## newproducts

## The EZ Connector

The Crème de la Crème of Trailer Plugs

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he cost, demand and scarcity of in-water dockage are the reasons many of us have trailer boats. We have a ton of cash tied up in what we're trailering, yet most of us rely on cheap pieces of metal, rubber and wire we wouldn't use for a two-slice toaster in our kitchen, to make the connection between the tow vehicle's brakes and directionals, and those of the attached trailer. Fortunately, the people at EZ Connector, a Tulare, California-based outfit apparently gave it some thought and as a result, came up with what is the crème de la crème of trailer plugs.

The genesis of the EZ 7 Pin Universal Heavy Duty Plug (EZ-7PUHD) occurred when Wayne Wiechmann, a crop-duster by trade and an avid offshore fisherman by avocation (and now chief technical officer and co-founder of EZ Connector), got tired of having his lights and electric brakes shorting out on trips to and from Baja. Baja's "smooth" roads and the deep immersions required to get into the water, played havoc with the trailer/truck wiring. The jury-rigged wiring and the long trips to and from home gave Wiechmann the time and impetus to come up with the idea for the EZ Connector.

At \$249, the patented EZ-7PUHD may be the most expensive plug system on the market, but it's also the most unique, beefiest, simplest to use, safest, most corrosion free, no-thought trailer



plug you'll ever encounter. This superlative-laden connection system comes with socket, plug, plug storage socket, and cable for both socket and plug. Big deal, you say? Well, yes it is, and here's why.

The female vehicle socket is comprised of seven stainless steel, springloaded pins in a heavy-duty, fiberglass-filled nylon housing. These, in turn, mate up with the male trailer plug, which has seven matching fixed contacts, also in a heavy-duty housing. The trailer plug has two large Orings on the male portion of the plug that seal out moisture and anything else that wants to get in there, when the plug is inserted into the socket. On top of all this, the plug and socket are magnetic — and I'm not talking about Etch-a-Sketch magnetic. This is more along the lines of an auto graveyard magnet that is so strong that the plug and socket almost automatically lock together when they get near each other.

The package comes with a dummy twin-O-ringed male plug for the trailer-mounted female socket, as well as a dummy female socket for the male plug, both for use when not trailering to keep the plug/socket combos clean and dry. Four feet of heavy-duty cable attached to the male plug and two feet of cable for the female socket are included.

The EZ Connector is backwards compatible with four, five and six pin configurations, the cabling is waterproof, and I believe your trailer will be a pile of rust before this puppy fails.

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