

I have had a couple of people point out to me that the TJ manual seems to warn against using a tow dolly for towing a TJ.

Under "Recreational Towing (Behind a Motor Home etc.)" on page 232 of my manual says:

"CAUTION!

Internal damage to the transfer case will occur if a front or rear wheel lift is used when recreational towing."

I was skeptical of this warning and discussed it with 2 very knowledgeable people, Roger Daniel of Roger Daniel Brake and Alignment and Jeff Sugg of Mechanically Inclined Technicians (M.I.T.)

Neither Roger nor Jeff believe there is any danger to the transfer case when towing with the front wheels off the ground. There is a pump that lubricates the rear portion of the transfer case when the rear wheels turn and the front is not turning when the front wheels are off the ground.

Jeff pointed out that people have been doing hub conversions on TJs for years without problem. When converted to manual locking hubs the front axles and drive shaft do not turn if the hubs are turned out, just as if the wheels were off the ground on a tow dolly.

Roger Daniel contacted a Jeep Service person and they could not explain why there would be a problem with the front wheels off the ground. He basically said if the manual says not to do it, you should not do it. If you read the manual carefully the only "Recommended" method to tow a TJ is on a trailer with all 4 wheels off the ground. We all know of lots of people who flat tow TJs without problems.

It appears to me that the manual is either in error or overly careful in their recommendations.

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