Want to be a pro?

Follow these safe steps to hook or unhook your trailer.

Know what style of 5th-wheel you’re using—especially when using rental equipment.

If appropriate, use a pull rod or chain, but don’t force it. Some 5th-wheel releases have locks.

Use upper arm muscles rather than the shoulder joint for pulling the 5th-wheel release.

Make sure landing gear crank is in neutral before dropping the trailer to prevent binding.

Have feet shoulder-width apart before engaging the landing gear crank.

Use the correct gear speed.

Avoid getting struck by a spinning crank.

Tips you can trust from America’s Road Team Captain, Keith Johnson.

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