



Ladder-Packed

As I drove down the highway one day, I found myself approaching a shadowy, slow-moving mass of metal in the center lane. Sensing a picture-perfect moment, I asked my passenger to get the camera ready. Sure enough, I was right, and there was just enough time to observe and capture this single shot.

This truck, carrying solid ladders overhead, and a bed that appeared to be filled with roofing shingles, was traveling about 40 mph as other traffic zoomed past at 65 plus. It was rocking back and forth like a Coast Guard cutter in a nor'easter, and appeared ready to founder. It's slow speed nearly caused accidents as faster moving cars darted here and there to avoid rear-ending it.

Some people just don't understand the concept of limits. Regardless of how much horse-power your truck has, there's a limit to just how much you can safely load before it becomes a hazard to you and everyone around you. My humble advice -- if you've got a ton of stuff to haul around, take two trips or rent a trailer ... and if you've got to go slow, take a side road instead of the interstate.