



## SUFFOLK CENTRE

### TIPS AND IDEAS



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#### Safety - Watch your Nose-weight !

A good number of 4X4 vehicles and larger cars have nose-weight limits published that exceed 100Kg. As an example, the Land Rover Freelander has a specified nose-weight maximum limit of 140Kg.

Keen to exploit the limits available, the temptation is to pack the maximum possible into your caravans front gas locker in the knowledge that a high nose-weight will normally give you the most stable of towing conditions.



What can often be forgotten however, is the nose-weight (or nose load) limits that apply to your caravans hitch /stabiliser assembly. For all AL-KO assemblies the maximum limit is 100Kg\*\* and it is this figure that should be used for the maximum nose-weight irrespective of any higher limit your vehicle may have.

For non AL-KO assemblies i.e. Winterhoff – please refer to your caravan handbook or manufacturers specification sheets for maximum nose-weight limits.

(\*\* Figure confirmed by AL-KO 13/5/2005)