Wheel Torque Requirements

It is extremely important to apply and maintain proper wheel mounting torque limits on your trailer axle. Use of torque wrenches will ensure proper torque limits are applied to wheel mounting lug nuts. Use no other method to torque wheel lug nuts.

AWARNING

Proper and accurate torque MUST be maintained to prevent wheels from loosening, studs from cracking and/or breaking or other possible hazardous breakage that may result in death, serious personal injury, severe product or property damage.

Make sure wheel fasteners match the cone angle of the wheel (usually 60° or 90°) being serviced. Attach new wheel to the axle hub as follows:

- 1. Start all bolts or nuts by hand to prevent cross-threading.
- 2. Continue to hand-tighten wheel lug nuts in the sequential pattern shown in Figure 20.
- **3.** After wheel lug nuts are fully hand-tightened, torque nuts in stages in the sequential pattern shown in Figure 20.
 - **A.** Torque wheel lug nuts to the torque values listed in the Wheel Torque Requirement Chart.
- **4.** Wheel lug nuts should be torqued before first road use and after each wheel removal.
 - **A.** Check and re-torque wheel lug nuts after 10, 25 and 50 miles. A periodic check during regular service is recommended.

Wheel Torque Requirement Chart				
Wheel Size	Stud Size	Torque Sequence		
		1st Stage	2nd Stage	3rd Stage
14"	1/2"	20-25 ft-lbs	50-60 ft-lbs	90-120 ft-lbs
15"	1/2"	20-25 ft-lbs	50-60 ft-lbs	90-120 ft-lbs
16"	1/2"	20-25 ft-lbs	50-60 ft-lbs	90-120 ft-lbs
16.5″	1/2"	20-25 ft-lbs	50-60 ft-lbs	90-120 ft-lbs
14.5" Demount	1/2"	Tighten sequentially to 85-95 ft-lbs		
16"	9/16"	20-25 ft-lbs	60-70 ft-lbs	120-130 ft-lbs
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16" Dual and 17.5" Cone Nut	5/8″	50-60 ft-lbs	100-120 ft-lbs	190-210 ft-lbs
16" Dual and 17.5" Flange Nut	5/8"	50-60 ft-lbs	150-200 ft-lbs	275-325 ft-lbs
17.5" Dual Flange Nut	M22	50-100 ft-lbs	250-300 ft-lbs	450-500 ft-lbs

