

RV Pre-Trip Inspection Checklist

Every rig is unique and your rig may go beyond the scope of items provided here. This list provides a starting point for getting ready to leave or returning from a trip, but remember - safe travel is always the driver's responsibility.

Name:

General Exterior Inspection:

Exterior Walk Around:

1. Tires/Wheels - Inspect for proper pressure, tread depth, and signs of damage or excessive wear or age. Don't forget the spare tire.

Notes:

2. Hitch and Tow Equipment: Ensure hitch, safety chains, and tow bars are secure and in good condition.

3. Exterior Lights: Verify all headlights, tail lights, turn signals, brake lights, and marker lights are functioning properly.

4. Windows and Seals: Check windows, doors, and exterior seals for any cracks, leaks, or signs of damage.

5. Awning: Inspect awning for tears or wear and confirm it retracts smoothly.

Engine and Drivetrain (If Applicable)

6. Oil Level and Condition: Check and top off if necessary.

7. Transmission Fluid: Ensure it is at the proper level.

8. Coolant: Verify the radiator is filled to the correct level and inspect for leaks.

9. Brake System: Inspect for any visible damage or excessive wear. Check brake fluid and powersteering fluid.

10. Windshield Washer Fluid: Fill up and test windshield wipers for function.

11. Exhaust System: Inspect for visible signs of rust or damage.

12. Suspension and Leveling Jacks: Check that they are operational and inspect for leaks or damage.

Interior Systems Check:

13. Appliances: Test all appliances, including the refrigerator, stove, oven, and microwave.

14. Heating and Cooling: Check the air conditioning and heating systems for functionality.

15. Water System: Run all faucets and check for leaks; verify the water pump operates correctly.

16. Toilet and Tanks: Ensure the toilet flushes properly, and verify black and gray tanks are empty.

17. Electrical Systems: Test the generator, inverter, and battery levels. Confirm all outlets and lights are working.

18. Propane System: Inspect for leaks and make sure the tank is properly filled and secured.

Safety Equipment:

19. Fire Extinguishers: Ensure they are full and accessible.

20. Smoke, Carbon Monoxide, and Propane Detectors: Test and replace batteries if needed.

21. First Aid Kit: Check that it is fully stocked.

22. Emergency Tools and Supplies: Ensure you have road flares, a jack, tire iron, spare fuses, and a basic tool kit.

Cargo and Storage

23. Secure Loose Items: Make sure everything is stowed securely to prevent shifting while driving.

24. Weight Distribution: Check that weight is distributed evenly and within the limits of your RV.

25. Stay alert on the road and periodically pull over and check your RV - Visually check the tow and hitch equipment to ensure connections are correct and not coming loose or wearing. Make sure tires are maintaining pressure and not scraping or rubbing. Pay attention to smells like smoke or excessively hot or burning brakes.

Catching and fixing problems early is much easier and pocket friendly than waiting for them to become big.

Note any issues you may want to address with a service tech:

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