

Load Restraint Guide summary

For light vehicles

The Load Restraint Guide for Light Vehicles is designed to help you safely restrain loads on your light vehicle.

For more information you can contact the Transport Regulatory Authority in your State or Territory. Contact details are available in the **Load Restraint Guide for Light Vehicles** on the NTC website – ntc.gov.au/load-restraint-guide.

This is a guide only. You can meet load restraint requirements in another way, however you must be able to demonstrate that your method complies with the law.

What is a light vehicle?

A light vehicle is any car, ute, van, truck or trailer (including a combination) that has a gross vehicle mass up to 4.5 tonnes.



Rules on load restraint

You **must** restrain any load you are carrying on a light vehicle so that it:



Stays on the vehicle during normal driving conditions - this includes heavy braking, cornering, acceleration and even minor collisions.



Doesn't protrude from the vehicle in a way that could injure people, damage property or obstruct other' paths.

Requirements

The **Performance Standards** set out the minimum amount of force a restraint system must be able to withstand in each direction. These are:

80%

Of the weight of the load forwards

50%

Of the weight of the load sideways and rearwards

20%

Of the weight of the load upwards (if the load isn't fully contained)



Doesn't negatively affect the stability of the vehicle, making it difficult or unsafe to drive.

You must pick up any fallen load if it is safe to do so, or arrange for someone to retrieve it.