

# Step-by-step guide on how to hook up a trailer:

1. **Position the Vehicle:** Align your vehicle with the trailer. Make sure the trailer is on level ground and the vehicle is straight in front of it.

2. **Lower the Hitch:** Use the trailer jack to lower the hitch onto the ball on your vehicle's hitch receiver. Ensure the hitch coupler is open to fit over the ball. If the trailer has an extendable leg on the jack. Ensure you raise it all the way back up inside the jack. They are normally held in place with a pin and lock pin. Or they will have a spring-loaded pin to hold them in place.

Pin With Lock Pin



Spring Pin



Non-Extendable



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**3. Secure the Hitch:** Once the hitch is on the ball, close the coupler latch. Some trailers have a pin or lock to secure the latch; make sure it's in place.

Trailer hitch is open in the forward position. Hitch locked and pin in place.



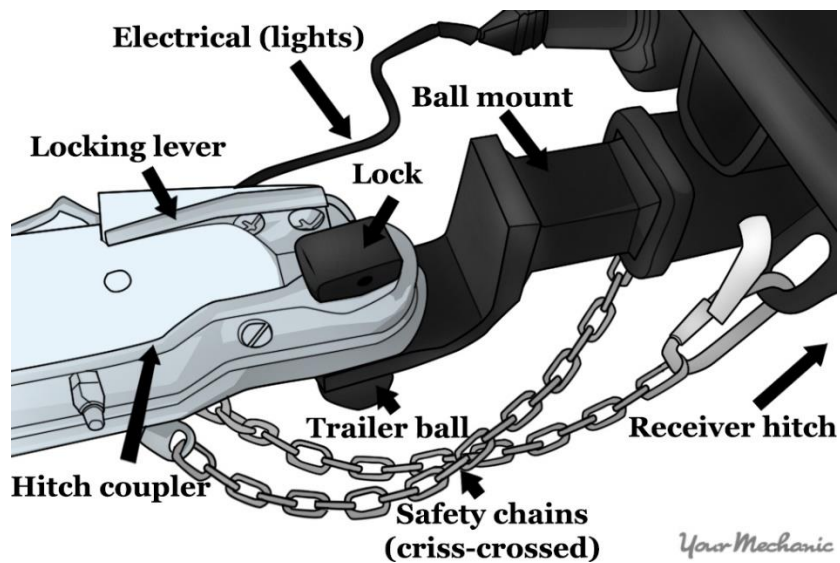
**4. Attach Safety Chains and Brake-away Cord:** Cross the safety chains underneath the hitch and attach them to the vehicle's hitch loops. The crossing of the chains helps catch the tongue if it falls. Attach the trailer brake-away cord to the loops as well, not to the chain. In the event the hitch comes off, it will activate the trailer breaks.



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**5. Connect the Electrical Plug:** Plug the trailer's electrical connector into your vehicle's socket. This connection powers the trailer's lights, signals, and brakes.



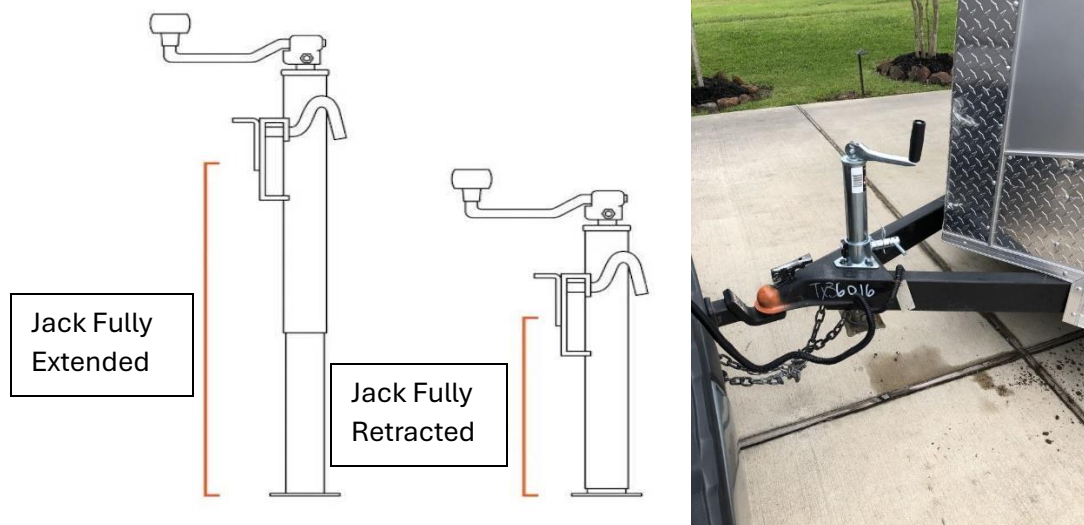
**6. Check Lights and Signals:** Turn on your vehicle headlights to check the trailer running lights. Use left and right turn signals to check the turn signals on the trailer. Then have one person stand behind the trailer and push on the brake to check the trailer brake lights.



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7. **Raise the Jack:** Fully retract the trailer jack so it doesn't drag on the ground while driving.



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8. **Final Check:** Walk around the trailer one last time to ensure everything is secure and properly connected. Remove any wheel chocks around the trailer tires. If you are pulling an enclosed trailer inshore all the doors are closed and latched. If the trailer you are pulling has ramps, ensure they are properly secured by door and pin if they slide in. If they are ramps that fold up on the back make sure they have the safety pins in place top and bottom.

### Safety pin



### Pin and Door

