



Exterior Care Guide for your New RV/Trailer

Make sure you follow these Tips, so that your RV does not show premature aging caused by UV rays and Corrosion.

EVERY 3 MONTHS:

- **Wash & Treat the Roof** of the RV, by applying a UV Protection Spray or Coating. There are several brands and types of application, including One-Step Cleaner/Treatments. We use and recommend the DICOR® 2-Step Clean, then Treat product (Roof-Gard®), which will give better protection, especially if you do not choose to apply every 90 days as recommended. If you keep the RV stored under a cover, you can reduce this UV application to every 6-12 months.
- **Remove Black Streaks** on the exterior side walls (*generally caused by dirt around sealants*) with a special formulated RV “Black Streak Remover” (*offered by BEST® Brand*). Wash the RVs exterior immediately after, do not leave chemical on RV. Aluminum Skin RVs are especially prone to these streaks and can be near impossible to remove if neglected.
- **Wash and Treat the Exterior** of the RV with a Wash & Wax Product (*Such as Gel-Gloss®*), or use a mild soap and apply **ProtectAll®** to the RV’s Decals every 3 months, and to all 4 sides of the RV Exterior at least 2 times per year. *ProtectAll® has a UV Blocker that will help keep your Stripes & Decals from Cracking/Curling and your metal or fiberglass from fading and oxidizing.* NOTE: Automotive Paste Wax can also be used on painted surfaces, but make sure it is recommend for gel-coat fiberglass and has a UV blocker. Do not leave paste wax on for more than 10-15 minutes and do it in the shade. ProtectAll® is a much easier application, especially on ribbed siding.
- **Spray/Lubricate Metal Frame Parts** with WD-40® or some other Petroleum or Silicone lubricant, especially on; Stabilizer Jacks, Folding Entry Step, Front A-Frame/Coupler, and other exposed Steel/Metal Areas. This will help prevent rust and corrosion.
- **Spray Slide-Out Seals** with a UV Treatment (we recommend *ProtectAll® Slide-Out Treatment*), if Seals are exposed to the sun. (If your slide-out room(s) are kept retracted the majority of the time, you can do this every 6-12 months). Be sure to operate your slide-out rooms every 3 months too.



EVERY 6 - 12 MONTHS:

- Have your Rubber, TPO, or Fiberglass Roof Inspected by a qualified RVIA Certified RV Technician. They will check sealants and seams for cracking and look for voids to help prevent future leaks. Also, you need to check sealants around windows and side wall vents, especially the tops, where water will run down over them.
- **Howard RV Center offers a SPECIAL to our customers, which includes: Roof Wash, Inspection, & UV Treatment (w/DICOR® Roof-Gard or ProtectAll®) for one Low Price of \$149 for RVs up to 39’ (or \$189 for RVs 40’ & Larger). Roof inspections only are FREE!**



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General Maintenance for your New RV/Trailer

EVERY 30 DAYS:

- Keep Battery Charged up. If you keep the RV plugged in for more than 30 days, make sure you check the water level of the Deep Cycle battery(s). Low water will damage the battery and significantly shorten the life of the battery and the lower voltage can also damage 12v items in your RV (*ie. Power Converter/Inverters, Refrigerator control board, Furnace board, and more*)

EVERY 90 DAYS:

- Run/Test All of your Appliances on LP Gas and/or 120v/12v power source, including the Stove, Refrigerator, Furnace, A/C(s), Water Heater, Power Awning, etc.

EVERY 12 MONTHS:

- Inspect Roof Seams and Sealants, the areas around Windows, Doors, Lights, and any other Sidewall cut-outs or Vents. Inspect Caulking on Front & Rear Edges.
- LP Gas Leak/Pressure Test. (**This should be done by an RVIA Certified Technician**)

EVERY 24 MONTHS or 10,000 miles:

- Inspection and Blow-out/Cleaning of LP Appliance Burners (Furnace, Water Heater, Refrigerator, Stove/Oven). (**This Should Be Completed by a RVIA Certified Tech**)
- Re-Grease Axle hubs or complete bearing Inspection, Re-Grease, w/New Seals.
- Trailer Brake Inspection and Emergency Break-Away Test.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR MOTOR HOMES

EVERY 12 MONTHS:

- An annual N.C. State Safety Inspection is required if motor home is registered in North Carolina. This is a check of all lights, wipers, visibility, tires, brakes, horn and exhaust System, and many other small items to make sure the RV is safe for Road Use.
- Inspect Belts, Hoses, Clamps, Battery Terminals, Coolant, Air Filter, etc.
- Engine Oil Change and Filter (*Recommended every 6 months/5,000 miles on Gas engines or 1 Year/8k-12k miles on most Diesel Engine RVs*).
- Generator Oil Change & Filter: 1 Year or 150 hours on Gas Powered Generator (or up to 250 hours on Some Diesel Generators)
- Hydronic Heating System Service (*if equipped, on some High-Line Diesel Coaches*)

Please call us at (910)791-5371 (Menu #2) and speak with one of our Service Advisors to schedule an appointment for All or some of these services recommended for your RV.

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