



BUS CHAT



Uh Oh...There went the toad

Post by: bronson

Someone left their new toad in 4-wheel drive low. Engine estimated at over 50,000 RPM.

<https://www.thedrive.com/news/39794/rv-driver-annihilates-their-new-jeep-wrangler-by-flat-towing-it-in-4-low>

Post by: Bill Gerrie

That will sure hurt. A friend of mine lost his VW engine when the transmission dropped into gear while towing. I guess he was lucky to get away with only a \$10,000 repair bill.

Post by: luvrbus

Had a Sidekick pop into gear while towing back in 2000 @ 65 mph. There was so much damage I gave it to the tow truck driver.

Post by: blue_goose

One of the SE Busnuts left his VW in gear and the insurance company paid for the damage.

Post by: dtcerrato

Now these are horror stories we hope we never have to experience. Since 1973 we have towed eight different makes of toads; 1/2 automatic transmissions and so far, so good.

Post by: luvrbus

I don't see an automatic popping in gear. I never put our Jeep in 1st gear. It was always in 4th

towing so if it did pop in gear the engine would not be turning high RPMs. Once was enough for me.

Post by: Utahclaimjumper

I used to tow my air-cooled VW with the keys in the ignition to keep the steering lock pin disengaged. Well, it engaged one time and I caught it 80 miles later with major wear on the front tires. Since then, I use the ignition key only, instead of the whole ring of keys.

Post by: dtcerrato

Probably our safest tows were those requiring drive shaft disconnect. We had to do that on a 1971 F250 and had a Judson drive shaft disconnect on our automatic 91 Explorer. Our worst towing event was when the front bearing pack went out on our 05 Sierra & wiped out the tire, rim, and whole front corner dragging it that way on back roads through Alabama at night.

