



Checklist for RV Orientation

This checklist can be a help when buying a new or used RV. Use these inspection points to make sure you understand how each component operates, and to ensure the component is fully functional before you drive away from the dealership with the RV.

You can also use this checklist as a reminder while you follow along with the dealer sales staff while doing the pre-delivery inspection (PDI), also known as the orientation visit.

Exterior

- *120 Volt AC operation:* Plug the RV into shore power and test everything.
- *Battery:* Check the fluids. Are the wiring connections tight, is the strap to secure the battery in place? Learn location of the battery shutoff switch
- *Propane:* At least one tank should be filled so you can check the operation of every propane-fueled accessory. Make sure the hoses and fittings are tight.
- *Tires & Wheels:* Are the tires properly inflated, following the pressure guidelines on the data sticker? Are the lug nuts properly installed and tight? Make sure you have a star wrench or deep socket and socket wrench handle for tightening the lug nuts and changing a flat.
 - Is the spare tire securely mounted and at the right inflation pressure? Make sure you have blocks and a jack for tire changing.
- *Stabilizer jack handle:* Make sure you have the deployment handle for the crank-down stabilizer jacks, or the proper socket driver for use with your cordless drill.
- *Sewer dump fitting and hardware:* Make sure you understand the sewage dump system operation and have a dump hose somewhere on board the RV.

- *Tail lights:* Plug in the tow vehicle, if a trailer, and check for proper operation. Same applies for a motorhome, check before driving away.
- *Water:* Add some to the fresh tank. Check low point drain, check for the drain plug in water heater compartment as needed.
- *Door, storage compartment and utility door locks:* Make sure they all work. Lubricate with spray-in lubricating oil as needed.

Interior

- *Test all 120 volt-AC accessories* for proper operation.
- *Test all 12 volt-DC accessories*, including the awning, for proper operation. Learn the location of light switches and other controls.
- *Slideouts:* Test each one in and out. Check electrical and propane-fueled devices when the slideouts are deployed.
- *Water fittings and faucets:* Test system with water pressure, look for leaks at pump and elsewhere. Test all plumbing-related accessories, faucets and such.
- *Propane fueled devices:* Test for proper operation, including the Stove, Refrigerator, Water heater, Furnace.
 - Note: run the new furnace at home for an hour full blast, at least, to get rid of the new furnace smell.
- *Cabinet doors and drawers:* Make sure they all work.
- *Windows:* Make sure they all open and close, and lock. Lubricate with spray silicone as needed.
- *Window coverings:* Test the pull-down shades and blinds.

Good luck!