TRAILER TRAINING

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Trailer Training - Contents

- Trailer Anatomy
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- Killer Tips & Tricks

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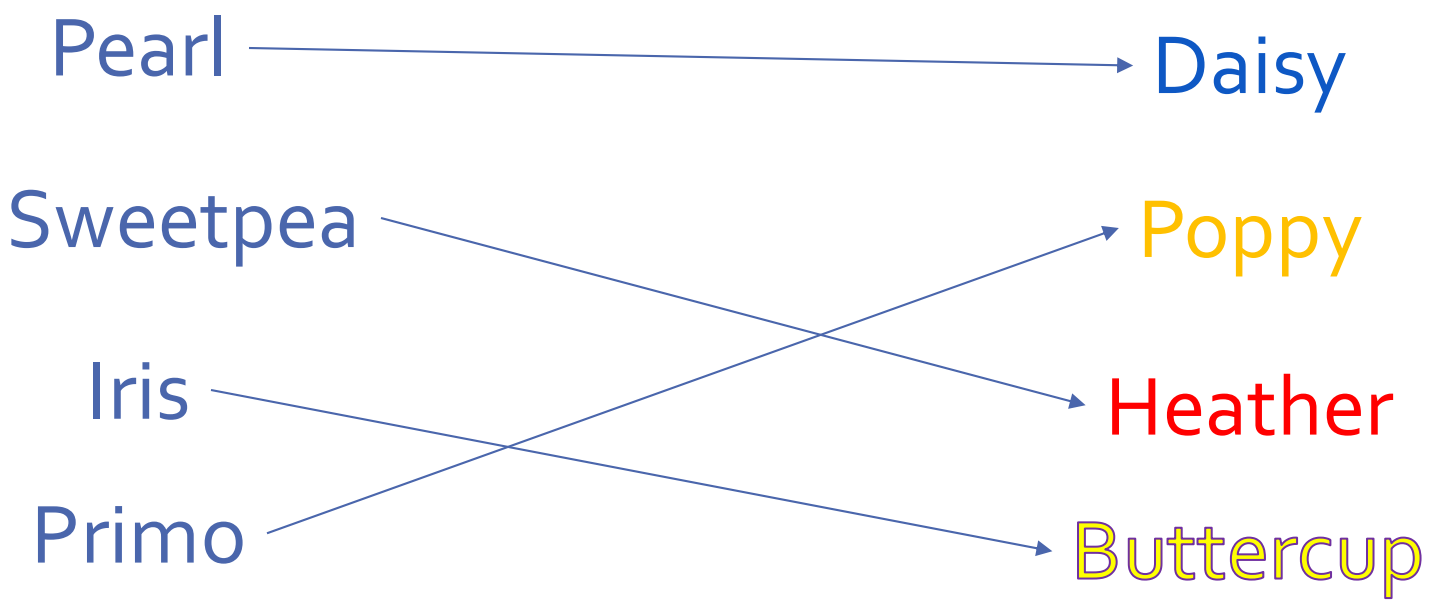
POP QUIZ!

Can You Name All 4 Trailers?

Can You Match Truck & Trailer?



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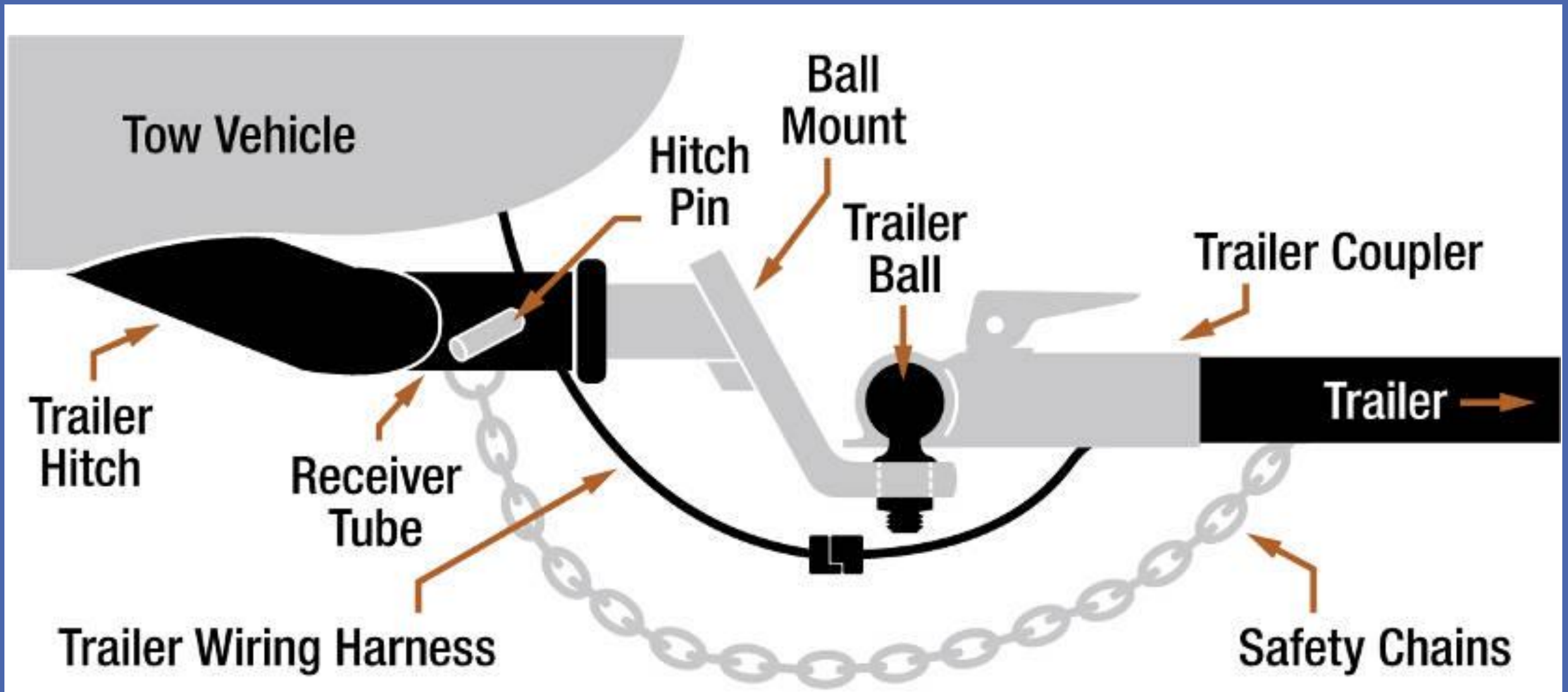

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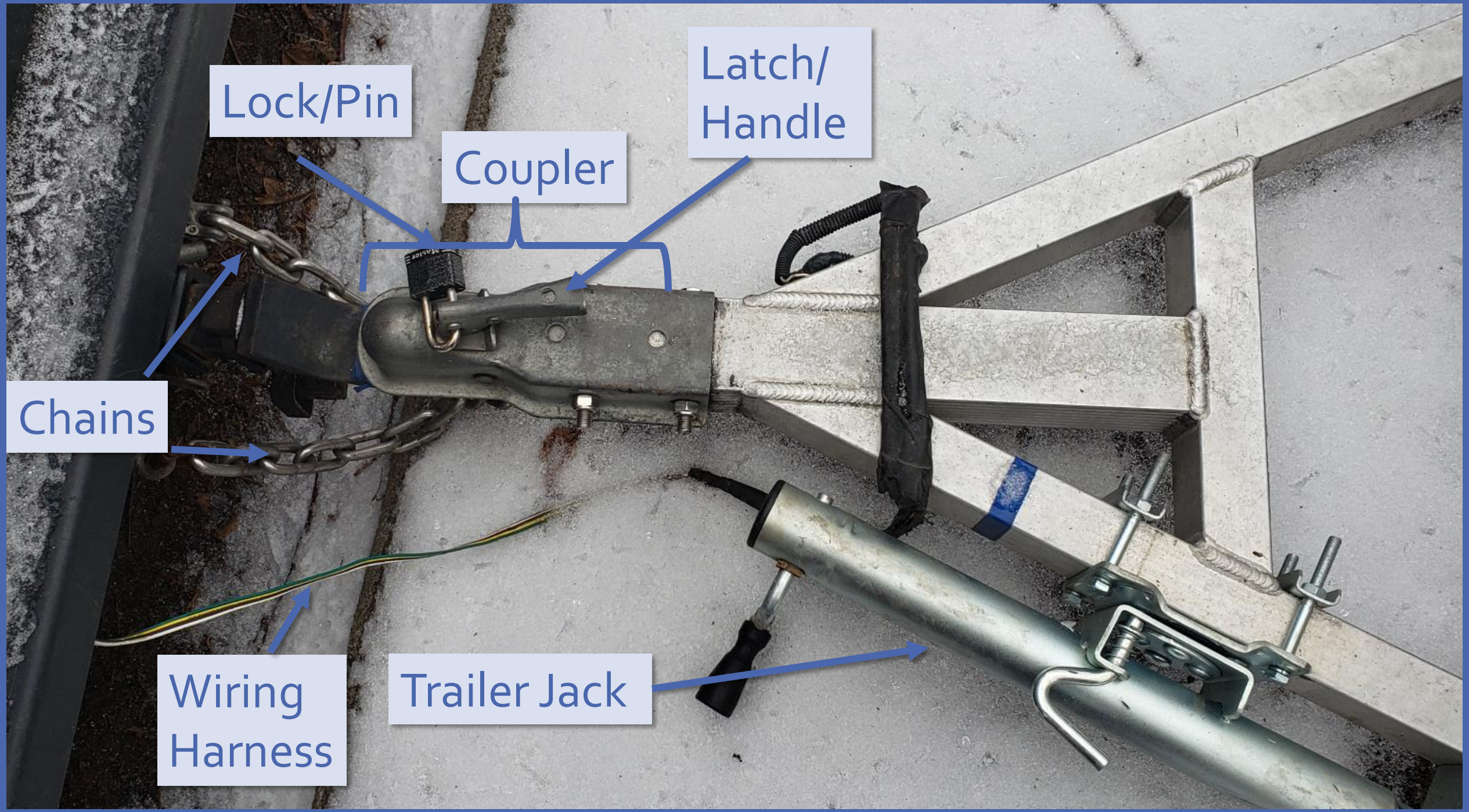
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Coupler
Latch/
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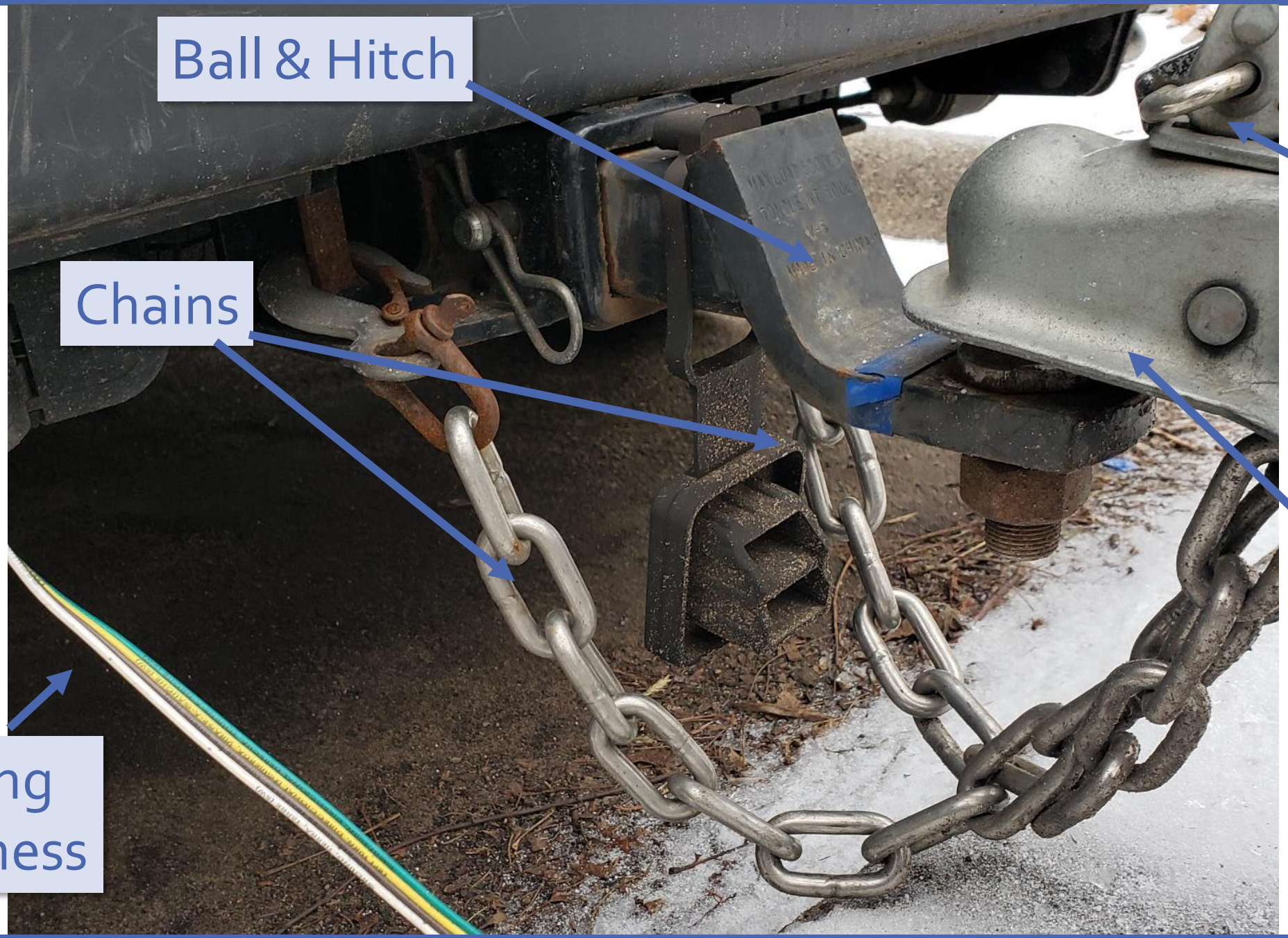
Chains
Wiring
Harness
Trailer Jack



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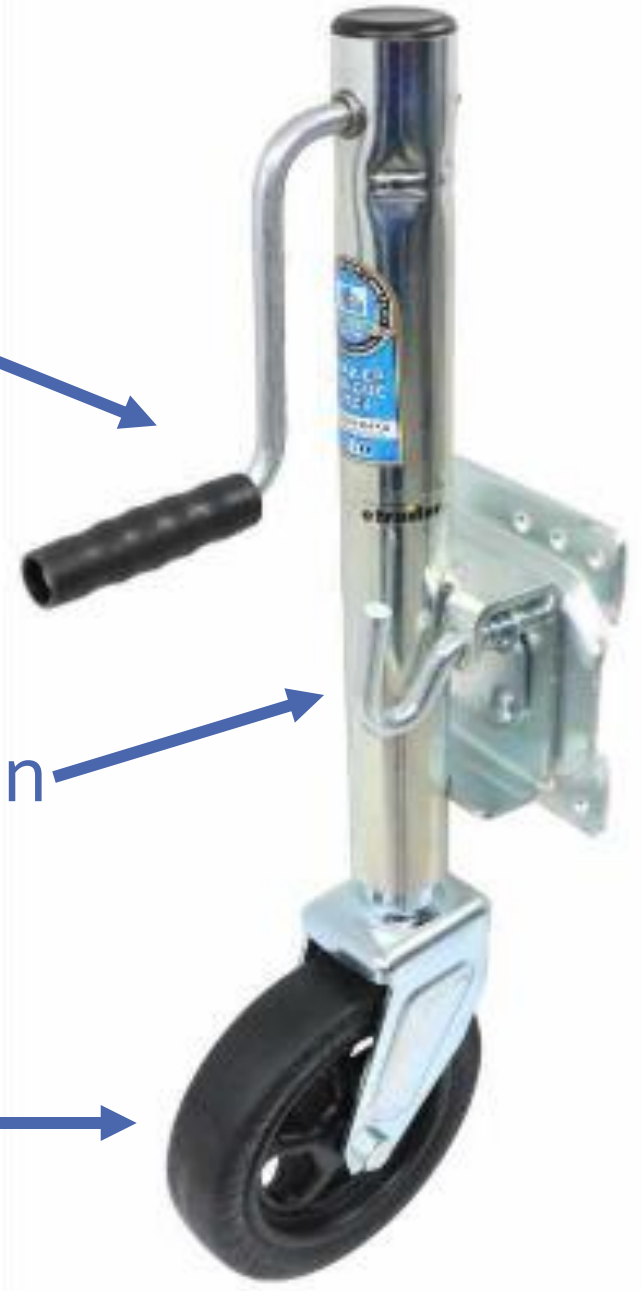
Trailer Anatomy – Trailer Jack

- Used to raise and lower the trailer so that is can be hitched and unhitched
- Holds the front end of the trailer up when not hitched
- Allows for movement of the trailer when not hitched



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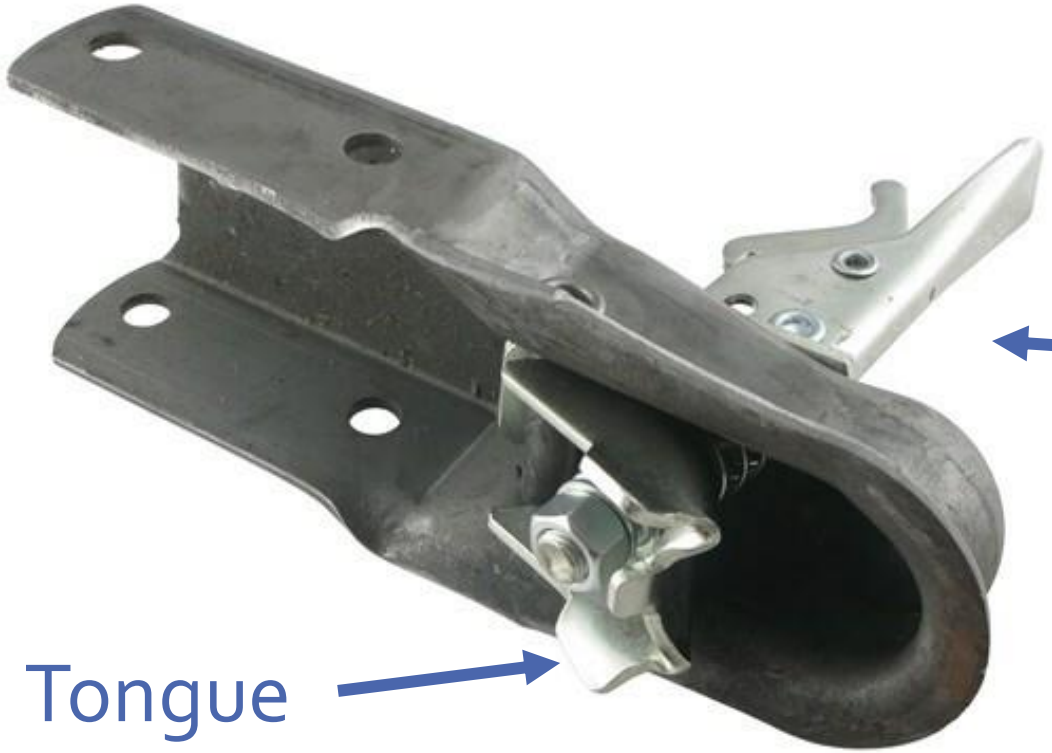
Trailer Anatomy - Coupler



Tongue

Latch

Trailer Pin

Trailer Lock

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Trailer Anatomy – Wiring Harness

- The Wiring Harness is the most fragile part of the trailer.
- Connecting the trailer electrical system to the truck is essential to safely operating the trailer each day.
- If trailer lights do not illuminate, this is the first place to check.
  - Disconnect, reconnect.
  - Clear debris with Qtip, reconnect.
  - Add dialectic grease, reconnect.

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Truck Anatomy - Hitch

- Ball attaches to the truck via the Hitch Receiver
- Trailer Coupler fits over the Ball, Trailer Tongue secures under the ball by closing the Latch.
- Latch is secured in place with Trailer Pin or Trailer Lock.

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HITCHING

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Hitch Procedure

Unlock	Unlock trailer latch and lift up
Position	Position trailer coupler over truck ball & hitch
Lower	Lower coupler over ball using the support wheel crank
Pull	When wheel starts to spin, pull the pin on the wheel and lock it parallel to the trailer

Starting Position

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Hitch Procedure

Secure	Close the latch. Metal tongue should hook under ball to secure tailer. Lock in place.
Chains	Cross the chains and hook them to the truck.
Connect	Connect wires from trailer to wiring harness on truck.
Confirm	Inspect all connection points for discrepancies. Ensure lights work.

Ending Position

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UNHITCHING

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Unhitch Procedure

Park	Ensure truck is parked.
Disconnect	Disconnect wires from trailer to wiring harness on truck.
Chains	Unhook the chains from the truck. Cross over trailer coupler.
Unlock	Unlock trailer latch and lift up.

Starting Position

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Unhitch Procedure

Pull	Pull the pin on the support wheel and lock it in place, perpendicular to trailer.
Lift	Turn support wheel crank to lift the trailer off the ball & hitch.
Position	Move trailer away from truck to a safe, out-of-the-way location.
Secure	Close latch and lock in place. Place chocks behind wheels.

Ending Position

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KILLER TIPS & TRICKS

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Killer Tips & Tricks

- Never pay attention to where the truck is or who is driving.
- Leave chains uncrossed, or unhooked, because it gives the trailer a cool, edgy appearance.
- Don't double-check the trailer tongue is in place.
- Forget the chocks when a road is "pretty flat".
- Leave the latch unlocked or unsecured—makes it easier to hitch and unhitch the trailer in the future.

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