



How to Avoid Snaking

Snaking occurs for various reasons - from a badly packed car and caravan to buffeting winds and aggressive driving. It can be reduced by fitting a quality stabiliser. However, a stabiliser should never be used to counteract a poor towing combination or bad driving.

A stabiliser device is not a cure for worn steering or suspension components.

Points to remember when towing:

1. Check tyre pressures regularly. Too low a pressure at the rear of the car and caravan can be disastrous.
2. Reduce speed on downhills.
3. Never overtake on a downhill
4. Keep within the nose weight and laden weight limits of your combination.
5. Keep an eye on overtaking vehicles -slipstream effects from large trucks and touring coaches can cause snaking. Keep well to the left of the carriageway and if possible cross over into the yellow line to allow faster moving traffic to pass unhindered. Crossing the yellow line is only permissible on single lane highways. If you feel the car and caravan starting to snake, your instinctive reaction may be to brake hard or accelerate. This is not advisable and is extremely dangerous. The proper course of action is to take your foot off the accelerator and SLOW DOWN by braking gently, and gradually, until full control is regained.

Stabiliser system

The Trapezium stabiliser is a South African design that has proven so successful that it is now sold both in Europe and the UK. The Trapezium works by transferring the towing point from the rear of the car to closer to the middle of the vehicle's axle. Apart from sedating snaking



it also takes out the sudden wind buffeting that is encountered when passing a heavy vehicle that is approaching from the opposite direction.

In Europe the use of a stabiliser is considered essential. The Trapezium stabiliser is considered the best available. You can even order your caravan straight from the factory with a stabiliser fitted, as you would order a vehicle with ABS brakes fitted.