

# Towing

If possible, always tow the car with the front wheels off the ground. The tow truck driver should position wood spacer blocks between the car's frame and his chains and lift straps, to avoid damaging the bumper and the body under it.

Do not use the bumpers to lift the car or to support the car's weight while towing. Check local regulations for towing. A chain may be attached to the hook shown in the picture. Do not attach a tow bar to either bumper.

## **⚠ WARNING**

**DO NOT** push or tow a car to start it. The forward surge when the engine starts could cause a collision. On some types, also, under some conditions, the catalytic converter could be damaged. A car equipped with an automatic transmission cannot be started by pushing or towing.

If the car is to be towed with the front wheels on the ground, observe the following precautions:

### Manual Transmission

Shift the transmission to Neutral and turn the ignition key to the "I" position.

### Automatic Transmission

First, check the automatic transmission fluid level. Start the engine and shift to **[D4]** position, then to **[N]** position. Return the ignition key to the "I" position.

### CAUTION:

- Do not tow with front wheels on the ground when the automatic transmission fluid level is low or the transmission cannot be shifted with the engine running.
- Do not exceed 35 mph (55 km/h) or tow for distances of more than 50 miles (80 km).
- When towing a car with 4WS even with the front wheels off the ground, turn the wheels straight ahead and tie the steering wheel in place.

**TIE DOWN BRACKETS**

