

Trailer Wish List

There are many things to consider before you rush out and buy that “new-to-you” trailer, whether brand new or used. Take the time to sit down and think—really think—about what you want (and what you *really, really want!*), what you need, what you can afford, and most importantly, **WHAT YOUR HORSE WANTS AND NEEDS.**

This list can help you narrow down your choices before you go shopping, so you know what you are looking for. For some of these, you may already know the answer, for others you may not. Make notes on each before you go. Some considerations may include:

Budget Range? _____ to _____

Tow Vehicle?

Already have _____

Towing Capacity (GVWR) _____

Want to buy _____

New? _____

Used? _____

Budget Range _____ to _____

New or Used Trailer?

New _____

Used _____

How many horses will you usually be hauling?

Minimum _____

Maximum _____

Consider the size of your horse(s) too!

Type of trailer?

Gooseneck _____

Tag-along _____

Stock trailer _____

Living Quarters?

Yes _____

No _____

Maybe _____

Tack Room?

Yes _____

No _____

Maybe _____

Saddle Racks?

Yes _____

No _____

Maybe _____

Load Type?

Slant Load _____

Straight Load _____

Forward Face _____

Rear Face _____

Step Up? _____

Ramp? _____

Walk-through? _____

Trailer Construction?

Steel?

Aluminum?

Fibreglass?

Carbon Fibre?

Brakes?

Surge sensing? _____

Accelerometer sensing? _____

Upgrades, and the “Bells and Whistles”

Horse camera system _____

Vehicle auxiliary backup camera system _____

Motorized awnings _____

Hydraulic jacks _____

Floor upgrades _____

Extra ventilation and/or air conditioning _____

Hay racks _____

Portable corral racks _____

Swing out arms for tying horses _____

Battery packs/portable power sources _____

Water tanks _____

Entertainment system _____

For living quarters –

Upgrades to washrooms _____

Slideouts for extra living space _____

Extra Storage _____

Other upgrades _____

When shopping, you of course want to look at all the safety features (brakes – do you want to upgrade later – add to budget; floor construction – wood, aluminum, type of matting; axles and frame; padding, etc.). It is advisable to take someone with you that is familiar with trailers!

Happy Shopping!