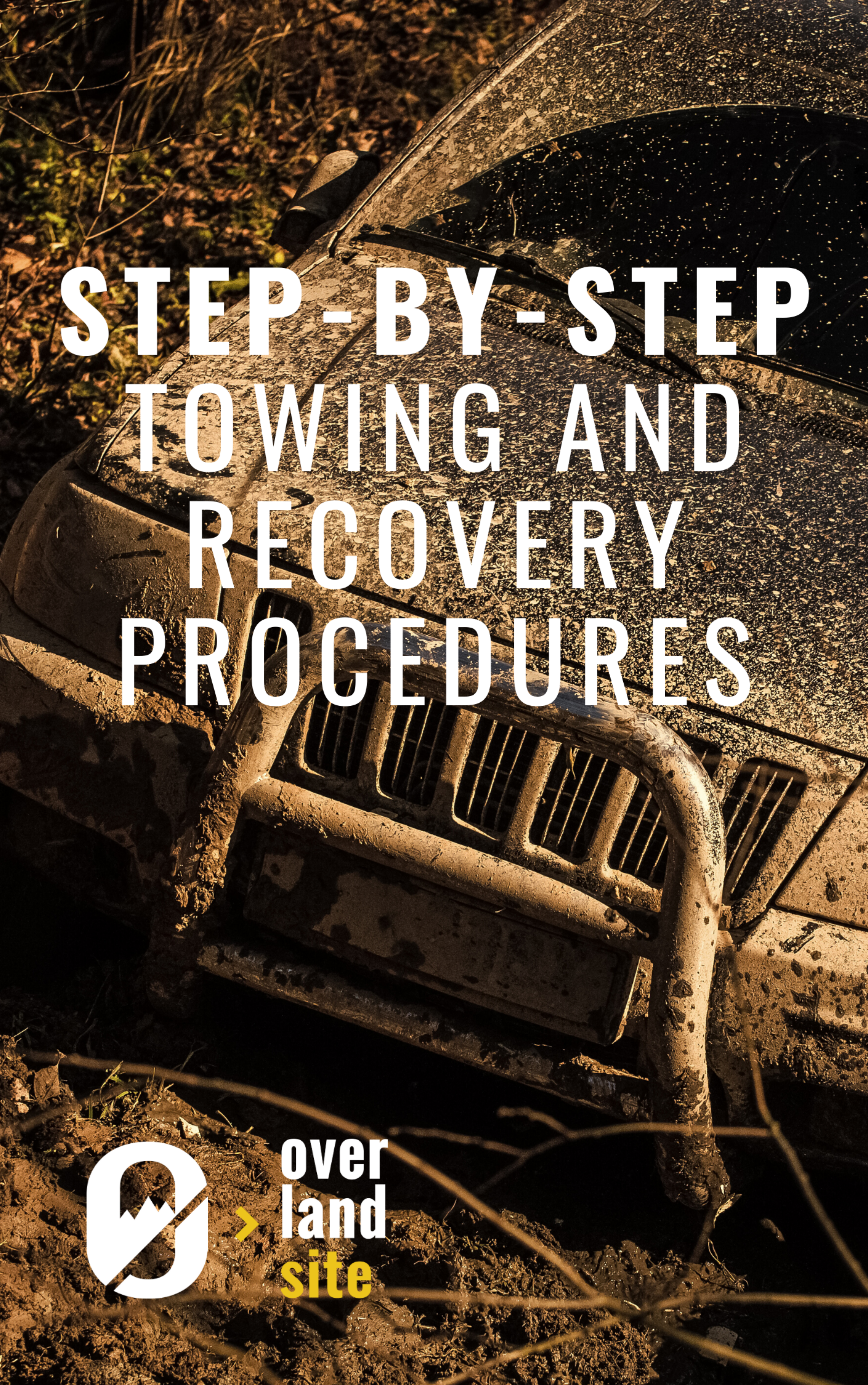




STEP-BY-STEP TOWING AND RECOVERY PROCEDURES



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TOWING PROCEDURE

Step #1

Keep your towing strap in good condition.

Before you hit the road, make sure that your strap is free of damage such as fraying, cuts, or weakened fibers and stitching.

Keep the strap clean between trips, removing any dirt, and letting the strap dry if it becomes wet. Inspect it for damage caused by rocks or other debris on the ground, as well as damage to the hooks or loops caused by the towing points on the vehicles.

Make sure that it is stored away from direct sunlight to avoid UV damage and keep it free from knots or pinches that would weaken the materials over time.

Step #2

Lay the towing strap between the vehicles.

Make sure you have enough strap before connecting it to the vehicles (if not, move the working vehicle closer).

Make sure the strap does not have any knots or kinks in it as you place it on the ground.

Clear the area of any debris that could damage the strap as it is being pulled tight.

Step #3

Attach the towing strap to the vehicle that will be towing.

Refer to the vehicle owner's manual to locate the points you can safely attach the towing strap loops or hooks onto.

Follow the instructions from the strap manufacturer for additional tips for secure attachment and safety.

Step #4

Connect the other end of the towing strap to the vehicle that is being towed.

As mentioned in the previous step, refer to the strap manufacturer instructions for secure and safe placement of the towing strap.

Refer to your vehicle owner's manual to locate the connection points used for towing the vehicle without causing damage or safety concerns.

Step #5

Prepare the vehicles and towing strap for towing.

Place the towed vehicle into neutral gear so that it can be moved once pulling begins.

Slowly pull the towing vehicle forward to remove slack in the towing strap.

Once the strap is tight it will begin to tow the disabled vehicle.

The towed car or truck now needs careful control applied to the brake so that the strap stays as tight as possible to prevent jerking as the vehicles move down the road.

They also need to keep the brake off when possible to reduce the resistance that will cause unnecessary stress on the towing strap while it is in use.

Don't forget to use hazard signals, signs, and make sure to follow any local ordinances that involve towing disabled vehicles.

RECOVERY PROCEDURE

Step #1

Keep your recovery strap in good condition.

Just like with a towing strap, you want to inspect your strap before a trip.

Look for cuts, rips, or damaged fibers that will prevent the nylon from working properly.

Let it dry out if wet and keep it free from dirt and grime.

When preparing for deployment, clear the area from any debris that could cause damage to the strap or that might be flung into the air by the strap's movement.

Store your recovery strap away from sunlight to protect it from UV damage, and avoid knots or kinks that may weaken the nylon fibers.

Step #2

Place the strap between the vehicles. Make sure you have enough to form an "s" shape on the ground between the trucks.

That will allow the person in the stuck truck to know when the strap is about to stretch into position.

Verify that the strap is flat and does not have any knots or kinks in it that can cause problems once it is stretched.

Step #3

Attach the strap to the moving vehicle.

Do not connect to a tow hitch.

Use points on the vehicle designed for the loads experienced during recovery.

Consider connecting to multiple points to lessen the stress on one area.

Refer to both the owner's manual as well as the snatch strap instructions for proper attachment.

Step #4

Connect to the vehicle being recovered.

Follow the procedures listed above.

Refer to the truck owner's manual and the recovery strap instructions for proper attachment.

Step #5

Prepare for vehicle recovery.

The key to using a recovery strap correctly will be to build-up energy in the strap by moving the lead truck forward more aggressively than you would with a towing cable.

You want to make sure that you are still moving forward slowly so you do not cause a sudden jerking motion that could snap the recovery strap.

Use the low gear for greater torque on the lead vehicle, and perhaps one gear higher for the vehicle being recovered.



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