

RV Buying Checklist

General Information

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

RV Type/Class _____ VIN _____

Tag Number _____ Title Number _____

Inspection expires _____ Registration Expires _____

Asking Price _____ Mileage _____

Owner _____ Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ Cell phone () _____

Email _____

Items to Take with you:

This inspection checklist	Notebook and pen
Thirty foot tape measure	Calculator
Flashlight with fresh batteries	Screwdriver with Phillips and flathead tips
Pliers	Small mirror (for hard-to-see areas)
Tire pressure gauge (100 psi range)	Tarp or creeper (for inspecting underside)
Engine coolant test strip or hydrometer	Voltmeter to test charging system

Rubber soled shoes (for better traction on roof)
Work gloves, rags, Handi-Wipes or hand cleaner

Bring additional note paper to list specifics on items, problems, or issues found during the inspection.

Inspection Checklist

Place an "X" on, or circle letters to indicate: G = good, F = fair, P = poor

General appearance	Good	Fair	Poor		
Exterior:					
Walls	Right	Back	Left	Front	
Surface condition	G F P	G F P	G F P	G F P	
Signs of leaks	G F P	G F P	G F P	G F P	
Seals and caulking	G F P	G F P	G F P	G F P	
Trim	G F P	G F P	G F P	G F P	
Doors & screens	G F P	G F P	G F P	G F P	
Windows & screens	G F P	G F P	G F P	G F P	
Vents	G F P	G F P	G F P	G F P	
Hand rails	G F P	G F P	G F P	G F P	
Awning mechanisms	G F P	G F P	G F P	G F P	
Awning canvas	G F P	G F P	G F P	G F P	
Lights	G F P	G F P	G F P	G F P	
Mirrors	G F P	G F P	G F P	G F P	
Steps	G F P	G F P	G F P	G F P	
Power steps work	Y N				
Power awnings work	Y N				
Roof					
Surface condition	G F P	Signs of leaks	G F P		
Corners and edges where walls attach			G F P		
Seals and caulking	G F P	Vents and vent hoods	G F P		
Skylights	G F P	Slide covers (toppers)	G F P		
Air conditioners	G F P	Antennas and satellite dishes	G F P		
Ladder condition and caulking where it attaches			G F P		
Solar panels	G F P				
Underside: Chassis & tires (visual inspection)					
Fluid leaks	Y N	Frame condition	G F P	Welds	G F P
Axles	G F P	Suspension	G F P	Wheels	G F P
Tires: Tread wear	G F P	Sidewalls	G F P	Pressure	G F P
Spare tire:	Y N	G F P			
Plumbing	G F P	Holding tanks (water, waste)		G F P	
Underside flooring & insulation	G F P	Drive shaft		G F P	
Straps holding pipes, hoses, wires & tanks				G F P	
Leveling jacks (landing legs)	G F P	Stabilizing jacks		G F P	
Rear differential	G F P	Boots (enclosing various joints)		G F P	
Brake lines: Any signs of rusting through or leaks				Y N	

OUTSIDE: Storage Compartments

In lower compartments, look up to inspect floor condition Shine flashlight into all openings, inspecting all visible components

Overall condition	G F P	Signs of leaks	Y N
Doors and seals	G F P	Lights work	Y N
Sliding trays	G F P	Locks & latches	G F P

OUTSIDE: Utilities

Batteries (coach & engine)	G F P	Sliding tray operation	G F P
Battery disconnect switch	G F P	Shore power cable	G F P
Fresh water inlet	G F P	Fresh water tank drain valve	G F P
Winterizing connector and valve (antifreeze)	G F P		
Water heater tank drain valve	G F P		
Sewer hose & connectors	G F P		
Sewer hose storage compartment		G F P	
Gray water tank & dump valve	G F P	Black water tank & dump valve	G F P
Black tank pressure wash connector & valve		G F P	
Outside faucet	G F P	Outside shower	G F P
Cable TV connector	G F P	Telephone connector	G F P
Satellite dish connector	G F P		

Generator:

Generator hours	Fluid levels	G F P	Operation	G F P
Noise level	G F P	Exhaust	G F P	

Propane (LP gas)

Propane bottle condition	G F P	Bottle retaining system secure	G F P
Tanks have OPD valves (triangular shape)	Y N	Last certification:	
Connections, pipes & hoses	G F P	Tank selector valve	G F P
Level or empty indicators	G F P	ANY LEAKS?	Y N

Motor Home Engine Compartment & Driving Characteristics:

Engine oil	G F P	Engine coolant	G F P	Temperature:	
Brake Fluid	G F P	Power steering fluid	G F P	Transmission fluid	G F P
Windshield washer fluid	G F P	Hoses	G F P	Belts	G F P
Batteries	G F P	Wiring	G F P		
Leaks, fluid	G F P	Leaks, exhaust	G F P		
Air filter	G F P	Fuel filter	G F P	Rust in fuel	Y N
Engine coolant analysis, use test strip	G F P	Engine starts	Y N		
Exhaust color at start		Engine idles	G F P		
Exhaust color after 5 minutes of idling					
Transmission shifts normally & smoothly	Y N	Adequate power on hills	Y N		
Engine runs smoothly (no misfiring, backfiring, etc.)	Y N				
Emergency brake works	Y N	Check for consistent brake pressure before moving RV!			
Brakes: Pedal firmness	G F P	Pulling	G F P	Stopping	G F P
Steering: Play	G F P	Binding	G F P	Pulling	G F P

OUTSIDE: Hitch & Coupling Components

Hitch receiver	G F P	Safety chains	G F P	Ball safety latch	G F P
Breakaway switch & cable			G F P		
Tow lighting/Electrical brake wiring harness & plug			G F P		
Hitching equipment (sway bars, tow leveler, etc.)			G F P		

Miscellaneous

Connector covers & sockets G F P Fuel doors, locks, and caps G F P
Fold-outs, slide outs & expansions (condition & operation) G F P

INSIDE: General

Kitchen, Living, Dining, Bedroom & Bath - Check for smell of propane in all areas!

Floor plan (layout) G F P Necessities are easily accessible G F P
Flooring G F P Weak (spongy) areas Y N Walls G F P
Trim G F P Windows & screens G F P
Door locks & latches G F P Drapes and shades G F P
Cabinetry: Finish G F P Latches G F P Hinges G F P

Since there are so many individual items and areas to check in the following lists, note any deficiencies on a separate sheet of paper.

Lift assist arms & slide internal seals. Cabinetry hinges, slides & latches. Cabinetry surfaces & interior. Shelves: remove drawers, inspect behind them. Ceiling: Look for water stains & sagging. Indicates roof leaks. Check exhaust vents and fans. Furniture: Look under and behind movable furniture. Mattresses. Pull out and fold down beds. Look for rodent and pest presence or damage.

INSIDE: Kitchen

Countertops & counter top extensions: Sink Seals and caulking around sink.
Drains flow freely Y N Stove: igniters & burners work Y N
Hood exhaust fan operates Y N light works Y N Oven and pilot light work Y N
Microwave oven works Y N Coffee maker works Y N Dish washer works Y N
Refrigerator works on all power sources: AC: Y N Propane: Y N DC: Y N
Freezer works Y N Ice maker works Y N Drinking water filter G F P

INSIDE: Fresh Water Systems

Faucets work Y N Water heater works on AC: Y N and/or propane: Y N
Water pump works Y N Water pump shuts off automatically soon after all faucets are closed Y N Water pump does not turn on occasionally when all faucets are closed and ice maker is turned off (if yes, there may be a leak) Y N Plumbing connections leak Y N
Water pump on/off switch works Y N Fresh water tank level indicator works Y N

INSIDE: Waste Systems

Gray tank level indicator works Y N Black tank level indicator works Y N
Sink and shower drains work Y N Leaks? Y N
Toilet works Y N Leaks? Y N
No foul odor inside RV when toilet not in use Y N

INSIDE: Heating & Cooling

Furnace controls work Y N Furnace puts out hot air through all vents Y N
Air conditioner controls work Y N Air conditioners put out cool air through all ducted ceiling vents Y N Air conditioner filters are present and clean Y N
Electric heater or fireplace Ceiling or vent fans work Y N
Thermostat controlled vent fans (Fan Tastic Vent) work Y N

INSIDE: Entertainment Electronics

TV's work Y N TV security straps or mounts are secure Y N
 TV sliding tray locking mechanism works Y N
 Audio & Video equipment (VCR, DVD) work Y N
 Video source switch box (antenna, VCR, DVD, satellite, etc.) works Y N
 Antenna signal amplifier works Y N
 TV antenna/Satellite dish controls for raising, lowering, and rotating work Y N

INSIDE: Electrical

Lights: 120 Volt AC lights work Y N 12 Volt DC - AC outlets have power Y N
 GFCI breakers function Y N 12 Volt DC ports have power Y N
 RV has AC power when connected to shore power Y N
 RV has AC power when generator is running Y N
 RV has power when inverter is running off batteries Y N
 RV has DC power when connected to shore power Y N
 RV has DC power when generator is running Y N
 RV has DC power from coach batteries Y N
 Tow vehicle has DC supply to RV via umbilical cord Y N
 Batteries charge when connected to shore power Y N
 Batteries charge when generator is running Y N
 Batteries Charge from solar panels Y N

Automatic power switching between available systems (shore power, generator, inverter).
 Fuses are present, not blown and breaker switches don't trip during operation of multiple accessories. Wiring and electrical boxes, components in good condition.

INSIDE: Safety Accessories

First Aid Kit Y N # G F P Fire extinguishers Y N # G F P
 Smoke detector Y N # G F P Carbon Monoxide detector Y N # G F P
 Propane gas detector # Y N G F P Emergency exit windows Y N G F P
 Seat belts present and work in: Dinette Y N Goucho Y N Additional seats Y N

INSIDE: Motor Home Cockpit

Upholstery G F P Carpet G F P Wood finishes G F P
 Cabinetry hinges, slides, latches work Y N Cabinetry interior condition G F P
 Items above cockpit secure (TV, etc.) Y N Doors lock and operate smoothly Y N
 Windows and screens operate smoothly Y N Windshield cracks or chips Y N
 Drapes, shades, visors in good condition & operate smoothly Y N
 Driver and passenger seat belts in cockpit present and work. Y N
 Seat adjustments work Y N Steering wheel adjustment works Y N Horn works Y N
 Rear view mirrors and mirror adjustment controls in good condition and work Y N
 Rear view camera and monitor works Y N
 Instrument panel gauges and switches work. Note readings and gauges that don't work on separate sheet of paper.
 Vehicle controls: Windshield wipers and washer work Y N
 Air suspension controls work Y N Exhaust brake works Y N
 Secondary fuel tank switch-over works Y N Leveling system or jacks work Y N
 Trailer or toad brake controls work Y N Entertainment system (radio, CD, tape, DVD, etc.)
 CB radio and antenna, Navigation system (GPS), Security system arm, disarm work Y N
 Beverage and snack holders G F P Storage compartments G F P
 All keys present and work Y N Spare keys Y N

Dimensions, Capacities & Documentation

External length in feet: (in):
Motor home wheelbase (in):
Motor home wheelbase ratio (%):
External width, body in feet: (in):
Top clearance including roof A/C - GPS (ft & in):
Length when towing (ft):

Engine fuel tank 1 (gal):	Engine fuel tank 2 (gal):	Leaks	Y	N
Fresh water tank 1 (gal):	Fresh water tank 2 (gal):	Leaks	Y	N
Gray water tank 1 (gal):	Gray water tank 2 (gal):	Leaks	Y	N
Black water tank 1 (gal):	Black water tank 2 (gal):	Leaks	Y	N
Propane bottle size (gal):				
Number of propane bottles:				
Frame mounted propane tank (gal):		Leaks	Y	N

RATINGS from manufacturer. (lbs)

GVWR:

GAWR 1:

GAWR 2:

GAWR 3:

GCWR:

Wheel size:

Tire size:

Number of lugs:

Split or solid rim split solid

Tire rating: ACTUAL WEIGHTS from scale (lbs)

GVW:

GAW 1:

GAW 2:

GAW 3:

Left side:

Right side:

ESTIMATES (lbs)

Curb Weight (GVW - fluids already in GVW + all tanks full):

Expected personal cargo weight (items you will add to RV):

Persons weight (avg. 150 lbs SYMBOL \f "Symbol"180 # persons):

Adjusted GVW (add above 3 items):

Maximum tongue weight (lesser of [GVWR - Adj. GVW] or rating) for towing:.

Maximum tow capacity (lesser of [GCWR - Adj. GVW] or rating):

Documentation:

Clear Title Y N Maintenance record Y N MSRP sheet Y N

Chassis manuals Y N Coach manual Y N

Appliance manuals Y N

Warranty documentation for all major components and appliances Y N

Extended warranty documentation Y N

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