

RV Purchase Inspection & Walk-Through Checklist

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Use this checklist during your RV search to ensure you thoroughly inspect each potential rig, whether new or used. This worksheet is ideal for DIY evaluations or supplementing a professional inspection.

Exterior Inspection

- ☐ Roof condition (soft spots, cracks, sealed vents/skylights)
- ☐ Sidewall condition (delamination, dents, scratches)
- ☐ Window and door seals (no cracks or peeling caulk)
- ☐ Slide-outs (smooth operation, tight seals)
- ☐ Awning operation and fabric condition
- ☐ Tire condition and age (check DOT date code)
- ☐ Lights (running, brake, turn signals, marker lights)
- ☐ Underbelly (no sagging, rust, or animal damage)

Interior Inspection

- ☐ Floor condition (no soft spots or warping)
- ☐ Ceiling and wall condition (no water stains, bubbling, or odors)
- ☐ Cabinetry and drawers (open/close properly)
- ☐ Furniture condition and comfort
- ☐ Windows and shades/blinds (functional, undamaged)
- ☐ Vent fans and skylights (functional, no leaks)

Systems Check

- ☐ AC (cold air, runs smoothly)
- ☐ Furnace (heat output, fan noise)
- ☐ Water heater (electric and propane functions)

- ☐ Water pump (pressurizes properly, no leaks)
- ☐ Plumbing (no leaks under sinks, toilet operation)
- ☐ Electrical 12V system (lights, fans, outlets)
- ☐ Electrical 120V system (shore power, GFCI outlets)
- ☐ Batteries present and in good condition
- ☐ Generator (if applicable, starts, runs under load, output checked)

Appliance Check

- ☐ Refrigerator (cold on both power sources)
- ☐ Stove/Oven (burners light evenly, oven heats)
- ☐ Microwave (functions correctly)
- ☐ TV/audio systems (if included)
- ☐ Washer/dryer (if applicable)

Water Damage Detection

- ☐ Stains on walls/ceilings (especially near windows and vents)
- ☐ Musty smells (cabinets, under bed, closets)
- ☐ Soft or spongy floors and corners
- ☐ Delamination or wall bubbling outside
- ☐ Sagging roof or ceiling panels

Chassis & Engine (Motorhomes)

- ☐ Engine oil, coolant, transmission fluid levels
- ☐ Belts and hoses (no cracks or leaks)
- ☐ Brakes (fluid level, stopping response)
- ☐ Steering (tightness, wheel play)
- ☐ Rust or corrosion on frame
- ☐ Test drive (handling, noise, vibration)

Final Walk-Through Tips

- ❑ Sit/stand/lie down to check livability
- ❑ Open and test every door, drawer, and appliance
- ❑ Ask detailed history questions
- ❑ Take photos/videos for later review
- ❑ Bring a second set of eyes if possible