

RV Inspection Checklist Instructions



These instructions will help you use the RV inspection checklist to complete a detailed RV inspection on the RV you want to purchase. You will notice the RV Inspection Checklist is exceptionally detailed. It is what a professional inspector would accomplish in an eight-hour examination of an RV.

You may find some items are not a concern for you, and that's okay. You may be as detailed as you like in your evaluation. They are included as these are things HMRVI feel you should be aware of. There are sections that have more items than you need, like slide outs, but the checklist should cover most RVs that you are considering.

Some items, like solar system operation are not included in the checklist as that takes extra knowledge to test the system thoroughly. You can have the owner or dealership demonstrate that for you if required.

You will want to have full RV hookups (30 or 50-amp electric service, water, and sewer) when performing your evaluation so you can test all systems. You can ask an owner on a private sale to take the RV to an RV park to have full hookups.

Before placing a cash deposit at an RV dealership, let them know you will inspect the RV yourself and would like full hookups. If they give you a hard time, take that as a sign and tell them you will shop elsewhere.

If that is not an option, make the purchase, do your inspection, give them your list of repairs, and be prepared to wait for the repairs to be made. Once the purchase is made they will not react as quickly as if the inspection was done before purchasing the RV.

Some tests listed in the checklist take some skills to accomplish: RV Hot Skin Test, Propane Leak Test, and Delta-T Air Conditioner Test for example. You can research these tests to see if you can figure out how to do them or ask a qualified RV technician to assist you with the tests.

HMRVI Corporation does have an accompanying document that describes what to do in each section in more detail. If you want access to that comprehensive document, you can go to yftrvl.com, and on the home page is a place to "donate to our website." On a laptop computer you will see that on the right side bar. On a mobile device, you must scroll to the bottom to see the "donate to our website" link.

Once you do that, and identify that in the payment screen, we will send a PDF of the RV Inspection Checklist Explanations document. It is very detailed!

Lastly, for used motor homes or tow vehicles, sampling the fluids that are currently in the vehicle should be considered. Engines and transmissions are an RVs most expensive component. Please download the PDF explaining what this involves.

Best of luck with your RV inspection and your future RV travels!

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