

**Wheels:** An e-mail says, “We are thinking of purchasing a SUV with a towing capacity of around 7000 lbs. We now have a Jeep Grand Cherokee with almost 160,000 miles on it and want to replace it. We have also considered a truck with that capacity. We want a comfortable ride for longer distances. We would be pulling a small Airstream trailer. Do you have any suggestions as to which one of the SUVs or trucks would be a better choice?”

**Halderman:** That is a good question and it is a very personal choice to make. I tend to agree with consumer magazines when it comes to recommended and not recommended vehicles. You can see the annual automotive buyer’s guide at any library. I would avoid purchasing a vehicle that is listed as “not recommended”. Using this as a guide, I would suggest you go visit local dealers and tell them that you wish to pull a 7,000 lb. trailer and ask them what they would recommend. I would definitely make sure that it was equipped with a trailer towing package that should include the wiring harness and transmission cooler. Good luck. I am sure you will find a vehicle that meets your needs.

