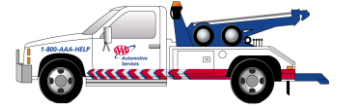




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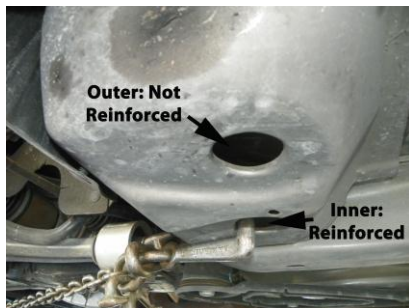


**Vehicle:** 2010-2012 Chevrolet Malibu



**Concern:** Damage to the unibody frame structure if the wrong location is used to pull or secure the vehicle during towing and recovery operations. Please note this updated procedure in all 2010-2012 AAA/CAA Towing & Service Manuals (see update at the bottom of this page).

Although this current body style was released in 2008, only the 2010-2012 models **do not** have "T" hole slots in the unibody frame sections. 2010-2012 Chevrolet Malibus have round holes cut into the unibody instead. Although these holes have an inward rolled edge, only the inboard front holes have a reinforced second layer of steel. If the front outboard or rear frame section holes are used during a substantial pull such as performing a recovery or when tightening tie-down devices, these holes can be elongated and damage the unibody structure, resulting in a costly damage repair.



Inner hole can be used for loading if all wheels roll freely



Do not use outer hole for loading



Outer hole damaged during tie down

The preferred method for recovering or loading these vehicles is the use of nylon straps around the lower control arms on the front or through the upper rear suspension mount on the rear of the vehicle. **Once loaded, the vehicle should be secured with nylon wheel straps to prevent damage.**



Front



Left Rear

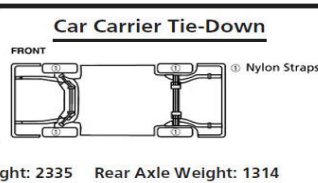


Right Rear

**Chevrolet Malibu 2010-2012**

**FWD**

Curb Weight: 3649 Front Axle Weight: 2335 Rear Axle Weight: 1314



TOW LIMITS	TRANS	MPH	MILES
Front	Auto	50	UNLTD
	Manual	N/A	N/A
Rear	Auto	0	0
	Manual	N/A	N/A

**Examples**

**CAUTION**

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