

FIX IT YOURSELF *Checklists*

RV MAINTENANCE AND
REPAIRS YOU CAN DO

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Dear Camping Friend,

We are so pleased you were interested in our checklists so you can take charge of caring for your RV home. By tracking your maintenance, you will gain confidence and security in knowing your RV better and that you are doing all you can do ensure your RV is ready for adventure when you are!

If you are interested in learning more caring for and repairing your rig, we recommend you check out our Fix It Yourself course. In eight modules, Ed Wilcox, a certified RV technician, walks you through the various elements of your RV to learn what to look for and how to make repairs that save you thousands of dollars and hours of time at a repair shop.

We are so excited that you have taken this first step and look forward to hearing about your successes. Please join us at our website, <https://thevirtualcampground.com/> or on our Facebook group at The Virtual Campground where we share information and some laughs.

Hope to see you around the campground.

Yours,

The Virtual Campground crew
Liz and Ed Wilcox
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RV TOOL LIST

WRENCHES

- Allen wrench sets: SAE & metric (ball end preferred)
- 1/4" Drive socket set: SAE & metric 3/16" to 1/2", 4mm to 12mm
- 3/8" Drive socket set: SAE 3/8" to 3/4"
- Adjustable wrenches (crescent): 6", 10", 12"
- Combination wrench set: SAE 1/4" to 3/4"

SCREWDRIVERS

- Phillips (short, long, and small)
- Flathead (short, long, and small)
- Robertson #2
- Small cordless clutch driver
- Multi-bit ratcheting screwdriver

BATTERIES & ELECTRICAL

- Hydrometer
- Safety goggles
- Outlet tester (GFCI)
- Electric tape
- Rubber gloves
- 12v Light tester

PLIERS

- Diagonal cutters
- Wire strippers
- Needle nose
- Vise grips
- Slip joint/channel lock
- Long handle crimping tool

RV TOOL LIST

MISCELLANEOUS

- Tape measure
- Utility knife
- Plastic tube cutter
- Multi-purpose scraper
- Battery-powered drill
- Zip ties
- Hacksaw
- Caulking gun
- Mallet & hammer
- Compact ladder
- Tire pressure monitoring system
- Fuses
- Bottle jacks
- Ground cloth or mat
- Rags

ADVANCED

- Multimeter
- LP gas (propane) sniffer
- Manometer
- Hydrometer

MINIMALIST

For those just starting out and who want to keep tools to a minimum, we suggest the following as must-haves:

- 3/8" Drive socket set:
SAE 3/8" to 3/4"
- Drill with Phillips flat and square bits
- Multi-bit ratcheting screwdriver
- Adjustable wrenches
(crescent): 6", 10", 12"
- Plug tester
- Good headlamp – spend a little more; you will use it a lot

GENERATORS

PRE-CHECKS

DATE	OIL LEVEL	FUEL LEVEL	FUSE
	high/low/normal	good/bad	good/bad

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GENERATORS

EXERCISE

DATE	RUN TIME	NOTES

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GENERATORS

CHECK & REPLACE EVERY 100 HOURS

DATE	OIL TYPE	OIL	AIR FILTER
		yes / no	yes / no

FUEL FILTER	SPARK PLUG
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WATER HEATERS

ATWOOD PERFORM EVERY 3-6 MONTHS

DATE	THERMAL FUSE	PLASTIC PLUG	P&T VALVE
	good / bad	good / bad	snap if dripping

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SUBURBAN PERFORM EVERY 3-6 MONTHS

DATE	ANODE ROB	RETAPE ANODE ROD THREADS
	condition	

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ROOF MAINTENANCE

INSPECT & CLEAN ROOF PERFORM EVERY 3-6 MONTHS

DATE	ROOF CONDITION	# SEALANT USED
	stationary vs moving	self-leveling / non-sag

TIRE MAINTENANCE

AIR PRESSURE (COLD)
PERFORM EVERY TIME YOU MOVE
(STATIONARY EVERY OTHER MONTH)

DATE	RECORDED PRESSURE	TREAD DEPTH
	cold	uneven wear patterns

BATTERIES

MY INFORMATION

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AIR CONDITIONING

EVERY 6 MONTHS

DATE	FINS	BLOWER WHEEL	EVAPORATOR & CONDENSER

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AIR CONDITIONING

EXERCISE (UNDER LOAD)

DATE	RUN TIME	NOTES

SLIDE MAINTENANCE

MOVEMENT JOURNAL PERFORM EVERY MONTH

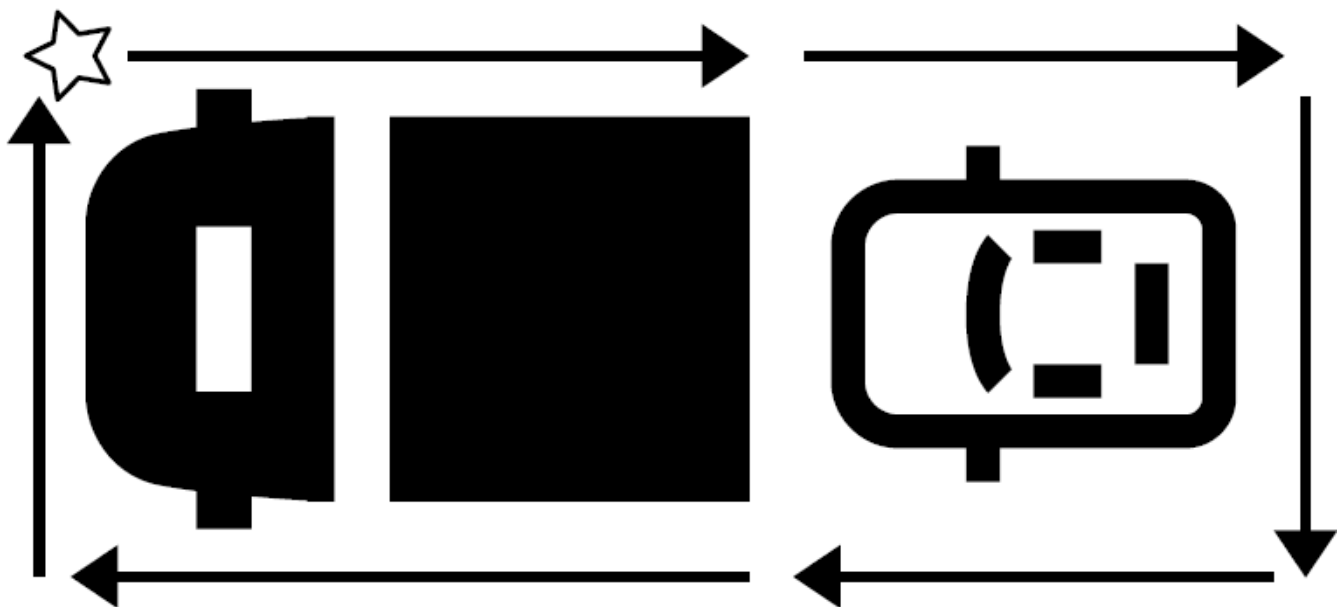
DATE	DID IT MAKE A NOISE?	CLEANING NOTES
	stationary vs moving	

WALK AROUND

WHY WOULD I DO THIS?

Every time you head out on a trip you should be performing some type of walk around. I keep a mental list of the things that could open, fail, or disconnect to double check.

START IN THE SAME SPOT



WALK AROUND

DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

- Check curbside (cs) front tire pressure
- Check cargo doors are latched and locked
- Lock side entry door (preference)
- Check (cs) rear tire pressures

IF YOU HAVE A TOAD

- Check trailer coupling
- Check wheel straps (cs) (if applicable)
- Check dolly tire pressure (cs) (if applicable)
- Check tow vehicle tire pressure
- Check dolly tire pressure (roadside(rs))
- Check wheel straps (rs)
- Check trailer connection again (safety chains & breakaway system)

BACK TO THE COACH, SHALL WE?

- Check trailer lights
- Check power cord for proper stowage
- Check rear tire pressure (rs)
- Check cargo doors are latched and locked
- Check front tire pressure (rs)
- Put tools away & pat yourself on the back – Job well done!

DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

A checklist can make all moves go smoother and give you peace of mind that your home and all your stuff travels safely. Here are some ideas to get you started:

EXTERIOR

- Antenna retracted
- Steps retracted
- Storage locked
- Mirrors set

EXTERIOR

- Windshield clean
- Wipers clean and working
- Toad doors locked
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ROOF / SLIDES

- Debris swept off
- Slides retracted / locked
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INTERIOR

- Shower door locked
- Refrigerator doors secure
- Interior doors secured
- Decor secured
- Windows closed
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DRIVE READY

- Water for driver
- Snacks read
- Navigation set

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