

3/4-ton vs 1-ton / Buy by ratings, not by badge

REAL-TRUCK COMPARISON

Bring this page to the dealer. Record the actual labels of two trucks.

"3/4 ton" and "1 ton" are historical names - not literal payload limits.

Missing data = UNVERIFIED. Do not estimate a safety rating.

01 VEHICLE IDENTITY AND CERTIFIED RATINGS

	3/4 TON - A	1 TON - B
VIN / model year / badge		
Engine, cab, bed, axle / drive		
Tires / SRW or DRW / tow equipment		
Actual door-label payload (lb)		
GVWR (lb)		
Rear GAWR (lb)		
GCWR (lb)		
Exact-config tow rating (lb)		
Hitch and pin/tongue rating (lb)		

02 CALCULATE PLANNED TRUCK-BORNE LOAD

Use the same expected trip and cargo for BOTH vehicles.

	3/4 TON - A	1 TON - B
People (lb)		
Tools, cargo, bed load (lb)		
Accessories not reflected in label (lb)		
Measured tongue OR fifth-wheel pin load (lb)		
Other truck-borne weight (lb)		

PLANNED LOAD TOTAL (lb)

Truck A: actual payload minus planned load =

Truck B: actual payload minus planned load =

Positive does not mean approved: check loaded rear axle, GVWR, GCWR and hitch.

Costs, verification and decision / Keep this page with the listing

OWNERSHIP AND SAFETY

Record actual quotes or mark an estimate as provisional.

03 TOTAL OWNERSHIP - TWO ACTUAL OFFERS

	3/4 TON - A	1 TON - B
Out-the-door purchase price (\$)		
New equipment / hitch installation (\$)		
Annual insurance quote (\$)		
Annual registration / taxes (\$)		
Annual estimated fuel (\$)		
Annual tires / maintenance (\$)		
Planned ownership duration (years)		
Evidence-based resale estimate (\$)		

04 MUST VERIFY BEFORE TOWING OR HAULING

- ☐ Manufacturer labels belong to the exact VIN and are legible
- ☐ Actual loaded truck GVWR and rear-axle weight are within ratings
- ☐ Tires, hitch, receiver, trailer and GCWR are separately checked
- ☐ Tow figures match engine, axle, body and factory equipment
- ☐ Accessories / trailer load were not counted twice or missed
- ☐ Correct brake equipment and trailer setup are documented
- ☐ Used-truck modifications and service needs are inspected

05 YOUR DECISION

Preferred VIN / truck and reason:

What remains unverified?

PLANNING TOOL - NOT A TOWING CERTIFICATE

A remaining payload balance alone cannot confirm that a truck can tow.
Check real scale weights, the truck, hitch and trailer instructions.