

Method to calculate hight of centre of gravity h_R

Centre high of gravety over the ground for the complete vehicle (unladen, laden) including basically three parts of c.h.o.g. from chassis, body work (frame) and pay load (laden).

This methode might be useful the trailer manufacturer does not indicate the c.h.o.g.

h_1	= h.o.c.o.g. from axles or axle assy. plus tyres, springs etc.	= $R \cdot 1.1$
h_2	= h.o.c.o.g. from frame (laden)	= $(h_6 + h_8) \cdot 0.5$
h_3	= h.o.c.o.g. from payload plus canvas, bows, racks, ramps etc.(laden)	= $0.3 \cdot h_7 + h_6$ ¹⁾
h_4	= h_2 plus spring deflection = Δs (unladen) ²⁾	
h_5	= h.o.c.o.g. from canvas, bows, racks, ramps etc.(unladen) plus spring deflection	= $0.5 \cdot h_7 + h_6 + \Delta s$ ²⁾
h_6	= frame height, top	
h_7	= body dimensions, inside	
h_8	= frame height, bottom	
P	= gross vehicle weight, laden/unladen	
R	= tyre radius	
W_1	= weight of axles or axle assy. plus tyres, springs etc.	= $P \cdot 0.1$ ³⁾
W_2	= weight of chassis (frame), unladen	= $(P_{unl.} - W_1) \cdot 0.8$
W_3	= weight of payload plus canvas, bows, racks, ramps etc.	
W_4	= weight of canvas, bows, racks, ramps etc.	= $(P_{unl.} - W_1) \cdot 0.2$

¹⁾ for unknown payload height to determine the c.h.o.g. ca. 0.3 of the inside dimensions of body can be taken.

²⁾ for vehicles with air suspension : remove „ plus spring deflection“

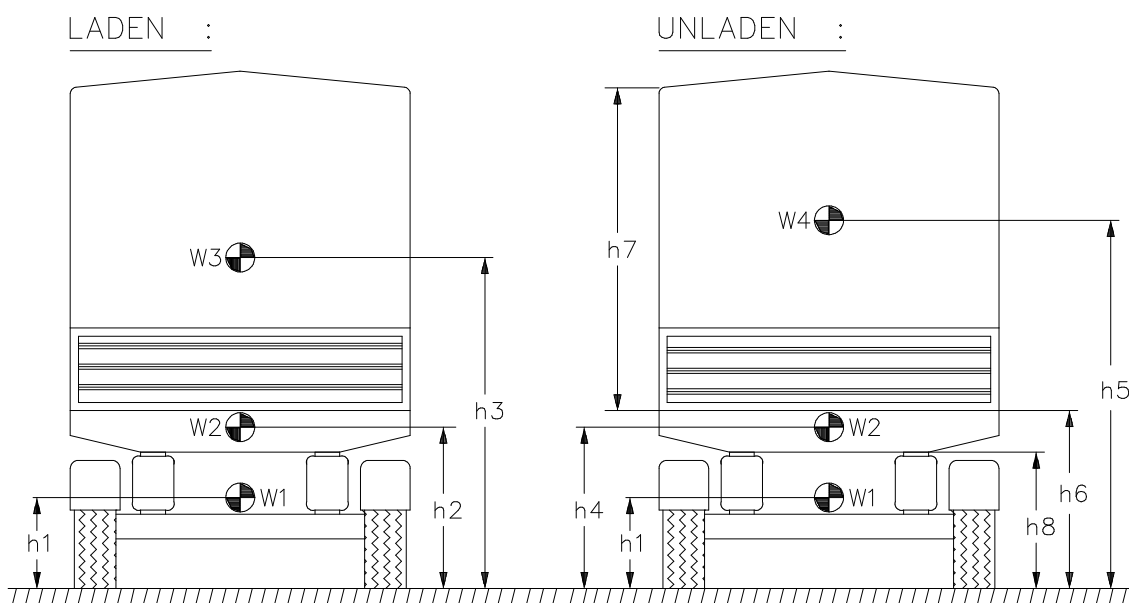
³⁾ for semitrailer take for unsprung mass W_1 : axle assy. load $P_R \cdot 0.1$

LADEN :

$$h_R = \frac{(h_1 \cdot W_1) + (h_2 \cdot W_2) + (h_3 \cdot W_3)}{P_{laden}}$$

UNLADEN :

$$h_{Runl.} = \frac{(h_1 \cdot W_1) + (h_4 \cdot W_2) + (h_5 \cdot W_4)}{P_{unladen}}$$



Example:

Vehicle gross weight, laden	P	=	16000 kg
Vehicle gross weight, unladen	Punl.	=	4000 kg
Tyre radius	R	=	527 mm
Frame height, top	h6	=	900 mm
Frame height, bottom	h8	=	700 mm
Body dimensions, inside	h7	=	2300 mm
Spring deflection (laden/unladen) ²⁾	Δs	=	50 mm

$$h1 = R \cdot 1.1 = 527 \cdot 1.1 = 580 \text{ mm}$$

$$h2 = (h6 + h8) \cdot 0.5 = (900 + 700) \cdot 0.5 = 800 \text{ mm}$$

$$h3 = h7 \cdot 0.3 + h6 = 2300 \cdot 0.3 + 900 = 1590 \text{ mm}$$

$$h4 = h2 + \Delta s = 800 + 50 = 850 \text{ mm}$$

$$h5 = (h7 \cdot 0.5) + h6 + \Delta s = (2300 \cdot 0.5) + 900 + 50 = 2100 \text{ mm}$$

$$W1 = P \cdot 0.1 = 16000 \cdot 0.1 = 1600 \text{ kg}$$

$$W2 = (Punl. - W1) \cdot 0.8 = (4000 - 1600) \cdot 0.8 = 1920 \text{ kg}$$

$$W3 = (P - Punl.) + (Punl. - W1) \cdot 0.2 = (16000 - 4000) + (4000 - 1600) \cdot 0.2 = 12480 \text{ kg}$$

$$W4 = (Punl. - W1) \cdot 0.8 = (4000 - 1600) \cdot 0.8 = 1920 \text{ kg}$$

$$W5 = (Punl. - W1) \cdot 0.2 = (4000 - 1600) \cdot 0.2 = 480 \text{ kg}$$

LADEN:

$$h_R = \frac{(580 \cdot 1600) + (800 \cdot 1920) + (1590 \cdot 12480)}{16000}$$

$$h_R = \underline{\underline{1394 \text{ mm}}}$$

UNLADEN :

$$h_{Runl.} = \frac{(580 \cdot 1600) + (850 \cdot 1920) + (2100 \cdot 480)}{4000}$$

$$h_{Runl.} = \underline{\underline{892 \text{ mm}}}$$