

# Used RV Inspection Checklist

Used RVs offer fantastic deals, but ensuring the vehicle is in good shape and free of costly hidden issues is key.

To guide you in finding the perfect camper, we've compiled a checklist of essential items to inspect when buying a used RV.

## **Exterior Condition**

- ☐ Exterior walls: Is there excessive delamination or any visible damage (most pre-owned RVs have some minor delamination)?
- ☐ Frame: Does it have excessive rust?
- ☐ Roof: Is it properly sealed?
- ☐ Roof and window seams: Are there any cracked or dry seals?
- ☐ Door step: Does it fold down smoothly?
- ☐ Outside storage compartments: Do they open easily? Do they shut securely?
- ☐ Lights: Do all exterior lights function (including tow lights, awning lights, brake lights and cab lights)?
- ☐ Jacks: Do they extend and retract without issue?
- ☐ Leveling system: Does it function properly?
- ☐ Tires, axles and bearings: Will tires pass inspection? How old are they? Do they have any dry rot? Are axles and bearings sturdy and functional?
- ☐ Propane: Does the propane tank function? Is it up to code? Does the regulator or hose need to be replaced? Has a safety check been performed?
- ☐ Battery: Does the battery hold a charge? How old is it? Does it need to be replaced?
- ☐ Brakes: Will brakes pass inspection? Is the breakaway switch functioning?
- ☐ Awning: Does it extend and fold up smoothly? Are there any tears in the fabric?
- ☐ Slide-outs: Do slide-outs open and close smoothly? Are they clean and well-sealed?
- ☐ Windshield: Are there any cracks? Do wipers need to be replaced?
- ☐ For motorhomes: Have the engine, drivetrain and fluid systems been inspected?

## **Interior Condition**

- ☐ Floor, ceiling and walls: Are there any signs of water damage? Are there any soft spots on the floor? Are there any ceiling stains? Are there any ripped wall panels?
- ☐ Sink, shower and toilet: Do they function properly?
- ☐ Holding tanks and wastewater valves: Are they in good condition?
- ☐ Plumbing systems: Do water and sewage systems function properly?
- ☐ Appliances: Are the appliances in good condition?
  - ☐ Refrigerator
  - ☐ Stove
  - ☐ Convection oven
  - ☐ Microwave
  - ☐ Hot water heater
  - ☐ A/C
  - ☐ Furnace

## **Safety**

- ☐ Does the RV include fire extinguishers? Does it have working smoke, propane and carbon monoxide detectors?
- ☐ Windows: Do the windows open easily? Are the shades/blinds in good condition?
- ☐ Furniture: Is it worn or ripped? Does it match the rest of the interior?
- ☐ Smell: Does it smell musty, smoky, like a pet, etc.?

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