

Stebby's Garage Inc.

Repair ▪ Towing

Required items for changing the GVW rating of a trailer

-Must meet all regulations listed in Subchapter G of vehicle code

****A link to PA code book is on enhanced inspection page*

- **If wanting to increase the GVWR**
 - The trailer needs to be strengthened to handle the increased rating
 - “Explication Sheet” explaining what was done to the trailer to allow the GVWR to be raised.
- **If wanting to decrease the GVWR**
 - The trailer needs to have something physically done that makes it unable to handle the weight it was designed for. (examples are installing lower rated axles, installing tires rated at a lower rating than the current trailer rating, etc.)
 - “Explication Sheet” explaining what was done to the trailer to require the GVWR to be lowered.
- **Replacement trailer spec plate needs to be acquired by a NHTSA certified manufacturer** *(typically manufactures will not do this unless it is a trailer they manufactured, manufactures that are known to do it for their own built trailers are, Kodiak Trailers of Martindale PA and Kauffman Trailers of Davidson County, North Carolina)*
- **Copy of receipts for all items used to increase/decrease GVWR**
- **Unladen weight slip** *(for an additional fee, we can weigh trailer and complete a certified weight slip, or you can have trailer weighed at a quarry or other certified scales that can issue a signed weight slip from a weigh master)*