

Buying a Used RV/Camper Inspection Checklist~



GENERAL CAMPER OWNER INFORMATION



Year_____ Make_____ Model_____

RV class_____ VIN_____

Registration Expiration Date (license tabs)_____

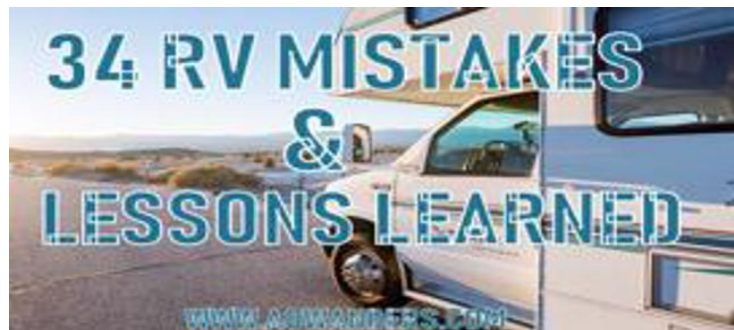
RV/Camper Mileage_____ First Impression_____

Owner Name_____ Phone_____ Email_____

RV/Camper Asking Price_____ NADA/Kelly Blue
Value_____

Items to bring for camper inspection

1. Pen/Pencil
2. Tape Measure
3. Flashlight
4. Tire Pressure Gauge
5. Voltmeter
6. Camera



RV/Camper Dimension Inspection

RV MEASUREMENTS		RV TANK SIZE	
Camper Length.....		RV Fuel Tank.....	
Exterior Height.....		Fresh Water Tank.....	
Interior Height.....		Grey Water Tank.....	
Width.....		Black Water Tank.....	
Gross Vehicle Weight.....		Propane Tank.....	
Tow Capacity.....		Misc Tank.....	

Notes:

RV/Camper Exterior Condition Inspection

RV Exterior	Score	RV Exterior	
Signs of Leaks.....		Awning Mechanism...	
Seals & Caulking.....		Awning Canvas.....	
Trim.....		Running Lights.....	
Doors & Screens.....		Head Lights.....	
Windows & Screens.....		Mirrors.....	
Vents - Roof/Furnace/Water.....		Steps.....	
Hand Rails.....		Bumpers & Corners...	

Notes:

RV/Camper Roof Condition Inspection

RV/Camper Roof	Score	RV Roof	
Surface Condition.....		Solar.....	
Seals & Caulking.....		Storage.....	
Skylights.....		Solid.....	
A/C Unit.....		Misc.....	
Ladder.....		Misc.....	
Vents		Misc.....	
Antenna/Satellite.....		Misc.....	

Notes:

RV/Camper Storage Inspection

RV Storage	Score	RV Storage	
How Many Exterior Compartments...		Customized.....	
Size per storage compartments.....		Locations.....	
Functionality (what can fit).....		Misc.....	
Locks.....		Misc.....	
Lights.....		Misc.....	
Signs of Leaks.....		Misc.....	
Seals.....		Misc.....	

Notes:

(what would each storage compartment be assigned for.... Tools, water toys, chairs, etc)

RV/Camper Utility Condition Inspection

RV/Camper Utilities	Score	RV Hookups	
Batteries (camper & engine).....		Shore Power Chord...	
Generator.....		RV Hookup Valves...	
Solar.....		Propane Tank.....	
Inverter.....		Water Pressure.....	
Charge Controller.....		Wifi Extender.....	
Fuse Panel.....		Cable Connectors.....	
Water Pump.....		Misc.....	

Notes:

Outdoor Shower/Faucet/Kitchen? Do all lights or anything power related work on while shore power is plugged in? While Generator is running? What doesn't work when only battery is powering rig? Size of Solar Panels? How many batteries in the battery bank? How many hours of power does that supply? What size is the charge controller? Is the power inverter a pure sine inverter?

RV/Camper Engine Condition Inspection

RV/Camper Engine	Score	RV Engine Performance	
Oil.....		Engine Start/Idle/Drive...	
Coolant.....		Brakes Flat/Hill/Speed...	
Brake Fluid.....		Emergency Brake.....	
Power Steering Fluid.....		Engine Records.....	
Washer Fluid.....		Maintenance Records...	
Transmission Fluid.....		Misc.....	
Air Filter.....		Misc.....	

Notes:

Rub the engine oil and transmission oil between your fingers. Are there any metal shavings? Divide total miles by the number of years. 3,000-5,000 miles is the average useage per year for RV/Campers.

RV/Camper Interior Condition Inspection

RV/Camper Interior	Score	RV Interior	
Floor Plan.....		Storage.....	
Trim.....		Seating.....	
Cabinets.....		Sleeping.....	
Flooring Material.....		Bathroom.....	
Amenities.....		Doors (Locks/Mechanism)	
Walls.....		Misc.....	
Windows.....		Misc.....	

Notes:

What windows open? Is there carpet on the bathroom floor (gross)?!? Where would the extra bedding store? Where do clothes go? Extra towels? Board games/cards/dice? How easy is it to get in/out of dinette? Any signs of leaks?

RV/Camper Kitchen Condition Inspection

RV/Camper Kitchen	Score	RV Space	
Counter Space.....		Drawer Space.....	
Sink (location/practical).....		Knives/Spatulas.....	
Cabinets.....		Cookware Space.....	
Cooktop.....		Spices/Seasonings.....	
Amenities.....		Lights/Fans.....	
Microwave.....		Pantry Size.....	
Fridge		Misc.....	

Notes:

If you wanted to cook a pasta dinner would your strainer fit in the sink? Where would you dry your dishes? Where would the big kitchen knife go? Plates/cups/food? How many stove top burners do you have/need? Fridge space? Pantry space? Pet supply space? How would you cook a rice dish? Any room for a coffee pot? Any outlets? Lighting? Where does the dish soap & scrubber get stored? Is there an oven? How do you light the pilot light? Cabinets? How many? Location? How do they secure when driving? How much food can actually fit in your fridge/pantry/cabinets? Can you chop up a stir fry on the counter space? Where would the seasonings go? Any wall space to add cabinets?

RV/Camper System Inspection

RV/Camper Systems	Score	RV System	
How water Heater.....		Vents.....	
Water Pump.....		Solar.....	
Generator.....		Fire Extinguisher.....	
Control Panel (tank level gauges).....		RV hookups.....	
Plumbing Leaks.....		Misc.....	
CO/Smoke Detectors.....		Misc.....	
Heat/AC.....		Misc.....	

Notes:

If these systems exist how do they function? What size are they? Example, how big is your water heater tank? Water pump pressure? How did the generator start/run? Did the control panel gauges work? Smell any odors from the propane or plumbing? What condition is the Heat & AC filters in? Are the CO/Smoke detectors battery operated? Do the vents have fans? What size are they? Battery or hard wired? If you have solar how much power does it provide? Is it Pure sine? How long do recharge? If you have RV hookups how big are the tanks? How do the valves work? Did you check to make sure all vents blow hot or cold air when A/C or Heat are on? Don't want to find a massive mouse nest after purchase do you?

RV/Camper Entertainment Inspection

RV Entertainment	Score	RV Electrics	
TVs.....		Misc.....	
DVD.....		Misc.....	
Radio.....		Misc.....	
Storage (DVDs/games/cards/dice/books).....		Misc.....	
Amenities.....		Misc.....	
Antenna/Satellite.....		Misc.....	
Wifi Extendor.....		Misc.....	

Notes:

Are there modern features (usb outlets, bluetooth speakers)? Are their outlets on both sides of the camper? Outside speakers? Do the TVs have HDMI/USB/Aux/RCA ports? Where will you store your games, cables, books, DVDs, etc?

RV/Camper Electrical Inspection

RV/Camper Electric	Score	RV Electrics	
Battery Power.....		Misc.....	
Shore Power.....		Misc.....	
Generator Power.....		Misc.....	
Fuse Box.....		Misc.....	
GFI Breaker.....		Misc.....	
Electrical Outlets.....		Misc.....	
USB outlets.....		Misc.....	

Notes:

Are electrical plugins convenient for laptops? Coffee pots? Juicer? Shaver? Curling iron? What works when only using battery power? Shore power? Generator power? Do the batteries charge while generator is on or plugged into shore power? What power source do you need to use the leveling jacks? Do you have leveling jacks?

RV/Camper Cockpit Inspection

RV/Camper Driving	Score	RV Cockpit	
Driveable camper.....		Features.....	
Comfort.....		Pedals.....	
Gadgets.....		Radio.....	
Upholstery.....		Misc.....	
Windshield (vision).....		Misc.....	
Mirrors.....		Misc.....	
Rear View Camera.....		Misc.....	

Notes:

RV trips are usually lengthy road trips. Are the seats comfortable? Do you have cruise control? Radio accessible? How is your vision? Is there a rear view camera? How does the cockpit feel? Can you see yourself driving for 10 hours? 2 days? A week? Month? Few years?

Crucial Questions to ask before buying an RV while inspecting a used Camper...

Are there signs of previous leaks? If yes, does it look like leaks have been properly repaired? Leaks are the most common and most difficult issue with RVs. If you see an RV with water damage, walk away. It will not be worth the headache as leaks cause rapid deterioration, mold and other structural damage .

Does all the electronics work? Gauges? Water functions?

Have you checked in all the camper cupboards for rodent nests/damage, water damage/mold?

Have you checked all the fluids? Are there any metal shavings from the engine in the fluids?

Do the running lights work? Your RV will not pass inspection if they don't.

Does the awning work properly?

Does the the RV have leveling jacks? Do they work?

How do the tires look? Tread? Miles? Replacing tires—especially on a motorhome— can be costly. If tires need replacing negotiate a better purchase price.

Is the title clear? Do the sellers have maintenance records? Owner's manuals?

When was the last time the RV was driven? Less mileage (specifically on a motorhome) is not always better. RVs quickly deteriorate when left sitting for months.

What animals have lived in the RV, if any? Have any smokers lived in the RV? Allergens and odors can linger for months or years. You may need to get fabrics deep-cleaned in this instance.

Are there any active warranties or any warranties available?

Are there signs of rust? Look closely for rust in the under carriage. This can be a sign of structural damage to the RV. If you're looking for an RV that will last a while, avoid any with rusted framing.