

**CARAVAN INSPECTION CHECK LIST.**

(Allow up to 4 Hrs)

If you are buying a used caravan it might not be in perfect condition or maintained to the highest standard so the checklist and any photographs can be invaluable when you are negotiating a price with the seller.

Print copies and keep a separate record of each caravan you view.

Make & Model of caravan \_\_\_\_\_

Sellers name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details \_\_\_\_\_

VIN Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**BOLD** items are possible reasons to reject the caravan.

**EXTERNAL INSPECTION - Chassis.**

- NO  YES **Is chassis clear of underseal possibly hiding corrosion or damage?**
- NO  YES **Is there a spare wheel with an identical tyre to those on the axles?**
- NO  YES Are the tyres & spare less than 5 years old?
- NO  YES Are tyres in good condition and free from cracks or wear?
- NO  YES Are tyre pressures correct and wheel nuts all tight?
- NO  YES Are the wheels damage free?
- NO  YES Is a wheel locking nut fitted?
- NO  YES Is the spare wheel release mechanism clear of rust and not seized?
- NO  YES Does the hitch head require considerable force to operate?
- NO  YES Is rubber gaiter on the drawbar behind the tow hitch in good condition?
- NO  YES Does the handbrake lock on?
- NO  YES Are grease nipples on the hitch mechanism in good condition & rust free?
- NO  YES Does jockey wind up and down easily & rotate freely?
- NO  YES Is the caravan 13 pin plug (or two 7 pin plugs) in good condition?
- NO  YES If fitted, does the mover look in good condition on both sides?
- NO  YES Do the corner steadies wind up and down freely?

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**EXTERNAL INSPECTION - Caravan Body.**

- NO  YES **Is front ABS / GRP panel free of cracks especially above windows?**
- NO  YES **Is rear ABS / GRP panel free of cracks?**
- NO  YES **Is the sealant on the all joints in good condition including roof joints?**
- NO  YES **Is the body work free of holes, dents or poor DIY work?**
- NO  YES **Is body free of oddly placed stickers?** (Disguising screw holes or damage)
- NO  YES Are awning rails free of damage particularly where the beading is inserted?
- NO  YES Are all external flaps, doors and front locker catches working smoothly?
- NO  YES Is the toilet cassette present? (Check by opening external access door.)
- NO  YES Are external gas and electric connections operational?
- NO  YES Is the gas regulator in good condition?
- NO  YES Are all flexible gas hoses free from cracks?
- NO  YES Is the date of manufacture printed on the gas hose under 5 years old?
- NO  YES Is there an undamaged TV aerial?
- NO  YES Is there an undamaged radio aerial?
- NO  YES Are all grab handles firm and secure?
- NO  YES Are windows clear of scratches or cracks?
- NO  YES Are the correct keys & spares available for all locking doors?
- NO  YES Are front and rear road light lenses undamaged with no water behind them?

**INTERNAL INSPECTION - All areas.**

- NO  YES **Do all wallboards feel firm?**
- NO  YES **Do all floor areas feel firm?**
- NO  YES Are all wall coverings clear of peeling or blisters?
- NO  YES Do overhead locker doors operate smoothly?
- NO  YES Are all blinds and fly screens free of damage & operate smoothly?
- NO  YES Do windows open and close securely?
- NO  YES Are window stay brackets tight?
- NO  YES Do all roof vents & blinds open & close smoothly?
- NO  YES Does the RCD (Master 240V electrical breaker) trip by pressing test?
- NO  YES Are 12V (and mains lights if fitted) working in all areas?
- NO  YES Do all 13 amp sockets function correctly?
- NO  YES Does the services control panel operate correctly?
- NO  YES Is there a carbon monoxide (CO) & fire alarm present?
- NO  YES Do the smoke & CO alarms sound when pressing the TEST button.
- NO  YES If fitted, does the security alarm operate as in manual instructions?
- NO  YES Is any key fob for the alarm present?
- NO  YES If fitted, is a mover remote control present?
- NO  YES If fitted, does the air conditioner work correctly?

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**INTERNAL INSPECTION - Washroom.**

- NO  YES Are all surfaces in good condition?
- NO  YES Is hot and cold water running from the sink tap(s)?
- NO  YES Is the sink water outlet free running?
- NO  YES Is the sink plug present?
- NO  YES Is the shower tray free of cracks especially round the drain hole.
- NO  YES Is the sealant around shower tray in good condition?
- NO  YES Is the shower running hot and cold water?
- NO  YES Is the shower water outlet free running?
- NO  YES If fitted, does an onboard tank fill and operate according to the handbook?
- NO  YES Do drawers & cupboard doors operate smoothly?
- NO  YES Is the shower door free from damage?
- NO  YES Is toilet working as manual says it should?
- NO  YES Is the heated towel rail warm?

**THE SELLER - Confirm the following.**

- NO  YES **Is the VIN on the caravan the same on the CRiS documents?**
- NO  YES **Does the sellers address match the address on the CRiS documents?**
- NO  YES **Is there a written damp report?**
- NO  YES **If the battery is lead acid is it vented to the outside?**
- NO  YES Is there a warranty & how long is it valid for? Get details in writing.
- NO  YES Is the maker's caravan manual included?
- NO  YES Are there any service records?
- NO  YES Are manuals for heater, loo, oven, hob, radio & mover all present?
- NO  YES Is a caravan entry step included?
- NO  YES Is a fresh water container supplied?
- NO  YES Is a waste water container supplied including a hose?
- NO  YES If required is a submersible water pump included?
- NO  YES For onboard water pumps, is an external supply hose included?
- NO  YES Is a gas bottle (or two) included in the sale?
- NO  YES Is the steadies winder handle included?
- NO  YES If the caravan wheels are alloy & the spare is steel, check for correct studs.
- NO  YES Is a leisure battery included (check its age)?
- NO  YES Are any security devices supplied? (wheel clamp(s), hitch lock etc., with keys)
- NO  YES Is the electric hook up lead supplied, and in good condition?
- NO  YES Can seller supply and fit number plate?

Now take a break and wander back to the caravan for a final view and decision. Taking the results of the check list into consideration think what price you are going to offer the seller for the caravan.

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