

BUS CHAT



MC-9 Towing

Post by: hogi6123

If I have a hitch built for my MC-9, will it safely handle towing a large 15000 lb. box trailer? (8V-92T engine and HT740 Allison Transmission). I don't see any real rust on the frame in the back.

I have concerns about the weight breaking the frame of the bus. I'm leaning towards selling the bus and buying a large truck so I can tow the trailer.

Post by: buswarrior

FWIW, the rear of an MC-9 wasn't intended for towing a big trailer. Lots have boldly gone ahead and done it, few of them seem to be around to brag about it, as the years go by. Yes, a truck chassis would be a better choice for longevity at 15k lb. weight load.

Post by: plyonsMC9

Agree with buswarrior. If I remember correctly the MC-9 has an engine cradle you'd mount the hitch to, and the tongue weights it supports are amazingly small. Rolling weight is a little better. Sorry no exact numbers, it's been a while since I looked into it for ours. I think I've seen the numbers posted on our Forum about this before that you can search.

Post by: hogi6123

Thanks, that's helpful. I didn't know MCI might have actually published tow ratings. There are devices that have wheels to take the tongue weight but I don't have any experience with those and not sure I want to try them.

Post by: buswarrior

<http://Trailerload.com>

Those that have them, say good things about them. FWIW, there have been no mentions of disaster on the bus boards, and you can be sure someone would put a link, if there was.

Post by: lvmci7070

Here's what Clifford, Mike and I discovered after taking the engine out, almost all of my C3 8V92 angle truss tubes had broken bottom welds, and two of the square vertical tubes had broken welds on the truss support for the engine sled motor mount.

