

The HUMMER H2

This new SUV product offering from General Motors is slightly larger than a Cadillac Escalade. Due to the product's size and newness to the market, this information is being provided as a courtesy to the towing community.

Towing Requirements

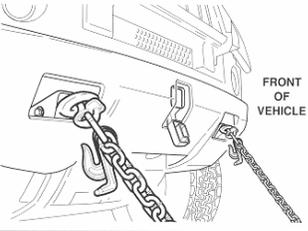
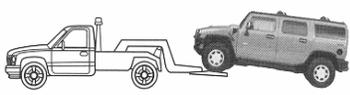
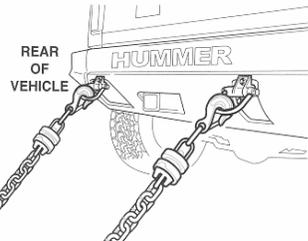
The HUMMER H2 model does not require a flatbed. **The H2 can be towed from either the front or the back with the transfer case in 'N' (Neutral) and the transmission in 'P' (Park) as directed in the graphic below.** The GVWR of the H2 is 8,600lbs, and the Base Curb Weight is 6,400lbs. According to the TRAA (Towing and Recovery Association of America) and the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) standards, all vehicles with a GVWR up to 10,000lbs are considered light duty. However, since tow trucks are not made to a particular standard, we recognize that in some situations a medium duty truck may be necessary to complete the tow of the H2.

This vehicle is equipped with a "Shift Lock Release" system. If the vehicle has a dead battery and must be towed, there is a shift lock release lever that will allow you to move the shift lever out of PARK (P).

To access the shift lock release lever, do the following:

1. Pull up on the sides of the bezel around the shift lever to release the bezel.
2. Pull up the rear of the bezel around the shift lever and you will see an orange lever.
3. Press the orange lever down and move the shift lever out of PARK (P).
4. Snap the bezel back in place.

The following illustration for towing the HUMMER H2 4X4 is used with permission from the 2003 GM Towing Manual:

HUMMER H1/H2 4X4		
<p>Front</p> <p>Refer to Notices on pages 28-29.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove or secure loads in the towed vehicle.• Never put chains, cables or straps on any steering components.• Do not exceed towing manufacturers equipment ratings.	<p>Once the towed vehicle is loaded, set the parking brake, shift the transmission into Park (P) and install the vehicle tie downs, as shown.</p> 	<p>TRANSFER CASE IN N (NEUTRAL) TRANSMISSION IN P (PARK)</p> 
<p>Rear</p> <p>Refer to Notices on pages 28-29.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove or secure loads in the towed vehicle.• Never put chains, cables or straps on any steering components.• Do not exceed towing manufacturers equipment ratings.	<p>Once the towed vehicle is loaded, set the parking brake, shift the transmission into Park (P) and install the vehicle tie downs, as shown.</p> 	<p>TRANSFER CASE IN N (NEUTRAL) TRANSMISSION IN P (PARK)</p> 
<p>130</p>		<p>FOUR WHEEL DRIVE</p>
<p>carrier towing</p>		<p>wheel lift towing</p>

According to the literature from GM, the transfer case is electronically controlled which means to shift it into a neutral position, electrical power is required. **A “self-leveling” rear air suspension is an available option on the 2003 Hummer H2.** Our **recommendation** is that if the transfer case position cannot be verified, transport the vehicle with all wheels off the ground using a wheel lift and a towing dolly or a flat bed tow truck. When using a flat bed tow truck, the ignition should be switched off once the vehicle is loaded, or wheel strap tie downs should be used to prevent damage to the “self leveling” rear air suspension.

The following are some general towing guidelines referred to in the diagram above from pages 28 – 29 of the GM Towing Manual:

Towing Recommendations and Guidelines

The following notices describe precautions necessary to prevent damage to towed vehicles. Refer and adhere to these notices whenever towing a GM vehicle. In addition to the general notices below, individual vehicles may require additional precautions due to the vehicle’s design, equipment, or other unique features. These vehicle-specific notices are included on the appropriate vehicle page. They should be adhered to in addition to the notices below. The following pages also contain guidelines for vehicle content features that affect towing. These should also be adhered to, as applicable, in addition to all applicable notices. **Failure to follow these notices and guidelines may result in damage to the customer’s vehicle.**

These instructions apply to vehicles with standard equipment only. Any optional equipment such as campers, special bodies, front mounted spare tires, trailer hitches, etc. must be given due consideration.

Front Tow Notices

NOTICE: Towing on a vehicle’s drive wheels should be avoided, if possible. When towing on the drive wheels, maximum speed and distance limitations must be adhered to and/or a towing dolly may need to be used.

NOTICE: When towing most AWD vehicles, a towing dolly must be used on the ground wheels or vehicle damage will occur.

NOTICE: Do not tow with sling-type equipment or fascia/fog lamp damage will occur. Use wheel-lift or carrier equipment. Additional ramping may be required for car-carrier equipment. Use safety chains and wheel straps.

NOTICE: Towing a vehicle over rough surfaces could damage the vehicle. Damage can occur from vehicle-to-ground or vehicle-to-wheel-lift equipment contact. To help avoid damage, install a towing dolly and raise vehicle until adequate clearance is obtained between the ground and/or wheel-lift equipment.

NOTICE: Do not attach winch cables or J-hooks to suspension components when using carrier equipment. Always use T-hooks inserted in the shipping slots.

Rear Tow Notices

NOTICE: Towing on a vehicle’s drive wheels should be avoided, if possible. When towing on the drive wheels, maximum speed and distance limitations must be adhered to and/or a towing dolly may need to be used.

NOTICE: When towing most AWD vehicles, a towing dolly must be used on the ground wheels or vehicle damage will occur.

NOTICE: Do not tow with sling-type equipment or the rear bumper valance will be damaged. Use wheel-lift or carrier equipment. Additional ramping may be required for carrier equipment. Use safety chains and wheel straps.

NOTICE: Towing a vehicle over rough surfaces could damage the vehicle. Damage can occur from vehicle-to-ground or vehicle-to-wheel-lift equipment contact. Install the towing dolly and raise the vehicle until adequate clearance is obtained between the ground and/or wheel-lift equipment contact.

NOTICE: Do not attach winch cables or J-hooks to suspension components when using carrier equipment. Always use T-hooks inserted in the shipping slots.

NOTICE: Wheel-lift towing pickup trucks models from the rear while loaded with heavy cargo may cause the frame side rails to flex sufficiently, allowing the pickup box to contact the cab and possibly causing damage to the cab and/or box.

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