gliding, or for empty travel.

Assessing your route

The owner, operator and driver are responsible for planning each journey to ensure that the vehicle crosses bridges and negotiates curves and intersections in a safe manner. Such planning should recognise that some roads and intersections may not be capable of accommodating vehicles at the dimensions in this information bulletin.

Carrying documents

The driver of a vehicle towing a glider trailer with a rear overhang exceeding 3.7 metres must carry a copy of this information bulletin or the relevant notice published in the *Victoria Government Gazette*, in the driving compartment and must produce it when requested by a VicRoads Officer or a Police Officer.

For further information please contact VicRoads' Manager – Statewide Permits by phoning 9881 8852 or visit vicroads.vic.gov.au

