

STOP Toad Brakes



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As I mentioned in the August 2018 issue of Bus Conversion Magazine, if you drive a bus, it is nice to have a toad (tow vehicle) so once you arrive at your destination to have something smaller to run around to see the sights and go shopping. In that article I discussed the advantages and disadvantages of using a toad wheels down, trailer, and using a tow dolly.

If you carry your toad in an enclosed trailer or on a flat-bed type of trailer, then you should have a supplemental braking system on your trailer that is sufficient to stop your trailer when you apply the bus brakes. Personally I chose to tow my Jeep wheels down as it is difficult to store a trailer in some of the RV parks I stay in. Also because I am a full-timer I have no place to store a trailer when I am not using it.

I chose a Roadmaster Nighthawk tow bar because I liked the ruggedness and simplicity and the fact that it has LED lights so it can be seen at night as well. I also liked the ability to hook it up and unhook it very quickly. So far, I have traveled over 10,000 miles without incident. This article will be about the supplemental braking system I chose for my Jeep toad.

The laws on toad brakes vary between states. Some states require a supplemental braking system for all



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