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REFLECTION FIFTH WHEEL OWNER'S MANUAL



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#### Welcome to the Grand Design RV family!

THANK YOU for purchasing a Grand Design recreational vehicle to enjoy the leisure, adventure, and fun of the RV lifestyle. Your new RV has been designed and built to Grand Design's highest quality and safety standards. To keep you and your family safe, our products meet or exceed all applicable state and federal regulations, standards and requirements as well as those of the *Recreational Vehicle Industry Association*.

The Grand Design RV Team and our Dealer Partners pledge to always do our absolute best to provide you with a positive ownership experience as you pursue all of the exciting opportunities this "Grand" lifestyle has to offer.

Please thoroughly read and understand the content of this Owner's Manual and the various component manufacturer manuals included with your RV, paying special attention to any safety precautions (*Dangers, Cautions, Warnings and Notices*). Before camping, learn how to properly operate and maintain all of your recreational vehicle's appliances, components, and systems. Familiarize yourself and your family with the safety features built into your RV, and the actions and steps necessary to ensure safe camping.

Grand Design's *Limited Base Warranty* and *Limited Structural Warranty* are included in this manual. Please read them carefully to fully understand the duration and extent of your coverage as well as the various exclusions and limitations that may apply. Our component suppliers may also provide additional warranties that extend coverage beyond our *Limited Base Warranty*. Please be sure to read all component warranty information found in your Owner Information Package and submit any required registration forms. *Failure to perform required maintenance could void your warranty*. Know that some ongoing maintenance is required and must be performed at specified intervals for your warranty to remain in effect.

All of us at Grand Design RV and your Grand Design Dealer THANK YOU again for your purchase. We wish you many safe and happy journeys in your new RV and a lifetime of fond memories.

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### Introduction

#### **About This Manual**

You are responsible for the safe operation and use of your recreation vehicle (RV). This manual is designed to guide you through the normal operation, safety, care, and maintenance of your RV. The procedures outlined are typical for normal operating conditions. We include tips to help you enjoy the RV lifestyle; however, this guide is not intended to teach you how, or where, to camp.

There is nothing in this manual that creates any warranty, expressed or implied. Information in this manual is not meant to in any way supplement, modify, or alter the terms and conditions of the Limited Base Warranty, Limited Structural Warranty, or any component manufacturer warranties.

The information in this manual is accurate at the time of publication but is subject to change without notice. Due to ongoing upgrades and improvements, some photographs, drawings, components, or systems described may not represent what is actually in your RV.

If you have any questions, concerns, or require assistance regarding any aspect of your RV, please contact your dealer or Grand Design RV Customer Service.

#### **Contact Information:**

Website: www.granddesignrv.com

Email: customerservice@granddesignrv.com

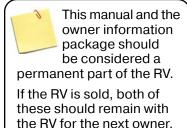
Phone: (574) 825-9679 Fax: (574) 825-9249

Address: Customer Service

Grand Design RV 11356 County Road 2 Middlebury, IN 46540



Owner Information Package





## **Owner Information Package**

The Owner Information Package contains the manual and registration cards for several individual components of your new Reflection Fifth Wheel (FW).

- It is critical that you register and activate each component warranty within the prescribed time limits to avoid loss of warranty coverage.
  - Some manufacturers require online registration through their company website.
  - See **page 26**, Component Supplier Contact Information.
- Some component manufacturers offer warranties beyond the Grand Design Limited Base and Structural Warranties.
- Other components are warranted separately and exclusively by the individual component manufacturer, and are therefore excluded from our Limited Base and Structural Warranties.
- BEFORE using your RV, it is important that you read and understand the information in this manual and your Owner Information Package.

## **Manufacturing Certification**

We build all Grand Design RV fifth wheels and travel trailers to meet or exceed the thorough safety and manufacturing codes, standards, and regulations of the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA).

- Both RVIA and Transport Canada conduct frequent random audits to confirm that our RVs are manufactured to U.S. (RVIA) and Canadian (CSA) standards.
- The RVIA or CSA Group label found on the sidewall next to the entry door confirms that your RV has been constructed to these exacting codes and standards.
- RVs built for sale in Canada may differ to conform to Canadian codes.

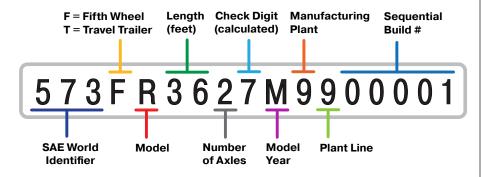


This NOTE symbol is used to identify special attention items, like useful tips, reminders or maintenance items.

### Vehicle Identification Number

The unique 17-digit vehicle identification number (VIN) for your RV is stamped on a metal tag permanently attached to the Pin Box. It is also listed on the Federal Certification label.

A breakdown of a typical Grand Design RV VIN is shown in the example below:



#### **SAE** World Identifier:

573 — Grand Design RV

#### Make / Model:

R — Reflection

M — Momentum

S — Solitude

E — Imagine

T - Transcend

#### Length:

The number listed falls within a predetermined, specified grouping that does not indicate the actual measured length of your RV.

#### **Model Year:**

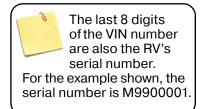
L - 2020

M - 2021

N - 2022

P - 2023

R - 2024





Various safety and information labels are attached to surfaces both inside and outside your RV.

These labels are permanent and should not be removed or relocated for any reason.

## Safety Precautions

Nothing is more important than the personal safety of you, your family and others. Safety encompasses several areas related to the RV experience. This includes driving/towing safety, occupant safety, operational safety, environmental safety, and more. Any time you are dealing with carbon monoxide producing appliances, propane gas, electricity and other hazards it is critical that safety become your number one priority in and around your recreational vehicle.



The Safety Alert Symbol is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. It is imperative that you read, understand and abide by these safety alerts and messages to avoid possible personal injury or death.

## **DANGER**

DANGER indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

## **WARNING**

WARNING indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



CAUTION indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

## NOTICE

NOTICE is used to address practices not related to physical injury. This applies to hazardous situations involving property damage only.

## Additional Terminology Used

**[Customer Supplied]** This denotes aftermarket items not installed or included by Grand Design RV. Items noted as "customer supplied" are not covered by the Limited Base and Structural Warranties. The inclusion of items noted as "customer supplied" does not imply or suggest the availability, application sustainability, or inclusion for any specific unit.

[If so equipped] This denotes items that may be installed by Grand Design on particular RVs. Additionally, some items noted as "if so equipped" can only be included during the manufacturing phase and cannot be added at a later date. The inclusion of items noted as "if so equipped" does not imply or suggest the availability, application sustainability, or inclusion for any specific unit.

**[Optional]** This denotes items that may be an option on all or particular models. Additionally, some optional items can only be included during the manufacturing phase and cannot be added at a later date. The inclusion of optional items does not imply or suggest the availability, application sustainability or inclusion for any specific unit.

## **Reporting Safety Defects**

#### In the United States

If you believe your vehicle has a defect, that could cause an accident, injury or death, you should immediately inform the **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration** (NHTSA), and notifying Grand Design RV.

If the NHTSA receives similar complaints, they may open an investigation. If they determine that a safety defect exists in other vehicles, a recall and remedy campaign may be ordered. The NHTSA does not become involved in individual cases between you, your dealer, or Grand Design RV.

#### To contact the **NHTSA**,

Website: www.safercar.gov

Address: NHTSA Headquarters

Attn: Administrator

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE

Washington DC 20590

Toll-free Vehicle

Safety Hotline: 1-888-327-4236

TTY: 1-800-424-9153

Additional motor vehicle safety information is available online at www.safercar.gov

### In Canada

If you believe that your vehicle has a defect, which could cause a crash or could cause injury or death, you should immediately inform **Transport Canada's Defect Investigations & Recalls Division**, and Grand Design RV.

#### To contact **Transport Canada**,

Website: www.tc.gc.ca

Address: Transport Canada

**Defect Investigations & Recalls Division** 

330 Sparks Street Ottawa ON K1A 0N5

Canada

Toll-free in Canada: 1-800-333-0510

If calling internationally,

or from the Gatineau-Ottawa area: 1-819-994-3328

## **Service & Warranty**

## Dealer's Responsibilities

When you buy your new RV, at the time of purchase, your dealer is expected to:

- DELIVER your RV in the best condition possible.
   Your RV must pass the dealer's Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI).
   This inspection tests all systems and components.
- PROVIDE an orientation to familiarize you with how to operate all systems and components of your new RV.
- 3. REVIEW with you, and explain the provisions of the Limited Base Warranty and Limited Structural Warranty.
- SEND your completed Warranty Registration and New Vehicle PDI Check List to Grand Design RV.
   Your registration form is <u>required</u> within 30 days of the delivery date to activate your warranty coverage.
- 5. ENSURE that you receive a complete Owner Information Package. Assist you with all component manufacturer warranty registrations (ie, locating the model and serial numbers of components as needed).
- 6. EXPLAIN how to obtain local and out-of-town service for your RV, and its (separately warranted) components, including repairs NOT under warranty.
- 7. SERVICE all Grand Design RV products.



## Owner's Responsibilities

As the owner, you are responsible for the regular care and maintenance of your RV in accordance with this manual and the component manufacturer's instructions.

- it is also your responsibility and obligation to return the RV to an authorized dealer for any warranty repairs and service that may be required.
- Proper maintenance will help avoid situations where the Limited Base Warranty and Limited Structural Warranty will not cover items due to neglect.
- Your dealer is responsible for proper service prior to delivery, and has a continued interest in your satisfaction.
  - We recommend warranty and maintenance services be performed by *your* Grand Design RV dealer.
- it is important to protect yourself and others with insurance coverage for your RV. Your insurance agent can assist you in obtaining the appropriate insurance coverage for personal liability, theft, collision, property damage, etc.

## **Obtaining Warranty Service**

#### Warranty service must be obtained:

- WITHIN a reasonable time after the discovery of a defect, and
- BEFORE the applicable warranty period expires.

To help your dealer provide you the best level of service, please do the following:

#### Call ahead

It is best to have your service performed several weeks before you plan to use your RV. Your dealer may need some time to get you in their schedule. Most service departments are the busiest on Mondays, Fridays and before holidays.

#### Be prepared

Keep your warranty and service history paperwork available. Past repairs and maintenance records may help the service technician diagnose a current issue.

#### Make a list

Provide the dealer a prioritized list of all repairs needed. If you need your RV returned by a specific date, discuss this with the dealer's service management. A second appointment may be required to complete lower priority list items or if parts need to be ordered.

#### While waiting

If possible, drop off your RV. Usually, customers cannot watch as repair work is performed. A shop's insurance may even require that customers not be allowed in the service area.

#### Inspect the work performed

Inspect all repairs thoroughly. Notify the dealer's service manager of any dissatisfaction right away.

- If you cannot immediately return your RV for repair, make an appointment to return as soon as possible.
- If a problem re-occurs after leaving the dealership, contact the dealer's service manager and Grand Design RV Customer Support, to quickly resolve the issue.



Please have the following available when you call:

- 1. Your name, location and phone number where you can be reached
- 2. Your RV's 17-digit VIN
- 3. Date of purchase
- 4. Contact information for the RV repair facility or dealer
- 5. Detailed description of the concern
- If applicable, the component description, serial and model numbers



Promptly report any issue with an RV repair to the management where

the work was done. All repair businesses require notification of problems within a specified time limit. Please familiarize yourself with the RV dealer or repair center's policies.

## Obtaining Emergency Warranty Repair

A roadside emergency can happen at any time, whether your RV is new or old. If you are traveling, using the following guidelines can help get you back on the road faster.

- To find the nearest authorized repair center, use the *Dealer Locator* on our website www.granddesignrv.com.
- 2. If there is not an *authorized dealer* near your location, try the following to find a repair facility:
  - · Ask the campground staff for referrals.
  - · Check the local telephone yellow pages.
  - Contact your dealer, or
  - Grand Design RV Customer Support.

#### 3. When you find an authorized dealer or repair facility:

- a. Call the RV repair facility to discuss your situation and make an appointment. Ask how their billing will be handled. They may choose to bill Grand Design RV directly; otherwise, you are expected to pay them.
- b. Have the RV repair facility inspect your RV. Either they or you must call Grand Design RV Customer Support to discuss applicable warranty coverage prior to any repair work being performed.
- c. Grand Design RV Customer Support will issue an authorization number upon warranty repair approval and advise if any original parts must be returned.
- d. Only after the authorization number has been issued, may the repair center begin work on your RV.
- e. For reimbursement, either you or the RV repair facility must send a copy of your itemized repair bill and all requested return parts to Grand Design RV by UPS (regular ground, freight pre-paid) within 60-days of the completed repair date.
- To expedite processing your warranty claim, include your name, address, phone number, the RV's 17-digit VIN, and your authorization number.
- If returning parts, include a copy of your freight bill.

f. Inspect the completed repair work thoroughly. If you are not satisfied, communicate that to the RV repair facility management. Make sure you are satisfied with the repair before you pay or leave the premises.

## Obtaining emergency repair assistance on a weekend or after business hours

If an authorized Grand Design RV dealer is not located nearby, contact your selling dealer for assistance. If your dealer is closed, check with the campground staff or telephone yellow pages for an RV repair facility. Have the item repaired and contact Grand Design RV Customer Support immediately the following business day.

## Replacement Parts

Replacement warranty parts are only distributed by authorized Grand Design RV dealers or service centers. Grand Design RV does not sell parts *retail direct* or to *non-authorized* dealers. If an original part is no longer available, Grand Design RV or your dealer will try to provide an appropriate substitute.

## Aftermarket Installations & Alterations

Aftermarket installations or alterations to the original equipment vehicle as distributed by Grand Design RV are not covered by the Limited Base and Structural Warranties. The special body company, assembler, equipment installer, or up-fitter is solely responsible for warranties on the body or equipment and any alterations (or any effect of the alterations) to any of the parts, components, systems, or assemblies installed by Grand Design RV. Grand Design RV is not responsible for the safety or quality of design features, materials, or workmanship of any alterations by such suppliers.

## Updating Your Contact Information

Grand Design RV requests that you please notify us in writing, of any change in address, ownership, or if your RV is ever stolen, totaled or destroyed. *Please remember to contact us if you sell your RV, or if you have purchased your Grand Design RV used and are not the original owner.* 

Federal law requires that we keep a record of Grand Design RV owners. Please help us keep your contact information up to date, so that we can reach you promptly in the event of a customer notification letter or recall.

#### To update your contact information,

Email: customerservice@granddesignrv.com

or Write: Grand Design RV

11356 County Road 2 Middlebury, IN 46540

If you have any questions, please contact Grand Design RV Customer Support at (574) 825-9679.

## Grand Design RV ONE YEAR LIMITED BASE WARRANTY

#### **SUMMARY**

#### What does this Warranty cover?

Grand Design RV, LLC ("Warrantor") provides this One (1) Year ("Warranty Period") Limited Base Warranty [which begins to run from the earlier of (i) the date of purchase by the original retail consumer purchaser or (ii) when the recreational vehicle is put into service] against certain defects in materials and/or workmanship for the recreational vehicle manufactured by, and workmanship provided directly by, Warrantor arising under normal use and service to the ORIGINAL RETAIL CONSUMER PURCHASER for the Warranty Period of the recreational vehicle. This Warranty only covers material components and parts of the recreational vehicle actually manufactured by and made by Warrantor and labor provided directly by Warrantor but no parts not made or manufactured by Warrantor. In addition to the forgoing and the other limitations and restrictions set for in this limited warranty, this limited warranty only covers a recreational vehicle sold by an authorized warrantor dealer to the original retail customer or its assign (transfer) to another retail purchaser within the warranty period, but only if the warranty for the recreational vehicle is registered in the original vehicle owner's name within the thirty (30) day start date period set forth above.

THIS WARRANTY CONSTITUTES THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FOR ALL DEFECTS OF MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP. THIS WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ANY AND ALL OTHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES. THERE ARE NO OTHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES BEYOND THOSE SET FORTH HEREIN. THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THE DESCRIPTION ON THE FACE HEREOF. IN ADDITION TO THE EXCLUSIONS SET FORTH IN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY, THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT APPLY TO DAMAGE DUE TO NEGLIGENT USE, MISUSE, ABUSE OR ACCIDENT INVOLVING ANY PART AND/OR ALL OF THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE, OR THE REPAIR OR ALTERATION OF SUCH RECREATIONAL VEHICLE. ANY REPAIR OR ALTERATION TO THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SPECIFICALLY VOIDS THIS WARRANTY. ANY COMMERCIAL USE, RENTAL, OR BUSINESS USE OF THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE VOIDS THIS AND ALL OTHER WARRANTIES PROVIDED BY WARRANTOR.

The sole remedy for a breach of the warranty is as follows. Defective parts and workmanship will be replaced by the Warrantor, or the Warrantor's authorized agent, provided that the following terms are met:

- 1. The Warrantor's authorized agent must be notified of the covered defect within the warranty period and within Twenty (20) days of when the defect was discovered or should have been discovered by a reasonable person exercising reasonable care according to the terms of this Limited Warranty.
- 2. The person seeking the replacement of the defective part or labor must be the original retail consumer purchaser, or an assignment to another consumer purchaser within the Warranty Period. Any assignment does not extend the Warrant Period.

- 3. The defective material or workmanship for which the warranty work and/or part is sought must be to the RECREATIONAL VEHICLE itself only.
- 4. The other terms and conditions of this Limited Warranty must be satisfied.

#### What types of things are excluded from the Warranty?

This Warranty does not cover:

- a. Defects in any component parts or labor of the recreational vehicle which are not considered the REC-REATIONAL VEHICLE or which were not manufactured by Warrantor;
- b. Defects in any items or labor which are covered by a separate warranty from the original manufacturer of any part that is used by Warrantor in the RECREATIONAL VEHICLE;
- c. Deterioration due to normal wear, tear, and exposure;
- d. Repairs or replacements made necessary by negligence, negligent use of, misuse of, abuse of, loading the unit beyond its gross weight limitations, accidents, acts of God, modifications or alterations in or to the RECREATIONAL VEHICLE by anyone, and failure to maintain or care for the RECREATIONAL VEHICLE, and any and all matters which were not within the control of the Warrantor;
- e. Neglect of the recreational vehicle or any part of it;
- f. Repairs or replacements made necessary by reason of a failure of the original retail consumer purchaser or others to follow ordinary maintenance procedures as recommended by the Warrantor or the manufacturer or dealer of the recreational vehicle;
- g. Any defect caused in-transit to or from a dealer or to or from the consumer or by the consumer or another:
- h. Any defects in work, labor, materials or parts not actually manufactured by, performed by or made by Warrantor;
- i. Tires; Batteries; Optional Generators and certain Appliances & Electronic Entertainment Equipment which is warranted separately by the respective component manufacturer.
- j. Recreational vehicles purchased anywhere other than from an authorized Warrantor dealer;
- k. Alterations, modifications or changes to the original design and build of the recreational vehicle;
- 1. Vehicles used for rental, business or disaster relief purposes;
- m. Routine maintenance and adjustments;
- n. Vehicles registered and used outside the U.S. and Canada;
- o. Consequential/incidental expenses (damages) such as service calls, transportation, lodging, food, fuel, etc. NOTE: Some states do not allow the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so this exclusion may not apply to you;
- p. Fading, yellowing or aging of exterior materials due to UV or sunlight or weather exposure;
- q. Damage that has occurred as a result of misuse, abuse, neglect, or lack of maintenance;

- r. Damage caused by unregulated water pressure, tank over-fill or plumbing system modifications resulting in flooding of the vehicle;
- s. Damage caused by unprotected electrical hook-ups (home or campground), power surges, lightning, circuit overload or electrical system modifications;
- t. Damage caused by overloading or improper weight distribution;
- u. Damage caused by improper ventilation resulting in excessive condensation which results in water damage and/or mold or mildew;
- v. Damage, fading or deterioration caused by prolonged exposure to natural elements;
- w. Damage caused by infestation by insects or other animals;
- x. Damage caused by the tow vehicle hitch, equalizer, stabilizer, electrical or brake controller system;
- y. Damage caused by the environment or weather, including, but not limited to, flooding, high winds, acid rain, hail, lightning, high heat, extreme cold, etc.
- z. Damage caused by road surface conditions, applications of salt or de-icing chemicals, gravel/sand, ruts, holes, etc.;
- aa. Exterior paint or finish which is warranted independently by the paint manufacturer and/or independent applicator;
- ab. DEFACING: scratches, dents, and rust on any surface of the RECREATIONAL VEHICLE; and
- ac. EXCESS weight on the RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.

#### WARRANTOR'S OBLIGATIONS - HOW TO GET WARRANTY SERVICES

#### **How Do You Get Service?**

In no event shall repair or replacement for a defect be covered under this Warranty unless the repair or replacement occurs at Warrantor's facilities, or Warrantor's designated repair shop or dealer. Upon discovery of any defect covered by this Warranty, you must notify the authorized dealer from whom you purchased the recreational vehicle. Following notification, the recreational vehicle must be taken to the authorized dealer from whom you purchased it for inspection or another authorized dealer, if authorized by Warrantor, or authorized repair shop as directed by Warrantor. Either that dealer or repair shop or Warrantor will undertake appropriate corrective repairs in instances where the defect is covered by this Warranty. Warrantor reserves the right to use or cause the use of alternative parts or components having substantially equal or greater quality.

Warrantor will remedy defects in materials and workmanship covered under this Limited Warranty under normal use and service caused by Warrantor in the RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ONLY of the recreational vehicle. Warranty performance can only be obtained at Warrantor's authorized dealers and service representatives. All costs incurred in transporting this recreational vehicle for warranty service shall be borne by purchaser unless otherwise approved in advance by Warrantor.

#### What are purchaser's obligations?

The purchaser shall give notice to the Warrantor's agent or dealer within Twenty (20) days after it is or should have been discovered, and any action to enforce it shall be commenced not more than three (3) months thereafter; otherwise the Purchaser will have waived any such defect and claim, and any and all damages arising as a result thereof. The purchaser must perform reasonable and necessary maintenance upon the recreational vehicle and use the recreational vehicle in accordance with the manufacturer of the recreational vehicles and Warrantor's directions and recommendations. Among the other requirements under this Warranty, the Purchaser must also:

- Maintain the recreational vehicle in accordance with the maintenance requirements contained in the Owner's Manual;
- Make minor adjustments including (but limited to) doors, drawers, latches, regulators, controls, mechanisms, etc. after 90 days of ownership;
- Maintain all exterior seals and sealant, which must be inspected every 3 months to assure there are no gaps or voids, and correcting as necessary; and
- Return their vehicle to an authorized dealer for repairs.

If you believe that you have a claim under this Warranty, locate and contact your nearest authorized Warrantor dealer to schedule an appointment. Be prepared to provide your vehicle serial number (VIN), date of purchase, and a description of the issue or concern. If you cannot locate a dealer, please go to the Warrantor's web site or contact Warrantor directly for immediate assistance.

#### What are the Dealer's Responsibilities?

- Perform a walk-through to assure that the customer understands the operation, use and safety requirements of the vehicle;
- · Review vehicle warranties, operating manuals and instruction guides; and
- Inform the customer on how to obtain service, locally or while in transit;

Warrantor is not responsible or liable for any failures, breaches, negligence, inattention or problems on the part of the Dealer.

#### What events discharge Warrantor from the obligations under this Warranty?

Misuse or negligent use, abuse, or accident, neglect, unauthorized alteration, failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance including reasonable periodic inspections of the recreational vehicle and/or use of the recreational vehicle for rental, business or commercial use or any other use other than to use the recreational vehicle only for personal use, shall each discharge the Warrantor from any obligation under this Warranty. The recreational vehicle is designed for recreational and personal use.

#### What do I do to activate warranties of other manufacturers of component parts and goods?

#### **COMPONENT WARRANTIES**

As stated above, some components, accessories or equipment are not covered by this Base Limited Warranty. Examples include tires, batteries, optional generators, and some appliance & electronic entertainment equipment. However, those items may have coverage provided by the component manufacturer. These warranties are completely separate from this Limited Base Warranty, and in some cases may be longer and/or have specific coverage provisions and requirements. In order to activate these warranties you may have to complete registration forms, post cards or some other form of notification to the component manufacturer within a specific time period. These forms and documents will be located with the Owner's Materials provided with your new vehicle. You must complete and submit them to the respective manufacturer as quickly as possible, and within the time periods required by those warranties.

#### DISCLAIMER OF CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE AND INCIDENTAL DAMAGES

#### What other conditions or limitations apply to this Warranty?

The original retail purchaser of the recreational vehicle and any person to whom the recreational vehicle is transferred or given or conveyed, and any person who is an intended or unintended user or beneficiary of this Limited Warranty, shall not be entitled to recover from Warrantor any consequential, punitive or incidental damages resulting from any defect in the recreational vehicle, or loss of use, time or revenues. This warranty also excludes costs of transportation to any authorized dealer or service representative or to the Warrantor to get warranty service, loss of use of the recreational vehicle, loss of time, loss of revenues, inconvenience, or other incidental or consequential damage and any punitive damages, with respect to business or property, whether as a result of breach of warranty, negligence, or otherwise.

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation or the exclusion may not apply to you.

TO THE EXTENT NOT EXCLUDED IN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY, THE IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, AN UNWRITTEN WARRANTY THAT THE PRODUCT IS FIT FOR ORDINARY USE, IS LIMITED TO THE WARRANTY PERIOD OF THIS WRITTEN WARRANTY, AND ANY OTHER IMPLIED WARRANTY ARISING BY OPERATION OF LAW ARE SPECIFICALLY LIMITED TO THE WARRANTY PERIOD OF THIS WRITTEN WARRANTY TO THE EXTENT NOT ACTUALLY EXCLUDED IN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY.

IF ANY MODEL OR SAMPLE IS SHOWN TO THE PURCHASER PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE OF THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE, SUCH SAMPLE OR MODEL WAS MERELY TO ILLUSTRATE A GENERAL TYPE OF QUALITY AND NOT TO REPRESENT THAT THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE WOULD NECESSARILY CONFORM TO A SAMPLE OR MODEL AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE PART OF THE BASIS OF THE BARGAIN OR CREATE ANY EXPRESSED WARRANTIES OR AFFIRMATIONS OR PROMISES.

#### DISCLAIMER OF EXPRESSED AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES

THE WARRANTOR EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND ANY OTHER IMPLIED WARRANTIES.

THERE IS NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY MADE BY WARRANTOR BEYOND THAT CONTAINED IN THE LIMITED WARRANTY ABOVE. THE ABOVE REFERENCED LIMITED WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ANY AND ALL OTHER WARRANTIES. TO ACTIVATE THE LIMITED WARRANTY, THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE MUST BE REGISTERED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE OF PURCHASE; OTHERWISE, THIS LIMITED WARRANTY WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE. NO PERSON HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ENLARGE, AMEND, OR MODIFY THIS WARRANTY.

Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations may not apply to you.

#### **DESIGN CHANGES**

Warrantor reserves the right to change the design of its RECREATIONAL VEHICLE from time to time without notice and without obligation to make corresponding changes in its products previously manufactured.

#### ATTORNEYS FEES

Any warranty claim asserted or brought in violation of this Limited Warranty, or any claim brought against WARRANTOR, directly or indirectly, under which the Purchaser or any other person or entity seeks to broaden the terms of the Limited Warranty or under which the Purchaser or any other person fails to successfully prevail on any issue or matter of any type or nature, shall entitle Warrantor to recover its costs, damages, and reasonable attorney's fees in connection with the same.

#### **How Does State Law Relate to This Warranty?**

This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

By registering or having your recreational vehicle registered in your name, or by asserting a claim under this Limited Warranty, Purchaser (and all assigns) is agreeing on behalf of the purchaser and all assigns to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Limited Warranty.

## Grand Design RV THREE YEAR LIMITED STRUCTURAL WARRANTY

#### **SUMMARY**

#### What does this Warranty cover?

Grand Design RV, LLC ("Warrantor") provides this Three (3) Year ("Warranty Period") Limited Structural Warranty [which begins to run from the earlier of (i) the date of purchase by the original retail consumer purchaser or (ii) when the recreational vehicle is put into service] against certain defects in materials and/or workmanship for the structural components manufactured by, and workmanship provided directly by, Warrantor arising under normal use and service to the structural components (as defined below) for the above described recreational vehicle of Warrantors to the ORIGINAL RETAIL CONSUMER PURCHASER for the Warranty Period. This Warranty only covers material components and parts of the Structural Components actually manufactured by and made by Warrantor and labor provided directly by Warrantor. In addition to the forgoing and the other limitations and restrictions set for in this limited warranty, this limited warranty only covers a recreational vehicle sold to the original retail customer by an authorized warrantor dealer within the thirty (30) day start period set forth above. This Warranty is not assignable to any person or entity.

"Structural Components" consist of: materials and/or workmanship directly attributable to Warrantor, namely, the laminated fiberglass sidewall assembly, laminated fiberglass rear wall assembly, laminated fiberglass front wall (wrap), sidewall/end wall/front and rear wall frame assembly (wood and aluminum), roof assembly, floor assembly and frame assembly.

THIS WARRANTY CONSTITUTES THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FOR ALL DEFECTS OF MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP. THIS WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ANY AND ALL OTHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES. THERE ARE NO OTHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES BEYOND THOSE SET FORTH HEREIN. THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THE DESCRIPTION ON THE FACE HEREOF. IN ADDITION TO THE EXCLUSIONS SET FORTH IN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY, THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT APPLY TO DAMAGE DUE TO NEGLIGENT USE, MISUSE, ABUSE OR ACCIDENT INVOLVING ANY PART AND/OR ALL OF THE STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS, OR THE REPAIR OR ALTERATION OF SUCH STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS. ANY REPAIR OR ALTERATION TO THE STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS SPECIFICALLY VOIDS THIS WARRANTY. ANY COMMERCIAL USE, RENTAL, OR BUSINESS USE OF THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE VOIDS THIS AND ALL OTHER WARRANTIES PROVIDED BY WARRANTOR.

The sole remedy for a breach of the warranty is as follows. Defective parts and workmanship will be replaced by the Warrantor, or the Warrantor's authorized agent, provided that the following terms are met:

1. The Warrantor's authorized agent must be notified of the covered defect within the warranty period and within Twenty (20) days of when the defect was discovered or should have been discovered by a reasonable person exercising reasonable care according to the terms of this Limited Warranty.

- 2. The person seeking the replacement of the defective part or labor must be the original retail consumer purchaser. An assignment of the recreational vehicle to another person voids this Limited Warranty.
- 3. The defective material or workmanship for which the warranty work and/or part is sought must be to the STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS only.
- 4. The other terms and conditions of this Limited Warranty must be satisfied.

#### What types of things are excluded from the Warranty?

#### This Warranty does not cover:

- a. Defects in any component parts or labor of the recreational vehicle which are not considered the STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS or which were not manufactured by Warrantor;
- b. Defects in any items or labor which are covered by a separate warranty from the original manufacturer of any part that is used by Warrantor in the STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS;
- c. Deterioration due to normal wear, tear, and exposure;
- d. Repairs or replacements made necessary by negligence, negligent use of, misuse of, abuse of, loading the unit beyond its gross weight limitations, accidents, acts of God, modifications or alterations in or to the STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS by anyone, and failure to maintain or care for the STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS, and any and all matters which were not within the control of the Warrantor;
- e. Neglect of the recreational vehicle or STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS;
- f. Repairs or replacements made necessary by reason of a failure of the original retail consumer purchaser or others to follow ordinary maintenance procedures as recommended by the Warrantor or the manufacturer or dealer of the Structural Components;
- g. Any defect caused in-transit to or from a dealer or to or from the consumer or by the consumer or another;
- h. Any defects in work, labor, materials or parts not actually manufactured by, performed by or made by Warrantor;
- i. Front and rear fiberglass caps and any other cosmetic fiberglass attachments;
- j. Sidewall metal (unless the root cause is the wall structure);
- k. Exterior roof material (EPDM rubber, TPO, etc.);
- 1. Floor covering (carpet, linoleum, hardwood, tile, etc.);
- m. All sidewall, end wall, front and rear wall, roof and floor attachments;
- n. Delamination caused by water intrusion from lack of required exterior seal maintenance;
- o. Vehicles purchased anywhere other than from an authorized Warrantor dealer;
- p. Alterations, modifications or changes to the original design and build of the recreational vehicle;
- q. Vehicles used for rental, business or disaster relief purposes;
- r. Routine maintenance and adjustments;
- s. Vehicles registered and used outside the U.S. and Canada;

- t. Consequential/incidental expenses (damages) such as service calls, transportation, lodging, food, fuel, etc. NOTE: Some states do not allow the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so this exclusion may not apply to you;
- u. Fading, yellowing or aging of exterior materials due to UV or sunlight or weather exposure;
- v. Damage that has occurred as a result of misuse, abuse, neglect, or lack of maintenance;
- w. Damage caused by unregulated water pressure, tank over-fill or plumbing system modifications resulting in flooding of the vehicle;
- x. Damage caused by unprotected electrical hook-ups (home or campground), power surges, lightning, circuit overload or electrical system modifications;
- y. Damage caused by overloading or improper weight distribution;
- z. Damage caused by improper ventilation resulting in excessive condensation which results in water damage and/or mold or mildew;
- aa. Damage, fading or deterioration caused by prolonged exposure to natural elements;
- ab. Damage caused by infestation by insects or other animals;
- ac. Damage caused by the tow vehicle hitch, equalizer, stabilizer, electrical or brake controller system;
- ad. Damage caused by the environment or weather, including, but not limited to, flooding, high winds, acid rain, hail, lightning, high heat, extreme cold, etc.
- ae. Damage caused by road surface conditions (gravel/sand, ruts, potholes, etc.); applications of salt or de-icing chemicals resulting in rust.
- af. Exterior paint or finish which is warranted independently by the paint manufacturer and/or independent applicator;
- ag. Defacing: scratches, dents, and rust on any surface of the STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS; and
- ah. Excess weight on the STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS.

#### WARRANTOR'S OBLIGATIONS - HOW TO GET WARRANTY SERVICES

#### **How Do You Get Service?**

In no event shall repair or replacement for a defect be covered under this Warranty unless the repair or replacement occurs at Warrantor's facilities, or Warrantor's designated repair shop or dealer. Upon discovery of any defect covered by this Warranty, you must notify the authorized dealer from whom you purchased the recreational vehicle. You must always notify the Warrantor as well even if you contact the dealer from whom you purchased the recreational vehicle. Following notification, the recreational vehicle must be taken to the authorized dealer from whom you purchased it for inspection or another authorized dealer, if authorized by Warrantor, or authorized repair shop as directed by Warrantor. Either that dealer or repair shop or Warrantor will undertake appropriate corrective repairs in instances where the defect is covered by this Warranty. However, no work may be performed to the STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS without the prior authorization of the Warrantor. And, Warrantor reserves the right to use or cause the use of alternative parts or components having substantially equal or greater quality.

#### Service & Warranty

Warrantor will remedy defects in materials and workmanship covered under this Limited Warranty under normal use and service caused by Warrantor in the STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS ONLY of the recreational vehicle. Warranty performance can only be obtained at Warrantor's authorized dealers and service representatives. All costs incurred in transporting this recreational vehicle for warranty service shall be borne by purchaser unless otherwise approved in advance by Warrantor.

#### What are purchaser's obligations?

The purchaser shall give written notice to the Warrantor or an Authorized Dealer of any defect within Twenty (20) days after it is or should have been discovered, and any action to enforce it shall be commenced not more than three (3) months thereafter; otherwise the Purchaser will have waived any such defect and claim, and any and all damages arising as a result thereof. The purchaser must perform reasonable and necessary maintenance upon the recreational vehicle and STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS and use the recreational vehicle and STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS in accordance with the recreational vehicle manufacturer and Warrantor's directions and recommendations. Among the other requirements under this Warranty, the Purchaser must also:

- Maintain the recreational vehicle in accordance with the maintenance requirements contained in the Owner's Manual; and
- Maintain all exterior seals and sealant, which must be inspected every six (6) months to assure there are no gaps or voids, and all gaps and voids must be corrected as necessary. Documentation acceptable to Warrantor must be presented confirming completion of an annual sealant inspection by an authorized Warrantor dealer or authorized dealer repair shop for coverage consideration.

If you believe that you have a claim under this Warranty, locate and contact your nearest authorized Warrantor dealer to schedule an appointment. Be prepared to provide your vehicle serial number (VIN), date of purchase, and a description of the issue or concern. If you cannot locate a dealer, please go to the Warrantor's web site or contact Warrantor directly for immediate assistance.

#### What events discharge Warrantor from the obligations under this Warranty?

Misuse or negligent use, abuse, or accident, neglect, unauthorized alteration, failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance including reasonable periodic inspections of the recreational vehicle and STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS and/or use of the recreational vehicle for rental, business or commercial use or any other use other than to use the recreational vehicle only for personal use, shall each discharge the Warrantor from any obligation under this Warranty. The Structural Components in the recreational vehicle are designed for recreational and personal use.

#### DISCLAIMER OF CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE AND INCIDENTAL DAMAGES

#### What other conditions or limitations apply to this Warranty?

The original retail purchaser of the recreational vehicle and any person to whom the recreational vehicle is transferred or given or conveyed, and any person who is an intended or unintended user or beneficiary of this Limited Warranty, shall not be entitled to recover from Warrantor any consequential, punitive or incidental damages resulting from any defect in the recreational vehicle, or loss of use, time or revenues. This warranty also excludes costs of transportation to any authorized dealer or service representative or to the Warrantor to get warranty service, loss of use of the recreational vehicle, loss of time, loss of revenues, inconvenience, or other incidental or consequential damage and any punitive damages, with respect to business or property, whether as a result of breach of warranty, negligence, or otherwise

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation or the exclusion may not apply to you.

TO THE EXTENT NOT EXCLUDED IN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY, THE IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, AN UNWRITTEN WARRANTY THAT THE PRODUCT IS FIT FOR ORDINARY USE, IS LIMITED TO THE WARRANTY PERIOD OF THIS WRITTEN WARRANTY, AND ANY OTHER IMPLIED WARRANTY ARISING BY OPERATION OF LAW ARE SPECIFICALLY LIMITED TO THE WARRANTY PERIOD OF THIS WRITTEN WARRANTY TO THE EXTENT NOT ACTUALLY EXCLUDED IN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY.

IF ANY MODEL OR SAMPLE IS SHOWN TO THE PURCHASER PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE OF THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS, SUCH SAMPLE OR MODEL WAS MERELY TO ILLUSTRATE A GENERAL TYPE OF QUALITY AND NOT TO REPRESENT THAT THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS WOULD NECESSARILY CONFORM TO A SAMPLE OR MODEL AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE PART OF THE BASIS OF THE BARGAIN OR CREATE ANY EXPRESSED WARRANTIES OR AFFIRMATIONS OR PROMISES.

#### DISCLAIMER OF EXPRESSED AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES

THE WARRANTOR EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANT-ABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND ANY OTHER IMPLIED WARRANTIES.

THERE IS NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY MADE BY WARRANTOR BEYOND THAT CONTAINED IN THE LIMITED WARRANTY ABOVE. THE ABOVE REFERENCED LIMITED WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ANY AND ALL OTHER WARRANTIES. TO ACTIVATE THE LIMITED WARRANTY, YOU MUST RETURN THE ATTACHED NOTICE TO WARRANTOR WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE OF PURCHASE; OTHERWISE, THIS LIMITED WARRANTY WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE. NO PERSON HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ENLARGE, AMEND, OR MODIFY THIS WARRANTY

Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations may not apply to you.

#### **DESIGN CHANGES**

Warrantor reserves the right to change the design of its STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS from time to time without notice and without obligation to make corresponding changes in its products previously manufactured.

#### **ATTORNEYS FEES**

Any warranty claim asserted or brought in violation of this Limited Warranty, or any claim brought against WARRANTOR, directly or indirectly, under which the Purchaser or any other person or entity seeks to broaden the terms of the Limited Warranty or under which the Purchaser or any other person fails to successfully prevail on any issue or matter of any type or nature, shall entitle Warrantor to recover its costs, damages, and reasonable attorney's fees in connection with the same.

#### **How Does State Law Relate to This Warranty?**

This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state

#### What to do if a separately manufactured part is defective?

Our warranty does not cover defects in separately manufactured products which are not produced or manufactured directly by Warrantor. These products may be warranted by their individual manufacturers. To the extent that such products installed in your recreational vehicle or STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS are covered by warranties from those manufacturers, the written warranties by the suppliers of those products may be provided with each new recreational vehicle for the convenience and clarification of the original retail consumer purchaser. If you have trouble locating the manufacturer supplying these warranties, your dealer will be glad to assist you. However, we have no responsibility or control over the outcome of warranty claims against these manufacturers.

#### **How Does State Law Relate to This Warranty?**

This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

By registering, or having your recreational vehicle registered in your name, or by asserting a claim under this Limited Warranty, Purchaser (and all assigns) is agreeing on behalf of Purchaser and all assigns to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Limited Warranty.

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## **Component Supplier Contact Information**

All component suppliers listed are correct at the time of printing. Grand Design RV may change components at their discretion. Please contact GDRV Customer Support with any questions.

Component	Brand	Supplier Website	Phone Number
Air Conditioner	RVP / Coleman	airxcel.com	(316) 832-3400
Awning(s)	Lippert Components	lci1.com	(574) 537-8900
Axle	Dexter Axle	dexteraxle.com	(574) 295-7888
Baggage Doors	Lippert Components	lci1.com	(574) 537-8900
Converter	WFCO	wfcoelectronics.com	(877) 294-8997
Cooktop (Outside)	Capitol	customerservice.ddr.gmail.com	(574) 970-9765
Entry Door	Lippert Components	lci1.com	(574) 537-8900
Entry Steps	Lippert Components	lci1.com	(574) 537-8900
Fireplace 40" & 48"	Innoflame	davecarter.com	(574) 642-0627
Fireplace 26" *150 Series	Graystone	wayinterglobal.com	(574) 971-4490
Frame	Lippert Components	lci1.com	(574) 537-8900
Furnace	Suburban	airxcel.com	(316) 832-3400
Graphics	BGS	burlingtongraphics.com	(262) 554-8808
Leveling System	Lippert Components	lci1.com	(574) 537-8900
Load Center	WFCO	wfcoelectronics.com	(877) 294-8997
Microwave	Furrion	furrion.com	(888) 354-5792
Range Top/Oven Combo	Furrion	furrion.com	(888) 354-5792
Refrigerator 12 cf.	Norcold	thetford.com	(800) 543-1219
Refrigerator 8 cf.	Dometic	dometic.com	(800) 544-4881
Refrigerator 3.3 cf. outside	Rvision	rvisionintl.com	(866) 96-LEGEND
Roof Membrane	Alpha Systems	alphasystemsinc.com	(574) 295-5206
Slideouts	Lippert Components	lci1.com	(574) 537-8900
Slide Floor	Huber	huberwood.com	(800) 933-9220
Sofas	Lippert Components	lci1.com	(574) 537-8900
Stereo	Jensen	asaelectronics.com	(877) 305-0445
Suspension System	MORryde	morryde.com	(574) 293-1581
Televisions	TCL	tclusa.com	(877) 300-8837
Tires	Goodyear	lionsheadtireandwheel.com	(574) 533-6169
Toilet	Thetford	thetford.com	(800) 543-1219
TV Antenna	Winegard Company	winegard.com	(800) 288-8094
Water Heater	Dometic	dometic.com	(800) 544-4881
Water Heater	Suburban	airxcel.com	(423) 775-2131
Water Pump	Shurflo	shurflo.com	(574) 537-8900
Windows	Lippert Components	lci1.com	(574) 537-8900

## **Component Manufacturer Warranty Information**

Each manufacturer provides their own warranty for the components on your Reflection FW. This warranty information is current at the time printing, but is subject to change at any time per the manufacturer. Details can be found on the company websites listed or by contacting them directly. See **previous page**, Component Supplier Contact Information.

Component	Brand	Manufacturer Warranty		
Air Conditioner	RVP / Coleman	Two year limited warranty.		
Awning(s)	Lippert Components	One year limited warranty from date of purchase.		
Axle	Dexter Axle	Five year limited warranty.		
Baggage Doors	Lippert Components	One year limited warranty from date of purchase.		
Converter	WFCO	Two year limited warranty.		
Cooktop (Outside)	Capitol	One year limited warranty.		
Entry Door	Lippert Components	One year limited warranty from date of purchase.		
Entry Steps	Lippert Components	One year limited warranty from date of purchase.		
Fireplace 40" & 48"	Innoflame	One year limited warranty.		
Fireplace 26" *150 Series	Graystone	One year limited warranty from date of purchase.		
Frame	Lippert Components	One year limited warranty from date of purchase.		
Furnace	Suburban	Two year limited warranty.		
Graphics	BGS	Five year limited warranty.		
Leveling System	Lippert Components	One year limited warranty from date of purchase.		
Load Center	WFCO	Two year limited warranty.		
Microwave	Furrion	One year limited warranty.		
Range Top/Oven Combo	Furrion	One year limited warranty.		
Refrigerator 12 cf.	Norcold	Two year limited warranty.		
Refrigerator 8 cf.	Dometic	One year limited warranty.		
Refrigerator 3.3 cf. outside	Rvision	One year limited warranty.		
Roof Membrane	Alpha Systems	Eighteen year limited warranty.		
Slideouts	Lippert Components	One year limited warranty from date of purchase.		
Slide Floor	Huber	25 year limited warranty, not to exceed the OEM warranty on the finished product.		
Sofas	Lippert Components	One year limited warranty from date of purchase.		
Stereo	Jensen	One year limited warranty.		
Suspension System	MORryde	Two year limited warranty from date of purchase.		
Televisions	TCL	One year limited warranty.		
Tires	Goodyear	No fault 12-month limited warranty from the date of purchase. Five year limited warranty from the tire manufacture date.		
Toilet	Thetford	One year limited warranty.		
TV Antenna	Winegard Company	Two year limited warranty, Parts. One year limited warranty, Labor.		
Water Heater	Dometic	Two year limited warranty from date of purchase.		
Water Heater	Suburban	Two year limited warranty.		
Water Pump	Shurflo	One year limited warranty.		
Windows	Lippert Components	One year limited warranty from date of purchase.		
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## **Occupant Safety**

Your Reflection Fifth Wheel is designed with comfort and safety as a priority. This RV meets or exceeds the safety standards and applicable codes in effect at the time it is built. All required safety items are carefully installed to protect you and the occupants of your RV.

## Family Safety Plan

Develop a *Family Safety Plan* to use in case of an emergency or severe weather condition. Practice it with your entire family, especially children.

- Before camping, please review and understand the locations of all doors, emergency exit windows, and safety equipment inside your RV.
- Teach everyone what the RV safety alarm signals mean and how to be prepared to leave the RV, by themselves if necessary.
- Draw a floor plan of your RV and find two ways to exit.
   There should be at least one way to get out of your RV without opening the door.
- Teach everyone how to check doors (and <u>not</u> to open them if they are **hot**). Also teach everyone to stay low to try to avoid breathing smoke, fumes or gases.
- Decide on a meeting place a safe distance from your RV.
   Make sure everyone understands to gather and wait there, in case family members are separated from one another in an emergency.
- Make sure everyone knows where to go to call the fire department or 911 from outside the RV.
- Conduct safety drills at least every six months.
  - Make sure everyone, guests included, knows how to evacuate the RV safely.
- Practice exiting the RV blindfolded; in a real fire situation, thick black smoke can make it impossible to see.
- Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as your family contact. Make sure everyone knows the contact person's name, address, phone number and email.

For additional safety precautions, Consult your local fire dept.

## **WARNING**

During severe weather conditions, move indoors to a place of safety or shelter as directed by campground or other appropriate authorities.

- AVOID trees or power lines that could fall on your vehicle.
- The safest place during severe weather conditions is inside a basement or storm shelter, not an RV or tow vehicle.

## **WARNING**

Be aware of the **Heat Index** if camping during hot weather.

Keep HYDRATED, and try to stay indoors in an AIR CONDITIONED area during a high Heat Index Warning.



Please familiarize yourself with the following weather terms:

**Warning** - indicates that a particular weather hazard is either imminent or has been reported.

Move to a safe location immediately. Take action to protect life and property. The type of hazard is named in the type of warning (tornado warning, blizzard warning, etc.).

**Watch** - indicates that a particular weather hazard is possible and that conditions are favorable for its occurrence.

A watch is a time for preparation, planning, and increased awareness. Stay alert for changing weather, listen for further information and think about what to do if the danger materializes.

## **Pet Safety**

Emergency shelters could refuse to admit pets due to health or space reasons. The survival of a beloved pet often depends on the careful plans their owner has made in advance.

Prepare an emergency plan for pets that includes a
 3-day supply (at least) of dry food and fresh water.

## **Emergency Weather Planning**

Severe weather is one of the more serious conditions to take into account when camping. Weather can change with little or even no warning. Thunderstorms, hail, flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, etc. can threaten your safety and damage your tow vehicle or RV.

Local radio and TV stations normally broadcast weather condtions and warnings as they occur. Research other methods of learning about severe weather conditions and how to deal with them. You may want to consider investing in a weather radio. Weather radios offer 24 hour-a-day VHF broadcasts of weather observations and forecasts directly from the US National Weather Service (NWS).

The frequencies used by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio stations are 162.400, 162.425, 162.450, 162.475, 162.500, 162.525, or 162.550 megahertz or visit their website www.noaa.gov

#### Repairing severe weather damage

If your RV (or tow vehicle) is damaged due to severe weather:

 Call your insurance company as soon as possible to report your claim, BEFORE scheduling any repair work.

## Fire Safety

Please AVOID the three (3) most common Fire Safety issues: Smoking In Bed, Using Flammable Solvents/Cleaning Fluids, and Leaving Children Unattended.

- In a fire emergency, EVACUATE the RV first, then call 911 from a safe location.
- In a fire emergency, execute your Family Safety Plan.
- Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop & Roll if their clothes catch fire.
  - Stop in place, do not run.
  - Drop to the ground.
  - Roll back and forth, with hands shielding face from the fire.
- Supervise children around any open flame, especially grills, and campfires.
- Learn and teach safe fire practices. Build campfires away from nearby trees or bushes.
- Maintain at least a three-foot clear area around grills, campfires and tents, that is free of leaves, dry grass, pine needles, etc.
- ALWAYS have a way to quickly and completely extinguish a campfire ready in advance. NEVER leave a fire burning unattended, even a cigarette.
- Teach family members how to use the fire extinguisher and replace it as recommended.
- DO NOT store combustible materials in closed areas or near a heat source.
- DO NOT use water to put out a grease fire.
   Water can spread some types of fire and create an electrocution hazard during an electrical fire.
- ALWAYS call the Fire Department,
   No matter how small the fire.

More information on firefighting can be found at the National Fire Protection Association website (www.nfpa.org).



#### NOTIFY Grand Design RV Immediately

if you feel that product failure resulted in a fire.

Call GDRV Customer Service at (574)825-8000 for approval BEFORE the RV is entered, moved or repaired, or any debris is cleaned/removed.

Failure to notify GDRV could result in the loss of coverage.

### Fire Extinguisher

A fire can spread very fast. BEFORE using the fire extinguisher, remember that **safe escape** is the most important part of any fire response plan. *If there is a fire in or around your RV*:

• EVACUATING all occupants from the RV safely, must be your number one (#1) priority.

A dry chemical, Class B /Class C type fire extinguisher is located near the entry door of your RV. The portable fire extinguisher can be used to put out small fires or contain one until the fire department arrives. Portable extinguishers do have limitations.

## Household fire extinguishers are classified into four types by Underwriters Laboratories (UL):

Rating	Intended Use
Type A	For use on fires involving combustible materials such as wood, cloth and paper.
Type B	For use on flammable liquid fires, including kitchen grease.  NEVER use water on this type of fire.
Type C	For use on fires involving energized electrical equipment.
Type ABC	Works on all three types of fires listed above.

### **Operation**

When you use the fire extinguisher, ALWAYS keep your back to a clear exit for an easy escape. Leave *immediately* if the fire cannot be controlled or the room fills with smoke.

There are different types and sizes of fire extinguishers, but for the most part, all of them work the same.

## To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word: P.A.S.S.

**P**ULL the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.

**A**IM low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

**S**QUEEZE the lever slowly and evenly.

**S**WEEP the nozzle from side-to-side until the fire is out.

## **A** CAUTION

Avoid inhaling the dry chemical agent in the fire extinguisher. It is not toxic but it may cause skin irritation. In case of contact, flush the affected area with clean, cool water. If irritations persists, contact a physician immediately.

#### **Disposal**

Please check the local laws BEFORE disposing of your used (non-refillable) dry chemical fire extinguisher. Contact your local fire, sanitation or environmental protection department for rules on disposal.

### **Emergency Egress Window**

The *Emergency Egress Window* (or exit window) is your secondary exit, if the RV's entrance door becomes blocked or unavailable. All egress windows are marked with an *EXIT* label (*right*) and have **red** handles or levers. Depending upon the window type, an egress window may be a large section or an entire window. Learn and practice how to open and operate the egress window before an emergency occurs:

- When pulling into your campsite, make sure the egress windows are not blocked by trees or other obstacles.
- Also check that below each egress window the ground is solid and the escape path is clear.
- Review the egress window locations and how to operate them with all people staying in the RV.
- · Plan escape routes from the front and rear of the RV.
- Decide who will exit through the emergency escape windows first, and in what position.
- Place a blanket or heavy coat over the window frame to cushion the exit.
- If there is a fire, the last person to exit the RV should be prepared to assist those in front.
- Arrange for a meeting place safely away from the RV.

#### **Maintenance**

- To prevent the seals from sticking, OPEN and CLOSE your *Emergency Egress Window(s)* each trip.
- During transit the Egress Window(s) must be locked.



#### Occupant Safety



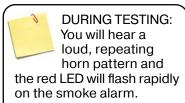
Smoke Alarm

## **WARNING**

Test Smoke Alarm operation after the RV has been in storage, before each trip and at least once per week while in use.

## **WARNING**

NEVER use an open flame from a match or lighter to test the smoke alarm; you may accidentally ignite and set fire to the smoke alarm and your RV. If the smoke alarm does not test properly, replace it immediately.



### Smoke Alarm

The smoke alarm is located on the ceiling in the main living area of your RV. It is intended to help reduce injury or loss of life in a fire. Proper use can give you time to escape, but they are not foolproof. Smoke alarms only sound when smoke reaches them.

- Smoke alarms MUST be properly located, installed, and maintained.
- Individuals with hearing loss or certain medical problems should consider using warning devices that provide both audible and visual signals

#### **Operation**

- Check that a 9-volt battery is correctly connected.
- When the battery is supplying power, the red LED will flash.
- If smoke is detected by the sensor, a loud alarm will sound until the air is cleared.

#### If the smoke alarm sounds

During an alarm, you will hear a loud, repeating horn pattern and the red LED will flash rapidly.

- The alarm warns you of a potentially dangerous situation that requires your immediate attention.
- **NEVER ignore any alarm.** Ignoring the alarm may result in injury or death.
- EVACUATE the RV first, then
- Call 911 from a safe location.

#### How to test

It is important to test the smoke alarm at least once EVERYWEEK to make sure it is working properly. Stand at arm's length from the alarm when testing. **The alarm horn is loud and may be harmful to your hearing**.

- 1. PRESS and HOLD the *TEST/SILENCE* button on the smoke alarm cover until the alarm sounds. The alarm may continue for a few seconds after you release the button.
- 2. If the alarm does not sound, check that it is receiving power, then TEST it again.
- 3. CHECK that the CO Alarm is clean and dust-free
- 4. If it still does not alarm, REPLACE it immediately.

### **Battery**

The smoke alarm will NOT function if the battery is:

- · Missing, Disconnected, or Dead.
- Installed incorrectly
- The wrong type.

REPLACE the 9-volt battery in your Smoke Alarm when it *chirps* (*the low battery warning*). NEVER disconnect the battery to silence the smoke alarm.

 When the low battery warning sounds, the battery MUST be replaced to continue your protection.

#### **Maintenance**

- DO NOT clean with water, solvents, cleaning agents, bleach, or polish as these may damage the alarm.
- VACUUM the Smoke Alarm cover at least once a month.
- DO NOT paint over the unit. Paint may clog the openings to the sensing chambers and prevent it from operating properly.

### Carbon Monoxide (CO)

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an insidious poison. It is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. It can endanger lives even at low levels of concentration. Many cases of reported carbon monoxide poisoning indicate while victims are aware they are not well, they become so disoriented they are unable to save themselves by either exiting or calling for assistance. Young children and household pets may be the first affected.

CO gas is produced when any type of fuel is incompletely burned. Potential sources of CO in and around your RV can include gas or diesel engine exhaust, portable space heaters, gas stoves and ovens, furnaces, defective engine exhaust systems, portable grills, other nearby RVs, portable generators, generator exhaust, and other propane-powered appliances.

## CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING may cause the following symptoms:

It is important to discuss these symptoms with ALL household members and RV guests.

- Mild exposure: Headaches, running nose, sore or watery eyes, often described as flu-like symptoms.
- Medium exposure: Dizziness, drowsiness, vomiting.
- Extreme exposure: Unconsciousness, brain damage and death.

## **WARNING**

The Smoke Alarm does NOT operate without working batteries.

Removing the batteries, or failure to replace them at the end of their service life, removes your protection.

## **WARNING**

Many cases of reported CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING indicate that while victims are aware they are not well, they become so disoriented they are unable to save themselves by either exiting the building or calling for assistance.

## **WARNING**

If you are in an RV with either a nearby tow vehicle engine or generator running there is a potential for exhaust fumes to filter back into the RV.

The best protection against Carbon Monoxide entry into the RV is a properly maintained ventilation system and an active Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detector/Alarm.

To allow for proper operation of the ventilation system, keep the ventilation inlet grills clear of snow, leaves or other obstructions.

#### Occupant Safety



Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm

## **WARNING**

DO NOT stand close to the Alarm when the horn is sounding.

Exposure at close range may be harmful to your hearing. When testing, STEP AWAY when horn starts sounding.

## **WARNING**

Actuation of your CO Alarm indicates the presence of carbon monoxide (CO) which can KILL YOU.

This CO Alarm will ONLY indicate the presence of carbon monoxide gas at the sensor. Carbon monoxide gas may be present in other areas.

## **WARNING**

This CO Alarm does NOT operate without working batteries.

Removing the batteries, or failure to replace them at the end of their service life, removes your protection.

### Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm

The CO alarm will sound if Carbon Monoxide (CO) in the air inside your RV reaches dangerous levels. If you hear this alarm, evacuate the RV immediately and stay outside in *fresh air* until the CO alarm ceases. It is important that you read and understand the OEM User's Manual found in the *Owner Information Package*.

 The CO alarm is designed to be loud enough to wake up a sleeping person in an emergency.

Prolonged exposure to the CO alarm at close distance may be harmful to your hearing. Individuals with hearing loss or certain medical problems, should consider using warning devices that provide both audible and visual signals.

#### If the CO alarm sounds, follow these instructions:

- 1. MOVE TO FRESH AIR IMMEDIATELY, either outdoors or by an open door or window.
  - CHECK that you accounted for all persons.
  - CALL 911, your local emergency service, or fire department.
  - DO NOT re-enter the premises or move away from the open door/window until the emergency responders arrive, the premises have been aired out, and your alarm remains in its normal operation.
- 2. If your CO alarm re-activates within a 24-hour period:
  - REPEAT step 1.
  - CALL a qualified appliance technician to inspect that all fuel burning appliances are operating properly, and to investigate for sources of carbon monoxide.
  - IF PROBLEMS ARE IDENTIFIED during this inspection, have the equipment SERVICED IMMEDIATELY.
- 3. NOTE any combustion equipment *NOT* inspected by the technician.
  - For more information about CO safety and this equipment, consult the manufacturers' instructions, or contact the manufacturer directly.
- 4. CONFIRM that a motor vehicle or generator engine operating nearby is *NOT* the source of CO inside your RV.

A CO alarm is NOT A SUBSTITUTE for other combustible gas, fire, or smoke alarms.

### Test the CO alarm weekly

TEST the CO alarm at least once EVERYWEEK to make sure that it is working properly. Stand at arm's length from the alarm when testing. **The alarm horn is loud and may be harmful to your hearing**.

PUSH and HOLD the *TEST/SILENCE* button on the cover until the red LED flashes. The alarm horn will sound *4 beeps-pause*, *4 beeps-pause*. The alarm sequence should last 5-6 seconds.

#### If the alarm does not test properly:

- 1. CHECK that the battery is installed correctly.
- 2. INSTALL a new 9V battery & RE-TEST the CO Alarm.
- 3. CHECK that the CO Alarm is clean and dust-free.
- 4. If it still does not alarm, REPLACE the CO Alarm immediately.

#### **Battery**

REPLACE the battery in your CO alarm when it "chirps" about once per minute (*the low battery warning*). NEVER disconnect the battery to silence the CO alarm.

 When the low battery warning sounds, the battery MUST be replaced to continue your protection.

#### **Maintenance**

To keep the CO Alarm in good working order:

- DO NOT clean with water, solvents, cleaning agents, bleach, or polish as these may damage the alarm.
- VACUUM the CO Alarm cover once a month, then RE-TEST.
- DO NOT paint over the unit. Paint may clog the openings to the sensing chambers and prevent it from operating properly.

### Propane Gas (LP) Alarm

A propane leak detection device is installed for your safety, because your new RV contains a *propane gas system* and *propane appliances*. Propane gas is heavier than air. During a leak, propane flows toward and collects in low areas. For this reason, the propane alarm is located near the floor of the RV. When the LED on the front glows green, the alarm is active.

 Individuals with hearing loss or certain medical problems should consider using warning devices that provide both audible and visual signals

The sensor may also detect other combustible fumes or vapors including; acetone, alcohol, butane and gasoline. These chemicals can be found in common items such as deodorant, cologne, perfume, wine, liquor, adhesive, lacquer, kerosene, most cleaning agents and the propellants of aerosol cans.

## **WARNING**

**TEST Carbon Monoxide Alarm operation:** after the RV has been in storage, before each trip, and once a week while in use.

- If the CO Alarm ever fails to test correctly, have it replaced immediately!
- If the CO Alarm is NOT working properly, it cannot alert you to a problem.
- Failure to test units used in RV's as described may remove your protection.

The Test/Silence button is the only proper way to test the CO Alarm.

NEVER test the CO alarm with vehicle exhaust! Exhaust may cause permanent damage and voids your warranty.

## **WARNING**

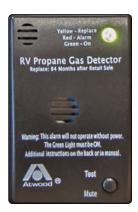
DO NOT try fixing the Alarm yourself, this will void your warranty!

If the CO Alarm is NOT operating properly, and it is still under warranty, please see "How to Obtain Warranty Service" in the Limited Warranty. Install a new CO Alarm immediately.

## **WARNING**

DO NOT spray cleaning chemicals or insect sprays directly on or near the CO Alarm.

DO NOT paint over the CO Alarm. Doing so may cause permanent damage.



Propane Gas Alarm

## **WARNING**

- Activation of this device indicates the presence of LP gas, which can cause an explosion and/or fire. This normally indicates a leak in the LP gas piping or an LP gas appliance.
- If the information in the manufacturer manual is not followed exactly, a fire or explosion may result, causing property damage, personal injury or loss of life.

## **MARNING**

- When the alarm is first turned on, it cannot detect propane or sound a warning for two minutes.
- The propane leak alarm is not a smoke or fire alarm.
- The alarm will only indicate the presence of propane gas at the sensor.
- Explosive gas may be present in other areas.

### Propane Gas (LP) Alarm, Continued

High temperatures can activate glue and adhesive vapors. If your RV is closed on a hot day, the chemicals used in its construction may be detected, even months after the vehicle was built.

See **page 39-42:** Indoor Air Quality, Chemical Sensitivity & Outgassing, and Formaldehyde.

### **Procedures to Take During an LP Gas Alarm:**

EXTINGUISH all flames and smoking material,
 & TURN OFF all gas appliances.

(Stove, Heater, Furnace, Refrigerator, etc.)

- DO NOT touch any electrical switch, or use phones / electronic devices in the RV.
- 2. PRESS the Test/Mute switch to temporarily silence the alarm.
  - · DO NOT disconnect power.
- 3. EVACUATE everyone from the RV.
  - · EXECUTE your Family Safety Plan.
- 4. LEAVE the door(s) and windows OPEN.
- 5. SHUT OFF the gas supply at the LP tank valve.
  - DO NOT start any vehicle engine or generator.
- 6. **DETERMINE & REPAIR the source of the leak.**
- 7. DO NOT RE-ENTER THE RV UNTIL THE PROBLEM IS CORRECTED.

Contact your dealer or propane gas service to have the problem corrected BEFORE using the propane system.

### Testing the propane gas alarm

The propane alarm should be tested after each storage period, before each trip, and at least once per week while camping.

- · Test the propane alarm at least once per week.
- 1. Press *TEST* button until alarm sounds; then release.
- 2. The detector will sound twice.
- 3. The LED will turn **red**, *then* after 8 seconds, turn **green** again, indicating normal operation.

If the propane alarm does not test properly, replace it immediately.

### **Battery or converter power source**

The propane gas alarm runs on a small amount of 12-volt DC from the converter or auxiliary battery. This slight current draw can still drain your auxiliary battery during an extended storage period. The Low Voltage Warning will sound if the charge drops below 8 volts. At lower voltage the alarm will no longer detect gas or provide protection against dangerous levels of LP.

### **Indoor Air Quality**

#### To maintain indoor air quality:

- · Allow your RV proper ventilation.
- Keep the interior clean.
- Avoid harmful air pollutants.

Common air pollution sources include molds, pollen, pet dander, cigarette smoke, household cleaners and carbon monoxide from burning propane, charcoal or other fuels.

- Proper Ventilation carries air pollutants outside your RV, and dilutes emissions from indoor sources with fresh air from the outdoors.
- Poor Ventilation may increase pollutant levels inside your RV. High temperature and humidity levels can also increase the concentration of some indoor air pollutants.
- Those most at risk for REACTIONS to poor air quality include: Children, The Elderly, and Persons with Asthma, Allergies, Heart Disease, or Chronic Lung Diseases such as Bronchitis and Emphysema.

#### To improve your air quality:

- BREATHE fresh air by opening windows.
- Spend as much time as you can OUTSIDE in fresh air.
- CONTROL MOLD:
  - CLEAN the bathroom and kitchen often.
  - FIX any water leaks.
  - CLOSE windows and RUN your air conditioner (AC) and/or your dehumidifier.
  - CLEAN any mold you see or smell with a solution of One Cup of BLEACH or less, to One Gallon of WATER.
  - NEVER mix bleach with ammonia.

### Indoor Air Quality, Continued

- CLEAN & VACUUM often to get rid of dust and pet fur which can irritate your nose and throat.
- DO NOT use bug spray inside your trailer.
- DO NOT smoke inside your RV. In addition to causing damage to your RV, tobacco smoke releases formaldehyde and other air pollutants.

#### **EPA** recommendations

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends three basic strategies to improve indoor air quality:

- Remove sources. Eliminating the sources of pollution or reducing their emissions are the most effective ways to improve indoor air quality. This strategy can have an impact on the following pollutants:
  - Biological Contaminants such as bacteria, molds, mildew, viruses, animal dander, and pollen.
  - Household Products such as paints, varnishes, cleaning and disinfecting solutions, cosmetics and hobby products.
  - Pesticides.
- 2. **Ventilation**. Increasing the amount of outside fresh air coming inside helps to lower the concentration of indoor pollutants. Allow fresh air to circulate your RV often. OPEN the windows, doors, and exhaust vents. Operating fans, vent fans, and the roof air conditioner(s) or furnace also helps to bring in *fresh* air and force out *stale* air.
  - Keeping your RV closed, decreases the air flow, which increases the presence of indoor air pollutants.
  - Following the recommendations in this manual can assist you in avoiding exposure to air pollutants and outgassed chemicals.

See the **Next Page**, Chemical Sensitivity & Outgassing. See **page 43**, Tips to controlling condensation.

 Air Cleaners. Air cleaners are designed to remove particles from the air. Their effectiveness depends on how well they collect pollutants from indoor air, and how much air is drawn through the cleaning/filtering element. An effective air cleaner requires both an efficient collector and a high air-circulation rate.



Chemical outgassing is NOT a defect in your RV.

It is NOT covered by the Limited Base or Limited Structural Warranties.

Please follow the recommendations in this section to address the concern.

There are many sizes and types of air cleaners on the market. Most of the less expensive, table-top models, are much less effective at particle removal. Generally, air cleaners DO NOT remove gaseous pollutants.

## Chemical Sensitivity & Outgassing

When you first purchase your new RV, or after it has been closed for an extended time, you may notice a chemical odor due to outgassing. This is normal, and not a defect.

**Outgassing** (or *offgassing*) is the release of a chemical gas that was dissolved, trapped, frozen or absorbed in a material. The amounts released through outgassing decrease over time.

Just like in your home, RV construction uses many products such as carpet, linoleum, plywood, insulation, upholstery, etc. These new products may outgas different chemicals, including formaldehyde. This can continue over time, and in particular, when exposed to elevated temperatures or humidity.

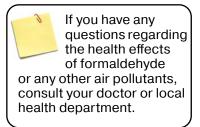
Because RVs are smaller than a home, the exchange of air inside your RV is much less. The minimal air exchange, can make the outgassed chemicals more noticeable.

**Chemical sensitivity** may cause you to experience irritation of the eyes, nose, and throat and sometimes nausea, headache, and a variety of asthma-like symptoms. Elderly persons, young children, or anyone with a history of asthma, allergies or lung problems, may be more susceptible to the effects of outgassing.

### Formaldehyde

Most of the attention regarding chemical outgassing surrounds formaldehyde. Some people are very sensitive to formaldehyde exposure while others may have no reaction.

Formaldehyde is a naturally occurring substance. It is a key industrial chemical used in the manufacture of numerous consumer goods including products used in RV construction. Trace levels of formaldehyde are also released from smoking, cooking, and the use of many other household products like detergents, cleaners, paints, coatings and cosmetics.



### Formaldehyde, Continued

#### California Air Resource Board (CARB) Notice

Formaldehyde is used widely in building materials such as pressed wood products, particleboard, hardwood plywood paneling, medium density fiberboard (MDF), and plywood which are commonly used throughout the Recreational Vehicle Industry. As mandated by the RV Industry, Grand Design RV recreation vehicles contain composite wood products (hardwood plywood, particle board, and MDF) that comply with the California Air Resource Board (CARB) formaldehyde emission standards under California Code of Regulations § 93120.2(a) Phase 2 (P2).

### **Effects of Prolonged Occupancy**

 If you plan to occupy your RV for an extended period, be prepared to deal with condensation and the humid conditions that may be encountered.

Your RV is designed primarily for recreational and extended stay use. Modern RVs have a relatively small volume due to their compact construction. The normal living activities of even a few occupants in the RV, can lead to rapid moisture saturation of the air inside and the appearance of visible moisture, especially in cold weather.

### Condensation

Condensation refers to the water droplets that appear on cold surfaces when the water vapor in the air cools, and changes to liquid water. In cold weather, it may be seen as frost or ice.

 Moisture can condense on the inside of an RV during cold weather the same way that moisture collects on the outside of a cold glass during humid weather.

Condensation may also collect out of sight within the walls or ceiling, causing warped or stained panels. Appearance of these conditions may indicate a serious condensation problem. To minimize condensation inside your RV, moisture in the air must be carried outside by ventilation, or removed with a dehumidifier (customer supplied).

#### Tips to controlling condensation

To reduce moisture in the air inside your RV, use these tips:

- Allow excess moisture to escape to the outside when bathing, washing dishes, hair drying, laundering and using appliances and non-vented gas burners.
- Keep the bathroom door closed, roof vent opened and turn on the exhaust fan (if equipped) while bathing or showering and for some time after you have finished.
- When cooking, always operate the range hood fan.
   Cooking releases heat and moisture that can quickly result in condensation in your RV; operating the range hood fan can be effective in removing both.
- DO NOT hang wet clothes to dry inside your RV.
- Use a fan to keep air circulating inside the vehicle so condensation and mildew cannot form in dead air spaces.
- Allow air to circulate, keeping the temperature the same throughout the RV, even inside the cabinets.
  - Leave closet and cabinet doors partially open.
  - A closed cabinet full of stored goods will prevent circulation and can cause condensation.

#### In hot weather

 Start the air conditioner early in the day to remove excess humidity from the air while lowering the temperature.

#### In cold weather

- During cold weather it is very important to continue utilizing your vents and vent fans. This will keep the humid air inside moving to the outside. Keeping the RV tightly closed during cold weather will increase condensation.
- Manage the inside temperature during cold weather.
   The warmer temperatures inside your RV will cause condensation to form on areas that are not well insulated (ie., windows, vents, wall studs, etc.).



If the tips presented here for controlling condensation are NOT effective,

it may be necessary for you to invest in a dehumidifier to reduce the health risk to you or your family, as well as prevent damage to your RV.

## Where There is Moisture, There May Be Mold

Molds are microscopic organisms that can live in virtually any indoor or outdoor environment. Mold growth requires a source of moisture (ie., high humidity, wet/damp materials, standing water) and a temperature between 40° and 100° Fahrenheit.

According to the Center for Disease Control, exposure to damp and moldy environments may cause a variety of health defects, or none at all.

- For people sensitive to molds, mold exposure may cause nasal congestion, coughing, wheezing, and/or irritation of the eyes, throat, or skin.
- People with mold allergies may have more severe reactions to mold exposure. Immune-compromised people and those with chronic lung illnesses, like obstructive lung disease, risk serious lung infections.

Mold growth can be very harmful to the natural wood products and fabrics in your RV. Follow these tips to help control the relative humidity inside your RV and inhibit mold and mildew:

- While cooking and bathing, ALWAYS use the kitchen and bathroom vents, even during colder weather.
- In addition, opening a window will increase ventilation during these activities.
- Running your air conditioner will also reduce the relative humidity.
- In extremely humid conditions, using a dehumidifier (customer supplied) can be helpful.

#### **Mold Prevention**

To help protect your RV from mold, follow these important preventative measures:

- Clean regularly, especially the kitchen and bathroom.
   On safe surfaces, use cleaning products that kill mold and mildew.
- Any spills should be wiped up and dried right away.
- DO NOT leave any damp items inside the RV.
- Check sealants regularly. Reseal as needed to avoid water leaks.

### Cold Weather Use

Please keep in mind, that your RV is not designed for use during sub-freezing weather. If you plan to use your RV in freezing (or below freezing) temperatures, the following precautions MUST be taken:

- The freshwater and drainage systems require added protection to avoid freezing.
- More frequent furnace operation, substantially increases battery draw and propane use. Sufficient power and propane are required to protect against possible freeze-ups on the propane regulator.
- Proper ventilation or the addition of a dehumidifier may be required to reduce condensation.
- To avoid damage to parts, CHECK the outside of the RV for ice BEFORE operating the: slide outs, compartment doors, locks, windows, vents etc.

If you have further questions, please contact your dealer or Grand Design RV Customer Service.

### Websites of Interest

We also recommend that you visit the following websites that maintain information about indoor air pollutants, including molds and formaldehyde, along with ways to improve indoor air quality:

- www.epa.gov/iag/pubs/insidestory.html
- www.epa.gov/mold
- www.atsdr.cdc.gov

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### **Additional Safety Precautions**

### Air Quality

Proper ventilation of your RV is required to maintain air quality. Breathing and daily activities like cooking and bathing, add moisture to the air. This moisture can become condensation.

- Condensation inside your RV indicates that proper ventilation is NOT occurring.
- Condensation can lead to mold growth.
- Proper ventilation helps remove formaldehyde which is contained in some building materials as well as a by-product of combustion.

#### Generators

 Your RV is designed to ONLY use generators built specifically for RVs.

### **Generator/Vehicle Exhaust**

ONLY operate a generator (customer supplied) in an open outdoor area where the exhaust can dissipate.

- To avoid the dangers of carbon monoxide, prevent exhaust gases from entering your RV.
- Close all entry/compartment doors, and windows near vehicle or generator exhaust.

## NOTICE

Generators are NOT intended to power sensitive electronic equipment without using an added appropriate line conditioner and surge protector.

Sensitive electronic equipment includes, but is not limited to, audio/video equipment, some TVs, computers, and printers.

These electronics should be operated on approved inverter-type generators or pure sine wave generators.

### Additional Safety Precautions, Continued

#### **Loading & Weight Distribution**

- Distribute cargo weight evenly throughout your vehicle.
- NEVER exceed your RV's Cargo Carrying Capacity or Gross Vehicle Weight Rating.
- Place heavy items in the center of your vehicle, on the floor.
- Balance loads front-to-rear and side-to-side.

### **Passenger Safety**

- DO NOT allow anyone to ride inside as a passenger while your RV is in motion.
- This practice is against the law in several states.

#### **Propane Appliances & Equipment**

- Turn OFF all propane appliances and equipment (including the tanks) are BEFORE departing on a trip.
- Understand all propane safety warnings and follow manufacturer recommended operating procedures.
- Propane gas is flammable, improper use may result in a fire or explosion.

#### **Tire Pressure**

 ALWAYS check tire pressure BEFORE departing on any trip, even a short distance. For proper tire inflation pressures, refer to the *Tire Information Label*.

#### **Towing**

High cross winds and the external forces created by large trucks as they pass, may cause *swaying* or *fishtailing*. This can lead to a loss of control, resulting in serious injury or death. Under these conditions, slow down and pay close attention to other vehicles.

- ALWAYS follow posted speed limits, and
- Adjust for weather or road conditions that can impact the stability/handling of your tow vehicle and RV.

### Wheel Torque

- ALWAYS check the torque on <u>all</u> lug nuts BEFORE departing on any trip, even a short distance.
- For lug nut torque specifications and patterns, refer to the Tire & Wheel section of this manual.
- ALWAYS use a calibrated torque wrench to confirm proper torque.

### **Pre-Travel Information**

To help ensure your traveling enjoyment, update your GPS (customer supplied) and confirm that your route is planned with current road maps. Call ahead for tourist information for the areas that you will be visiting or traveling through. Research that your planned camping adventures comply with all federal, state and local regulations.

- Arrange for someone to check your house periodically while you are away. Stop mail or newspaper delivery.
- If you intend to be away for more than two weeks, you
  may want to consider requesting police surveillance for
  your house.
- Carry an extra set of vehicle and house keys with you on a separate key ring.
- Check that your driver's license is valid. Be sure to renew your license in advance if it will expire during your trip.
- If you are planning to visit other countries, contact the consulate nearest the point at which you plan to enter that country for the specific and most current information (including rules for re-entering the United States).

Always carry your vehicle registration, insurance policy card(s) and warranty registration.

### Tow Vehicle Disclaimer

 As a minimum requirement, your tow vehicle's Towing Capacity MUST BE GREATER THAN the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of your RV.

Contact your automotive dealer to confirm the towing capacity of your vehicle, weather you are buying a new tow vehicle, or will tow your RV with one that you already own. Discuss the GVWR, size and type of RV that you will be towing. If you plan to purchase a new vehicle, some trucks can be purchased with an optional tow package.

Some automotive manufacturers publish brochures that discuss towing considerations. Ask your automotive dealer how to obtain a copy of this information. Verify that the weight ratings listed in the brochure are for your exact vehicle, ie, the correct year, model, engine, transmission, suspension and any relevant options.



Keep a record of your license number and 17-digit vehicle

identification number (VIN) in the event that theft or vandalism requires you to supply this information to the authorities.

## **WARNING**

Grand Design RV disclaims any liability with respect to damages that may be incurred by a customer or owner of a Grand Design RV recreational vehicle as a result of the operation, use or misuse of a tow vehicle.

## **WARNING**

Exceeding a rating may result in unsafe conditions, potential damage, may void a warranty, may complicate an insurance claim, and in some cases, may violate a law.

## **MARNING**

The actual total weight of the vehicle, all options, liquids, your personal cargo, and the hitch weight is important to know so that you DO NOT exceed the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of the RV.

The volume of space available for storage may exceed the amount of available Cargo Capacity.

Large storage compartments have been designed to accommodate normal camping items, which are bulky, but not necessarily heavy.

### **Vehicle Labels**

Decals and data plates used throughout the RV aid in its safe and efficient operation; others give service instructions. Read all decals, data and instruction plates before operating your RV. If any decal, data or instruction plate is painted over, damaged or removed, it should be replaced.

### Weight Ratings & Definitions

It is essential to understand and stay within the weight ratings of your RV and tow vehicle. Learning these definitions is the first step in safely managing your RV's weight and balance. Vehicle and trailer weight numbers fall into two categories:

- Ratings are maximum limits, NEVER to be exceeded.
   These limits are established by Grand Design RV and our component manufacturers in the design of the vehicle.
- Weight and Load are often used interchangeably. Weight is measured by putting an RV, tow vehicle or its components on a scale. Vehicles and cargo have weight, which impart loads to tires, axles, and hitches.

**GAWR (Gross Axle Weight Rating)** - GAWR is the maximum weight each axle is designed to carry.

**GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating)** - GVWR (also called *Maximum Loaded Trailer Weight*) includes the GAWR *plus* the hitch weight. It is the maximum allowed weight for a fully loaded RV or tow vehicle.

**Gross (Trailer/Vehicle) Weight** - Gross Weight is the total actual weight of your RV <u>plus</u> cargo, as measured on a scale.

**UVW (Unloaded Vehicle Weight)** - UVW is the weight of the RV as built at the factory. The UVW includes the empty LP bottles but does <u>NOT</u> include cargo, water, LP gas, or dealer-installed accessories.

**Hitch Weight** (or *Tongue Weight*) - is the amount of weight that presses down on the hitch when an RV is connected to a vehicle.

### **CCC (Cargo Carrying Capacity)**

- United States: CCC is equal to GVWR <u>minus</u> the following: UVW and LP gas weight. Water is considered cargo weight.
- Canada: CCC is equal to GVWR <u>minus</u> the following: UVW, LP gas weight, and full fresh (or <u>potable</u>) water weight (including the water heater).

For additional definitions, See page 195, Glossary

### Weight Labels

Vehicle weight labels are affixed to your RV to help you make an informed decision before your purchase. DO NOT REMOVE THESE LABELS. If the labels are missing, contact your dealer or Grand Design RV Customer Service for replacements.

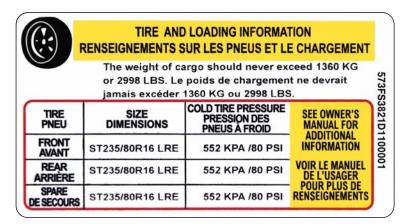
#### **Federal Certification Label**

This label specifies the maximum capacities for GVWR, GAWR and tires. It is located on the forward, off-door-side exterior.

MANUFACTURED BY/FABRIQUE PAR: Grand Design RV, LLC DATE: 01/2013 16000 GAWR(EACH AXLE)/PNBE (CHAQUE ESSIEU) 3178 KG( 7000 LB) TIRES/PNEU ST235/80R16 RIMS/JANTE 16x6 8-6.5 COLD INFL. PRESS./PRESS. DE GONFL. A FROID 552 KPA(80 PSI/LPC) SINGLE THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE U.S. FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS IN EFFECT ON THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE SHOWN ABOVE. THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE STANDARDS PRESCRIBED UNDER THE CANADIAN MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY REGULATIONS IN EFFECT ON THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE. - CE VEHICULE EST CONFORME A TOUTES LES NORMES QUI LUI SONT APPLICABLES EN VERTU DU REGLEMENT SUR LA SECURITE DES VEHICULES AUTOMOBILES DU CANADA EN VIGUEUR A LA DATE DE SA FABRICATION. Solitude Fifth-Wheel TYPE/TYPE: TRAILER TRA/REM V.I.N./N.I.V.: 573FS382ID1100001

### **Tire and Loading Information Label**

This label specifies the tire size information, recommended cold tire pressure, and the maximum amount of cargo that can be safely added to the RV. It is located on the forward, off-door-side exterior.



### **Cargo Carrying Capacity (CCC) Label**

This label specifies the maximum cargo carrying capacity for your RV. It is located on the side edge of your *Main Entry Door*.

RECREATION VEHICLE TRAILER CARGO CARRYING CAPACITY
VIN: 573F53821D1100001
THE WEIGHT OF CARGO SHOULD NEVER EXCEED
1135 kg or 2500 lbs.
CAUTION:
A full load of water equals 188 kg or 415 lbs of cargo @1 kg/L (8.3 lb/gal)

### **RV Length Label**

This label specifies the overall length of your recreational vehicle. It is located with the Cargo Carrying Capacity (CCC) label on the side edge of your *Main Entry Door*.

Recreational vehicle overall length	as manufactured
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#### For Travel Trailers -

The length as measured from the leading front edge of the hitch coupler to the rear most extremity of the trailer, bumper or rear wall / rear cap if not equipped or installed with a bumper.

#### For Fifth Wheel Trailers -

The length as measured from the leading front edge of the pin box or extreme front of the front profile, whichever is further forward, to the rear most extremity of the trailer, bumper or rear wall / rear cap if not equipped or installed with a bumper.

Recreational vehicle overall length *excludes* some RV accessories as defined by Grand Design RV, including but not limited to:

- Safety-Related Equipment,
   (Signal, Clearance, or Identification Lamps;
   Warning Lights; Appliance Vents & Vent Hoods).
- Door Latches and Hinges.
- Entry and Exit Handholds.
- · Exterior Ladders.
- Spare Tires and Spare Tire Brackets/ Carriers.
- Bumper mount Outside Cooking Appliances.
- Hitch or Cargo Accessory Receivers, and
- Equipment used to secure cargo.

## Cargo Capacities

When loading cargo into your RV, DO NOT exceed:

- Maximum weight specified on the Cargo Carrying Capacity label
- GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating)
- Maximum Load Rating of your RV tires.

### **Maximum Load Rating**

The Maximum Load Rating of your RV tires is LESS THAN the GVWR. To calculate the actual weight on your RV tires, subtract the hitch weight from your RV's Gross Weight. The hitch weight is carried by your tow vehicle, not the RV tires.

#### For example:

- if your RV's tires are each rated at 2,000 lbs.
  2,000 lbs. x 4 tires = 8,000 lbs.
- Gross Weight is 9,000 lbs.
- with a hitch weight of 1,200 lbs., then
   9,000 lbs. 1,200 lbs. = 7,800 lbs.

The *actual weight* on the RV tires is 7,800 lbs., This is *under* the load rating of the tires.

• 7,800 lbs. ÷ 4 tires = 1,950 lbs. each

### **Water and Propane**

- Your FRESH WATER is treated as CARGO WEIGHT.
- Water weighs approximately 8.34 lbs. per gallon.
  - 50 gallons of water weighs 417 lbs.

If you are close to your GVWR, *reducing* the amount of water in the holding tank will *increase* the amount of available cargo weight by the same amount. This flexibility allows you to make choices that fit your travel and camping needs.

#### Remember:

- Unloaded Vehicle Weight is calculated with <u>empty</u> LP bottles.
- Cargo Carrying Capacity is calculated including the weight of <u>full</u> LP bottles. CCC = GVWR - (UVW - LP gas weight)

If you have further questions, please contact your dealer or Grand Design RV Customer Service.

## **WARNING**

The load capacity of your RV is designated by weight, not by volume. All available storage space cannot necessarily be used when loading the RV.

## For the best possible handling:

- DO NOT exceed your GVWR.
- Ensure you are loading the vehicle evenly.
- To prevent shifting during travel, secure heavy items.

## **WARNING**

ONLY store items in the areas designated for storage.

DO NOT store anything in the areas reserved for the furnace, water heater, converter, or electrical panels, etc.

## **WARNING**

NEVER load the RV in excess of the GAWR for either axle.

Overloading the RV may result in adverse handling characteristics & damage to the chassis.

## **WARNING**

DO NOT EXCEED YOUR GVWR! This means you should weigh your RV as loaded for your normal travel to determine the actual weight.

If you exceed the GVWR, you MUST remove items from the RV, or drain liquids, then re-weigh the RV to ensure you have achieved a safe weight.

DO NOT travel with full grey/black holding tanks. This not only wastes gas but, depending upon the location of the grey or black holding tanks, can affect handling characteristics.

### **Loading Your RV**

**Evenly distribute** your cargo **side-to-side** for safe travel.

 The weight on each tire <u>must not exceed</u> one-half of the GAWR (Gross Axle Weight Rating) for either axle.

# DURING A SUDDEN STOP, free-standing furniture or overlooked items on the counter top/range can become dangerous projectiles.

- It is important to secure the appliance or furniture tie down straps (if so equipped).
- STORE and SECURE all LOOSE ITEMS inside your RV.
   Check that all items are safely put away BEFORE travel.
   (ie., canned goods, pots & pans, small appliances, etc.)

## Weighing Your Tow Vehicle & RV

- TOTAL WEIGHT and BALANCE are the two most important factors when loading your RV.
- ALWAYS verify that your loaded RV is in compliance with all applicable weight ratings.

Weigh your RV at a public scale to confirm that your loaded RV complies with all vehicle, tire and axle weight ratings. This will also help you to determine the proper load distribution.

- The area around the scale *must* allow for weighing each side of your RV.
- Individual scales may operate differently.

## Traveling while your RV is OVERLOADED or with a load that is UNBALANCED:

- Will ADVERSELY AFFECT your tow vehicle's HANDLING
- Can cause COMPONENT FAILURE

### **OVERLOADING** your RV will <u>VOID</u>:

- The Limited Base Warranty
- The Limited Structural Warranty, and the
- Manufacturer warranties of many component parts.

#### To weigh your Tow Vehicle and RV

BEFORE you begin, read through all the weighing instructions. Your RV must be weighed FULLY LOADED (*ie., with food, water, clothing, supplies, propane, fuel, etc.*).

- Weigh your RV while unhitched from the tow vehicle to obtain your Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW).
  - FOR SAFE OPERATION: Your RV's GVW must be LESS THAN or EQUAL to the GVWR.
  - If your RV's weight is GREATER THAN the GVWR, then you must REMOVE contents until the weight is in compliance with your RV's listed ratings.
- 2. Hitch your RV to the tow vehicle. Weigh the RV and tow vehicle to obtain your *Gross Combined Weight* (GCW).
  - Confirm that your GCW is LESS THAN, or EQUAL to the Gross Combined Weight Rating (GCWR) specified by the manufacturer of your tow vehicle.
  - If your GCW is GREATER THAN the GCWR,
     REMOVE contents until the weight is in compliance.
- 3. While still hitched to the tow vehicle, PULL onto the scale to weigh **ONLY the RV**, and RECORD the weight.

  This measures the total load carried by the RV tires.
  - The difference of this weight, subtracted from the GVW is your *Hitch Weight*.
- 4. To obtain the side-to-side weights, there *must* be enough space on either side of the scale to accommodate the RV being partially off the scale.
  - Pull the RV so that the tires of only one side are on the scale. Your RV must remain as level as possible.
  - For a BALANCED load: The weight of one side of your RV, must be EQUAL TO one half of the weight determined in step #3.
  - If the weight of one side of the RV is <u>NOT EQUAL</u> to one half of the weight from step #3,

Then you **must** REDISTRIBUTE the load until the RV is equally balanced side-to-side.

When a load is *unbalanced*, the components on the heavier side (*tires*, *wheels*, *brakes*, *springs*, *etc.*) may be *overloaded*, even though the total axle load is within the GAWR.

If you have further questions, consult with your dealer or the scale operator.

## **WARNING**

Exceeding the established weight ratings for the axles, running gear, tires and wheels can lead to failure that can affect motor vehicle safety and lead to property damage or damage to the RV.

## **WARNING**

Total weight of your tow vehicle and RV must not exceed the GCWR.

DO NOT assume that you can tow an RV that happens to be within the capacity of the tow vehicle hitch.

By doing so, you may exceed the total GCWR of your tow vehicle and RV towing combination.

## **WARNING**

It is important to redistribute the load to avoid component failure as well as to improve the handling characteristics of the vehicle.

## **WARNING**

Keep tires properly inflated. A tire that is run long distances or at high speeds while seriously under-inflated will overheat to the point where the tire may lose air suddenly and/or catch fire, possibly resulting in damage to the vehicle and its contents and/or personal injury.

### **Tire Safety Information**

This portion of the Owner's Manual contains tire safety information as required by 49 CFR 575.6(4) and is based in part on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) brochure titled *Tire Safety, Everything Rides On It.* 

It is available as a free download on the NHTSA website: https://one.nhtsa.gov/Vehicle-Safety/Tires/Tire-Safety:-Everything-Rides-On-It

Studies of tire safety show that the most important things you can do to avoid tire failure, blowouts and flat tires are:

- Maintain proper tire pressure.
- Observe tire and vehicle load limits.
   (NEVER carry more weight in your vehicle than your tires or vehicle can safely handle).
- Avoid road hazards.
- Drive within the designated tire speed ratings,
- Inspect tires for cuts, slashes, and other irregularities.

These actions, along with other care and maintenance activities, can also:

- Improve vehicle handling.
- Help protect you and others from avoidable breakdowns and accidents.
- Improve fuel economy.
- Increase the life of your tires.

Make tire safety a regular part of your vehicle maintenance routine. Know that the time you spend is minimal compared with the inconvenience and safety consequences of a flat tire or other tire failure.

### Basic Tire Maintenance - Safety First

Proper tire maintenance improves the stopping distance, traction, steering, and load-carrying capability of your vehicle. As mentioned above, to prevent flat tires and other types of tire failure, you should maintain proper tire pressure, observe tire and vehicle load limits, avoid road hazards, and regularly inspect your tires. See **page 60**, Tire Safety Tips.

### **Maximum Load Rating**

The *Maximum Load Rating* indicates the maximum load in kilograms and pounds that can be carried by the tire.

### Maximum Permissible Inflation Pressure

This number is the greatest amount of air pressure that should ever be put in the tire under normal driving conditions.

### Recommended Tire Pressure & Load Limits

The major causes of *Tire Failure* are *UNDER-inflated* tires and *OVERLOADED* vehicles. Tire information placards and vehicle certification labels give important information on tires and load limits, *including*:

- Recommended Tire Size
- Recommended Tire Inflation Pressure
- Cargo Weight (the <u>maximum</u> cargo weight the RV is designed to carry)
- Front and Rear Gross Axle Weight Ratings (GAWR)
   (the <u>maximum</u> weight the axle system is designed to carry)

For the label locations and more detailed information, See **page 51**, Weight Labels.

## **Understanding Tire Pressure & Load Limits**

**Load Limits** are determined by the tire size and the greatest amount of weight each tire can safely carry.

**Tire Pressure** is the amount of air pressure a tire requires to be properly inflated. It is measured in pounds per square inch (PSI). Tire pressure affects your RV's overall performance and provides the load-carrying capacity.

On the *Tire and Loading Information Label, the* proper tire pressure for your vehicle is listed as *Cold Tire Pressure*. You will find this number expressed in both PSI and kilo-pascals (KPA), the metric measurement used internationally.

It is difficult to obtain the recommended tire pressure when the tires are not cold.

See the **next page**, Checking Tire Pressure.



Because tires are designed to be used on more than one type of vehicle,

tire manufacturers list the "maximum permissible inflation pressure" on the tire sidewall. This number is the greatest amount of air pressure that should ever be put in the tire under normal driving conditions.

## **WARNING**

Always check tire pressure when tires are cold. Cold tire inflation pressure is defined as a tire that has not been used for three or more hours, or has been driven less than one mile.

Tire inflation pressure of a hot tire may show an increase as much as 6 PSI over a cold tire. **DO NOT exceed the maximum recommended pressure**.

### **Checking Tire Pressure**

It is important to check the cold inflation pressure of your RV's tires at least once per month for the following reasons:

- Most tires will lose air naturally over time.
- Tires can lose air suddenly by driving over a pothole, hitting road debris, or striking the curb when parking.
- With radial tires, it is usually not possible to determine under-inflation by visual inspection.

For safety and convenience, purchase a Tire Pressure Gauge to keep in your vehicle. They are sold at auto parts stores, hardware stores and many other retail outlets.

### Steps for maintaining proper tire pressure

- 1. The recommended cold inflation pressure, is listed on the *Tire and Loading Information label* located on the off-door-side, forward exterior of your RV.
- 2. Use a *Tire Pressure Gauge* (customer supplied), to check the tire pressure of all tires.
  - a. If the tire pressure is TOO HIGH in any of the tires, gently press on the tire valve stem with the edge of your tire gauge. Slowly release air until the correct pressure is reached.
  - b. If the tire pressure is *TOO LOW* in any of the tires, this can be a serious *safety hazard*. Add air to any *UNDER*-inflated tire as-soon-as possible.
- 3. At a service station or using a portable air compressor, ADD air to each under-inflated tire until the correct cold inflation pressure is reached. DO NOT *over*-inflate.
- 4. **Re-check** the RV tires with the *Tire Pressure Gauge*. Confirm that all four (4) tires are at the same recommended cold inflation pressure. **Adjust** as needed.

While it is ideal to check and fill tires when they are cold, if you discover an RV tire that is UNDER-inflated, even after you have been driving & the tires are warm:

- ADD air until the recommended cold inflation pressure is reached.
- The warm tire may remain *slightly* under-inflated, but this is much safer than driving with a *significantly* under-inflated tire. **This fix is ONLY temporary.**
- REMEMBER to re-check & adjust the tire pressure as-soon-as a cold reading can be obtained.

## How Overloading Affects Your RV & Tires

- OVERLOADING your RV can have serious consequences for passenger safety.
- An OVERLOADED vehicle is <u>hard to DRIVE</u> and <u>hard to STOP</u>.

Too much weight on your vehicle's suspension system can cause spring, shock absorber, or brake failure. It can also result in, handling or steering problems, irregular tire wear, tire failure, or other damage.

In cases of serious overloading, brakes can
 FAIL completely, particularly on a steep grade.

Tire overloading caused by an excessive load and/or tire *UNDER*-inflation results in abnormal tire flexing. *This can generate an excessive amount of heat within the tire.* 

- EXCESSIVE HEAT MAY LEAD TO TIRE FAILURE.
- PROPER INFLATION IS CRITICAL. It is the air pressure that enables a tire to support the load.

The load a tire can safely carry is established by a combination of the tire size, the load range, and corresponding inflation pressure. The required air pressure for your RV tires *must* be determined from your actual load (*by weighing the RV*) and taken from the *Load and Inflation Tables* provided on the tire manufacturer's website.

- These air pressures may differ from those found on the certification label.
- RV weight or tire pressure should never exceed the tire's Maximum Load Rating or maximum air pressure.
- If you discover that your tires cannot support the actual weights, REMOVE contents until the RV's weight is in compliance.

### Steps for determining correct load limit

- Locate the statement "The weight of cargo should never exceed XXX KG or XXX LBS" on your RV's Cargo Carrying Capacity label.
- 2. This figure equals the amount of **available load capacity** for cargo and luggage.
  - The combined weight of cargo and luggage loaded on your RV <u>must not exceed</u> the available load capacity.

## **A DANGER**

If the total weight of the RV exceeds the GVWR, the trailer is overloaded.

Operating your RV while exceeding the specified weight ratings increases the risk of a crash, personal injury and death.

It is necessary to remove payload (equipment, water, personal belongings, etc.) until the total weight of the RV no longer exceeds the GVWR before operating the RV.

## **A DANGER**

If the weight on the trailer axles exceeds the GAWR, the axles are overloaded. Operating your RV while exceeding the specified weight ratings increases the risk of a crash, personal injury and death.

It is necessary to remove or rearrange payload (equipment, personal belongings, water, etc.) until the axle weight no longer exceeds the GAWR before operating the unit. Not operating your RV within the designed weight ratings can damage your recreational vehicle which is not covered under warranty.

### Tire Safety Tips

#### **Preventing tire damage**

- DO NOT run over curbs or foreign objects in the roadway or when parking.
- SLOW WAY DOWN if you can not avoid a pothole or other object in the road.

### Tire safety checklist

- 1. CHECK tire pressure at least monthly, including the spare.
- 2. INSPECT tires for uneven wear patterns on the tread, cracks, foreign objects, or any other damage.
- 3. Carefully REMOVE bits of glass or foreign objects wedged in the tread.
- 4. CHECK that all tire valves have valve caps.
- 5. CHECK tire pressure before going on any trip.
- 6. DO NOT overload your vehicle.
- FOLLOW the instructions for cargo and cold tire pressure found on your *Tire and Loading Information* label.

### Tire Labeling

Federal law requires that tire manufacturers provide standardized information molded into the sidewall of all tires sold in the U.S. This includes the tire's size, construction, various capacities (max. pressure, load, speed) and the *Tire Identification Number*.

### **US DOT Tire Identification Number (TIN)**

The *Tire Identification Number* is provided for safety standard certification and in the event of a recall. More than just a serial number, this code identifies the specific production run of a tire.

- The TIN always begins with "DOT" usually followed by 10-12 numbers, letters, or symbols.
- The fist two (2) numbers or letters following DOT, are the plant code where the tire was manufactured.
- The last four (4) numbers show the week and year the tire was built. For example:
  - 3119 = the 31st week of 2019.
- The other characters in the TIN are codes used at the tire manufacturer's discretion and vary by company.

### Tire Size & Type Designation

To maintain tire safety, new tires purchased should match the OEM specifications of your RV's <u>original</u> tires. The tire specifications are found on your *Tire* and Loading Information label or the sidewall of the tire you are replacing.

The tires on your unit may for example, be marked with a designation of **ST 225/75R15**. *ST* stands for *Standard Trailer*, and the number breaks down as follows:

- The first three-digit number gives the width in millimeters of the tire from sidewall edge to sidewall edge. In general, the larger the number, the wider the tire.
- The next two-digit number after the "slash" mark, gives the height to width ratio of the tire. This is also known as the aspect ratio.
- The "R" stands for radial.
- The last two-digit number is the diameter in inches of the wheel or rim.

For further information, please contact a tire dealer or Grand Design RV Customer Service.

### **Speed Rating**

- Typical ST tires have a speed rating designation of "L", which is 75 mph (under normal inflation and load conditions).
- DO NOT exceed the Speed Rating regardless of the posted maximum speed limit.

### **Tire Warranty**

 Tires are warranted by the TIRE MANUFACTURER, not by Grand Design RV.

If you need tire warranty assistance, please refer to the tire warranty information provided in your Owner Information Package or contact your dealer.



Tire Tread Wear Bars



### **Tire Tread**

The tire tread provides the gripping action and traction that prevent your vehicle from slipping or sliding, especially when the road is wet or icy. In general, tires are not safe and should be replaced when the tread is worn down to 1/16 of an inch.

**Tread wear bars** are raised sections built into the bottom of a tire's tread grooves that show how much tread is remaining. When they appear "even" with the outside of the tread, it is time to replace your tires.

### **The Penny & Quarter Tests**

Place a penny or quarter upside down into the tire groove.

- Penny If you can see the top of Lincoln's head, you are ready for new tires.
- Quarter If you can see the top of Washington's head, tires are OK but close to wearing out.

#### Inspect your tires regularly for uneven tread wear.

Wear Pattern		Possible Cause	Solution	
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA	Edge Wear Thin Tread Wear on Tire Edges	Under Inflation	Fill tire with an air compressor to the Recommended Cold Tire Pressure	
	Center Wear Thin Tread Wear Center of Tire	Over Inflation	Press tire valve stem, slowly release air until reaching the Recommended Cold Tire Pressure	
ATTACHER COMMING	Side Wear  Exagerated Inner or Outer Tread Wear	Loss of Camber <i>or</i> Overloading	Make sure your load does NOT exceed the axle rating.	
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA	Toe Wear Thin Inner or Outer Edge	Alignment or Incorrect Toe-in	Correct Toe-In is 0 - 0.5 degrees	
	Cup Wear Diagonal "Scalloped" Tread Wear	Loose Bearings or Wheel Balance	Check Bearing Adjustment and Tire & Wheel Balance	
The distance of the second	Flat Spots Flat Spots or Patchy Tread Wear	Tire Skidding Wheel Lock Up <i>or</i> Out of Balance	Avoid Sudden Stops, Adjust Brakes Check Tire & Wheel Balance	

## Tire Ply Composition & Materials

Tires are constructed from multiple layers of rubber-coated fabric. Each of these layers is called a *ply*. In general, the higher the number of plies in a tire, the more weight it can support.

 Tire manufacturers must report all materials used in the composition of their tires, (ie., steel, nylon, polyester, etc.)

## **Spare Tire**

The spare tire is used if a trailer tire is damaged, flat, or loses air pressure. The spare tire/wheel may differ from the original equipment, and is *intended for temporary use ONLY*.

The spare tire is secured below your RV. Locate the 1" access hole in the skirt metal on the door-side of your RV, approximately even with the spare tire. *See Photo, Left*.

- Insert the crank handle extension.
- Turn counter-clockwise to lower the spare tire.
- Turn clockwise to raise the spare tire.

### **Tire Changing Basics**

- Hydraulic Jack & Jack Stands are customer supplied.
- 1. See page 65, Roadside Emergency.
- 2. Block the wheels on the opposite side from the tire you wish to change. This will prevent accidental movement.
- Loosen the wheel lugs BEFORE raising the RV.
- Place a Hydraulic Jack on the frame close to the spring hanger. Raise the trailer until the tire clears the ground NEVER attempt to use a stabilizer jack to lift the RV.
- 5. Set up a *Jack Stand* under the frame just to the rear of the tire being changed, *then* change your tire.
- 6. Follow the Wheel Nut Torque and Wheel Installation instructions provided on the *Next Page*.



Spare Tire, Access Hole & Crank Handle Extension

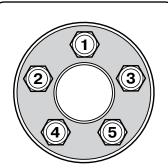
## **WARNING**

Before working underneath the RV, both the front and rear axles should be supported with jack stands. Failure to do so may result in serious injury or death.

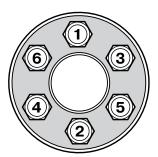
## **WARNING**

Always torque the wheel nuts to the specifications of the wheel manufacturer.

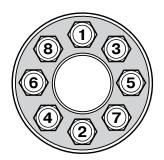
Over or under-torqued wheel nuts can cause the wheel to separate from the wheel mounting surface during operation, causing property damage, personal injury or loss of life.



5 - Lug Pattern



6 - Lug Pattern



8 - Lug Pattern

### Wheel Nut Torque

- The lug nuts on your RV wheels <u>require</u> frequent torque maintenance.
- Torque is the amount of rotating force applied to a fastener, such as a lug nut.

Your RV's axle and wheel assemblies are designed differently than those of a car. The RV's overall size, weight, and center of gravity subject the wheels to pressures unique to trailering. During normal cornering, the tires and wheels experience a considerable amount of stress called *Side-Load*.

- ALWAYS use a properly calibrated torque wrench to confirm proper torque.
- ALWAYS check lug nut torque on each wheel before departure, regardless of how short the trip may be.
- DO NOT allow UNDER-torque or OVER-torque on any wheel.
- Tighten the lugs in the correct order for your RV's lug pattern shown in the diagram. (*Left*)

Find your RV's wheel size on the table (*Below*). Tightening the lugs should be done in three stages. Determine the correct torque for each stage, and use the torque sequence shown.

Wheel	Stud	Torque Sequence			
Size	Size	1st Stage	2nd Stage	3rd Stage	
14"	1/2"	20-25	50-60	90-120	
15"	1/2"	20-25	50-60	90-120	
16"	1/2"	20-25	50-60	90-120	
16.5" x 6.75"	1/2"	20-25	50-60	90-120	
16"	9/16"	20-25	60-70	120-130	
16.5" x 6.75"	9/16"	20-25	60-70	120-130	
17.5" w/ long nut	5/8"	50-60	100-120	190-210	
17.5" w/ flange nut	5/8"	50-60	150-200	275-325	
14.5" Demount	1/2"	Tighten sequentially to 85-95			
* NOTE: All torque in ftlbs.					

### **Roadside Emergency**

A roadside emergency can happen at any time. ALWAYS carry an emergency kit with three red warning signs (*or indicators*) to display if necessary.

#### If you must make an emergency roadside stop:

- · Pull off the road as far as possible.
- Turn ON the hazard warning flashers (or hazard lights) to alert other drivers.
- The hazard warning flashers warn passing drivers to approach and overtake your vehicle with caution.

Use the three red warning indicators (signs, reflectors, lanterns, or road flares) as follows:

- Place the **1st** indicator **10 feet** *behind* the RV on the off-door side (*road side*).
- 2. Place the **2nd** indicator **100 feet** *behind* the RV in the center of the lane.
- 3. Place the **3rd** indicator **100 feet in** *front* of the RV in the center of the lane.
  - 10 feet = 4 paces, 100 feet = 40 paces
- Curves and/or hills may affect the safe placement of the warning indicators.

## FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY in the event of a roadside emergency, *ALWAYS STAND*:

- · OFF of the road, and
- AWAY from any traffic.

## **Emergency Towing**

If you require towing, please contact an emergency road service provider or a qualified service facility for assistance.

# **Towing & Leveling**

To improve safe driving and help protect against injury, please follow these recommendations:

- Keep the RV and tow vehicle tires properly inflated, and REPLACE the tires BEFORE they are excessively worn.
- ALWAYS wear your seatbelt and obey all traffic laws.
  - DO NOT exceed the posted speed limit.
  - Many states have *lower* speed limits for tow vehicle/RV combinations.
- ALWAYS be a courteous and alert driver.
  - Watch out for other drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians.
  - Pay attention to traffic and road conditions.
  - BEFORE changing lanes, check the outside rearview mirrors for other vehicles and use your turn signals.
  - Leave room for sudden braking and other unexpected events.
- ALWAYS use the daytime running lights on your tow vehicle to increase visibility to other drivers.
- NEVER drive when you are sleepy or tired.
- NEVER drive when alcohol, drugs or medication have affected your judgment, reflexes or alertness.
- Adverse weather conditions or extreme terrain may affect your tow vehicle's performance and handling.
  - DO NOT use the tow vehicle's cruise control on icy, wet, or winding roads; or any other traffic situations where a constant speed could be dangerous.

## **Propane Safety**

- ALWAYS shut OFF the propane system at the LP cylinder BEFORE you travel.
- If you drive with the propane system ON, the dangers are greatly increased in the event of an accident or fire.
- While you travel, most refrigerators will keep food cold or frozen for eight hours without running.

# **WARNING**

**DO NOT** leave children or pets unsupervised in or around the RV (even if children are secured by a child restraint system).

#### They could:

- Injure themselves on parts of the RV.
- Unlock and open the entry door or open the emergency exit window and possibly injure other person(s) or damage property.
- Get out of the RV and injure themselves or they could be injured by passing vehicles.
- Be seriously or even fatally injured by prolonged exposure to extreme heat or cold.

# **WARNING**

You must observe the law if you are driving when operating a cell phone in your tow vehicle. If it is permitted to operate a cell phone while the tow vehicle is in motion, you must only operate it when road and traffic conditions permit. You may otherwise be distracted from the traffic conditions, cause an accident and injure yourself and others.

## **RV Driving Schools & Seminars**

If you have any concerns about driving while towing a RV, consult an expert for specific RV driver education. There are private RV schools and some RV owner's organizations that offer driving seminars. The schedules and locations of the various RV driver education seminars and schools can be researched through RV-related publications and websites.

Please use caution when using websites as a resource tool. Verify the information is from a credited and reliable source in the RV industry, and pertains to your specific RV. If you have any doubt, contact your dealer for assistance.

## **RV** Braking System

To maintain proper braking performance, both the RV and tow vehicle brakes *must* be used together. The RV brakes are designed to work with your tow vehicle brakes. Separate use of the braking systems will cause accelerated wear and damage.

For best performance and increased durability, AFTER the initial break-in period, your brake shoes *must* be adjusted accurately. When your RV is new, it is impossible to adjust the brake shoes precisely. It takes approximately 1,000 miles and/or 50 medium to heavy stops to *burnish fit* or *seat* the shoes to the brake drum.

#### **Braking system components include:**

- Tow vehicle battery
- · Brake controller
- Wire harness/connector plug
- Auxiliary batteries (see Electrical System)
- Breakaway switch

## Brake Controller (customer supplied)

The brake controller should be installed in the tow vehicle to work in conjunction with the RV electric brakes. Consult with your dealer or the brake controller OEM to decide what is right for your towing combination.

## Tow vehicle battery

The tow vehicle battery is the primary source of power for your RV's brake operation. To ensure available power when needed, keep your tow vehicle battery and charging system working properly.

## Battery Isolator (customer supplied)

You may want to install a *battery isolator* on your tow vehicle. A *battery isolator* is a device that:

- Receives current from the tow vehicle alternator to independently charge both the RV auxiliary battery and the tow vehicle battery.
- Prevents the RV from draining your tow vehicle battery (so you can start your tow vehicle engine).

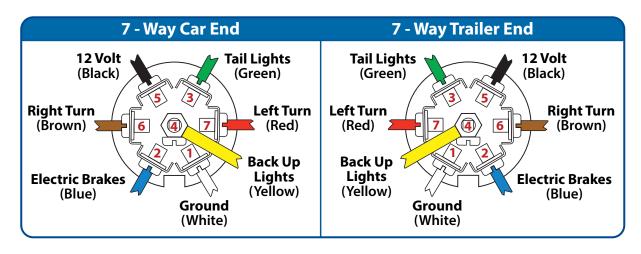
Your dealer can assist you with the selection, purchase and installation of this aftermarket part.

## 7-Way Wire Harness/Connector Plug

The 7-Way Wire Harness/Connector Plug is wired into your FW to connect electrical power from the tow vehicle for travel. This supplies power to the RV brakes, tail lights, clearance lights, turn signals, brake lights, etc. Wiring to operate your brakes must be the same size in both the tow vehicle and RV.

#### **Maintenance**

**Corrosion may build up with extended use.** CLEAN your Connector Plug as needed to ensure good electrical contact. INSPECT the 7-Way Wire Harness/Connector Plug periodically for cracking and wear to make sure connections stay protected from the elements as you travel. REPLACE if cracked or broken.



# **WARNING**

Be certain there is enough "slack" in the lanyard (cable) to accommodate a tight radius turn. Failure to do so may result in the breakaway pins pulling out of the housing causing the brakes to engage while towing. This could result in significant damage.

# **MARNING**

NEVER use the breakaway switch and trailer brake system as a parking brake. Doing so would create a high amp draw on the battery and converter.

This can cause non-warranty damage to the breakaway switch, wiring, & connectors.

# **WARNING**

The rating of the hitch package purchased should be equal to (or greater than) the RV's GVWR and Pin Box rating.



DO NOT remove the following label from the pin box:

#### SAFETY BREAK-AWAY SWITCH WILL NOT OPERATE

unless connected to a power source equivalent to or greater than an automotive type 12 volt, 12 amp hour wetcell battery.

## **Breakaway Switch**

The breakaway switch is located by the FW pin box. It is a crucial part of the RV braking system. If the RV becomes detached from the tow vehicle, the lanyard pulls the pin from the breakaway switch, which automatically activates the RV brakes.

- While hitching the RV, ALWAYS secure the breakaway switch lanyard to a permanent part of the tow vehicle.
- Check that your auxiliary battery (customer supplied) is correctly installed, and fully charged BEFORE travel.

An auxiliary battery (customer supplied) MUST be installed to provide power to the breakaway switch.

## Fifth Wheel (FW) Pin Box Hitch

Hitch selection is important because it affects the towing and handling characteristics of your RV. There are many kinds of hitches available for various uses and assuring that you have the correct hitch installed is critical to a safe towing experience. The factory installed FW pin box is not interchangeable.

Ask your dealer about the proper class and type of hitch you need to purchase for your individual tow vehicle/RV combination. A Fifth Wheel requires a pin box hitch bolted directly to the floor of the truck box through the frame. Before selecting a hitch, you must know your GVWR and pin box rating.

# Our Reflection 150 Series Fifth Wheel comes equipped with the Lippert Components *Turning Point* Pin Box.

The Turning Point Pin Box can be used as a standard pin box for conventional transport but also comes with a unique feature. To provide towing with up to a 90-degree turning radius, the wedge block *must* be installed and the pivot bolts removed.

**NOTE:** PLEASE CONSULT WITH YOUR VEHICLE'S HITCH PLATE MANUFACTURER FOR PROPER WEDGE BLOCK.

- The stock wedge may NOT be compatible for use with some hitch manufacturers, and
- NOT all hitches are designed to accept a wedge when using the 90 degree function.

### Fifth wheel pin box height

There is no recommended hitch height for fifth wheels; usually the FW pin box is adjustable for variance in trucks and truck suspension systems. ADJUST the *Hitch Assembly* so that your tow vehicle and your FW are essentially level.

- A high hitch will transfer weight behind the axles and cause the vehicle to fishtail.
- A low hitch will transfer additional weight to the hitch.

To adjust the weight distributing hitch to the proper height, Please refer to the hitch manufacturer instructions.

## Fifth Wheel Hitching Procedure

The FW hitching procedure (below) becomes easier with practice. To safely hook up your FW to your tow vehicle, use the following steps:

- 1. ALWAYS use wheel chocks to block the trailer wheels.
- 2. CHECK that your hitch lever is in the *OPEN* (or *cocked*) position.
  - Unless it is designed to open automatically.
- 3. ADJUST the FW pin to the proper height.
- OPEN the truck tailgate.
- Unless your truck is equipped with a tailgate designed to accommodate a FW hitch.
- 5. BACK UP your truck so the hitch encircles the FW pin.
- 6. Making gentle contact of the hitch saddle against the pin will cause the mechanism to close.
- 7. SECURE the hitch lever as specified in the manufacturer.
  - SHIFT the truck into DRIVE, but
  - DO NOT press on the accelerator.
  - BUMP the hitch to make sure it is locked.
- 8. CHECK that the FW landing legs are fully RETRACTED.
- 9. ATTACH the breakaway switch cable to the tow vehicle. Leave enough slack to accommodate tight turns.
- CONNECT the 7-way wire harness from the FW to your tow vehicle and secure in the travel position.
- WALK AROUND the RV to verify the exterior lights are working correctly,
- 12. REMOVE the wheel chocks from the trailer wheels.



NEVER allow anyone to go under the RV while it is being lifted and/or towed.

# NOTICE

The FW landing legs must be fully retracted before moving or towing the RV to prevent damage.

# **WARNING**

Towing items behind RV or overloading the rear will void the warranty and may result in damage to the RV or add-on items, towing difficulties, property damage and/or personal injury.



NEVER allow anyone to go under the RV while it is being lifted and/or towed.

## Towing the RV

## **Braking & Stopping Distance**

Towing an RV greatly increases your stopping distance. Practice braking in a large parking lot (where it is permissible) to become familiar with your RV's stopping distance before driving in traffic.

 AVOID conditions that require excessive and prolonged use of your brakes. Smooth starts and easing to a stop will save wear and tear on your RV/tow vehicle combination.

When descending a long hill, drop into a lower gear (or a lower range, if you have automatic transmission). This allows your tow vehicle's engine and transmission to help control your speed which can extend brake life.

- Apply and release the brakes at short intervals to give them a chance to cool.
- Driving through deep water may get the brakes wet, increasing stopping distance or causing the vehicle to pull to one side.
  - DO NOT operate the vehicle if a difference in braking efficiency is noticeable. Check the RV's brake operation in a safe area to be sure they have not been affected.

## **Weight and Clearance Limits**

In order to obey all posted *Weight and Clearance Limits*, you MUST *always* know the Gross Weight and total Height of your RV/tow vehicle combination.

- ALWAYS include the roof air conditioners, TV antennas, and floodlights as they may cause clearance problems under some tunnels, canopies or hanging signs.
- Some bridges, older ones in particular, may not support the weight of your RV/tow vehicle combination.

#### **Road Conditions**

ALWAYS adjust your driving for road conditions.

- Slow way down, *then* release your brakes before crossing railroad tracks.
- Sudden acceleration or deceleration on a wet or icy roads can cause skidding and loss of control.
- Slow down well in advance of any bumps or dips in the road to reduce jolting your RV/tow vehicle combination.
- Drive over any uneven surfaces slowly and make sure to have passed them completely before accelerating.

### **Passenger Safety**

- DO NOT allow anyone to ride inside as a passenger while your RV is in motion.
- This practice is against the law in several states.

### **Turning Corners**

While making a turn:

- The RV does NOT follow the path of your Tow Vehicle.
- The RV will make a TIGHTER turn than your Tow Vehicle.

You must *compensate* for this action by carefully pulling the tow vehicle out into the intersection further than you normally would so that the RV clears the curb (or any parked vehicles along the curb).

### **Passing**

While towing an RV, it takes longer to reach highway speeds. Allow additional time to safely overtake and pass vehicles.

- Changing lanes in traffic also takes longer due to the extra length of your RV/tow vehicle combination.
- ALWAYS drive with caution and avoid situations that may require quickly changing your speed or your lane.

## **Backing Up**

If there are no pull through sites at your camping destination, choose a level site and back in carefully. BEFORE you park, exit your tow vehicle, and inspect that site conditions are satisfactory.

- Check that you have plenty of vehicle clearance.
- Check that your path is free of obstacles.
   (ie., low-hanging tree limbs, posts, large rocks)
- Try to choose a site that is on the driver's side, so that you can easily see the rear of the RV.
- A site on the passenger side is more difficult, since you back into the site on your blind side.
- Position your tow vehicle and RV for backing into the site.
- Back up the RV slowly. Watch your tow vehicle mirrors and Back Up Camera (customer supplied) carefully to help you guide the RV into the site.
- Have another person outside the RV to assist you until the RV is parked in the desired position.

# **WARNING**

- When making a turn, check the road clearance and be aware of others.
- Have someone help guide you out of a difficult parking space or traffic pattern.
- Swerves and sharp turns, especially at high speeds, could result in loss of control of the RV.



If the parking spot is on asphalt on a very hot day or on dirt and/or gravel,

a block of wood under each jack leg can be used to spread the load and reduce the possibility of the leg sinking into the surface.

# **WARNING**

Maximum load capacity 300 lbs. (136 kg) including the weight of the cargo carrying container or equipment.

Use for towing or exceeding load limit will void the warranty. Failure to follow the instructions can cause the carrier to collapse or items to fall which could cause an accident resulting in death or serious injury.

# **WARNING**

DO NOT USE THE FW LANDING LEGS TO SUPPORT THE TOW VEHICLE WEIGHT.

The FW landing legs are designed to bear the front loaded weight of the RV only.

# **NOTICE**

The FW landing legs must be fully retracted before moving or towing the RV to prevent damage.

### Towing the RV, Continued

### **Parking**

Once the RV is in your desired location:

- 1. Set the tow vehicle parking brake.
- 2. Turn OFF the ignition switch.
- 3. Go outside and block the RV wheels securely with wheel chocks.
- The wheel chocks can be wood blocks or purchased items as long as they prevent the RV from rolling.

## Welded Rear Hitch (If So Equipped)

- · Maximum load capacity is 300 lbs (136 kg).
- DO NOT exceed the Hitch Weight Ratings for your Welded Rear Hitch.
- · Failure to do so may void the warranty.

## Unhitching from the Tow Vehicle

- 1. Choose a place to park, and pull the RV into the site.
- 2. Block the wheels to keep the RV from rolling.
- 3. LOWER the landing legs to stabilize the RV.
- For proper operation, it is important to follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- 4. Disconnect the wire harness/connector plug.
- 5. Disconnect the breakaway switch lanyard.
- 6. OPEN the truck tailgate.
- Unless your truck is equipped with a tailgate designed to accommodate a FW hitch.
- 7. Shift your truck into reverse, *but* **DO NOT press on the accelerator.**
- This moves the kingpin off the locking bar, so that it can be disengaged.
- 8. Apply the brakes, *then* set your parking brake.
- 9. Disengage the locking bar, then Unhitch the RV.
- 10. Pull away your tow vehicle.
- 11. Level the RV front to back by adjusting the fifth-wheel height.

## Leveling the RV

### Before operating the leveling system:

Please read the *Ground Control 3.0 System Owner's Manual* (beginning on **page 77**) for instructions on how to level your RV with the *OneControl® Touch Screen* or the manual *Auto Leveling Touch Pad*. Follow all instructions, safety precautions, and preventative maintenance.

The *OneControl® Touch Screen* is located inside of the forward, off-door side compartment. *See photo, right.* The manual Auto Leveling Touch Pad is found on the FRONT of your RV, on the right side of the compartment door. *See photo, next page.* 

### **Leveling your RV is important**

- · With the unit parked, the next step is to level your RV.
- A small level should be used in the refrigerator, and on the counter top or floor to confirm the RV is level.
- The refrigerator (and other appliances) are designed to perform best when the RV is level.
- The water system is designed to drain properly when the RV is level.
- Sleeping and walking inside is more comfortable when the RV is level.

# BEFORE you operate the leveling system, ALWAYS make sure that:

- 1. The RV is parked on a mostly level surface.
- 2. The tow vehicle is disengaged from the RV.
- 3. All persons, pets and property are clear of the RV while the leveling system is in operation.

## **Landing Legs**

The landing legs are used to position the unit while hitching and unhitching from the tow vehicle, They stabilize the fifth wheel during camping and storage.

DO NOT use the landing legs to raise the tires off the ground. They are not designed to support the full weight of the RV to change tires or service the fifth wheel.

 The landing legs are made up of three steel tubes that slide inside of each other, either a hand crank or electric motor drive that turns gears, a screw-drive shaft in each leg to extend or retract the legs, foot pads, pull pins and related hardware.



The OneControl Touch Screen is located inside of the off-door side, forward compartment



Moving parts can **Pinch**, **Crush** or **Cut**. Keep clear and use caution.

# NOTICE

Ensure that the RV is level before operating the slideout room.

Water leaks and other problems could result if the slideout is operated without leveling the RV.

# **NOTICE**

The landing legs may bind in overload conditions, resulting in premature wear of the drive gear and stripping of the gear. Premature gear wear will also occur with excessive clutching of the motor - this occurs at maximum extension and retraction. Once clutch noise is heard, release the landing leg control switch.



The Auto Leveling
Control Touch Pad is located
on the Front of your FW

## Grand Design Compass Connect® App

The *Grand Design Compass Connect®* application allows you to control the leveling system, slide-outs, awnings and lighting on your RV with your smart phone or tablet.

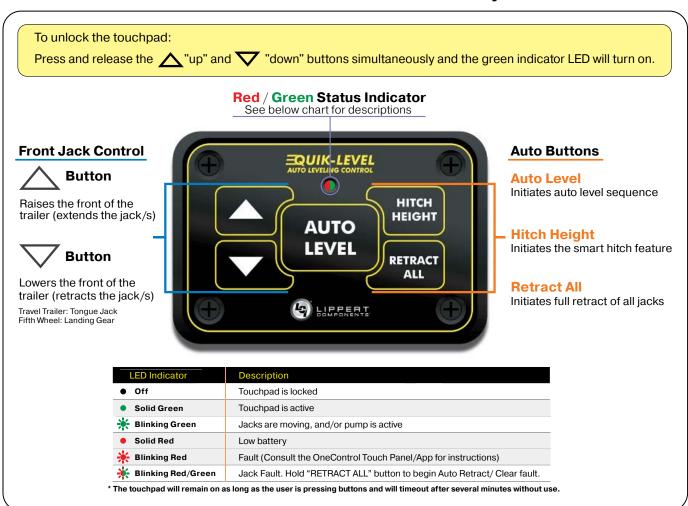
 Please read the Compass Connect® manual found in your Owner Information Package before downloading and using the Grand Design Compass Connect® app.

The Grand Design Compass Connect® Application is based on LCI OneControl® application architecture, which provides system controls and monitoring software for your RV.

## **Leveling Instruction Label**

The manufacturer's instruction label (*below*) is mounted on the back wall of the front compartment or inside of the off-door side, forward compartment with the *OneControl® Touch Screen*.

### **DO NOT** remove this label from your RV:



# **Ground Control 3.0 System Manual**

R GROUND CONTROL® 3.0 (5TH WHEEL) 4 POINT AND 6 POINT OneControl<sup>™</sup> Touch Panel **OWNER'S MANUAL** LIPPERT COMPONENTS

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#### **System Information**

Ground Control 3.0 is an automatic leveling system for 5th wheel applications. The system utilizes one main control board and a separate waterproof remote level sensor to measure and manage level point, and can be operated from several user interface devices, including:

**Auto Leveling Control Touch Pad** - Mounted outside the trailer within view of the hitch.

MyRV® OneControl™ Touch Panel (OCTP) - Mounted in the off-door side forward compartment of the trailer.

MyRV® OneControl™ Leveling App - The app is available on iTunes® for iPhone® and iPad® and also on Google Play™ for Android™ users. iTunes®, iPhone® and iPad® are registered trademarks of Apple Inc. Google Play™ and Android™ are trade-marks of Google Inc.

Linc® Remote Control - Optional.

NOTE: Ground Control 3.0 IS FOR 5TH WHEEL APPLICATIONS ONLY.

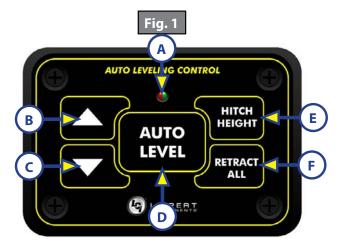
### **Safety Information**

Be sure to park the trailer on solid, level ground. Ensure all jack landing locations are cleared of debris and obstructions and also free of depressions. People and pets should be clear of trailer while operating the leveling system. Ensure the battery of the trailer is fully charged or that the trailer is plugged into shore power prior to attempting to operate the system. Ground Control 3.0 requires a minimum of 12.75V DC from the battery for proper operation.

## **AWARNING**

Lippert Components Inc. recommends that a trained professional be employed to change the tires on the trailer. Ensure that the trailer is properly supported with jack stands or other adequate devices under the frame of the trailer prior to commencing any service or repair procedure. Any attempts to change the tires or perform other service while trailer is supported solely by the Ground Control 3.0 jacks could result in death, serious injury, trailer or property damage.

### **Touch Pad Diagram - Auto Leveling Control Touch Pad**



Callout	Description	
Α	Red/Green LED - Indicates the status of the system.	
В	Up Arrow - Extends front jacks (landing gear).	To turn on the touch pad,
С	Down Arrow - Retracts front jacks (landing gear).	press the Up and Down arrow buttons at the same time.
D	Auto Level Button - Places leveling system into auto level mode.	
E	Hitch Height Button - Initiates the Hitch Recognition feature.	
F	Retract All Button - Places leveling system into full retract mode.	

### **Operation - Auto Leveling Control Touch Pad**

#### **Unhitching Instructions**

**NOTE:** Prior to unhitching from the tow vehicle, ensure the trailer is parked on a level surface and chock the tires of the trailer.

- 1. Extend the inner legs of both front jacks (landing gear) to within 4-5" of the ground by pulling on the quick-release pins.
- 2. To turn on the touch pad, press both "UP" and "DOWN" arrows (Fig. 1B and Fig. 1C) at the same time. The green indicator LED (Fig. 1A) will turn on.

**NOTE:** The touch pad will remain on as long as the user is pressing buttons. It will time out after approximately 7 minutes without use.

Press the "UP" arrow (Fig. 1B) to extend the front jacks and lift the front of the trailer to take the weight of the trailer off of the hitch. Uncouple the trailer connection on the tow vehicle.

Pull the tow vehicle away and park at a safe distance.

#### Auto Level

1. After unhitching from the tow vehicle and parking the vehicle at a safe distance away from the trailer. Press both "UP" and "DOWN" arrows (Fig. 1B and Fig. 1C) at the same time if the green indicator LED is not on. Press "AUTO LEVEL" (Fig. 1D).

**NOTE:** Once the automatic leveling cycle has been started, it is important that there is no movement in the trailer until the leveling process is complete. Failure to remain still during the leveling cycle could have an effect on the performance of the leveling system.

#### Auto Level Sequence

- 1. When Auto Level Sequence begins, the front of the trailer will seek a position near a level state.
- **2.** Rear jacks will be grounded.
- **3.** A side-to-side leveling sequence will occur.

**NOTE:** At this point on the 6 point system, the 2 middle jacks will be grounded to stabilize the trailer. These 2 jacks do not level the trailer.

**4.** Each jack will perform a final grounding touch.

**NOTE:** If the AUTO LEVEL sequence does not perform as described above, locate the OneControl Touch Panel inside the trailer or use the OneControl App to place the system in manual mode. Test that the jacks operate correctly by pushing their corresponding buttons on the OneControl Touch Panel or app; e.g., "FRONT" button operates only the front jacks, etc. (See "Operation - OneControl Touch Panel" or "Operation - OneControl App" in this manual).

#### Hitch Recognition

- 1. To turn on the touch pad, press both "UP" and "DOWN" arrows (Fig. 1B and Fig. 1C) at the same time. The green indicator LED (Fig. 1A) will turn on.
- **2.** Press "HITCH HEIGHT" (Fig. 1E). The rear jacks will retract.

The front of the trailer will raise to the height where the auto level sequence was started.

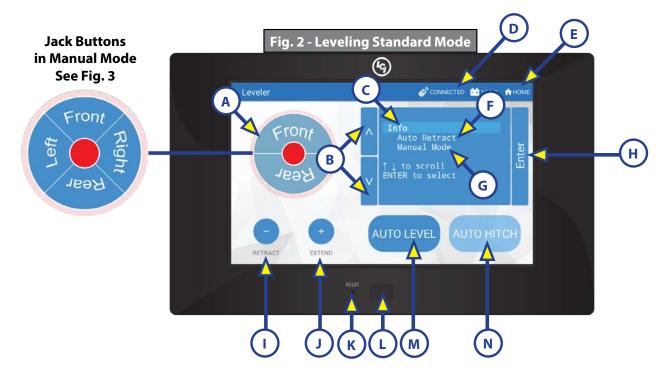
**NOTE:** If the front of the trailer was below level when the Auto Level process was initiated, the hitch recognition feature will retract the rear jacks but will not retract the front jacks to lower the trailer to the initial hitch height. This feature helps prevent injury and/or damage to anything underneath the trailer.

Connect tow vehicle and make sure trailer and hitch are connected and locked.

Press "RETRACT ALL." (Fig. 1F). System will immediately retract all jacks.

Use the guick release pins on the landing gear to manually return the inner jack leg to fully retracted position.

## **Touch Panel Diagram - OneControl Touch Panel**



Callout	Description
А	Jack Buttons - Select front, rear, right and left jacks to be operated depending on mode. Jacks available to be operated will be highlighted in blue. The front jacks can be extended/retracted in Standard Mode. Rear jacks can only be retracted from this mode. In Manual Mode (Fig. 3), all jacks are available to be operated.
В	Up and Down Arrows - Scrolls through options on screen.
С	Info - Displays system information, e.g. angle, jack stroke or software version.
D	Connected Icon - Press 6 times to program zero point/ wireless configurations.
E	Home Icon - Returns screen to home page.
F	Auto Retract - Enters Auto Retract mode. Choose to retract "All Jacks" or "Rear Jacks."
G	Manual Mode - Enters Manual Mode to manually operate jacks.
Н	Enter - Push to select various modes.
I	Retract - Retracts jacks in several modes. Jacks available will be highlighted in blue.
J	Extend - Extends jacks in several modes. Jacks available will be highlighted in blue.
K	Reset - Resets to factory default.
L	Power Button - Turns touch panel on and off.
М	Auto Level - Starts the Auto Level sequence.
N	Auto Hitch - Returns trailer to previous hitch height for reconnecting to tow vehicle.

## **Operation - OneControl Touch Panel**

#### Standard Mode and Menu

To reach Standard Mode (Fig. 2) for leveling:

- 1. Power on the OneControl Touch Panel (Fig. 2L).
- **2.** Press "MyRV Control Panel" on the main screen.
- **3.** Press the "Leveler" icon.
- **4.** The screen will show the system menu (Fig. 2) for Standard Mode. The front jacks can be extended/retracted in Standard Mode. Rear jacks can only be retracted from this mode.

#### **Basic Jack Operation**

While in Standard Mode:

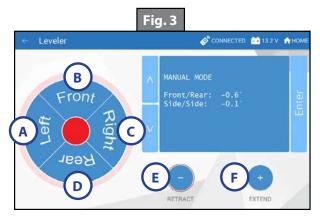
- 1. Press "RETRACT" (Fig. 2I) or "EXTEND" (Fig. 2J) and "FRONT" (Fig. 2A) to retract or extend front jacks.
- 2. Press "RETRACT" and "REAR" to retract rear jacks.
- 3. Press the "AUTO LEVEL" (Fig. 2M) button to start the auto leveling sequence.
- **4.** Press the "AUTO HITCH" (Fig. 2N) button to start the hitch recognition sequence when reconnecting to the tow vehicle.
- 5. Use the "UP" or "DOWN" arrow (Fig. 2B) buttons to cycle through the menu screen options:
  - **A. Info**: Scroll to "INFO" (Fig. 2C) and press "ENTER" (Fig. 2H) button to display system information, e.g., angle, jack stroke or software version.
  - **B.** Auto Retract: Scroll to "AUTO RETRACT" (Fig. 2F) and press the "ENTER" button. Choose either "ALL JACKS" or "REAR JACKS." Press the "ENTER" button again to start the "Auto Retract" sequence.
  - **C. Manual Mode:** Scroll to "MANUAL MODE" (Fig. 2G) and press "ENTER" button to start Manual Level operation.

**NOTE:** Upon entering Manual Mode, a tutorial on operating the jacks will appear on the screen. Press "OK" to clear the tutorial. To delete the tutorial, click the "Don't show this again" box in the bottom right of the screen.

- I. Press "EXTEND" (Fig. 3F) or "RETRACT" (Fig. 3E) and "FRONT" (Fig. 3B) to operate front jacks.
- II. Press "EXTEND" or "RETRACT" and "REAR" (Fig. 3D) to operate rear jacks.
- III. Press "EXTEND" or "RETRACT" and "RIGHT" (Fig. 3C) to operate right jacks.
- IV. Press "EXTEND" or "RETRACT" and "LEFT" (Fig. 3A) to operate left jacks.

**NOTE:** To operate jacks individually, press "EXTEND" or "RETRACT" then press the "LEFT" (Fig. 3A) or "RIGHT" (Fig. 3C) button while simultaneously pressing the "FRONT" (Fig. 3B) or "REAR" button (Fig. 3D), depending on which jack needs to be operated.

**NOTE:** If the rear jacks will not operate individually using the method described above, but they operate properly when Auto Level is performed, the Twist Prevention Protection system has locked out the operation to prevent damage to the frame of the trailer.



#### **Unhitching Instructions**

**NOTE:** Prior to unhitching from the tow vehicle, ensure the trailer is parked on a level surface and chock the tires of the trailer.

- 1. Extend the inner legs of both front jacks (landing gear) to within 4-5" of the ground by pulling on the quick-release pins.
- 2. Push touch panel "ON/OFF" (Fig. 2L) to turn system on.
- **3.** Press "MyRV Control Panel" on the main screen.
- **4.** Press the "Leveler" icon.
- 5. The screen will show the system menu (Fig. 2) for Standard Mode. Push "EXTEND" (Fig. 2J) and "FRONT" button (Fig. 2A) to extend front jacks and lift front of the trailer to take the weight of the trailer off of the hitch.
- **6.** Uncouple the trailer connection on the tow vehicle.
- **7.** Pull the tow vehicle away and park at a safe distance.

#### Auto Level

1. After unhitching from the tow vehicle and parking the vehicle a safe distance away from the trailer, press the "ON/OFF" button (Fig. 2L) if the OneControl Touch Panel is not on and then press "AUTO LEVEL" (Fig. 2M).

**NOTE:** Once the automatic leveling cycle has been started, it is important that there is no movement in the trailer until the leveling process is complete. Failure to remain still during the leveling cycle could have an effect on the performance of the leveling system.

#### <u>Auto Level Sequence</u>

- 1. When Auto Level Sequence begins, the front of the trailer will seek a position near a level state.
- **2.** Rear jacks will be grounded.
- **3.** A side-to-side leveling sequence will occur.

**NOTE:** At this point on the 6 point system, the 2 middle jacks will be grounded to stabilize the trailer. These 2 jacks do not level the trailer.

**4.** Each jack will perform a final grounding touch.

**NOTE:** If the AUTO LEVEL sequence does not perform as described above, locate the OneControl Touch Panel inside the trailer or use the OneControl App to place the system in manual mode. Test that the jacks operate correctly by pushing their corresponding buttons on the OneControl Touch Panel or App; e.g., "FRONT" button operates only the front jacks, etc. (See "Operation - OneControl Touch Panel" or "Operation - OneControl App" in this manual).

### **Hitch Recognition**

- 1. Push touch panel "ON/OFF" (Fig. 2L) to turn system on.
- **2.** Press "MyRV Control Panel" on the main screen.
- **3.** Press the "Leveler" icon.
- **4.** The screen will show the system menu (Fig. 2) for Standard Mode.
- **5.** Press "AUTO HITCH" (Fig. 2N). Rear jacks will retract.
- **6.** The front of the trailer will raise to the height where the auto level sequence was started.

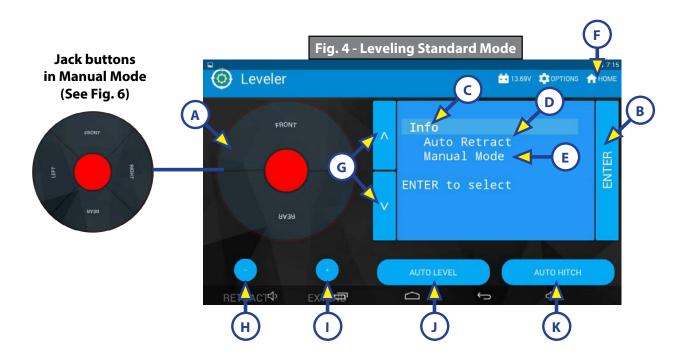
**NOTE:** If the front of the trailer was below level when the Auto Level process was initiated, the hitch recognition feature will retract the rear jacks but will not retract the front jacks to lower the trailer to the initial hitch height. This feature helps prevent injury and/or damage to anything underneath the trailer.

- 7. Connect tow vehicle and make sure trailer and hitch are connected and locked.
- **8.** On the Standard Mode screen (Fig. 2) use the "UP" and "DOWN" arrows (Fig. 2B) to scroll to "AUTO RETRACT" (Fig. 2F). Press "ENTER."
- **9.** Choose "ALL JACKS." Press "ENTER." System will immediately retract all iacks.

Use the quick release pins on the landing gear to manually return the inner jack leg to the fully retracted position.

## **Touch Panel Diagram - OneControl App from MyRV**

**NOTE:** The OneControl Leveling App is available on iTunes® for iPhone® and iPad® and also on Google Play™ for Android™ users.



Callout	Description
A	Jack Buttons - Select front, rear, right and left jacks to be operated depending on mode. Jacks available to be operated will be highlighted in blue. The front jacks can be extended/retracted in Standard Mode. Rear jacks can only be retracted from this mode. In Manual Mode (Fig. 6), all jacks are available to be operated.
В	Enter - Push to activate various modes.
С	Info - Displays system information, e.g., angle, jack stroke, software version.
D	Auto Retract - Enters Auto Retract mode. Choose to retract "All Jacks" or "Rear Jacks."
E	Manual Mode - Enters Manual Mode to manually operate jacks.
F	Home Icon - Returns screen to home page.
G	Up and Down Arrows - Scroll through options on screen.
Н	Retract - Retracts jacks in several modes. Jacks available will be highlighted in blue.
I	Extend - Extends jacks in several modes. Jacks available will be highlighted in blue.
J	Auto Level - Starts the Auto Level sequence.
K	Auto Hitch - Returns trailer to previous hitch height for reconnecting to tow vehicle.

### **Operation - OneControl App**

#### Accessing the OneControl App

- 1. Ensure there is power to the trailer's wireless network.
- 2. Navigate to the device's (smart phone, tablet, etc.) wifi settings. Turn wireless feature on and connect to the myRV wireless network.

**NOTE:** If this is the first time connecting to the myRV wireless network, a password will be required. The password is located on the trailer's wifi hub (Fig. 5).

**3.** Open the OneControl application on the compatible device.

**NOTE:** If the device states "Unresolved Network Connection," retry connecting to the myRV wireless network and/or wait for the connection to resolve and display "Connected" under the myRV wireless connection.

- **4.** The application will request the user "Agree" to an end user license agreement, create a PIN and "Re-enter PIN to confirm."
- 5. The OneControl app will now display all functions. Choose "Leveler."



#### Standard Mode and Menu

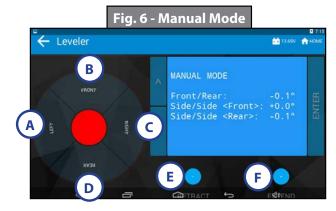
Standard Mode is the mode launched when the OneControl app "Leveler" function is powered up. The screen will show the system menu (Fig. 4). The front jacks can be extended/retracted in Standard Mode. Rear jacks can only be retracted from this mode.

#### **Basic Jack Operation**

While in Standard Mode:

- 1. Press "RETRACT" (Fig. 4H) or "EXTEND" (Fig. 4I) and "FRONT" (Fig. 4A) to extend or retract front jacks.
- **2.** Press "RETRACT" and "REAR" (Fig. 4) to retract rear jacks.
- **3.** Press the "AUTO LEVEL" (Fig. 4J) button to start the leveling sequence.
- **4.** Press the "AUTO HITCH" (Fig. 4K) button to start the hitch recognition sequence when reconnecting to the tow vehicle.
- **5.** Use the "UP" or "DOWN" arrow buttons (Fig. 4G) to cycle through the menu options:
  - **A. Info**: Scroll to "INFO" (Fig. 4C) and press "ENTER" button to display system information, e.g., angle, jack stroke or software version.
  - **B.** Auto Retract: Scroll to "AUTO RETRACT" (Fig. 4D) and press the "ENTER" button. Choose either "ALL JACKS" or "REAR JACKS." Press the "ENTER" button again to start the "Auto Retract" sequence.
  - **C. Manual Mode:** Scroll to "MANUAL MODE" (Fig. 4E) and press "ENTER" button to start Manual Level operation.
    - Press "EXTEND" (Fig. 6F) or "RETRACT" (Fig. 6E) and "FRONT" (Fig. 6B) to operate front jacks.
    - II. Press "EXTEND" or "RETRACT" and "REAR" to operate rear jacks.
    - **III.** Press "EXTEND" or "RETRACT" and "RIGHT" to operate right jacks.
    - **IV.** Press "EXTEND" or "RETRACT" and "LEFT" to operate left jacks.

NOTE: To operate jacks individually, press "EXTEND" or "RETRACT" then press the "LEFT" (Fig. 6A) or "RIGHT" (Fig. 6C) button while simultaneously pressing the "FRONT" or "REAR" button (Fig. 6B and 6D), depending on which jack needs to be operated.



**NOTE:** If the rear jacks will not operate individually using the method described above, but they operate properly when Auto Level is performed, the Twist Prevention Protection system has locked out the operation to prevent damage to the frame of the trailer.

#### **Unhitching Instructions**

**NOTE:** Prior to unhitching from the tow vehicle, ensure trailer is parked on a level surface and chock the tires of the trailer.

- 1. Extend the inner legs of both front jacks (landing gear) to within 4-5" of the ground by pulling on the quick-release pins.
- 2. Open the OneControl App.
- **3.** Press the "Leveler" icon.
- **4.** The screen will show the system menu (Fig. 4) for Standard Mode.
- **5.** Push "Extend" (Fig. 4I) and "FRONT" buttons (Fig. 4) to extend front jacks and lift front of trailer to take the weight of the trailer off of the hitch.
- **6.** Uncouple the trailer connection on the tow vehicle.
- 7. Pull tow vehicle away and park at a safe distance.

#### Auto Level

1. After unhitching from the tow vehicle and parking the vehicle at a safe distance away from the trailer, open the OneControl App and then press "AUTO LEVEL" (Fig. 4J).

**NOTE:** Once the automatic leveling cycle has been started, it is important that there is no movement in the trailer until the trailer has completed the leveling process. Failure to remain still during the leveling cycle could have an effect on the performance of the leveling system.

#### **Auto Level Sequence**

- 1. When Auto Level Sequence begins, the front of the trailer will seek a position near a level state.
- 2. Rear jacks will be grounded.
- **3.** A side-to-side leveling sequence will occur.

**NOTE:** At this point on the 6 point system, the 2 middle jacks will be grounded to stabilize the trailer. These 2 jacks do not level the trailer.

**4.** Each jack will perform a final grounding touch.

**NOTE:** If the AUTO LEVEL sequence does not perform as described above, locate the OneControl Touch Panel inside the trailer or use the OneControl App to place the system in manual mode. Test that the jacks operate correctly by pushing their corresponding buttons on the OneControl Touch Panel or App; e.g., "FRONT" button operates only the front jacks, etc. (See "Operation - OneControl Touch Panel" or "Operation - OneControl App" in this manual).

#### Hitch Recognition

- 1. Open the OneControl App.
- **2.** Press the "Leveler" icon.
- **3.** The screen will show the system menu (Fig. 4) for Standard Mode.
- **4.** Press "AUTO HITCH" (Fig. 4K). Rear jacks will retract.
- **5.** The front of the trailer will raise to the height where the auto level sequence was started.

**NOTE:** If the front of the trailer was below level when the Auto Level process was initiated, the hitch recognition feature will retract the rear jacks but will not retract the front jacks to lower the trailer to the initial hitch height. This feature helps prevent injury and/or damage to anything underneath the trailer.

- **6.** Connect tow vehicle and make sure trailer and hitch are connected and locked.
- 7. On the Standard Mode screen (Fig. 4) use the "UP" and "DOWN" arrows (Fig. 4G) to scroll to "AUTO RETRACT" (Fig. 4D). Press "ENTER."
- **8.** Choose "ALL JACKS." Press "ENTER." System will immediately retract all jacks.

Use the quick release pins on the landing gear to manually return the inner jack leg to the fully retracted position.

#### **Touch Panel Diagram - Linc Remote Control - Optional**

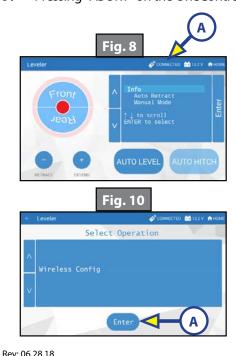
Callout	Description
Α	Retract - Retracts front jacks and rear jacks.
В	Front Arrow - Operates front jacks.
С	Left Arrow - (See Note below)
D	Help - Provides contact information for LCI.
E	Extend - Extends front jacks. (See Note below)
F	Right Arrow - (See Note below)
G	Rear Arrow - Retracts rear jacks. (See Note below)
Н	Auto Level- Initiates Auto Level sequence.
I	Power Button - Turns remote control on and off.

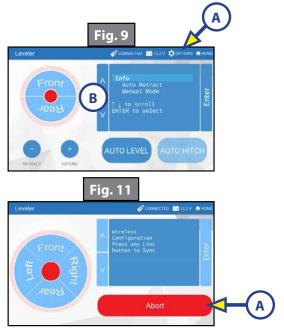
**NOTE:** When the OneControl Touch Panel inside the trailer is placed in Manual Mode, the Linc remote will operate the jacks in a similar fashion as the OneControl, with the exception of operating individual jacks. (See "Operation - OneControl Touch Panel.)



### Configuring Linc Remote to Sync to The One Control Touch Panel

- 1. Turn on the Linc™ remote control (Fig. 7I) and enter a PIN.
- **2.** Choose "Leveler" from the menu screen.
- **3.** Turn on the OneControl Touch Panel (Fig. 2L).
- **4.** On the OneControl Touch Panel, press the "CONNECTED" icon at the top of the screen (Fig. 8A) quickly 6 times. Wait a few seconds until the gear icon with "OPTIONS" appears (Fig. 9A).
- **5.** Press the gear icon with "OPTIONS" (Fig. 9A).
- **6.** Use the "UP" and "DOWN" arrows (Fig. 9B) to scroll to "WIRELESS CONFIG" (Fig. 10).
- **7.** Press "ENTER" (Fig. 10A). The screen will display "Wireless Configuration Press any Linc button to Sync" (Fig. 11).
- **8.** Press any button in "Leveler" mode on the Linc Remote Control (Fig 7).
- **9.** Pressing "ABORT" on the OneControl Touch Panel (Fig. 11A) will cancel configuration sequence.





#### Basic Jack Operation

Press "EXTEND" (Fig. 7E) or "RETRACT" (Fig. 7A). Press "FRONT" arrow (Fig. 7B) to operate front jacks.

Press "RETRACT". Press "REAR" arrow (Fig. 7G) to operate rear jacks.

Press "AUTO LEVEL" (Fig. 7H) to start auto level sequence.

If the OneControl Touch Panel is in manual mode press, "EXTEND" (Fig. 7E) or "RETRACT" (Fig. 7A).

Press "LEFT" (Fig. 7C), "RIGHT" (Fig. 7F) or "REAR" (Fig. 7G) arrow to operate left, right or rear jacks.

#### **Unhitching Instructions**

**NOTE:** Prior to unhitching from the tow vehicle, ensure the trailer is parked on a level surface and chock thetires of the trailer.

- 1. Extend the inner legs of both front jacks (landing gear) to within 4-5" of the ground by pulling on the quick-release pins.
- 2. Turn the Linc remote on (Fig. 7I) and enter a PIN code to turn system on.
- **3.** Press the "LEVELER" button.
- **4.** Press "EXTEND" (Fig. 7E) and "FRONT" arrow (Fig. 7B) to extend front jacks and lift the front of trailer to take the weight of the trailer off of the hitch.
- **5.** Uncouple the trailer connection on the tow vehicle.
- **6.** Pull tow vehicle away and park at a safe distance.

#### **Auto Level**

- 1. After unhitching from the tow vehicle and parking the vehicle a safe distance away from the trailer, press the "ON/OFF" button (Fig. 7I) on the Linc remote if the Linc is not on.
- 2. Enter a PIN.
- **3.** Choose the "LEVELER" option.
- **4.** Press "AUTO LEVEL" (Fig. 7H).

**NOTE:** Once the automatic leveling cycle has been started, it is important that there is no movement in the trailer until the trailer has completed the leveling process. Failure to remain still during the leveling cycle could have an effect on the performance of the leveling system.

#### Auto Level Sequence

- 1. When Auto Level Sequence begins, the front of the trailer will seek a position near a level state.
- **2.** Rear jacks will be grounded.
- **3.** A side-to-side leveling sequence will occur.

**NOTE:** At this point on the 6 point system, the 2 middle jacks will be grounded to stabilize the trailer. These 2 jacks do not level the trailer.

**4.** Each jack will perform a final grounding touch.

**NOTE:** If the AUTO LEVEL sequence does not perform as described above, locate the OneControl Touch Panel inside the trailer or use the OneControl App to place the system in manual mode. Test that the jacks operate correctly by pushing their corresponding buttons on the OneControl Touch Panel or App; e.g., "FRONT" button operates only the front jacks, etc. (See "Operation - OneControl Touch Panel" or "Operation - OneControl App" in this manual).

**NOTE:** There is no Hitch Recognition sequence programmed for the Linc remote.

## **Troubleshooting**

## Red/Green LED Indicator on Auto Leveling Control Touch Pad (Rev. A)

What Is Happening?	Why?
Off	Touch pad is locked.
Solid Green	Touch pad is active.
Blinking Green	Jacks are moving.
Solid Red	Low battery.
Blinking Red	Error - Refer to OneControl Touch Panel or the OneControl App for the specific error, then consult the Troubleshooting section of this manual to clear the error.

## Red/Green LED Indicator on Auto Leveling Control Touch Pad (Rev. B)

What Is Happening?	Why?
Off	Touch pad is locked.
Solid Green	Touch pad is active.
Blinking Green	Jacks are moving.
Solid Red	Low battery.
Blinking Red	Error - Refer to OneControl Touch Panel or the OneControl App for the specific error, then consult the Troubleshooting section of this manual to clear the error.
Slowly Blinking Faded Red (Red and Green Blinking Simultaneously)	Error - Refer to OneControl Touch Panel or the OneControl App for the specific jack error code, then consult the Special Jack Error Code section of this manual to clear the error.

### OneControl Touch Panel or OneControl App Error Codes (Rev. A)

**NOTE:** Faults can only be cleared via the OneControl Touch Panel or OneControl App. The only exception is when the Auto Leveling Control Touch Pad (Fig. 1) was used to abort an auto-sequence. In this case the fault can be cleared by pressing any Auto Leveling Control Touch Pad button.

### OneControl Touch Panel or OneControl App Error Codes (Rev. B)

**NOTE:** Faults can be cleared via the OneControl Touch Panel, OneControl App or Auto Leveling Control Touch Pad. Most standard faults can be cleared from the Auto Leveling Control Touch Pad by pressing "Retract All."

OneControl Touch Panel or OneControl App Error Codes		
Touch Panel Message	What's Happening?	What Should I Do?
"EXCESS ANGLE"	Unsecured controller.	Check and secure controller placement.
	Uneven or sloped site.	Relocate the trailer.
"EXCESSIVE ANGLE"	Excessive angle reached during manual operation.	Stop manual operation and reset jacks to a more level state. The code will self clear. There is no need to hit "OK."
"BAD CALIBRATION"	Trailer zero point was not set correctly.	Reset zero point.
	Hitch recognition requested but no	Perform "AUTO LEVEL" sequence to
"FEATURE DISABLED"	hitch height set.	establish hitch height.
	Zero point not set.	Set zero point.
	Bad connection or wiring.	Check wiring - repair or replace.
"LOW VOLTAGE"	Discharged or bad battery.	Test battery voltage under load - charge or replace.
"OUT OF CTDOVE"	Unsecured controller.	Check and secure controller placement.
"OUT OF STROKE"	Uneven or sloped site.	Relocate the trailer.
"EXTERNAL SENSOR"	Bad connection or wiring.	Replace or repair connection to rear remote sensor.
"JACK TIME OUT"	System could not level in expected time.	Check disposition of jacks.
	Unsecured controller.	Check and secure controller placement.
"AUTO LEVEL FAIL"	Voltage drop.	Test battery voltage under load - charge or replace.
"FUNCTION ABORTED"	User has aborted an automatic leveling sequence.	Hit OK. Restart the sequence.
"HALL POWER SHORT"	Short circuit detected on one or more of the jack hall effect power lines.	Check harness and replace or repair.

Special Jack Error Codes		
Touch Panel Message	What's Happening?	What Should I Do?
***ERROR***		Check harness connections
Left-Front Jack Fault	Error at a specific jack (left front,	at controller and at jack.
Right-Front Jack Fault	right front, left middle, right middle,	
Left-Mid Jack Fault	left rear, right rear). Hall signal issue (open, short, malfunction or loss	Check harness for damage.
Right-Mid Jack Fault	of communication); open or short	Check fuses at controller.
Left-Rear Jack Fault	circuit between controller and motor.	
Right-Rear Jack Fault		Repair or replace as necessary.

#### Special Jack Error Codes on OneControl Touch Panel or OneControl App (Rev. A)

To clear the error code:

1. Correct or otherwise repair the issue (see Special Jack Error Codes chart).

**NOTE:** In order to clear the special jack error code the jacks need to be "homed." In order to "home" jacks, each jack must be able to retract a minimum of 6".

- **2.** Extend all jacks to reach the 6" of minimum retract needed.
  - **A.** Press "FRONT" (Fig. 3B or Fig. 6B) to extend the front jacks (if required).
  - **B.** Press "REAR" (Fig. 3D or Fig. 6D) to extend the rear jacks (if required).
  - **C.** Press "LEFT" and "RIGHT" (Fig. 3A and Fig. 3C or Fig. 6A and Fig. 6C) simultaneously to extend the middle jacks (if equipped and required).
- 3. Press "ENTER" to AUTO RETRACT. The jacks will retract until they reach the hard current limit.
- **4.** The jacks are now "homed" and the special jack error code will be cleared.

**NOTE:** If the jacks do not retract, an error should display on the touch panel screen. This is typically caused by wiring interruption.

#### Special Jack Error Codes on OneControl Touch Panel or OneControl App (Rev. B)

To clear the error codes:

**1.** Correct or otherwise repair the issue (see the Special Jack Error Codes chart).

**NOTE:** In order to clear the special jack error code the jacks need to perform a successful "Auto Retract."

- 2. Press "ENTER" to AUTO RETRACT. The jacks will retract until they reach the hard current limit.
- **3.** The jacks are now "homed" and the special jack error code will be cleared.

**NOTE:** If the jacks do not retract, an error should display on the touch panel screen. This is typically caused by wiring interruption.

#### Clearing Faults From Auto Leveling Control Touch Pad (Rev. B)

**NOTE:** Landing gear can still be extended/retracted in the "Special Jack Error Code" mode.

- 1. To clear most standard faults, press "Retract All."
- 2. To clear jack faults, press and hold "Retract All" until the jacks begin to retract.

**NOTE:** Three faults cannot be cleared from the Auto Leveling Control Touch Pad and must be addressed from the OneControl Touch Panel or OneControl App: HALL POWER SHORT, BAD CALIBRATION and EXTERNAL SENSOR.

### Manual Override

#### **Top of Jack Motor Override:**

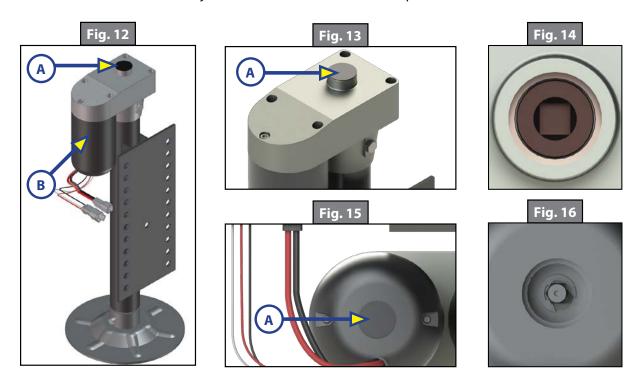
**Tools needed:** 3/8" drive ratchet and extension (no socket)

- 1. Find the port on the top of the jack motor (Fig. 12A).
- **2.** Remove the rubber plug (Fig. 13A).
- 3. Insert the  $\frac{3}{8}$ " drive ratchet into the port (Fig. 14).
- **4.** Turn the override until the jack extends or retracts to desired position.

#### **Bottom of Jack Motor Override:**

Tools needed: 3/8" drive ratchet and extension, 5/16" socket

- 1. Find the port on the bottom of the jack motor (Fig. 12B).
- 2. Remove the rubber plug (Fig. 15A).
- 3. Insert the  $\frac{5}{16}$ " socket into the port (Fig. 16).
- **4.** Turn the override until the jack extends or retracts to desired position.



#### Zero Point Calibration

The "Zero Point" is the programmed point that the trailer will return to each time the Auto Level feature is used. The "Zero Point" must be programmed prior to using the Auto Level feature to ensure the proper operation of the system. The "Zero Point" feature is only available on the OneControl Touch Panel and OneControl App with this system. (Figs. 17-22 depict OneControl Touch Panel.)

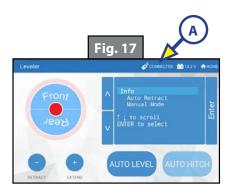
**NOTE:** Prior to starting this procedure, double check all connections on the controller, jacks, and touch panel.

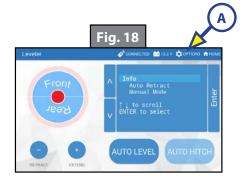
**NOTE:** When calibrating Zero Point, the user has full manual control over the jacks. See "Basic Jack Operation - Manual Mode" to adjust to the desired level position. Press the enter button to set.

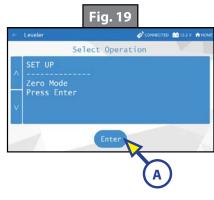
#### To Set the Zero Point

**NOTE:** The following procedure works from Standard Mode only. (See "Standard Mode and Menu" to reach standard mode.)

- 1. Press the "CONNECTED" icon (Fig. 17A) at the top of the leveling screen quickly 6 times. Wait a few seconds until the gear icon with "OPTIONS" appears (Fig.18A).
- **2.** Press the gear icon with "OPTIONS" (Fig. 18A).
- 3. The screen will show "SET UP: Zero Mode Press Enter" (Fig. 19).
- **4.** Press the "Enter button" (Fig. 19A).
- **5.** The touch panel will present options for further leveling of the trailer if needed. The screen will also state "ZERO POINT CALIBRATION Press Enter to Set" (Fig. 20).
- **6.** Press "ENTER" (FIG. 20A).
- **7.** Screen will show "Zero Point Stability Check ... Please Wait" (Fig. 21), followed by "Zero Point Set" (Fig. 22).











#### **Preventive Maintenance**

- 1. For optimum performance, the system requires full battery current and voltage. The battery must be maintained at full capacity.
- **2.** Check the terminals and other connections at the battery, the controller, and the jacks for corrosion, and loose or damaged connections.
- **3.** Remove dirt and road debris from jacks as needed.
- **4.** If jacks are down for extended periods, it is recommended to spray exposed leveling jack rods with a silicone lubricant every three months for protection. If the trailer is located in a salty environment, it is recommended to spray the rods every four to six weeks.

# **WARNING**

Ensure the trailer is supported at both the front and rear with jack stands before performing any troubleshooting or service to the trailer.

Failure to do so may result in death or personal injury.

# **WARNING**

Failure to act in accordance with the following may result in death or serious personal injury. The use of the Ground Control® 3.0 leveling system to support the trailer for any reason other than which it is intended is prohibited by Lippert's limited warranty.

The Lippert leveling system is designed as a leveling system only and should NOT be used to provide service for any reason under the trailer such as changing tires or servicing the leveling system.

Any attempts to change tires or perform other service while trailer is supported by the Ground Control® 3.0 leveling system could result in death, serious injury or damage to the 5th wheel.

# **Electrical Systems**

Your Reflection Fifth Wheel is equipped with two independent electrical systems. One system is 120-volt 60hz AC power, the other system is 12-volt DC power. The electrical equipment and associated circuitry are engineered into a dedicated system specific to your RV. All installations meet or exceed industry standards applicable on the date of manufacture.

- A hazardous condition may result from changes or additions to RV electrical system made after delivery.
- Adding fixed appliances or making unauthorized changes is NOT recommended.
- ONLY a qualified electrical technician should perform service or modifications on the RV electrical system.

The **methods**, **components**, and **materials** used MUST be in compliance with current safety and code requirements. Please consult your dealer's service department for assistance.

### **Electrical System Maintenance**

- ALWAYS disconnect the negative 12-volt DC battery terminal and the shore power cord BEFORE working on the electrical system.
- ALWAYS turn OFF the power converter, BEFORE disconnecting the battery.

For more information on your RV's electrical system, See the component manuals in your Owner Information Package.

# 30-Amp or 50-Amp Power Cord

The power cord (or *shore power cord*) connects your RV to an external power receptacle. This heavy duty cord has a dual purpose. *When connected, it will:* 

- CARRY VOLTAGE & CURRENT to your RV from the external power receptacle, and
- GROUND the electrical system of your RV through the external power receptacle.

## **BEFORE** connecting your power cord, **ALWAYS**:

- TEST the external power receptacle or electrical box with a *Line Monitor/Outlet Tester* (customer supplied).
- DO NOT connect the power cord if the Line Monitor indicates REVERSE POLARITY or an OPEN GROUND.

# **WARNING**

Use caution when using metal tools. If a tool makes contact with a battery terminal or the metal connected to it, a short circuit could occur which could cause personal injury, explosion or fire.

# **WARNING**

The power cord MUST be fully extended when in use and NOT left coiled in the electrical compartment or on the ground.

If the power cord is left coiled, it may potentially create enough heat to melt its protective casing.



30 Amp Power Inlet



50 Amp Power Inlet

# **WARNING**

- DO NOT hook up the power cord to any receptacle until you have verified proper polarity and grounding.
   Polarity indicators can be purchased in most electrical and hardware stores.
- DO NOT use any cheater plug, adapter or extension cord to reconfigure incoming AC power or break the continuity of the circuit connected to the grounding pin.
- DO NOT connect the power cord into an outlet that is not grounded, or adapt the power cord plug to connect it to a receptacle for which it is not designed.
- DO NOT remove the grounding pin to connect to a non-grounded receptacle. Removal of the ground pin disables an important safety feature designed to prevent electrocution and shock hazards.
- DO NOT connect the power cord to an extension cord.
   Use of an improper extension cord will cause overheating of the cord as well as potentially causing premature failure of the AC equipment.
- It is the responsibility of the electrical receptacle owner to ensure that it is properly wired and grounded.
- Reverse Polarity and/ or Improper Grounding of your RV can cause personal injury or death.

### 30-Amp or 50-Amp Power Cord, Continued

### Connecting the power cord

- 1. Turn OFF the load center main 120-volt circuit breaker.
- 2. Carefully extend the entire length of the power cord from the electric cable hatch to the external power source.
- 3. Plug the power cord into the receptacle. Make sure that all of the power cord prongs are properly seated into the receptacle.
- 4. Return to your RV and turn ON the load center main circuit breaker.
- 5. To help prevent power surges from damaging the connected loads, please follow these instructions when hooking up to the external power source:
  - Unplug the shore power cord when the RV is left unattended. This may help limit potential damage in the event of a power surge.
  - Use care to prevent damaging the connection pins when connecting or disconnecting the power cord.
  - c. Reverse the *Connecting the power cord* steps (1-5) listed above, when you are ready to leave.
- 6. ALWAYS disconnect the power cord from the outlet by the plug; NEVER disconnect the plug by pulling the cord.

#### **Power Cord Maintenance**

- INSPECT your power cord frequently for Cuts, Cracks, and Worn Insulation.
- REPLACE the cord immediately if any of these conditions are found.

## 120-Volt AC System

Your RV is equipped with either a **30 amp** or a **50 amp** electrical system (select models). It is important that you know which system is equipped on your RV.

- The 30 amp 120 volt 60hz AC electrical system is designed to operate on one (1) leg of 120-volt power at a maximum current flow of 30 amperes.
- The 50 amp 120 volt 60hz AC electrical system is designed to operate on two (2) legs of 120-volt power at a maximum current flow of 50 amperes per leg.

Power to your 120-volt 60hz AC electrical system (30 amp or 50 amp) can be supplied by the 120-volt 60hz utilities found at RV campgrounds or by a generator. A campground's electrical service may occasionally experience high or low voltage.

 Exposure to voltages higher or lower than 120-volts will damage or shorten the service life of the electrical system and appliances.

The following electrical components (if so equipped) will operate ONLY when your RV is connected to shore power: 120-volt to 12-volt power converter, air conditioner, 120-volt refrigerator, microwave oven, television(s), fireplace, and other appliances that plug into convenience electrical receptacles.

For recommendations on power-surge protection, Consult your dealer.

## 120-Volt Circuit Breakers

The 120-volt AC circuit breakers are located in the main load center. They protect all of the 120-volt wiring and components. Each circuit is identified on a label inside the load center.

- An overload or short circuit will cause the breaker to trip, stopping the flow of electricity for the affected circuit.
- If a circuit breaker *trips*, turn OFF the appliance on that circuit. Allow some time for the circuit breaker to cool.
- To RESET the circuit breaker, flip the switch to the OFF position, then flip it back to the ON position.
- If a breaker immediately trips again or trips frequently, contact your dealer to diagnose and repair the problem.

## Maintenance and replacement

Circuit breaker switches can wear out. Test the breakers annually, at the beginning of the camping season. Replace them as needed, during normal maintenance.

 To TEST: Flip each breaker switch to the OFF position, then back to the ON position.

For further information, Contact your dealer.

# **WARNING**

For **30** amp systems only:

Make certain the external power source you connect the power cord to is a **30-amp NEMA TT-30R RV receptacle** and not a 240 volt AC.

# **WARNING**

For **50** amp systems only:

Make certain the external power source you connect the power cord to is a **50 amp NEMA 14-50 RV receptacle** and not a 240 volt AC.

# **WARNING**

Replacement circuit breakers must be of the same voltage, amperage rating and type. Never use a higher rated replacement circuit breaker; doing so may cause a fire by overheating the RV wiring.

# **CAUTION**

Circuit breakers and fuses will not offer complete protection of the electrical system in the event of a voltage spike/power surge

## Converter

The Power Converter changes 120-volt AC power to usable 12-volt DC power when the shore power cord is connected to an external power source. A thermal breaker is built-in to the converter to protect it from overheating.

**Overheating** is usually caused by the converter operating above its maximum power output for an extended time period, or with too little air flow.

- To reduce converter heat, DO NOT run any unnecessary 12-volt lights/motors/appliances, and
- Keep the converter cooling fins and fan clear of obstructions.

#### Inspection and maintenance

If the 12-volt power converter is NOT working, or the auxiliary battery is not being charged:

- Locate the converter fuse panel on one end of the converter.
- 2. Check the reverse polarity fuse or fuses.

The manufacturer's warranty will be void if the case has been removed. There are no customer serviceable parts inside.

For further information, Contact your dealer.

## **GFCI** Receptacle

Grounding is your personal protection from electrical shock. Each RV has a ground fault current interrupter (GFCI) engineered into the electrical system. This device has been designed to reduce the possible injury caused by electric shock. The GFCI will not protect against short circuits or circuit overloads.

 A tripped GFCI receptacle indicates that abnormally high 120-volt current flow (a ground fault) was detected through the electrical system grounding circuit.

A fault condition can be caused by faulty wire insulation, wet wiring inside an appliance, or faulty electrical equipment connected to the circuit, etc. All ground faults must be repaired before use of the RV.

### Test all GFCI receptacles monthly

- Push in the TEST button. This should pop out the RESET button, indicating the GFCI receptacle has been tripped. This will interrupt 120-volt power.
- Push in the RESET button. This should restore 120-volt power.

Contact your dealer for assistance, if the RESET button does NOT restore 120-volt power or trips repeatedly.

# 12-Volt DC System

Many of your RV components including the light fixtures, water pump, motors and appliances run on 12-volt electricity.

- The Converter supplies 12-volt power when your RV is connected to external power. The converter will also charge the Auxiliary Battery in most situations.
- The Auxiliary Battery supplies 12-volt power when your RV is NOT connected to external power.
- The Tow Vehicle Alternator supplies 12-volt power when the 7-Way Wire Harness is connected, and the tow vehicle engine is running.

This runs the components needed for travel including, the brake lights, turn signals, brakes, running lights and the breakaway switch. In addition, the *7-Way Wire Harness* provides a common ground and a charge line to your auxiliary battery.

## 12-Volt DC Outlet (If So Equipped)

Your RV may include a 12-volt DC outlet (not applicable on all models). ONLY use this outlet for an appliance that runs on 12-volt DC power and consumes less than 60 watts (5 amps).

 To prevent a short circuit, keep the 12-volt DC outlet free of any (metallic) foreign material.

## 12-Volt Fuse Panel

- The label inside the 12-volt fuse panel indicates the fuse sizes, positions and components powered. The fuse panel label should be kept permanently affixed to your RV.
- Inspect all 12-volt fuses at the beginning of each camping season, and replace as needed.
- The fuses may not offer complete protection of the RV electrical system in the event of a power surge or spike.

### Replacing a fuse

BEFORE replacing a fuse, ALWAYS turn *OFF* or *UNPLUG* the component(s) it protects.

- 1. Disconnect the shore power cord.
- 2. Disconnect the negative cable from the RV auxiliary battery.
- 3. Remove the fuse panel cover to check fuses.
- 4. Pull the fuse straight out of the fuse block.
- If the fuse is not blown, please contact your dealer to determine the cause of the problem.
- 5. ALWAYS replace with a new fuse of the same specified voltage, amperage rating and type in the original location.
- · NEVER use a higher rated replacement fuse.

## **Auxiliary Battery**

Your RV has many 12-volt DC loads. When combined, their total is more than the converter can produce. High demands for 12-volt power can be met by an auxiliary battery for limited periods of time. The 12-volt DC electrical system is designed for use with a Group 24 or Group 27 deep cycle battery.

## **Dry camping**

Consider the charge condition of the auxiliary battery when dry camping. If the RV is drawing power solely from the auxiliary battery without recharging, it will become depleted. As the battery's charge becomes lower, it will also discharge at a faster rate. It is recommended you plan your electrical usage accordingly.

For accuracy, test the auxiliary battery voltage using a volt-ohm meter. A fully charged auxiliary battery will read 12.7 volts DC and 1.265 specific gravity at 80°F (32°C).

The auxiliary battery is considered discharged at 11.8 volts, and dead at 11.65 volts. When voltage drops below those levels, permanent damage may occur. Typically, a deep cycle battery has an amp-hour rating of 75-100 amps.

If the furnace and refrigerator are operating simultaneously, approximately (12.0 + 3.0) 15.0 amps per hour are used. This does not include any 12-volt lights, water pump or any other 12-volt component.

In the above example, if the furnace and refrigerator operated constantly, a 75 amp-hour battery would become fully discharged in 5 hours (75ah /15a = 5h).

The RV's auxiliary battery should be installed in parallel with the battery in your tow vehicle. When the 7-way trailer plug is connected, *both* batteries power the RV.

 It is very important NOT to discharge your tow vehicle battery below the level required to start the engine.

To prevent this from occurring, disconnect the 7-way trailer plug or install a *Battery Isolator* (customer supplied). When the tow vehicle engine is operating with the RV connected, the tow vehicle charging system will charge both batteries.

## Replacement and maintenance

Some equipment in your RV will draw small amounts of current even when turned OFF. To prevent the auxiliary battery from being discharged when your RV is not connected to shore line power, disconnect the auxiliary battery negative cable at the battery. During storage, it is important to check the voltage monthly and recharge the auxiliary battery as needed. If you remove the auxiliary battery from your RV, store it in a dry, cool area per the manufacturer's instructions.

When it is time to replace the auxiliary battery, replace it with a Group 24 or Group 27 deep cycle battery only. Contact the battery manufacturer for further information. DO NOT reverse the positive and negative battery cables (doing so will blow the reverse polarity fuse(s) that protect the converter).



Battery Disconnect Switch



The *Battery Disconnect Switch* (see photo) is located in the large, forward, pass-thru compartment. **At times when** *auxiliary power* will **NOT** be needed:

- TURN the *Battery Disconnect Switch* to the OFF position and REMOVE key.
- The Power Tongue Jack and all 12-Volt safety items will remain operational.

### When you are ready to use your RV's interior features:

 REPLACE key, and TURN the Battery Disconnect Switch to the ON position.

If the RV will be in STORAGE: Also DISCONNECT the battery cables from the auxiliary battery terminals. See page 182, Winterizing/RV Storage Preparation #12.

## Calculating Electrical Load

While connected to external power and using appliances, remember that the 120-volt electrical system can run a *maximum* of 100 amps. If you overload the RV and/or campground electrical system, a circuit breaker *trip* may occur.

 Added together, the amperage of each appliance and component running at the same time, must NOT exceed 100 amps.

To calculate the amperage rating for each individual appliance, divide the *wattage* by the *voltage* (both should be listed on the appliance). For example: **1200 watts** *divided by* **120 volts** *equals* **10 amps**.

See the **Next Page**, Approximate Electrical Load Ratings.

# Solar Docking Port

The *Solar Docking Port* is standard equipment, installed on the roof of your RV. It is designed for use with either an OEM or customer supplied *Solar Power Charging System*.

# Replacing Light Bulbs (Customer Supplied)

- BEFORE replacing a bulb, turn OFF the light switch.
- Using the wrong bulb can overload the lamp circuit and overheat the fixture, creating a FIRE HAZARD.
  - CHECK that your replacement bulbs match the type, wattage and voltage listed on the lamp fixture.



Solar Docking Port

# Approximate Electrical Load Ratings

Use the actual amperage of the appliance when possible. (Watts  $\div \text{Volts})$ 

120 Volt System	
Air Conditioner	14-18 amps
Coffee Maker	6-12 amps
Converter (Each)	8-11 amps
Curling Iron or Hair Dryer	10-14 amps
DVD / Blu-ray System	3 amps
Microwave	12 amps
Refrigerator	6 amps
Satellite Receiver	2 amps
TV	2-4 amps
Vacuum Cleaner	8 amps
Washer / Dryer	12 amps
Water Heater	12 amps

12 Volt System	
Aisle Lights	0.5 amps
Baggage Compartment Lights	0.5 amps
Decorative Wall Lights	0.5 amps
Dinette Light	0.5-1 amps
Exterior Entertainment Center	1-3 amps
Fantastic Fan	1.5 amps
3" LED Puck Lights (Each)	0.22 amps
Furnace	8-10 amps
Generator Start	95.0 amps *
Illuminated Switch	.125 amps
Inverter	Variable
Leveling System	95.0 amps *
LP Detector	.125 amps
Map Light	1.5 amps
Porch Light	1.5 amps
Power Awning	10.0 amps
Power Vent	5.0 amps
Refrigerator	3.0 amps
Shower Light	0.22 amps
Step Cover	10.0 amps
TV Plate / Antenna Booster	1.0 amps
Vanity Light	0.22 amps
Water Heater	6.0 amps
Water Pump	7.0 amps
	* Momentary load

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## **Plumbing Systems**

There are two separate water systems equipped on your RV, the *Fresh Water System* and the *Waste Water System*.

- The Fresh Water System consists of the Fresh Water Holding Tank, Fresh Water Connections, Water Heater, Water Pump, Faucets, Shower/Tub, Outside Spray Port, and if so equipped, a Water Purification System.
- The Waste Water System consists of the Grey Water (waste water) Holding Tank, Black Water (sewage) Holding Tank, Drains and Toilet.

BEFORE each trip or vehicle storage, and as part of normal maintenance, inspect the following for leaks:

- · ALL fittings on BOTH water systems.
- ALL faucet and sink connections (including drain baskets or filters).
- ALL water pump and water heater connections.
- At the end of each trip, ALWAYS completely drain your fresh water system.

### Fresh Water System - First Use

Your new RV may have been winterized, as indicated by temporary labels located in the universal docking station.

- BEFORE first use, the system should be Sanitized, even if it has NOT been Winterized.
- Sanitizing the fresh water system will kill all bacteria and organisms that can contaminate your water supply.

Small amounts of contaminants and minerals are found in ALL water. They can sometimes cause your fresh water to have an odor. Usually, untreated well water is the source of water system odors.

See page 113, Sanitizing the Fresh Water System.



DO NOT drink water deemed microbiologically unsafe or of unknown quality.







Monitor Panel



Command Center



Water Pump & Water Heater On/Off Switches

### **Monitor Panel**

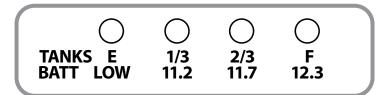
The monitor panel is found on the interior Command Center. It displays the fill levels of your fresh water, grey water, and black water holding tanks. It also shows the voltage of your auxiliary battery. To make a selection, *PRESS* and *HOLD* one of the labeled buttons on the monitor panel faceplate. Each holding tank is equipped with a sensor to instantly relay the fill level to the LED display. *See photo (left) & diagram (below)* 

The monitor panel operates on 12-volt DC power supplied by either the converter or auxiliary battery. No power is drawn from the battery unless a button is pushed. Fuses for the monitor panel are located in the load center.

#### **Operation**

Press only one button at a time.

- When the FRESH, BLK, GRY1 or GRY2 button is pressed, the LED lights display the fill level of the selected holding tank.
- When the *BATT* button is pressed, the LED lights display the approximate voltage of your auxiliary battery.



Monitor Panel - LED Indicator Lights

### Water pump switch

When the water pump switch is turned ON, the water pump runs until 45 pounds of pressure has been achieved. Turn the water pump switch OFF when it is not in use.

#### Water heater switch

The GAS water heater switch enables *propane* operation of the water heater. The ELECTRIC water heater switch enables *electric* operation of the water heater.

The red Command Center switches illuminate when in the ON position.

### 12-Volt Water Pump

Once activated, the water pump (or on-demand pump) will self-prime, and provide water. The water pump continues to run until approximately 45 lbs. of pressure is achieved, then shuts off. The water pump will automatically restart when pressure drops. Some cycling may occur, depending on the volume of water being released. The water pump has a built-in check valve to prevent water from back flowing.

**Water pump filter** (if so equipped) is a screen filter located on the inlet side. This reusable screen *must* be cleaned periodically.

### Fresh Water Holding Tank

The fresh water tank can be pressure filled using the fresh water inlet (called city water). Plastic overflow tubes are plumbed into the fresh water holding tank to allow water to flow out of the water tank. Occasionally, you may see water coming from the overflow tubes (located underneath the RV) when the fresh water holding tank is filled. This is normal, and is caused by external circumstances, including the RV being parked on an incline, or the motion caused by starting or stopping the RV during travel.

- DO NOT cap, block or modify the fresh water tank overflow tubes in any way.
- If the overflow tubes are obstructed, enough water pressure can build up during the filling process to damage the plumbing system.

# Water Pressure Regulator (Customer Supplied)

In some RV parks (especially in mountain regions), excessive pressure from water supply systems may be encountered.

 A Water Pressure Regulator (available for purchase from your RV dealer) will help to protect your plumbing system against damage from a high pressure water supply.

# **NOTICE**

#### BE CAREFUL not to overfill the fresh water holding tank.

This can pressurize the tank, causing leakage & water damage, and also void your warranty.

DO NOT leave the tank unattended while filling.

# **NOTICE**

The fresh water connection should be unplugged (i.e. the non-toxic drinking water hose disconnected) when the RV is left unattended for any amount of time.

If something would happen to the water system, this may help limit water damage to a smaller area.

## NOTICE

Not using a water pressure regulator when using city water may cause the o-rings to fail. To prevent damage to the plumbing system or components when using the city water connection, a water pressure regulator rated for 40 lbs. is recommended.

# **WARNING**

# If you smell propane gas, STOP immediately!

Follow the procedures listed in the Propane System section of this manual before attempting to operate the water heater.

# **WARNING**

Hydrogen gas may result if you have NOT used the water heater for two weeks or more.

HYDROGEN GAS IS EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE.

To reduce the risk of injury under these conditions, open the hot water faucet for several minutes at the kitchen sink before you use any electrical appliance connected to the hot water system.

If hydrogen is present, you may hear what sounds like air escaping through the pipe as the water begins to flow. Hydrogen gas may be present even after water has been drained from the water heater tank.

Open the faucet at the sink and allow the system to vent for five to ten minutes.

DO NOT smoke or have any open flame near the open faucet while venting.

On DSI water heater models, make sure the switch is OFF.



Important NOTE:

for proper operation of the water heater:

Any high altitude deration or other adjustments MUST BE REVERSED

when you return the RV to lower elevation (below 4500 feet).

#### Water Heater

Read all safety and operating information provided here and in the manufacturer's manual before attempting to activate the water heater. Know which type of Water Heater is installed in your RV. The water heater is designed to heat water quickly and efficiently. It's temperature is preset by the manufacturer. Your RV's water heater is turned ON & OFF on the Monitor Panel.

NEVER operate the Water Heater while empty.
This can result in damage to the tank and/or controls that is NOT covered under the warranty.

- CHECK that the Water Heater is filled with water before use;
- ALWAYS open both the hot and cold water faucets when filling the fresh water tank to allow air pockets to be forced out of the water heater.

#### **Draining and winterization**

- If the RV will be stored over the winter, the Water Heater must be drained to prevent damage from FREEZING.
- When WINTERIZING, it is recommended to bypass the Water Heater and remove the Anode Rod, particularly if introducing RV antifreeze into the plumbing system.

#### Odor from the hot water system

The running water from some fresh water sources may have a rotten egg smell. This is known as sulfur water. The oder is caused by Hydrogen Sulfide gas (H<sub>2</sub>S) in the water, usually the result of bacteria or chemical action. Generally, sulfur water is not harmful, only unpleasant to smell. **Hydrogen Sulfide** (rotten egg) odor is <u>not</u> a service problem.

See **page 192-181**, Basic Troubleshooting, Water Heater. Also refer to the water heater manufacturer's owner manual for details on flushing to remove unpleasant odor.

### High altitude deration

Your water heater is designed to work at elevations up to 4500 ft. above sea level. At higher altitudes there is less oxygen in the air. An inadequate supply of oxygen causes the air-fuel mixture to be out of sync, which compromises combustion and can produce Carbon Monoxide. At higher elevations, the water heater may require *derating* (a modification to compensate for the lack of oxygen in the air). If the water heater is not properly derated, poor efficiency in heating the water may occur due to incomplete combustion. You may also notice pilot outage caused by burner lift-off or sooting from a yellow burner, indicating the possibility of carbon monoxide.

For proper change out of the orifice (**derating**) consult with a local propane company, your dealer, or the water heater manufacturer.

#### **Anode Rod Protection (if so equipped)**

The tank of the *Suburban* water heater is protected by a magnesium or aluminum *Anode Rod*. The rod absorbs the corrosive action of hot water to prolong the life of the tank. Through normal use, the anode rod will deteriorate. If water contains high levels of iron and/or sulfate, an anode rod will deteriorate faster; requiring more frequent replacement. The water heater manufacturer recommends that the anode rod be replaced annually or when consumption / weight loss is greater than 75 %. *See the photo at the bottom of the page*.

Operating the water heater without the proper anode rod protection will decrease tank life and will void the manufacturer's warranty. To extend the anode life, drain the water from the water heater tank whenever the RV is not being used. Avoid any extended time of non-use with water in the tank.

When replacing the anode rod, use a pipe thread sealant that is approved for potable water (such as Teflon Tape) on the threads of the anode rod to prevent a water leak. Proper application of a thread sealant will not interfere with the anode's tank protection.

#### **Pressure & Temperature Relief Valve**

The *Pressure and Temperature Relief Valve* (P&T Valve) is a safety requirement for all water heaters. As cold water is heated, pressure in the water heater tank increases. The P&T Valve will release any unsafe pressure from the water heater tank.

It is normal for a small quantity of water to also be released from the P&T valve during the heating cycle. To reduce water dripping from the P&T relief valve:

- Maintain an air pocket at the top of the water heater. (refer to the manufacturer's manual).
  - This air pocket forms in the tank by design.
  - Everyday use of your water heater will reduce this air pocket over time.

If the weeping persists, consult your dealer or a service agency authorized by the water heater manufacturer.



Inside the Exterior Door Dometic Water Heater



Brand New Anode Rod (top)
Corroded Anode Rod (bottom)

On/Off Switch

Anode Rod

# **WARNING**

Water temperatures over 125°F (49°C) can cause severe burns instantly or even death from scalds.

BE CAREFUL WHEN USING HOT WATER.

ALWAYS test the water temperature BEFORE showering or washing.

# **WARNING**

DO NOT replace any component part with an accessory part that is not authorized by the water heater manufacturer, such as an add-on electric heating element.

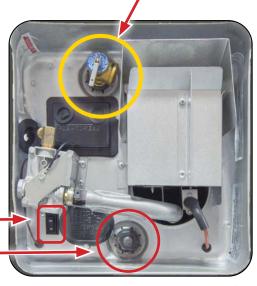
Such items are not approved to be installed and could create an unsafe condition and will void all warranties.



#### Exterior Water Heater Door (see photo below)

If the water heater does not work, make sure the power switch is in the ON position.

Pressure and Temperature Relief Valve



#### **Bathroom Shower**

Unlike your home, the RV does not contain a water pressure balance valve. When the shower is in use, DO NOT run any other water until shower is finished. Air may need to be bled out of the plumbing lines before a steady stream of water flows.

- 1. Keep aware of the water heater and holding tank capacities. All water used, will drain through the plumbing lines into the *Grey Water Holding Tank*.
- 2. CHECK that the *Water Heater* is turned ON *and* allow sufficient time for the water to heat.
- If dry camping, TURN ON the 12-volt Water Pump.
- 3. Turn ON the hot and cold knobs, and ADJUST the water temperature *before* showering.
- 4. To conserve water while showering, wet down & turn OFF the water while using soap, *then* rinse.
- 5. When shower is finished, shut OFF the hot and cold knobs.
- There is no *Shut-Off Valve* for the showerhead; shut-off is at the hot and cold knobs only.
- The showerhead may still drip slightly after use, even in the OFF position. This is normal. It does NOT indicate a leak or defect.

#### **Maintenance**

The shower walls in your RV are made of plastic. Clean with a mild detergent soap and warm water ONLY.

- DO NOT use gritty or abrasive particle soaps or scouring compounds to clean the plastic.
- Please also refer to the manufacturer's manual.

### **Faucets**

The faucets inside your RV operate much the same way as the faucets in your home.

- CHECK that the amount of water available is sufficient, and If dry camping, Turn ON the 12-volt Water Pump.
- To OPEN the faucets, turn ON the hot and cold knobs, then ADJUST the temperature to your comfort level.
- CLOSE the faucets when a sufficient amount of water is released.

### **Exterior Spray Port**

A *Quick-Connect Spray Port* is found at the *Universal Docking Station* for washing / rinsing outside your RV.

#### To use:

- 1. ATTACH the supplied *Quick-Connect Hose and Sprayer* to your Spray Port.
- 2. CHECK that the *Water Heater* is turned ON *and* allow sufficient time for the water to heat.
  - If dry camping, Turn ON the 12-volt Water Pump.
- 3. Turn ON the hot and cold knobs, ADJUST the water temperature as desired.

#### When finished:

- · Turn OFF the hot and cold knobs.
- DISCONNECT the quick connect hose and drain any excess water from the hose and sprayer nozzle.



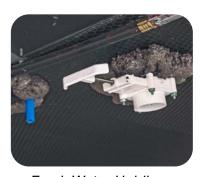
Exterior Spray Port



The Nautilus
P1 Water Control System
Is Located On The
Forward Off-Door Side.



Low-Point Drains located under the RV



Fresh Water Holding Tank Gate Valve, located under the RV

## Water Control System

Your Reflection Fifth Wheel is equipped with a *Nautilus P1* Water Control System. Before use, please read and understand the *Nautilus P1 User Instructions* included in this manual beginning on *page 120*.

#### **Draining and winterizing**

If the RV is to be stored over the winter months, the water heater must be drained to prevent damage from freezing. The water heater should also be drained and bypassed during the winterizing process particularly if introducing RV antifreeze into the plumbing system.

### **Draining the Fresh Water System**

The low-point drains valves release water in the supply lines by opening the valves and all faucets. The water heater has its own drain plug. To drain the permanent fresh water holding tank and supply lines:

- 1. OPEN all faucets, including the outside shower.
- 2. OPEN the *Fresh Water Holding Tank Gate Valve*. This is the white T-handle located under the RV, close to the axles. *See Photo, bottom left.*
- 3. OPEN red and blue low point drain lines extending through the underbelly.
- 4. DRAIN the sink by removing the drain cap.
- 5. Turn ON the water pump and allow it to run as needed.
- 6. SET the water heater bypass valve to Normal (horizontal).
- 7. ALWAYS use the water heater **P & T Valve** (*Pressure and Temperature Valve*) to relieve any water pressure, BEFORE removing the water heater drain plug.
  - Even a small amount of water pressure may cause water to spray out when the drain plug is removed.

See Photo, on page 109

8. REMOVE the water heater drain plug.

#### After draining the Fresh Water System, REVERSE these steps.

*Next*, dump the grey and black water holding tanks at an appropriate facility according to local public codes. It is normal for a small amount of liquid to remain in the fresh water tank after draining is complete.

### Sanitizing the Fresh Water System

Use the following procedures to sanitize your Fresh Water System (or Potable Water System) when it is new, becomes contaminated, or has not been used for a period of time.

- Prepare a Chlorine Solution using one (1) gallon of water and one-quarter (1/4) cup of household bleach (5% Sodium Hypo-Chlorate solution).
- Prepare approximately one (1) gallon of solution for every fifteen (15) gallons of holding tank capacity.

**NOTE:** As an option, several commercial solutions are available, and should be used as directed on the package.

#### To sanitize the fresh water tank & fresh water system:

- 1. LEVEL the RV.
- 2. OPEN the *Fresh Water Holding Tank Gate Valve* and drain out any water in the tank. CLOSE the valve when drained.
- 3. CHECK that the Low Point Drain Valves are CLOSED.
- 4. Please refer to *page 126*, *Nautilus P1 Manual* for detailed procedures and specific valve positions.
- (5.) CONNECT a garden hose to the City Water Connection. **DO NOT use your fresh (potable) water hose**.
  - PLACE the other end of the hose into the container of \*Chlorine Solution. See Photo, right.
- 6. Turn ON the water pump until the container containing the chlorine solution is empty.
- 7. COMPLETE filling the tank with fresh water.
- 8. Operate all faucets to release trapped air, *then* Turn OFF the pump.
- 9. ALLOW solution to stand for three (3) hours.
- 10. DRAIN tank and FLUSH the system with fresh water.

# To remove excessive chlorine odor or taste which may remain:

- 11. Prepare a *Vinegar Solution* of one (1) quart vinegar to five (5) gallons water and *repeat steps 3-10* above.
  - At step 5, PLACE other end of the hose into the container of \*Vinegar Solution. Allow solution to agitate in tank by intermittent vehicle motion (several days if possible).



# **WARNING**

Both automotive antifreeze (ethylene glycol) and windshield washer anti-freeze (methanol) are poisonous.

NEVER use these products in your fresh water system. They are harmful and may be fatal if swallowed.

It is important to read all instructions & understand each step before

beginning the winterization process. It may be easier to winterize the RV with another person to assist you. If needed, contact your dealer for assistance.

### Winterizing the Plumbing System

Preparing your RV for storage is very important in climates that experience cold weather. Follow the steps listed below at the end of the camping season.

- ALWAYS winterize the fresh water system of your RV BEFORE exposure to temperatures at or below 32°F (0°C).
  - Damage to the water supply lines or water heater due to freezing is not covered under warranty.
- Winterize with RV Antifreeze ONLY, no other products should ever be added to your fresh water system.
  - Make sure to have enough RV antifreeze to winterize all fresh water lines. Several gallons may be required.
- BEFORE Winterizing, the Black Water, Gray Water & Fresh Water plumbing systems MUST all be emptied. See page 117 & page 112.
- 1. LEVEL the RV.
- Turn OFF the Water Heater 12-volt and 120-volt interior control switches.
- 3. Please refer to *page 130-133*, *Nautilus P1 User Instructions* for detailed instructions on specific valve positions.
- 4. OPEN the Fresh Water Holding Tank Gate Valve, and CLOSE both low point drains.
- 5. CONNECT a garden hose to the City Water Connection. **DO NOT use your fresh (potable) water hose**.
  - PLACE the other end of the hose into a container of **RV Antifreeze**.
- 6. PRIME the pump by filling the hose with RV antifreeze, *then* Turn ON the *Water Pump*.
- 7. OPEN the \*hot water line at each faucet. (Kitchen, Lavatory, Shower, & Outside Faucet/Spray Port)
  - CLOSE each \*hot water line faucet when RV antifreeze begins to flow continuously.
- 8. REPEAT **Step 7** with the \*cold water lines on all faucets. It is also important to run RV antifreeze through the *Toilet* and the *Sink/Shower Drains*.

### When you are done adding RV antifreeze

- 9. BLOW OUT the black tank flush line at the outside connection with compressed air (max 70 PSI).
- 10. *To prevent staining*, CLEAN any RV antifreeze from the sinks, shower (or tub), and toilet using a soft, dry cloth.

### Black Water & Grey Water Systems

Your RV toilet drains into the *Black Water* (sewage) *Holding Tank*. The sinks and shower drain into the *Grey Water* (waste water) *Holding Tank*.

- ALWAYS empty the Black and Grey Water Holding Tanks
  BEFORE traveling to avoid carrying unnecessary weight.
- If you are dry camping and cannot immediately empty your holding tanks, reduce your vehicle speed until you reach a dumping station.
- The Cargo Carrying Capacity of your RV is based on empty holding tanks. Any additional weight for the contents of your holding tank(s) reduces your Cargo Carrying Capacity by the same amount.

# Traveling with your holding tank(s) full could result in the following conditions:

- Reduced available cargo capacity.
- Exceeding individual tire ratings and/or the GAWR or GVWR.
- Potential damage to suspension components, such as springs, tires and axles.
- Reduced hitch weight, if your RV holding tank(s) are located behind the axles.
- Trailer sway and other handling difficulties, as a result of the hitch weight being too light.

### **Toilet**

Your RV toilet uses only one to three quarts (*or 1-3 liters*) of water per flush, about *ten times less* than a residential toilet. Additional water may be needed to flush solids from the drain line into the holding tank.

- ALWAYS continue to run water for an extra 10-15 seconds after flushing.
- NOT flushing with enough water, can result in clogged pipes or tanks.

# **WARNING**

NEVER travel with full black or grey water holding tanks. This not only wastes your fuel but depending on the location of the tank(s), it can affect your tow vehicle handling characteristics.

## **NOTICE**

DO NOT add automotive antifreeze or caustic chemicals such as laundry detergents into the holding tanks. Although these products may have a deodorizing effect, they may damage the plastic and rubber parts of the plumbing system or the components.

#### Toilet, Continued

#### To help prevent a toilet blockage:

- **Before use:** FLUSH the toilet several times, releasing enough water to cover the bottom of the holding tank.
- ALWAYS maintain four to six inches (10-15 cm) of water in the toilet for better performance.
- ALWAYS use RV grade, single-ply toilet paper.
- NEVER flush *any* foreign objects down the RV toilet (ie. *hygiene products, cleaning wipes, paper towels, diapers*).

#### **Cleaning and maintenance**

- CLEAN the toilet regularly.
- DO NOT use undiluted chlorine or caustic chemicals (laundry bleach, chemical drain openers) in the RV toilet.
  - These products will DAMAGE the seals in the toilet and dump valves.
- Applying petroleum jelly to a sticky toilet ball valve will provide waterproof lubrication without damaging the seals.

### Black & Grey Water Holding Tanks

### Black water (sewage) tank preparation

 Adding an RV holding tank deodorizer (customer supplied) will help break down tank contents and control odors.

#### DO THE FOLLOWING

- BEFORE the first use, and AFTER dumping the holding tanks (unless you are winterizing your RV):
- 1. RELEASE one to two quarts (1-2 *liters*) of water into the toilet bowl.
- 2. ADD the tank deodorizer (customer supplied) to your black water tank per the packaging instructions.
- 3. FLUSH the toilet and allow at least two gallons (8 *liters*) of water to flow into the holding tank..

### Grey water (waste water) tank preparation

No special preparation is required. If needed, control odors from the grey water system, by adding a small quantity of baking soda or RV holding tank deodorizer down the sink or shower drain.

### **Emptying the Black & Grey Water Tanks**

The black tank and grey tank drain valves (or dump valves) are located near the Sewer Outlet Connection, under the RV on the off-door side, and/or in the utility center.

- ALWAYS drain the black water holding tank FIRST.
- THEN, drain the grey tank waste water to help rinse any solids from the sewer outlet and hose.
- Driving to a disposal site will normally loosen any accumulated waste solids from the sides of the holding tanks.
- 2. To make drainage easier, level the RV.
- 3. LOCATE the Sewer Outlet Connection,
  - REMOVE the sewer hose housing dust cap, and
  - ATTACH your sewer hose (customer supplied.)
- 4. PLACE the other end of the sewer hose into the approved dump station.
- 5. OPEN the *Black Tank Dump Valve* by carefully pulling it out towards you (CLOSE it by pushing it shut when the black water holding tank is emptied.)
- 6. EMPTY each grey water holding tank (one at a time)
  - OPEN the 1st Grey Tank dump valve
  - CLOSE the valve after the tank has drained.
  - REPEAT for the 2nd Grey Tank.
- 7. REMOVE, CLEAN and STORE the sewer hose.
- 8. CLOSE the sewer hose housing dust cap.

### When connected to a (campground) sewer drain

- Keep the *Black Tank Drain Valve* CLOSED until the holding tank is *at least* ¾ full. This should provide enough water to completely drain the holding tank.
- DO NOT leave the Black Tank Drain in the OPEN position.

### **Dump station locations**

Dump station locations throughout the United States and Canada can be found on many websites and publications including Woodall's, Rand McNally Camp Guide, Good Sam Camp Guide, KOA Kampgrounds Camp Guide. Some gas stations also have dump stations.

If you need assistance with the purchase or installation of a sewer hose or hose extension, Please contact your dealer.

# NOTICE

It is important to prevent solid waste buildup. Follow the toilet manufacturer's recommended instructions each time the black water holding tank is emptied.



Sewer cap must be securely in place while the vehicle is in motion.



Sewer Outlet Connection Is Located Under the RV on the Off-Door Side

# NOTICE

Remove the waterless trap before using mechanical drain cleaning devices. Waterless trap can be damaged.

### **Vents & Vent Pipes**

For the plumbing system to drain properly, the vents and vent pipes must release air from the grey and black water holding tanks. Always keep the exterior vent cap on the roof clear of any obstructions. In some models the vent pipe may be a *wet vent* allowing water to drain downward with air flowing upward in the same pipe.

### **Drain Pipes With Dry Sealing Valve**

Your RV may be equipped with a dry sealing valve to prevent the escape of odors from your waste system and eliminate the need for P-traps. Should the RV drain piping system become clogged, a mechanical clean-out tool is used to open the drain pipe.

- It is important to remove the dry valve before passing the clean-out tool through the piping.
- Passing a mechanical clean-out tool through the waterless valve may cause damage to the internal seal that may potentially allow sewer gases to escape to the RV interior.

### **Drain Pipes With P-Traps**

The drain pipes may be equipped with a *P-trap* installed to help prevent odors from escaping into the RV. During travel, water from the P-traps may spill and permit odors into the RV. By adding water and using a RV approved deodorizing agent you will dissolve the contents faster and will keep the drain lines and tanks clean and free flowing. These chemicals are available at an RV supply store or your dealer.

### **Black Tank Flusher**

The black tank flusher is designed to rinse the interior of the black (waste) tank. A separate water hookup is located in the docking station. Also see TANK FLUSH, **Pages 134-135**, Nautilus P1 User Instructions.

To flush the tank after dumping:

- 1. Leave the sewer hose connected to the outlet pipe. Ensure that it is routed to the dump station inlet.
- 2. Attach a garden hose to the *black tank flusher inlet*. **DO NOT use your fresh water hose**.
- 3. Check that the *Black Tank Gate Valve* is in the OPEN position.
- 4. Open the water supply to full pressure to flush the tank.
- 5. When the water runs clear from the sewer hose, shut OFF the water supply and disconnect the garden hose from the water source.
- 6. DO NOT disconnect the hose from flush inlet UNTIL all water has drained from the system.

DO NOT add any check valves to this system or leave any hose connected when not in use.

Black Tank Flusher or Tank Flush Inlet

## **NOTICE**

When flushing the black tank, the gate valve must be open or damage may occur to the system.



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### **Nautilus P1 Manual**



# **USER INSTRUCTIONS**

Congratulations on purchasing an RV equipped with the most advanced water management system available today! Be sure to read <u>all</u> Caution and User Instructions on the Nautilus Panel and in your Owner's Manual before performing any operation using the Nautilus Panel System.

<u>NEVER</u> depress check valve on "CITY WATER CONNECTION" with pressure in the line. It will cause irreparable damage to the check valve function.





#### The Nautilus P1 Panel System will allow you to perform the following functions:

- 1. Power fill your fresh water tank for remote or dry camping
- 2. Use your pump to supply water to fixtures from fresh water tank
- 3. Use your pump to siphon fill or sanitize your fresh water tank from a bucket
- 4. Connect to city water at the camping site to supply water to fixtures
- 5. Winterize your plumbing lines and fixtures
- 6. Bypass hot water heater when winterizing to avoid water heater damage
- 7. Rinse black tank to help control odors and prevent sewage buildup
- 8. Rinse off items outside unit with a hot/cold faucet
- 9. Connect up to three (3) coax lines with satellite, cable and auxiliary





### **IMPORTANT!!**

**NEVER** push check valve on "CITY WATER" connection with pressure in line. This WILL cause irreparable damage to the check valve function.







# Nautilus P1 Handle Position and Valve Routing Information

WHITE HANDLE: Receives water from water inlet on front of panel

Sideways – water goes into blue handle diverter



Down – water goes to pump inlet



BLUE HANDLE: Receives water from white handle valve/water inlet on front of panel

Sideways – water goes to or comes from fresh water tank



Down – water goes to fixtures (cold)



**BLACK HANDLE**: Is an on/off flow through valve that feeds pump from fresh water tank

Sideways - water will not flow through valve



Down – water goes to or comes from fresh water tank



**RED HANDLE**: Receives water from cold water supply line

Sideways - water goes to hot water fixtures without going through hot water heater



Up – water goes to hot water heater



**GREEN HANDLE**: Receives water from pump

Sideways - water goes to fresh water tank



Up – water goes to fixtures







### **CONNECTING COAX FOR CABLE AND/OR SATELLITE**



- 1. For cable TV connection, connect the threaded coax from the source to the **"CABLE"** connection.
- 2. For satellite TV connection, connect the threaded coax from the satellite dish to the **"SAT"** connection.
- 3. Consult your Owner's Manual to see if the "AUX" connection has an application.





## Power Filling Fresh Water Tank "PowerFILL TANK"

- Connect garden hose to inlet labeled "CITY WATER CONNECTION."
- 2. **BLACK** diverter handle should be facing right as shown.
- 3. **BLUE** diverter handle should be facing left as shown.
- 4. WHITE diverter handle should be facing right as shown.
- 5. **RED** diverter handle should be facing up as shown.
- 6. **GREEN** diverter handle should be facing right as shown



7. Turn water on. Fresh water tank should begin to fill.



8. Consult your Owner's Manual for tank capacity. **DO NOT OVERFILL TANK!** 

9. When water has reached desired level in tank, turn water off at source.



10. Disconnect garden hose at source before disconnecting from Nautilus panel.





### Siphon Fill or Sanitize Fresh Water Tank via Pump "SANITIZE"

- 1. Connect garden hose to inlet labeled "CITY WATER CONNECTION."
- 2. **BLACK** diverter handle should be facing right as shown.
- 3. **BLUE** diverter handle should be facing down as shown.
- 4. WHITE diverter handle should be facing down as shown.
- 5. **RED** diverter handle should be facing left as shown.
- 6. GREEN diverter handle should be facing right as shown.



7. Place other end of hose in container holding water or sanitizing solution.



8. Push "PUMP" switch so that the light on switch is lit.





## Siphon Fill or Sanitize Fresh Water Tank via Pump "SANITIZE"

- 9. Pump should be running and fresh water tank should begin to fill.
- Consult your Owner's Manual for tank capacity. DO NOT OVERFILL TANK!
- When desired level in fresh water tank is reached, turn pump off by pushing "PUMP" switch so that it is not lit.

12. Disconnect garden hose from inlet on Nautilus panel.





### Using Pump to Supply Water from Fresh Tank "DRY CAMPING"

- **1.** Make sure fresh water tank has necessary supply of water.
- 2. **BLACK** diverter handle should be facing down as shown.
- 3. **BLUE** diverter handle should be facing down as shown.
- 4. WHITE diverter handle should be facing right as shown.
- 5. **RED** diverter handle should be facing up as shown.
- 6. **GREEN** diverter handle should be facing up as shown.
- 7. Push "PUMP" switch so that the light on switch is lit. Select pump switch located on inside of unit or on Nautilus Panel.
- 8. Pump should now run and water should be available to all fixtures.
- 9. Make sure pump is turned off when not in use.





## **Using System from Pressurized Water Source "CITY WATER"**

- 1. Connect garden to hose to inlet "CITY WATER CONNECTION."
- 2. **BLACK** diverter handle should be facing right as shown.
- 3. BLUE diverter handle should be facing down as shown.
- 4. WHITE diverter handle should be facing right as shown.
- 5. **RED** diverter handle should be facing up as shown.
- 6. **GREEN** diverter handle should be facing up as shown.



7. Turn "on" water at the source. Water should be available to all fixtures.







### Winterizing Plumbing Lines and Fixtures "WINTERIZE"

1. Turn handles to "POWERFILL" position as shown.

**BLACK** diverter handle should be facing right.

**BLUE** diverter handle should be facing left.

WHITE diverter handle should be facing right.

**RED** diverter handle should be facing up.

**GREEN** diverter handle should be facing right.



- Open low point drain on RV to remove water in plumbing lines. Open both a hot and cold faucet to help drainage process.
- Open drain plug on hot water heater to drain water if unit is equipped with hot water holding tank.

(Contact your dealer or manufacturer for exact location of low point drain hot water heater.)

 Once most water has been drained from plumbing lines, turn RED, BLUE, GREEN and WHITE handles so they are at a 45 degree angle as shown.







### Winterizing Plumbing Lines and Fixtures "WINTERIZE"

- 5. Using **"CITY WATER"** inlet or low point drain, blow out plumbing lines (40 PSI max) with handles still at 45 degree angle as shown. This will ensure any trapped water in plumbing harness is removed.
- 6. Close low point drain & hot water heater drain.



7. Turn handles to "WINTERIZE" position.

**BLACK** diverter handle should be facing right as shown.

**BLUE** diverter handle should be facing left as shown.

WHITE diverter handle should be facing down as shown.

**RED** diverter handle should be facing left as shown.

GREEN diverter handle should be facing up as shown.

8. Connect a short section of garden hose to inlet labeled "CITY WATER CONNECTION."





### Winterizing Plumbing Lines and Fixtures "WINTERIZE"

9. Place other end of garden hose in container holding approved winterizing solution.



Note: A short or cut off section of garden hose Should help the pump to prime easier.

10. Push **"PUMP"** switch so that light on switch is lit.



- 11. Pump should be running and winterizing solution should begin to flow through pump into plumbing lines and fixtures. (The pump will run when a plumbing fixture is open.)
- 12. Open one plumbing fixture, keeping it open until winterizing solution appears, then close.
- 13. Follow above procedure until all inside and outside plumbing fixtures have been winterized.

Important! Make sure to run winterizing solution through hot & cold lines on exterior shower.

14. Turn **BLUE**, **GREEN** and **WHITE** handles so they are at a 45 degree angle for 10 seconds as shown.

15. Push "PUMP" switch so that light on switch is not lit





## Winterizing Plumbing Lines and Fixtures "WINTERIZE"

16. Return **BLUE**, **GREEN** and **WHITE** handles to "**WINTERIZE**" position as shown.



17. Disconnect garden hose from "CITY WATER CONNECTION" inlet.



It is normal for some winterizing solution to exit inlet as hose is being disconnected.



## Rinsing the Waste Tank "TANK FLUSH"

1. Connect flexible sewer hose to 4" dump outlet.



2. Open black waste holding tank valve and leave open. Allow tank to drain.



3. Attach a garden hose to inlet labeled "TANK FLUSH."



4. Fully open faucet at water supply source (40 psi minimum) flushing tank until water appears clear in 4" discharge hose.





## Rinsing the Waste Tank "TANK FLUSH"

5. Completely close faucet at water supply source.



6. Disconnect garden hose from water supply source.



7. Disconnect garden hose from **"TANK FLUSH"** inlet.



8. Close black waste holding tank valve.



**NOTE:** To help keep debris from clogging tank sprayer orifices, use the **Tank Flusher** every time waste holding tank is emptied.



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## **Propane System**

The propane system includes the propane cylinders, propane regulator, hoses, piping and copper tubing lines to each gas appliance. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for each propane appliance and all safety precautions.

#### **Maintenance**

Although both Grand Design RV and your selling dealer carefully test the propane system for leaks, travel vibrations can loosen fittings. Have the RV's propane system checked at all connections soon after your purchase. System should also be checked when the propane tanks are filled for the first time, and again after 5,000 miles of travel.

Continue propane system checks by a qualified propane service representative (at least once per year) as part of your normal RV maintenance.

### **Propane Gas**

In your RV, propane or LP (liquefied petroleum) is used by the stove, furnace, hot water heater and refrigerator.

 An unpleasant "sulfur or rotten egg" odor is added to propane as a warning agent. This smell will alert you to an LP gas leak that can create a safety hazard.

When a propane cylinder is low, there may be a different odor *like onions or garlic*, that may be mistaken for a gas leak. This odor will usually disappear when the cylinder is filled.

 If the odor persists, turn OFF the valve(s) and have the propane system inspected by your dealer or qualified propane service technician.

# **A DANGER**

IF YOU SMELL PROPANE GAS STOP!

Quickly and carefully perform the 6-step procedure in the red box at the bottom of this page.



DO NOT remove the following label from your RV:

#### DANGER

ALL PILOT LIGHTS, APPLIANCES AND THEIR IGNITORS (SEE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS) SHALL BETURNED OFF BEFORE REFUELING OF FUEL TANKS AND/OR PROPANE CONTAINERS. FAILURETO COMPLY COULD RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.

#### **A WARNING**

DO NOT FILL PROPANE CONTAINER(S) TO MORE THAN 80 PERCENT OF CAPACITY.

FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD RESULT IN A FIRE OR PERSONAL INJURY.

#### **A** CAUTION

THIS PROPANE PIPING SYSTEM IS DESIGNED FOR USE WITH PROPANE ONLY. DO NOT CONNECT NATURAL GASTOTHIS SYSTEM.
Securely cap inlet when not connected for use. After turning on propane, exceed after normal cylinder replacement, test propane piping and connections to appliances for leakage with soapy water or bubble solution. Do not use products that contain ammonia or chlorine. LD-101

#### IF YOU SMELL PROPANE

- 1. Extinguish any open flames, pilot lights and all smoking materials.
- 2. Do not touch electrical switches.
- 3. Shut off the propane supply at the container valve(s) or propane supply connection.
- 4. Open doors and other ventilating openings.
- 5. Leave the area until odor clears.
- 6. Have the propane system checked and leakage source corrected before using again.

FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD RESULT IN EXPLOSION RESULTING IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY

# **WARNING**

Propane cylinders should not be placed or stored inside RV. LP gas cylinders are equipped with safety devices that relieve pressure by discharging gas into the atmosphere.

### **Propane Gas Cylinders**

While under pressure in the cylinder, propane gas is compressed into it's liquid form. Propane will not run through the appliances in its liquid state. As the fuel is released from the cylinder to operate an appliance, it changes from liquid to gas.

- **IMPORTANT:** Propane EXPANDS 1½ percent for every ten degree increase in temperature.
- Sufficient space MUST be left inside container for expansion of gas during warmer weather.

Propane cylinders (also referred to as LP bottles) are used for the storage and delivery of propane gas. Propane cylinders are filled by weight, expressed in pounds. For filling, a qualified propane facility is required, and cylinders must be removed from the RV.

When the propane system is not in use, the main shut off valve MUST be kept closed. To close the propane cylinder main shut off valve: HAND TIGHTEN ONLY, do not use tools. Over-tightening may damage the interior seals on the cylinder valve seat. If this type of damage occurs, the cylinder valve WILL NOT close properly.

DOT (Dept. of Transportation) Cylinders are the most common for use on RV trailers. DOT cylinders equipped with an OPD and ACME TYPE 1 service valve are identified by the triangular service valve knob.

 ALWAYS close the service valve and install a dust cap or plug when transporting or storing disconnected containers whether full or empty.

DOT cylinders are typically marked with "top" or an arrow indicating the correct orientation of the cylinder(s.)

- ALWAYS mount, store and transport the cylinder(s) in the position specified.
- ALWAYS securely re-install DOT cylinder(s) to the RV after they have been removed for filling or replacement.

The cylinders are equipped with an **Over-fill Protection Device** (OPD) designed to reduce the potential of overfilling. They are also equipped with an ACME service valve that is for connection of the TYPE 1 ACME pigtail hose assembly to the RV two-stage regulator. The TYPE 1 ACME pigtail hose assembly is a wrenchless, user friendly, right hand threaded connector that features a thermally sensitive sleeve and excess flow device.

Max output is 200,000 BTU/hr. It is used to connect propane cylinders to regulators, hoses and other fittings. It is not for use on gas grills and other low pressure devices.

#### Servicing or filling

Have the RV checked for leaks at the connections on the propane system soon after the purchase and the initial filling of each propane cylinder.

 While the propane tanks are being filled,
 ONLY the qualified propane service technician should be near the RV. No one should be inside.

When you have a new cylinder filled for the first time, make sure your propane supplier purges your new cylinder of trapped air. Otherwise, an improper mixture of gas and air will make it impossible to light your propane appliances. For best performance the new propane cylinder must be carefully purged before filling.

#### LP gas container overfill

NEVER allow your propane cylinder(s) to be filled beyond the maximum safe level marked on the cylinder. Your propane system is designed for gas vapor only. An overfilled cylinder could force *liquid* propane into the system, creating a hazardous condition.

### Propane Leak Test

#### ALWAYS test for leaks with a solution of dish soap & water.

- Apply the solution with a spray bottle, to the outside of all gas line joints and fittings.
- If a leak is present, the soapy solution will bubble at the leak point.
- As a general rule, small bubbles indicate a small leak while large bubbles indicate a larger leak.

# **NEVER** use a solution containing ammonia or chlorine when locating leaks.

 These products are corrosive to copper gas lines and brass fittings, which could result in deterioration of the copper and brass components.

If a leak is not fixed by tightening the connection, shut OFF the propane system valve(s) and immediately contact your dealer or a qualified propane service representative.

# **WARNING**

Before entering a propane or fuel service station make sure all pilot lights are extinguished. Shut off gas to all appliances by closing the propane gas main shut off valve. Always shut OFF any engine before refueling. Do not smoke and do not operate other ignition sources while refueling.

# **WARNING**

If you suspect your propane container has been overfilled, contact your dealer or a qualified propane technician for assistance immediately. Do not use or attempt to service an overfilled propane container yourself.

# **A** DANGER

Extinguish all flames. Never use an open flame to check for leaks. Failure to follow this warning could result in a fire or explosion resulting in serious injury or death.

# **MARNING**

DO NOTcheck for leaks using products that contain ammonia or chlorine; these products can cause cracks to form on the metal tubing and brass fittings.

# **WARNING**

Test Propane Gas Alarm operation after the RV has been in storage, before each trip and at least once per week during use.

# **WARNING**

Never turn the 12-volt battery disconnect control to the off position and disconnect the battery cable to silence the alarm.

# **WARNING**

The pigtail hose MUST be installed to avoid tension or pulling stress at either end of the hose. Keep the pigtail hose away from sharp edges of the cylinder collar, rigid corners, walls, doors or other compartment structures including the cover.

# **WARNING**

Ensure that all fasteners are secured before traveling.

### Propane Gas Alarm

Your RV is equipped with a *Propane Gas Alarm*. Please read and follow the component manufacturer instructions supplied in your Owner Information Package.

For detailed information on this alarm, See **page 37-39**, Propane Gas (LP) Alarm.

### Installing the Propane Cylinders

The position of the propane cylinder(s) and hoses is critical to proper operation and propane flow. FOLLOW these instructions to make sure your propane container(s) are connected properly.

- 1. CHECK that all the RV appliances are shut OFF.
- 2. CHECK that each LP cylinder Shut-Off Valve is CLOSED.
- 3. CONNECT the 3/8" low-pressure hose to the outlet of the two-stage regulator.
- 4. PLACE the *LP Cylinder* on the bracket in the recess compartment or housing and secure it so the outlets of the cylinder valve are facing the "sidewall" of the compartment or housing.
- MOUNT the regulator on the center back wall of the compartment or housing so the vent is pointed downward.
- 6. ATTACH the 1/4" inverted flare x 18" Type-1 pigtail hose to the regulator inlet and the right hand swivel nut to the cylinder valve.
- 7. ATTACH the main supply hose from the regulator to the brass manifold fitting in the frame of the trailer. The swivel brass nut on the main hose will be your final attachment.

#### Remember each time the propane container is removed:

- · CHECK that ALL fittings are tight.
- CHECK that ALL connections are tested with a *Propane Leak Detector* (or soapy water solution).
- OPEN the main shut-off valve on the LP cylinder very slowly.
   This avoids propane freeze up, caused by a fast rush of propane to the excess flow valve.
- If you do experience a propane freeze up, CLOSE the main valve and wait at least fifteen (15) minutes before trying again. For more information, refer to the regulator manufacturer's operator manual.

- LISTEN carefully. A hissing sound longer than one second, may indicate a propane leak. If you suspect that there is a leak, close the shut-off valve, then contact your dealer or qualified propane technician for repair assistance.
- REPLACE all protective covers and caps on the propane system after filling. Make sure the valve is closed. Install the LP bottle cover and use the bungee cord at the bottom to secure it in place for travel or storage purposes.

### **Propane Regulator**

The two-stage regulator has the only moving components in the propane system. Its sole function is to reduce the pressure from the propane containers to a safe and consistent low operating pressure.

The first stage reduces the container pressure to 10-13 lbs. The second stage further reduces the 10-13 lbs. of pressure to an operating pressure of 11" W.C. (water column) or 6.35 oz. of outlet pressure to your appliances.

For optimum performance, the second stage will need to be adjusted by your dealer (or qualified propane service technician) using a properly calibrated manometer.

- If the pressure is **too high**, the safety and performance of the propane system will be affected.
- If the pressure is **too low**, the LP appliances will NOT operate correctly.

If your RV is equipped with the *automatic* two-stage regulator. with both cylinders full of propane, turn the lever on the regulator towards the cylinder you wish to use first. This will now be the supply cylinder and the other the reserve.

Slowly open both cylinder valves. The indicator on top of the regulator will change to green. When the supply cylinder is empty, the indicator will change to red. Now turn the regulator lever to the reserve cylinder side and the green signal should return. You may now remove the empty cylinder to have it refilled without interrupting the flow from the full bottle. After filling the cylinder, connect the pigtail hose and slowly open the bottle valve.

# **<b><b>WARNING**

All propane connections should be checked periodically as vibrations from travel may cause them to loosen.

Failure to check connections could lead to a propane leak resulting in a fire or explosion that could cause serious injury or death

# **NWARNING**

Propane regulators must always be installed with the regulator vent facing downward. Regulators that are not located in baggage compartments have been equipped with a protective cover.

Make sure the regulator vent faces downward and (if applicable) the cover is in place to minimize vent blockage that could result in excessive gas pressure causing fire or explosion.





LP Regulator: The red color on the top dial indicates the LP bottles are empty. If the LP bottles were full, the dial would show green.

### Propane System Hoses, Tubes, Pipes & Fittings

The hoses, pipes, tubes and fittings used in your propane system are designed to withstand pressures exceeding those of the propane system. However, because environment and time can both contribute to the deterioration of these components, they must be inspected for wear at regular intervals. Be sure to inspect the hose before each season and when having the tank refilled. Look for signs of deterioration such as cracks or loss of flexibility. When replacing the hose or other propane components, always replace them with components of the same type and rating (check with your dealer).

Fittings are used to connect the various system components to each other. The P.O.L. fitting at the end of the propane supply hose is made of brass so that pipe sealants are not necessary to prevent leaking. It also has a left-handed thread, which means that it is turned clockwise to remove, and counter-clockwise to tighten. The P.O.L. fitting has been designed to help restrict the flow of LP gas in the event of a regulator failure or hose malfunction

### Cooking with Propane

Unlike homes, the amount of oxygen supply is limited due to the size of the RV. Proper ventilation when using the cooking appliance(s) will help you avoid the danger of asphyxiation.

For additional safety instructions, See page 145-147, Appliances.

### Traveling with Propane

### BEFORE towing your RV,

- 1. ALWAYS check that the propane bottles are properly fastened in place, *and*
- 2. TURN OFF the gas at the LP bottle. This disables all gas appliances and pilot lights.

#### DO NOT operate the propane system when the RV is in motion.

- Some states prohibit propane appliances to be operated during travel (especially in underground tunnels).
- Make sure to know the laws for the areas where you travel.

### Using the Propane System

After the RV is completely set up and you are prepared for camping enjoyment, use the following steps for propane operation:

- 1. CLOSE ALL burner valves, controls and pilot light valves.
- 2. **OPEN the propane tank's main valve** *VERY SLOWLY***.** This avoids a fast rush of propane vapor through the excess flow valve which can cause a *propane freeze-up*.
  - If a *propane freeze-up* occurs, CLOSE the main valve and wait 15 minutes before trying again.
- 3. LISTEN carefully as propane begins to flow.
- If a hissing noise is heard for more than one or two seconds, CLOSE the main valve and contact your dealer to have your propane system tested.
- 4. LIGHT the appliances ONLY as directed in the appropriate manufacturer manual (found in your Owner Information Package).

**BEFORE** using the propane system, make sure that you read and understand ALL instructions and safety requirements. The Owner Information Package contains operator manuals for the various appliances hooked to your propane system.

If you have additional questions or concerns, Consult with your dealer and/or the specific manufacturer.

# **WARNING**

# DO NOT operate the gas appliances while your RV is in motion.

Unpredictable wind currents may be created, and cause flame reversal in the water heater burner tube, which could result in fire damage.

This could also activate the water heater's *Thermal Cut Off Fuse* and completely shut down the water heater until the thermal cut off fuse is replaced.

### Calculating Propane Use

Your Reflection Fifth Wheel's furnace, refrigerator, water heater and range (if applicable) may all use propane to operate. Use the BTU rating of each appliance to determine how long your propane supply will last. Propane consumption depends on their individual use and the length of time operated.

Most RV gas appliances are operated intermittently. Unless there is heavy use of hot water, the water heater consumption of propane is minimal. During cool temperature or high wind conditions, furnace consumption can be extremely high.

To calculate your propane supply, take the BTU ratings for your propane appliances and divide that into the BTU availability. Each gallon of propane (3.86 liters) produces about 91,500 BTUs (46,514 kilojoules) of heat energy.

#### **Average Propane Consumption**

Appliance	Average BTU Consumption/Hr.	Kilojoules/Hr.
Water Heater	8,800	9,284
Refrigerator	640-1,200	675-1,266
Furnace	16,000 - 35,000	16,881 - 36,927
Range w/ Oven	7,100	7,491
Range - Rear Burner	6,500	6,857
Range - Front Burner	9,000	9,496

# **Appliances**

#### BEFORE using your RV appliances:

Please read and understand the manufacturer owner manual for each specific component.

- Follow all instructions, warnings, & safety alerts found in the manufacturer owner manuals when using the appliances in your RV.
- If you have any questions contact your dealer or Grand Design RV Customer Service.

These manuals are found in your Owner Information Package.

If there have been modifications or replacements made to your RV, then these instructions may not apply. Please contact the service center or technician who performed the modifications or substitutions if assistance is required.

### **Microwave**

- Sufficient 120-volt power MUST be available BEFORE operating the microwave.
- To prevent damage, ALWAYS make sure that the microwave turntable is secured prior to traveling.

### Refrigerator

An RV refrigerator is not intended for quick cooling or freezing. For best results, stock with food that is *already* cold or frozen.

- Arrange food items so that air is allowed to circulate freely.
- DO NOT cover the shelves with paper or plastic.
- Keep the area at the back of the refrigerator clean and free of debris.
- Check that the exterior *Refrigerator Vent* is free of any obstructions (i.e., spider webs, bird nests, etc.).
  - Use a soft cloth to dust off the debris.
- For optimum efficiency and performance, the refrigerator should be checked at least twice a year as part of routine maintenance.

# **A DANGER**

IF YOU SMELL PROPANE GAS STOP!

Quickly and carefully perform the 6-step procedure below:

#### **▲ DANGER**

IF YOU SMELL PROPANE

- Extinguish any open flames, pilot lights and all smoking materials.
- 2. Do not touch electrical switches.
- Shut off the propane supply at the container valve(s) or propane supply connection.
- Open doors and other ventilating openings.
- Leave the area until odor clears.
- Have the propane system checked and leakage source corrected before using again.

FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD RESULT IN EXPLOSION RESULTING IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY. LD-101

# **A DANGER**

DO NOT USE GAS COOKING APPLIANCES FOR COMFORT HEATING.

This may lead to carbon monoxide poisoning, which can lead to death or serious injury.

# **WARNING**

DO NOT use portable fuel burning equipment (i.e., wood and charcoal grills or stoves) inside the RV. Use of these items inside an RV may cause fires or inability to breathe.

# **WARNING**

DO NOT turn the gas range burner controls ON and allow propane gas to escape before lighting.

# **WARNING**

During and after use, DO NOT touch or let clothing or other flammable material come in contact with the top burners (or heating elements), burner grates or other areas near the top burners or oven until they have had sufficient time to cool. These areas can get hot enough to cause burns.

# **WARNING**

# WHEN USING THE OUTDOOR COOKING AREA:

The vehicle **must** be level and stabilized.

DO NOT violate the manufacturer's instructions on required clearances for cooking appliances during use.

DO NOT store cooking appliances until cool to the touch. This can lead to a fire & explosion, and result in death or serious injury.

# **WARNING**

DO NOT cover the oven vent openings while the oven is in operation. Restricting the flow of combustion air will create an asphyxiation hazard.

### Cooking with Propane

For additional safety instructions, See page 137-143, Propane System.

#### In Case Of A Grease Fire

*Grease is flammable.* NEVER allow grease to collect around the top burners or on the cook top surface. Wipe any spills immediately.

#### If a fire does start, follow these basic safety rules:

- 1. Have everyone evacuate the RV immediately.
- 2. After everyone is clear and accounted for, check the fire to see if you can attempt to put it out. If it is large or the fire is fuel-fed, get clear of the RV and have the Fire Department handle the emergency.
- 3. Try to smother a flaming pan with a tight-fitting lid or cookie sheet.
- 4. Never pick up a flaming pan.
- 5. Flaming grease *outside* of the pan can be extinguished with baking soda or a multipurpose Dry Chemical or Foam-Type fire extinguisher.

### Outdoor Cooktop (If So Equipped)

### When using the Outdoor Cooktop:

- Watch the stove and food at all times.
- Keep small children away from the cooking area.
- · Keep all flammable material away from the lit stove.

#### After use:

 The cooktop MUST be cool to the touch, BEFORE storing in the closed/travel position.

### Oven

- · DO NOT use the oven as a storage area.
- · The propane gas oven ignites using a pilot light.

### Range Hood

The range hood has a both a light and fan control switch on the front panel. The  $8" \times 8"$  aluminum mesh grease filter (located on the underside range hood) can be gently hand-washed using mild soap and water.

# Range Hood/Microwave Exterior Vent with Locking Damper (If So Equipped)



#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- BEFORE using the *Exhaust Fan*, the exterior vent's damper locks MUST be in the OPEN position.
- The damper locks are located outside of the RV, in the exterior vent, on each side of the damper.
- For travel and storage, please return the damper to the LOCKED position.

### Range Top with Oven

To prevent damage, ALWAYS use the manufacturer recommended size flat bottom pan(s). Properly matching pan size to burner size will improve efficiency. The pan should be large enough to cover the range top burner, but not more than one inch larger than the burner grate.

 Using undersized pans could expose a portion of the heating element to direct contact and may result in the ignition of clothing.

DO NOT use large pots & pans, broiler pans, griddles, etc., that cover more than one range top burner at a time. This will create excessive heat that may cause melting, sooting, or discoloration.

# **WARNING**

NEVER leave cooking food unattended.

Turn pan handles inward, but not over the tops of the other range burners.

Ensure that pans used are large enough to contain the food and avoid boil-overs. Heavy splattering or spills left on the cook top can ignite and cause burns.

# **WARNING**

If using glass, ceramic, earthenware or other glazed utensils (or cookware) verify that it is safe for use on the top burners.

Only certain types of utensils (or cookware) are suitable for surface or top burner use.

## Washer/Dryer Prep

If your RV was built with this feature, be aware the cabinet space provided is ONLY intended for the installation of an aftermarket RV-rated washer/dryer (customer supplied).

Please consult your dealer or the appliance manufacturer for installation assistance.



Hot & Cold Water Washer Hookups

### **Electronics**

The following is a basic overview of the audio/visual (A/V) electronics operation. The information in this section is written for original factory-installed equipment usage. Refer to the manufacturer's user guides included in your Owner Information Package for detailed operating instructions for each specific component, or visit that manufacturer's website.

If there have been modifications or replacements made to your RV, then these instructions may not apply. Please contact the service center or technician who performed the modifications or substitutions if assistance is required.

### Audio/Visual System Guide

#### **Radio operation:**

- 1. Turn ON the radio.
- 2. Select speaker output using the controls on the radio face (radio sound does not run through the sound bar).

#### **CD** operation

- 1. Turn ON the radio.
- 2. Select speaker output using the controls on the radio face (radio sound does not run through the sound bar).
- 3. Insert CD to play.

### TV operation

- 1. Turn on the TV power supply.
- 2. Turn on the TV and select your signal input using the "source" button.
- 3. Adjust the TV Antenna/Channel Tuning as needed.
  - See Page page 151, TV Roof Antenna.
- 4. Turn ON the sound bar (the TV speakers are not used, nor does TV sound run through the radio speakers).

### **DVD** operation

- 1. Turn off the TV power supply.
- 2. Turn on the TV.
- 3. Turn ON the sound bar (the TV speakers are not used, nor does TV sound run through the radio speakers).
- 4. Insert DVD to play.



The TV power supply should be turned OFF when connecting and/or disconnecting the cables to the power supply and antenna, but should be turned ON when testing for voltage.

### TV Reception Basics

TV broadcasting is a point-to-point communication. Any obstructions between the transmitter and the antenna will degrade the signal, affecting picture quality.

- Television stations transmit their broadcast signal "over the air" to surrounding areas.
- TV antennas are designed to receive the broadcast signals.
- Picture quality depends on the antenna type and your distance from the transmitter.
- The further you are from the transmitter, the weaker the signal becomes, affecting picture quality.

### TV Signal Booster

- The TV Signal Booster must be turned ON for improved antenna reception.
- The TV Signal Booster sends 12-volt DC power to the TV roof antenna. This voltage energizes the transistors in the antenna head amplifier.
- Turn OFF the TV Signal Booster to view cable/satellite TV, or to use a DVD/Blu-ray player or Game System.

### Cable/Satellite Outlet

Both Cable and Satellite connection outlets are found in the outside utility center.

- The *Cable* input connects to an RG6 cable run through in-line splitters to provide service at multiple locations.
- The Satellite inputs connect to RG6 cables run directly to specific locations (no splitters). This allows for clean transfer of HD signals from the satellite dish.

Please refer to the (customer supplied) satellite manufacturer manual for setup, care and maintenance instructions.

### TV Roof Antenna

To watch local TV stations, turn ON power to *both the TV and the TV Roof Antenna*. For the best TV reception, your antenna must point toward the nearest signal transmitter.

The exact locations of transmitting towers can be found at: www.fcc.gov/reports-research/maps/dtv-maps/

#### Winegard AIR 360+ Operation

- AIR 360+ can receive VHF/UHF/FM frequencies while parked.
- You must run a Channel Scan on your TV in order to receive maximum programming.
- Ensure the antenna power supply (wall plate) is in the "ON" position and the green indicator light is illuminated.
- A new scan will find any new channels that have been added in your area as well as finding any channels that have changed or moved since the last scan.

While the steps to perform a channel scan may vary between televisions or compatible devices, below are some general guidelines to follow.

### How to Run a Channel Scan using the TV remote:

- 1. Select "Menu" then select "Settings."
- 2. Select "Channel Setup."
- 3. Select "Antenna" or "Air," depending on your TV. Make sure you are not on "Cable."
- 4. Select "Channel Search" or "Channel Scan."
  - The steps to perform a channel scan may vary.
  - If the wording on your TV differs from the options shown, refer to your TV user manual for help.
  - Running a Channel Scan is NOT the same as pressing Channel UP/DOWN on your remote.
- 5. To keep your saved channels up-to-date, it is recommended to run a *Channel Scan*:
  - Once per Month
  - When a channel is lost, and
  - When you change locations.





Antenna Power Supply (Wall Plate)

#### **Electronics**



Gateway 4G LTE WiFi Router

Please contact your Grand Design RV Dealer for more information and Ordering.

### Gateway WiFi Router (Customer Supplied)

The Winegard Gateway 4G LTE WiFi Router (GW-1000) is an optional upgrade to your AIR 360+ antenna. This router provides GPS and activates the pre-installed 4G LTE and WiFi antennas in your AIR 360+.

- For easily installation, the *Winegard Gateway WiFi Router* is pre-wired under the cap (on the ceiling).
- Powerful 4G LTE & WiFi for your RV. High-performance 4G LTE antennas provide reliable Internet access while parked and while traveling down the road.
- Supports Multiple Carriers Flexible data plan options include Winegard no-contract 30-day plans, Verizon, and AT&T.

# **Heating & Cooling**

The following section contains an overview of the original factory-installed heating and cooling components. For more information on each specific component, please refer to the manufacturer's operating instructions found in your Owner Information Package.

If there have been modifications or replacements made to your RV, then these instructions may not apply. Please contact the service center or technician who performed the modifications or substitutions if assistance is required.

### **Ducting & Return Air**

The adjustable registers are ONLY intended to *REDUCE* airflow as needed. All heat discharges, return air grills and registers MUST remain free and clear of any obstructions.

Registers SHOULD NOT be completely CLOSED.

### Air Conditioner

Your thermostat controls the roof-mounted air conditioning system equipped on your RV. ALWAYS check that you have sufficient power available before operating the air conditioner.

### Cooling vs. heat gain

The roof air conditioner can, at best, cool the air it intakes by 20° F. During hot weather, through the day, your RV will absorb heat, increasing the inside temperature. This is referred to as heat gain.

To keep the inside temperature comfortable, reducing the RV's heat gain is just as important as the cooling ability of your air conditioner. To reduce heat gain, follow these steps:

- 1. Park the RV in a shaded area.
- 2. CLOSE the blinds or drapes.
- 3. Use the awnings to shade your RV from sun exposure.
- 4. Avoid the use of heat producing appliances.
- SET the air conditioner Fan/Cooling mode to HIGH.
   During high humidity or high temperatures, this will provide maximum efficiency.
- 6. Turn ON the air conditioner early in the morning, to give it a head start on cooling.

# NOTICE

DO NOT operate the air conditioner without the Return Air Filter. Operation without the filter allows lint and dirt normally stopped by the filter to accumulate on the air conditioner's cooling coil. This will lead to a loss of air volume, possible equipment damage and an expensive cleaning process.

# **WARNING**

DO NOT operate the furnace when the slide rooms are retracted in the closed position.

# **WARNING**

The furnace should be inspected periodically (monthly during the heating season) for the presence of soot on the vent.

Soot is formed whenever combustion is incomplete. This is a visual warning that the furnace is operating in an unsafe manner.

If soot is observed on the vent, IMMEDIATELY shut the furnace OFF and contact a qualified service agency. Operating the furnace under this condition could lead to serious property damage, personal injury or loss of life.

# **WARNING**

To ensure your personal safety, DO NOT obstruct or alter the furnace in any manner. Do not install screens over the vent for any reason. Screens will become restricted and cause unsafe furnace operation. For your safety, only OEM factory authorized parts are to be used on your furnace.

#### Air Conditioner, Continued

#### Air conditioner gasket

A special foam gasket is placed between the roof material and the sub-frame of the air conditioner to weatherproof the seal. The air conditioner is subjected to wind pressures along with motor vibration during normal operation.

Inspect the gasket seal (at least) annually. Check for leaks and re-tighten the mounting bolts if needed. To prevent damage to the gasket, be careful NOT to *over-tighten* the bolts.

The air conditioner gasket is a wearable part that eventually will need replacement. To gain access to the bolts, remove the filtered panel cover on central air systems or the entire air box on non-central air conditioners.

#### **Heat pump (If So Equipped)**

A heat pump is one base unit that can operate in two modes, heating or cooling. The travel or flow of the refrigerant is reversed depending on which cycle you choose to operate:

- Cooling Mode: Heat is removed from the inside air and released to the outside air.
- Heating Mode: Heat is removed from the outside air and released to the inside air.

### **Furnace**

The RV furnace installed in the RV is controlled by a thermostat. The furnace requires both 12-volt power and propane gas for full operation. Make sure you have sufficient power available before operating your furnace.

- ALWAYS have your furnace maintenance completed by a qualified technician (at least once a year, more often depending on furnace use).
- NEVER attempt to repair the furnace yourself.

If you have any questions, Contact your dealer or Grand Design Customer Service.

### **Fireplace**

Refer to the manufacturer owner's manual for operation, service and maintenance information.

If you have further questions, please contact your dealer.

### **Roof Vents**

The roof vents allow fresh air to circulate through your RV. They may be electric (12-volt DC) and/or manual. Make sure that roof vents are closed while traveling, and when you will be away from the RV, to prevent unexpected weather damage.

### **Thermostat**

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UP – Wake thermostat and *increase* temperature.



DOWN – Wake thermostat and *decrease* temperature.

MODE – Wake thermostat, change mode.

The display indicates the mode and the room temperature. When the mode button is pressed once, the thermostat will wake and if your thermostat is equipped with a backlight, the backlight will illuminate. When the mode button is pressed again, the mode will change.

PRESS the  $\triangle$  or  $\nabla$  button to wake the thermostat; the set temperature will display and flash. PRESS the  $\triangle$  or  $\nabla$  button again to change the set temperature. The thermostat will go back to sleep mode after 5 seconds if no buttons are pressed.

**NOTE:** To change the thermostat from Fahrenheit to Celsius, *or* Celsius to Fahrenheit:

- HOLD the mode button down for five (5) seconds.
- The backlight will turn OFF after five (5) seconds.

## NOTICE

DO NOT leave a roof vent open when the RV is stored or unattended for long periods. High winds, other unusual conditions or obstructions may occur; and if so, the resulting leakage could cause non-warrantable damage.



The Digital Thermostat is wall-mounted inside the RV

# **WARNING**

#### PINCH HAZARD.

Keep CLEAR of arm assemblies while closing awning. Arm assemblies will fold/close against back channel. Failure to obey this warning could result in death or serious injury.

# **A** CAUTION

This manual provides operational procedures for Solera® Power Awning. Operating the Solera® Power Awning in any other manner than described may result in personal injury, damage to the recreational vehicle or the awning assembly as well as voiding the Lippert Components Limited Warranty.

# **A** CAUTION

During incidents of heavy rain, high wind, or extended time away from the unit, it is advisable to **retract the awning completely** to prevent damage to the awning and the RV.

Fig. 1



Fig. 2



### **Patio Awning**

#### **System Information**

The Solera® Power Awning features an internal motor to steadily operate the awning. Additionally, the friction joint allows for rain dump and adjustable pitch features, and there is no rafter arm to lock in place. The friction joint also provides added stability. Locate the Awning switch on the Command Center.

**NOTE**: Some coaches may not use the LCI switch (Fig. 3).

#### **EXTENDING** the Awning

1. Verify the RV battery is fully charged and connected to the electrical system.

**NOTE**: This latch is optional and may or may not be installed on one or both support arms.

- 2. Locate the locking latch (Fig. 1), if equipped, and unlock the latch (Fig. 2).
- 3. Press and hold EXTEND (3A) until the awning is extended completely.

**NOTE**: Extension is considered complete when the fabric is completely unrolled, the valance seam is visible and a section of the roll tube is exposed (Fig. 4).

**NOTE**: The awning fabric should always be above the roll tube. However, if the extend switch is engaged too long or extend is hit inadvertently instead of retract, the awning will roll up backward. *This is not a defect*. To correct the fabric orientation, press the RETRACT button. The awning will then extend to its correct orientation and normal operation can resume.

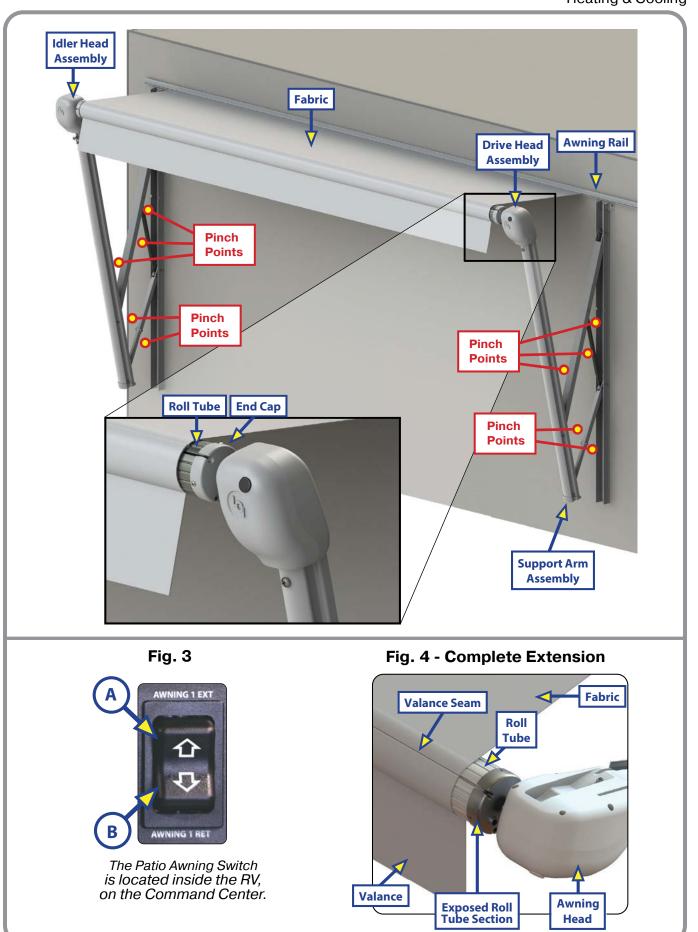
### **RETRACTING** the Awning

1. Verify the coach battery is fully charged and connected to the electrical system.

**NOTE**: The awning can be retracted without resetting the pitch.

- 2. Press and hold RETRACT (Fig. 3B) until the awning is retracted completely.
- 3. Locate the locking latch (Fig. 2), if equipped, and lock the latch (Fig. 1).

**NOTE**: This latch is optional and may or may not be installed on one or both support arms.





Tying down the roll tube once the awning is extended will not allow the free-foating support arms to work as designed and may cause damage to the awning or RV.

#### Patio Awning, Continued

#### Adjusting Pitch - All Solera Awnings

**NOTE**: The awning will pitch itself to purge the pooling of excess water and may dump a significant amount of water without notice

- 1. Pitch can be set by adjusting the articulating arm to tip to one side of the awning to allow water runoff.
- 2. Extend the awning to desired position.
- 3. Choose the side of the awning for optimum shade or convenient water runoff.
- 4. Pull downward on the joint of the articulating arm until desired pitch is set (Fig. 5) to allow for water runoff.
  - Do not push the joints of the articulating arms up.
  - This will put tension on the gas strut, which can cause the strut to break.
  - Belleville washers and bolt (Fig. 6A) allow the joint to remain in the position set by the operator.

**NOTE**: The awning can be retracted without resetting the pitch.

**NOTE**: If the articulating arm does not hold position, it can be tightened by adjusting the bolt (Fig. 6A) in the center of the articulating arm.

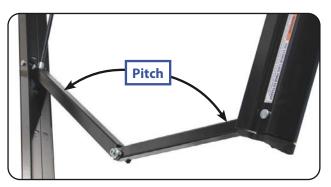




Fig. 5 Fig. 6

### **Maintenance - All Solera Awnings**

#### **Fabric Care**

If the awning is rolled up while wet, roll it out and let it dry as soon as conditions allow before rolling it up again. This will help prevent the formation of mildew and add greatly to the life of the awning. Mildew does not form on the fabric itself, but on the accumulated dust, dirt and grime.

 Periodically clean vinyl or woven acrylic fabric using a mixture of ¼ cup of dish soap and 5 gallons of warm water.

- Liberally slosh the mixture on the top of the fabric and roll up the awning for 5 minutes.
- This will apply the mixture to the bottom of the fabric as well.
- Roll the awning back out and hose off with fresh water.
- Repeat if necessary. Allow to dry before rolling up.

### **Troubleshooting**

#### **Manual Override**

In the event of power loss or motor failure, the awning can be extended and retracted manually. Perform the following procedure to manually retract the awning.

**NOTE**: This procedure may also be performed to extend or retract the awning in the event of dry camping or camping without a battery.

 Remove the rubber grommet (Fig. 7A) from the drive head assembly, exposing the manual override nut on the motor.

**NOTE**: The drive head assembly is always located on the right side of the awning as it is viewed from outside of the coach.

2. Using a **7/16**" socket and cordless/power drill, spin the manual override nut counterclockwise to retract

**NOTE**: A ratchet may also be used to turn the manual override nut. Using a ratchet will take a significant amount of time and should only be used if no cordless/power drill is available.

**NOTE**: Use caution when retracting the awning manually. The use of a step stool or ladder may be required to completely retract the awning.

3. When the awning is completely retracted, remove socket or drive device and replace the rubber grommet in the drive head assembly.

**NOTE**: The motor's internal drive system prevents the awning from moving (extend or retract) on its own.

# **WARNING**

DO NOT attempt any repairs to any awning. The awning roll tube is under extreme spring tension. Repairs should only be performed by an authorized dealer and/or repair center.



Fig. 7



Fig. 8

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# **Slideout Systems**

Slideout rooms are designed to provide you additional living space during stationary camping.

#### **BEFORE** operating your slideout system:

- Check that you have sufficient power available.
- Level and Stabilize the RV
- Leveling helps to keep the RV square, so the slideouts extend, retract and seal correctly.
- If the RV is NOT level, the slideout rooms and/or mechanisms may become damaged.
- The slideout rooms DO NOT need additional support.
   Non-warranty damage can occur from improper use of aftermarket support jacks.

### Slideout Operation

It is normal for the slide rooms to make *creaking* or *squeaking* noises while moving. These noises are especially common during the break-in period while the components are seating properly. This will decrease after a few extend/retract cycles. Note that there will always be some noticeable noises when operating the slideout.

- ALWAYS level and stabilize the RV, BEFORE operating your slideout system.
- Check that your auxiliary battery is fully charged or the RV is connected to shore power. Turn off all unnecessary lights to maximize available power.
- Close all cabinet doors and drawers.
- BEFORE extending or retracting:
  - Check that the *interior* path of the slideout room is clear of people, pets, furniture, clothing, etc.
  - Check that the *exterior* path of the slideout room is free from any obstructions.

# **WARNING**

The slideout room and mechanism are a potential crush hazard. Disconnect the auxiliary battery to disable power to the slideout(s) before working on or under them. Failure to do so could result in serious injury or death.

# **WARNING**

Stand clear of the room's interior path and verify there are no exterior obstructions before extending or retracting the slide-out. Failure to do so could result in serious injury or death.

# **WARNING**

The slideout mechanism has hard, sharp metal edges.

DO NOT allow children to play under a slideout in the extended position. Failure to do so could result in serious injury or death.

# **MARNING**

Ensure the slideout is in the closed position prior to hooking the RV to the tow vehicle. Failure to do so could result in serious injury or death.



The Slide Room Switches are located inside the RV, on the Command Center.

# NOTICE

Inspect both sides of the slideout room for interior or exterior obstructions prior to operating.

# NOTICE

Ensure that the RV is level before operating the slideout room.

Water leaks and other problems could result if the slideout is operated without leveling the RV.

### NOTICE

Do not place excessive weight in the slideout room. It can cause the slideout room to malfunction and cause damage to the slideout.

# **NOTICE**

For long-term storage, it is recommended that the slide rooms be closed (retracted).

#### Slideout Operation, Continued

- 5. Inspect the sides, top and bottom of the extended slideout room. If the outside of the slideout room is wet, wipe it dry before retracting.
- Clean any water puddles or debris brought inside your RV from slideout operation immediately.
- 7. Press and hold the appropriate slide room switch to either IN or OUT, until the room is completely extended or retracted.
- DO NOT hold the slide room switch past the point the room is fully extended/retracted or damage may occur.
- For the weather seals to be effective, the slideout room MUST be completely extended/retracted.
- BEFORE operating your slide systems, review all important safety alerts.

#### Slideout maintenance

While the slideout room is *extended*, the outside surfaces of the room and mechanism may collect dirt and debris. The slideout seals are not designed to remove the debris or any water that may accumulate.

 When you retract the slideout, any debris on the outside of the room, is brought inside your RV.

BEFORE retracting the slideout(s):

- Inspect the outside surfaces for snow, ice, dirt, dust, insect nests, etc.
- Check for standing water on the slideout topper awning (if so equipped).
- Clean and dry the outside surfaces of the room and mechanism as much as possible.

**Contact your dealer** or Grand Design RV Customer Service for troubleshooting and/or repair *if your slideout system*:

- Stalls out before reaching end of stroke, or
- Does NOT close and seal tightly.

### Lippert Electric Slideout System

Extending and retracting the slideout room is powered by the Lippert Through Frame Electric Slideout System. It is a rack and pinion guide system with a motor driven ball screw actuator. The actuator is equipped with an automatic clutching system. The Through Frame Electric Slideout System is a negative ground system.

#### **Manual operation**

The Lippert Through Frame Electric Slideout System comes with a manual override. Locate the 1" round Slideout Override Access Hole in the skirt metal on the opposite side (of the RV) from the room that you are trying to move.

- Disconnect your RV battery.
- Insert the crank handle extension.
- Turn clockwise to retract the slideout room.
- Turn counter-clockwise to extend the slideout room.

#### If using the manual override feature:

**Use EXTREME CAUTION to extend and/or retract the room.** It is possible to extend or retract the slideout beyond the *maximum* OPEN or CLOSED positions.

This can result in damage to the slide components, slide room structure, or trim components.

#### **IMPORTANT**: The actuator is manual ready.

- DO NOT disengage the motor.
- Just hook up and crank.

#### **Maintenance**

Although the system is designed to be almost maintenance free, actuate the room once or twice a month to keep the seals and internal moving parts lubricated. Check for any visible signs or external damage before and after movement of the RV.

- For the best performance, the slideout system requires the auxiliary battery be fully charged.
- Check for corrosion, and loose or damaged terminals/ connections at the battery, the control switch, and the electronic actuator motor.
- Check that the motor leads under the RV chassis are in good condition. These connections are subject to damage from road debris.

# **A** CAUTION

Always disconnect battery from the system prior to manually operating system.

Failure to disconnect battery can cause electricity to back feed through the motor and cause serious damage to the system as well as void the warranty.

## NOTICE

Use EXTREME CAUTION if using the manual override feature to extend and/or retract the room.

It is possible to extend or retract the slideout beyond the maximum open or closed positions. This can result in damage to the slide components, slide room structure or trim components.



Slideout Override
Access Hole &
Crank Handle Extension

### Lippert Electric Slideout System, Continued

- When operating the Lippert electric slideout system in harsh environments (i.e., road salt, ice buildup, etc.) keep all moving parts clean, washing them as needed, with mild soap and water.
- Grease or lubrication is NOT necessary. It could even harm the long-term dependability of the slideout system.

#### Service and adjustments

- Slideout room adjustments should be performed ANNUALLY by a certified RV service technician.
- Any adjustments made by non-certified persons may void any and all warranty claims.

### Schwintek In-Wall Slideout System

Typical IN-WALL slide controller is located in the front facing compartment of your FW. See **Photo**, On Facing Page.

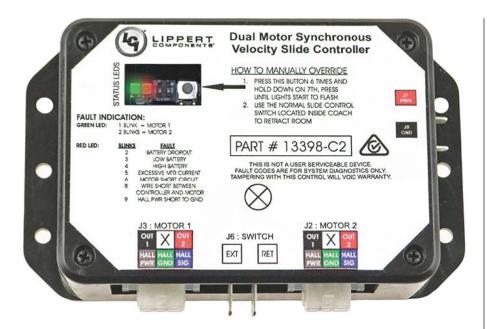
If the bedroom IN-WALL slideout does not extend or retract, follow these steps to override the system (it will be easier if you have one or more persons to assist you):

# Electronic manual override for board revision C1 and newer:

- The Schwintek circuit board for each slideout is located in the Front Compartment.
- 2. PRESS the *MODE* button six (6) times quickly, *then* PRESS a seventh (7th) time and HOLD for approximately five (5) seconds.
- 3. The RED and GREEN LED lights will begin to flash, confirming the override mode.
- 4. Release the MODE button.
- 5. Back inside the RV, PRESS and HOLD the *Slide Room 2* switch IN until the room retracts completely.

# **CAUTION**

During this override procedure, the Schwintek slide room motors are not synchronized. Visually watch the slide room, and if one side is moving significantly slower than the other (or not at all), immediately stop and call your dealer or Grand Design RV Customer Service.



#### Manually push the slide room in override

- 1. Locate the circuit board.
- 2. Unplug both motors from circuit board. (this releases the motor brake)
- 3. Push or pull slide room in as desired;
  - Larger rooms may require several people to push.
  - Keep both sides of room relatively even.
- 4. When the bedroom slide is completely in, plug both the motors back in to the control board (this applies the motor brake for road travel).

# Disengage motors, manually retract room and travel lock:

- Locate and remove motor retention screw located near the top of each vertical column.
- 2. Bend back the wipe seal and visually locate motor.
- Pull the motor up until disengaged, about 1/2".
   Replace the motor retention screw to hold the motor in this position.
- 4. Repeat this process for both sides of the slide room.
- Push or pull the slide room back in to the opening, keeping the side of the slide room relatively even.
- 6. Re-engage motor to be ready for travel.
- 7. The room must be travel locked to keep room in place for road travel.

# Troubleshooting the Schwintek Slideout System

#### **Error codes**

During operation, when an error occurs the board will use the LED's to indicate where the problem exists.

- For motor specific faults, the GREEN LED will blink once for motor 1, and blink twice for motor 2.
- For error codes, the RED LED will blink between two and nine (2-9) times to indicate the error code (see below)

Red LED Error Code	Error Code Description	
2	Battery drop out; battery capacity low enough to drop below 6 volts while running.	
3	Low battery; voltage below 8 volts at start of cycle.	
4	High battery; voltage greater than 18 volts.	
5	Excessive motor current; high amperage, also indicated by one (1) side of slide continually stalling.	
6	Motor short circuit; motor or wiring to motor has shorted out.	
8	Hall signal not present; encoder is not providing a signal, usually a wiring problem.	
9	Hall power short to ground; power to encoder has been shorted to ground, usually a wiring problem.	

When an error code is present, the board needs to be reset. Energizing the extend/retract switch resets the board. Energize the extend/retract switch again for normal operation.

### **Checking Fuses**

The Schwintek slide system requires a minimum of 30-amp fuse. Check the fuse box (located in the command center) for blown fuses, and replace as necessary. If the fuse blows immediately upon replacement there may be a problem with the wiring to the control box (contact your dealer for assistance).

### Low Voltage

The Schwintek slide controller is capable of operating the bedroom slide room with as little as 8-volts. But at these lower voltages the amperage requirement is greater. Check the voltage at the controller; if the voltage is lower than 11-volts, it is recommended that the auxiliary battery be placed on a charger until it is fully charged.

# **NOTICE**

Never *jump* or charge the auxiliary battery from the power connections on the In-Wall Controller.

ALWAYS do this at the *Auxiliary Battery.* 

#### Only one (1) side moving

The Schwintek slide system has a separate motor to operate each side of the room. If only one side of the room moves a short distance (2 to 4 inches) and stops;

- Will non-moving side move with help? If only one (1) side of the room is moving, with someone's assistance, push the non-moving side in the appropriate direction while pressing the switch to extend or retract the room. On larger rooms it may be necessary to have two (2) or more people pushing the room.
- Non-moving side moved manually.
  Try to push the non-moving side in and out. If a motor shaft has broken then it will be possible to move that side of the room several inches by hand. Larger rooms may require several people to push.

#### Schwintek slide system maintenance

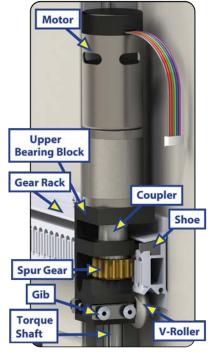
- Check all four (4) gear racks installed on the exterior sidewalls of the slide room for debris (if found, remove any debris immediately).
- The Slide System is designed to be maintenance-free. If needed, lubricate ONLY the upper & lower Gib, Bearing Block, Coupler, and V-Roller on each side of the slide with CRC Power Lube with PTFE (in the green can). See the diagrams, Right.

### **Synchronizing the Slideout Motors**

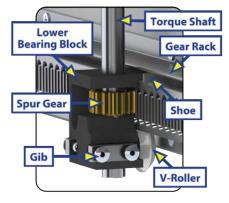
Periodically your Schwintek Slide System should be *Re-Synchronized*. To do so follow the simple procedure bellow:

- 1. Run the room OUT 10"- 12" and STOP.
- 2. Run rooms back IN *and* HOLD switch down until the motors limit out.
- 3. Repeat steps 1 & 2. Five to Six times, then
- 4. Run the room OUT *all the way* until the motors limit out.
- 5. Run rooms back IN 10"- 12" and STOP.
- 6. Repeat steps 4 & 5. Five to Six times

This process will *Synchronize* the motors so they are timed correctly.



Upper Gear Rack Detail



Lower Gear Rack Detail

## **Furniture**

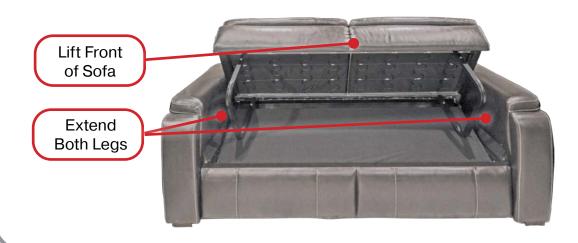
# Converting the Hide-A-Bed Sofa (If So Equipped)



1. Remove the seat back cushions.



- 2. Lift up and out on the front edge of the sofa, uncovering the legs.
- 3. Fully extend the legs on both sides.





### **Interior Care**

### Cleaning the Interior

To keep the value of your RV, perform regular maintenance using the proper materials and procedures.

 Check the component manufacturer's information for the recommended cleaning agent.

Using the wrong cleaner may result in damage to the surfaces in your RV. To check if a cleaner will cause damage, test it in a small, out of sight area, or contact your dealer for assistance.

DO NOT use flammable liquids or sprays to clean your RV.

### Cabinetry & Tables

- To keep cabinetry and tables looking like new, regularly dust the hardwood doors, cabinet fronts and tables.
- Use a soft cloth dampened with a cleaning polish or mild detergent solution.
- AVOID using ammonia based products or silicone oils as they may cause damage if used over a long period of time.
- Although the finish is durable and resistant to most household spills, they should be wiped up promptly to avoid any potential problems.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight, high temperatures or high humidity. These conditions can cause damage to both the finish and the wood itself.

### **Pantry**

Your RV's **load capacity** is designed by *weight*, NOT *volume*. All available storage space cannot necessarily be used.

- Use the pantry to store items you wish to take with you as you travel and camp.
- The cabinetry has been designed to accommodate normal camping items (i.e., paper plates, flatware, cookware, etc.) which are bulky but not necessarily heavy.
- Make sure that all pantry items are secured so that they do not shift during travel.

### **Paneling**

- To clean, use a mild solution of soap and lukewarm water with a soft sponge or cloth.
- DO NOT use abrasive cleaners as they could cause the vinyl to scratch and turn dull.
- Grease spots and stubborn dirt can be cleaned off with an all-purpose spray

### Countertops

To prevent permanent damage:

- ALWAYS use hot pads or trivets under hot pans, dishes, or heat producing appliances such as frying pans.
- ALWAYS use a cutting board; never use a knife directly on the countertop.
- AVOID harsh chemicals such as drain cleaners, oven cleaners, etc.
- DO NOT leave cleaners with bleach on the surface.
   Wipe them off promptly.

### Laminate countertops

Glass rings, food spills, water spots and smudges usually wipe off with a damp sponge. Stubborn stains can be removed with a general-purpose spray cleaner. Some stains can be removed by squeezing fresh lemon juice over the stain and allowing the juice to soak for approximately forty-five minutes. After 45 minutes, sprinkle baking soda over the lemon juice and rub with a soft cloth.

### Solid surface countertops

Solid surface materials are easy to clean. Commercial solid surface cleaners, soapy water, or ammonia based cleaners will remove most dirt and residue from all types of finishes. AVOID window cleaners as they can leave a waxy build up that may dull the surface. A damp cloth followed by a dry towel will remove watermarks. Disinfect the surface periodically with diluted household bleach (one part **water** to one part **bleach**).

For additional information on the removal of difficult stains or surface damage repair, please refer to the countertop manufacturer's user guide.

### Flooring

 ALWAYS test cleaning agents for colorfastness in a hidden or inconspicuous area.

#### **Carpet**

Vacuum regularly with a vacuum cleaner with a revolving brush or beater bar. Be sure the vacuum does not have teeth, combs or rough edges as they may damage the carpet. It is important to remove loose soil and debris while it is on the surface. Heavily traveled areas (i.e., walkways, areas in front of the furniture) may be protected with small throw rugs to prolong the life of the carpet.

Some spills contain chemicals that will destroy carpet fibers and dyes. If you have doubts about what caused the spot, contact a professional carpet cleaner. Because of the additional dirt typically associated with camping, we recommend that you vacuum the carpet frequently. Have tough and deep stains professionally steam cleaned. Use spot removers for minor spills. Always test the carpet for color fastness in an inconspicuous area before using any product.

#### **Vinyl flooring**

Periodically vacuum or sweep to remove dirt and gritty particles. Although most common spills will not permanently stain the vinyl floors, they are usually easier to remove if wiped up before they set. Simply blot with a paper towel and wipe clean with a damp cloth. As part of a regular maintenance program, sponge mop the entire floor. Do not use dish detergents or vinegar and water because they will dull your floor.

To care for the vinyl floor covering, use a damp mop with water and a mild cleaner. DO NOT SOAK THE FLOORING. Use care to avoid wetting the carpet edges. To prevent the linoleum from *yellowing*, avoid cleaners that contain oil based solvents (i.e. any cleaners containing lemon oil, Murphy's Oil Soap, etc.).

### Free-Standing Table & Chairs

The free-standing dinette table can be positioned to seat up to four people. To prevent damage when traveling, the chairs must be fastened down securely, and the table must be closed into the travel position.



### **Furniture Upholstery**

To retain the value of your RV, carefully maintain your furniture upholstery and keep the interior clean. Regularly vacuum the furniture using a soft brush attachment to remove any loose dirt or debris.

#### **Fabric**

Fabric should be professionally cleaned if it becomes stained or soiled. For more information, refer to the specific furniture manufacturer's care instructions.

#### Richloom Tough - Proper Care/Cleaning Guidelines

- Both PVC and Polyurethanes should be cleaned with a mild, water-based shampoo or soap.
- More stubborn stains can be cleaned with a mild, non-alcohol-based, cleaning fluid.
- Rinse with clean water afterwards.

#### Suede

 Suede should be professionally cleaned if it becomes stained or soiled.

#### Vinyl

Vinyl should be professionally cleaned if it becomes stained or soiled. If a spill does occur:

- Use water-based cleaners ONLY.
- BLOT up the spot. DO NOT rub it in, or saturate the area.
- DO NOT use solvents.

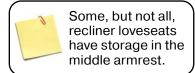
Solvents may have an adverse reaction to the specific backing of your upholstery fabric.

DO NOT dry clean any vinyl components.

If they are dry cleaned, the vinyl on the reverse side will shrink, become hard and crack.

Clean the **suede** or **vinyl** upholstery ONLY as recommended.

 Cleaning methods other than those listed, may produce undesired results and even damage the upholstery.
 This type of damage is not warrantable.



### Recliner Sofa or Loveseat

Like a residential recliner, the recliner sofa or loveseat sections have controls allowing you to recline the individual sections. To revert each recliner section back to the upright position, gently apply pressure to the recliner leg rest. Refer to the furniture manufacturer's care instructions for this product.

### Hide-a-Bed Sofa

The hide-a-bed sofa functions much the same as a regular residential hide-a-bed sofa. To make the hide-a-bed sofa into a bed, lift up and out on the front edge of the sofa seat, uncovering the legs. Fully extend the legs on both sides. Pull the sofa forward and place the legs flat on the floor. Pull the sofa back forward, and lay flat. To convert the hide-a-bed back into the upright sofa position, reverse the process.

See **page 168-169**, Hide-A-Bed Sofa.

### **ABS Plastic**

ABS plastic components will retain their original beauty with reasonable care. Dust and wipe clean with soft, damp cloth or chamois, wiping gently.

- DO NOT use gritty or abrasive particle soaps or scouring compound to clean ABS plastic.
- AVOID using Citrus or biodegradable cleaners containing D-Limonene; these cleaners may damage plastic materials.

### **Decor Items**

### **Decor glass**

Use a glass cleaner to remove smudges, smears and spots. If there is any decorative etching on the decor glass, use care when cleaning around that area.

### Window treatments, curtains, blinds and shades

Dust occasionally with a vacuum and soft brush attachment. Professionally clean only.

## **Shower Walls**

To clean the plastic shower walls, use a mild detergent soap and warm water. NEVER use gritty or abrasive particle soaps or scouring compounds to clean the plastic.

## Sink & Shower Fixtures

Use mild dish soap and water to clean these fixtures. Do not use harsh chemicals or sprays. A mild solution of vinegar and water works well to remove hard water spots and stains from the sink or shower fixture.

## Stainless Steel Sink & Appliances

- DO NOT use abrasive cleaners, scouring pads or steel wool.
- DO NOT use oven cleaner or any cleaners containing bleach or chloride.
- Hard water that evaporates on a Stainless Steel surface can leave spots.
- 1. Dampen a soft cloth in warm water mixed with a mild dish soap.
- 2. Wipe the surface. Clean with the grain, not across.
- 3. Rinse the cloth and wipe again.
- 4. Blot the surface dry with a towel to prevent water spots.

Glass cleaner or a cleaners made specifically for stainless steel may also be used. BEFORE cleaning the entire surface, test the cleaner on a small hidden area.

## **Exterior Care**

The RV exterior is comprised of many different materials including; fiberglass gel-coat, automotive grade paint finishes, plastics, glass, sealant, and aluminum.

There is an increased chance of damage to the exterior finish, the longer a foreign substance remains on the surface. Frequent washing and waxing is the best way to protect your RV from this damage.

The following materials deposited on the RV's surface may result in corrosion, staining, and/or chemical spotting:

- Road Tar, Dirt, and Dust
- · Road Salt and Sodium Chloride
- Bird Droppings / Bugs / Tree Sap
- Acid Rain / Industrial Fallout / Pollution
- UV Exposure and Moisture

## Cleaning the Exterior

Frequent washings also protect your RV from environmental elements, such as rain, snow and salt air.

- Wash your RV as soon as possible if it becomes contaminated with foreign material.
- Avoid parking under trees or near ocean sea salt.
- DO NOT scrape ice or snow from the painted surface,
   ALWAYS brush off the affected area.
- If anti-freeze, gasoline or any solvents are spilled on the painted surface, rinse the area with water immediately.
- Bugs and bird droppings should be rinsed off daily.

### Washing

- · DO NOT wash the RV in direct sunlight.
- Park in the shade and spray RV with water to remove dust.
- Next, using an ample amount of clean water and a sponge or car washing mitt, wash the RV from top to bottom.
- Use a mild car-washing soap if necessary.
- Rinse thoroughly and wipe dry with a chamois or soft cloth.

 Carefully clean the joints and flanges of the slideout, doors, etc. where dirt is likely to remain.

**NOTE:** Some types of hot water washing equipment apply heat and high pressure to the RV.

- Excessive HEAT can cause distortion or damage to resin parts.
- Excessive PRESSURE can flood the RV's interior.
- DO NOT take your RV through automatic car washes.
- Avoid forcing water inside the RV, which could possibly damage component parts.
- Extreme caution should be used with any type of pressure sprayer around all attachments, doors, windows, appliance vents, etc.
- Keep the washing nozzle about 16 inches (40 cm) or more away from the RV body.
- When washing around the door, vent and glass areas, hold the nozzle at right angles to the surface.
- If chalking occurs, first wash and wax a small area to see if the luster returns.
- Have your dealer inspect the RV If the exterior becomes scratched, nicked or cracked.

## **During cold weather**

IF the slideout or door is frozen shut, opening it by FORCE may tear off or crack its rubber gasket and ruin the weatherproof seal.

- 1. *INSTEAD*, pour warm water on the gasket to melt the ice.
- 2. *Then*, AFTER opening the slideout or door, wipe off the water thoroughly.
- 3. To prevent the weather stripping from freezing, treat it with a silicone spray.
- 4. Salt and other chemicals spread on winter roads can have a detrimental effect on the RV's underbody.

#### If your RV is exposed to these conditions:

- Wash the exterior of your RV and carefully spray the underbody with a high-pressure hose, remove any mud or debris that could trap and hold salt or moisture.
- After washing your RV, wipe off all water drops from the rubber parts around the slideout and doors.

## **NOTICE**

DO NOT use a buffer and a buffing compound as it may damage the exterior surface. Please contact a professional paint body shop for assistance.

## NOTICE

DO NOT use waxes containing high-abrasive compounds. Such waxes remove rust and stains effectively, but they are also harmful to the luster of the surface, since they may scrape off the coating. Further, they are detrimental to glossy surfaces, such as the grille, garnish, moldings, etc.

DO NOT use gasoline or paint thinners to remove road tar or other contamination to the painted surface.

## NOTICE

DO NOT allow plastic to come into contact with brake fluid, engine oil, grease, paint thinner, or battery acid. These will damage plastic.

Use a soft cloth and a mild detergent solution to wipe away any such contact.

## Cleaning the Exterior, Continued

#### Waxing your RV

Wax your RV once or twice a year, or when painted surfaces do not shed water well. Use a soft cloth to apply a small amount of wax to the painted surfaces. After the wax has dried, polish the RV with a dry, soft cloth. Do not wax your RV in direct sunlight. Wax it after the surfaces have cooled. Do not apply wax to any area having a flat black finish as it can cause discoloration. If the finish has been stained with wax, wipe off the area with a soft cloth and warm water.

When waxing the area around the various openings, DO NOT apply any wax on the weather strip. If it is stained with wax, the weather strip cannot maintain a weatherproof seal around the opening.

#### **Polishing your RV**

If painted surfaces have been severely damaged and have lost their original luster and color tone, polish the surface lightly with a fine polishing compound. Avoid limiting your polishing to the damaged surface only; polish a somewhat wider area, moving the polishing cloth in one direction. After polishing, flush the compound from the surface and apply a coat of wax to regain a beautiful luster.

## **Damaged paint**

Touch up small cracks and scratches in the paint coat of the FW front cap as soon as possible with touch-up film or paint. Carefully check the body areas facing the road and the tires for damage to the paint coat caused by flying stones, etc. To purchase touch-up paint, use the closest automotive paint match available locally. See page 181, Trailer Frame.

## Cleaning plastic parts

Use a sponge or chamois to clean plastic parts. Use warm water and a soft cloth or chamois to remove any white residue from dark colored plastic surfaces. Do not use a scrubbing brush or other hard tools as they may damage the plastic surface. Do not use wax containing abrasives that may damage the plastic surface.

## **Chrome parts**

To prevent chrome parts from spotting or corroding, wash with water, dry thoroughly, and apply a non-abrasive automotive wax. If the chrome is severely damaged or pitted, use a commercially available chrome polish product.

## **Exterior Roof**

To maintain your warranty, inspect all roof sealant every three (3) months for voids, gaps and cracks *then* re-seal as needed (See below). Wash the Superflex roof with water and a mild detergent twice a year and clean and inspect the roof vents.

- DO NOT use sharp tools (putty knife) that could puncture the Superflex roof membrane.
- If any voids or cracking are found, remove any loose sealant by hand.
- If the loose sealant cannot be pulled off by hand, it still has good adhesion to the Superflex roof membrane and should be left alone.
- Using a medium-bristled scrub brush, clean all areas to be resealed with a non-abrasive household cleaner, such as Top Job® or Spic-N-Span®.
- This area must be dry before continuing.
- Solvents should NOT be used during cleaning.
   Solvents can damage existing sealant and may weaken plastic roof components.
- Apply a generous amount of Alpha Systems 1010
   Non-Sag Sealant over top of any existing sealant needing resealed.
- PLEASE NOTE: ONLY ALPHA SUPPLIED SEALANTS SHOULD COME IN CONTACT WITH THE SUPERFLEX ROOF MEMBRANE.

## Sidewall Vents

Water heater, furnace and refrigerator exterior doors need to be kept clean and free of obstructions while the appliances (if so equipped) are in use. Inspect the refrigerator and holding tank vents for blockages from bird or insect nests, spiderwebs, leaves, etc.

## **MARNING**

As with the surface of any roof, a rubber roof can be very slippery, especially when wet. If you go up on your roof we recommend extreme caution and suggest that you navigate the roof on your hands and feet. This distributes the weight more evenly and helps reduce the possibility of falling.

## NOTICE

Failure to properly maintain or re-seal your RV may result in serious water damage to the roof and other parts of the RV.

This damage is not covered by the Limited Base Warranty and the Limited Structural Warranty.

## NOTICE

DO NOT use petroleum distillates to clean the roof as they may cause permanent damage.

## **Sealants**

Sealants perform a very important function and should be inspected closely and regularly maintained. We incorporate many different types of sealants, including butyl/putty, black butyl-encapsulated foam, silicone (clear and colored), roof sealant and foam. In general, sealants do not have a "set" lifetime. Varying environmental factors affect the pliability and adhesiveness of sealants.

Sealants may become damaged due to exposure to the elements, freezing temperatures, ultraviolet, and air pollution. If deteriorated, repair immediately to prevent damage. A quick walk around the RV before leaving may help prevent potential problems during trips and vacations. Your dealer service or parts manager can help you obtain the correct sealant(s).

#### You or your dealer MUST:

- INSPECT all sealants, every three (3) months. Make sure to check the roof and all four sides of the RV including all moldings, doors, vents and exterior attachments.
- REPLACE the sealant if you notice any cracks, peeling, voids, gaps, breaks, looseness or any sign of physical deterioration.
- RESEAL at least one time each year as preventative maintenance. Always use the same type of sealant that was removed.

If you notice water inside the RV, immediately have the dealer check for the source of the leak. Failure to correct the leak may result in serious damage to your RV; this damage may not be warrantable.

If you have questions and/or need assistance with sealing your RV, consult with your RV dealer.

## Roof Ladder (If So Equipped)

Your RV may be equipped with an optional roof ladder. The RV roof has decking under the rubber roof membrane to allow you to walk on the roof (with caution) to do maintenance.



If your RV is equipped with a roof ladder:

- DO NOT exceed the weight limit of 300 lbs.
- DO NOT leave items attached to ladder while traveling.

## Rear Bumper

- The rear bumper of your RV is NOT designed to carry cargo.
- Extra weight behind the trailer's axles may reduce the Hitch Weight (leading to adverse handling conditions from wind gusts and passing traffic).
- Items that extend beyond the bumper will place undo strain on the bumper.
- Over time, weight added to the bumper will cause damage from the motion created while traveling.

## **Trailer Frame**

Rocks, sand, road debris, climate (salt air exposure) and especially ice inhibiting chemicals used during the winter months will damage your frame's painted exterior, inviting rust and other deterioration.

- · Regularly inspect all exposed areas of the frame.
- To maintain protection, clean and repaint any chipped areas or rust spots.

## **Windows**

Any ventilating window may permit water inside, especially during heavy rainstorms. Condensation will also cause water to accumulate on windows and in the tracks. Normally the window glass can be cleaned with a sponge and water.

- Use glass cleaner to remove wax, oil, grease, dead insects, etc.
- After washing the glass, wipe it dry with a clean, soft cloth..

## NOTICE

DO NOT add items to the RV rear bumper. Add-on items will eventually damage your bumper. Damage caused by such aftermarket equipment installation or improper loading voids the Limited Base Warranty & Limited Structural Warranty.

# Damage from birds, rodents, insect, etc., is NOT covered under the Limited Base Warranty and Limited Structural Warranty applicable to your RV.

## **NOTICE**

Excessive snow, 8" or more, or ice, 2" or more, places excessive weight on the RV roof. Remove excessive snow or ice as needed. Care MUST be exercised to not damage the roof material when removing snow & ice. Excessive weight can damage the roof, seals, etc. Water leaks and poor fit or operation are the results of this damage.

## Winterizing / RV Storage Preparation

To help prevent problems, prepare your RV for extended periods of non-use. This will also make it easier to get your RV ready for the next camping trip or season.

- In colder climates, BEFORE storing for the winter, be sure your RV's plumbing system is properly Winterized to prevent costly freeze-ups.
- 1. CHECK your roof and other surfaces for any damage or potential leaks that could go unnoticed until it is too late.
- 2. CLOSE all windows and roof vents.
- 3. TURN OFF 12-volt DC/120-volt AC/propane to the refrigerator; defrost and clean.
- 4. USE crumpled newspaper or open boxes of baking soda in the refrigerator to eliminate odors during storage.
- 5. SHUT OFF the propane cylinder valve(s).
- 6. COVER all external outlets/vents (furnace, exhaust, etc.) to prevent mice or other rodents from entering.
- 7. COVER the roof air conditioner (if so equipped).
- 8. DISCONNECT 120-volt AC power to the RV.
- 9. DO NOT use the leveling legs during storage.
- 10. DRAIN all water lines.
- 11. FLUSH, *then* DRAIN *ALL* holding tanks; fresh water, gray water, black water and the water heater.
- 12. DISCONNECT the battery cables from the auxiliary battery terminals & REMOVE all batteries from the RV.
  - Store batteries in a place where they will not freeze.
     If a battery is frozen, it will no longer hold a proper charge.
- 13. WASH the interior and the exterior of your RV thoroughly.
- 14. STORE your RV indoors, under a roof or purchase a *breathable* cover for use during storage.
- 15. TO PREVENT weather checking and other UV damage, cover tires that are exposed to sunlight.

#### **Snow removal**

During the storage period, remove snow from the top of your RV to prevent damage to the unit's structure.

## **Maintenance**

## Suggested Maintenance Checklist

Here is a quick reference list of suggested areas for regular maintenance. Review all manufacturer's operators manuals supplied with your RV to perform the maintenance items listed.

#### **Prior to first trip**

- · INSPECT and reseal as needed.
- HAVE your dealer CHECK the propane system for leaks.
- CHECK wheel lug nuts at specified intervals to the listed torque specifications, RE-TORQUE as needed.
- SANITIZE the fresh water system.
- TEST all safety alarms.

#### First two hundred miles

- CHECK wheel nuts at specified intervals to listed torque values. RE-TORQUE as needed.
- HAVE a Qualified Service Technician adjust the brakes.

#### Each trip

- INSPECT and re-seal as needed.
- CHECK the auxiliary battery.
- CHECK running lights.
- CHECK tire pressure and wear, including spare.
  - The tires should be COLD when checking the tire pressure.
- CHECK wheel nuts at specified intervals to the listed torque values. RE-TORQUE as needed.
- FLUSH out water heater tank.
- TEST the brakes.
- TEST all safety alarms.

Required Maintenance Schedule																
Maintenance Item	Every trip	Monthly	Every 3 months	Every 6 months	Annually	Before / After Storage	As Required									
					•	•		Check settings & adjustments per manufacturers guide.								
Appliances		•				•		Make sure burner tubes/vents are clean/unobstructed.								
								Clean & sanitize.								
								Wash with warm water and mild detergent.								
					Clean moving parts & apply Silicone or Teflon based dry lube.											
Axles / Suspension								Check U-bolts, springs & hangers for damage.								
Axies / Suspension								Check torque - all bolts (see mfg. guide for specs.)								
Baggage Doors		•				•		Confirm that doors seal tight and are not leaking.								
			•					Spray lock tumblers with dry graphite.								
5					•			Have brakes and hubs inspected by a certified RV service technician.								
Brakes / Wheel Hubs								Check amp draw/shoe wear/adjustment (see mfg. guide for specs.)								
								Lube bearings (as needed).								
								Check and service batteries.								
Electrical System								Test all GFI outlets.								
					•	•		Service generator ( <i>if equipped</i> ) per manufacturer's manual.								
								Check door latches and locks function properly.								
Entry Door(s)								Lube hinges with Silicone or Teflon based dry lube.								
								Adjust screen door and latch.								
Emergency Egress Window(s)	•					•		Open and close the Emergency Egress Window(s) each trip.								
Entry Steps								Clean & apply Silicone or Teflon based dry lube.								
Exterior			•					Wash with warm water & mild detergent.								
Fiberglass / Metal								Apply non-abrasive wax (except on decals).								
Exterior Moldings			•			•		Inspect sealant for voids / gaps / cracks and re-seal as necessary.								
Framo / Underhally						•		Check for damage, loose wires and debris. Clean as necessary.								
Frame / Underbelly			•			•		Check frame for chipped paint and rust, repaint as necessary.								

Required Maintenance Schedule													
Maintenance Item	Every trip	Monthly	Every 3 months	Every 6 months	Annually	Before / After storage	As Required	Procedure to be Performed:  Maintenance schedules are <i>minimum</i> requirements. Extended use, extreme temperatures, high humidity or other extreme conditions will require more frequent maintenance.					
Hitch / Coupler	Hitch / Coupler Check for damage& wear. Clean and lubricate (with grease)												
LP System					•			Have system tested for leaks by a qualified dealer.					
LF System								Have pressure and regulator setting checked by a qualified dealer.					
					•			Check hoses, fittings and pipes for leak. Tighten as required.					
Plumbing System					•	•		Lubricate termination gate valve cables with Silicone or Teflon based dry lube.					
					•			Winterize system (cold weather locations)					
			•			•		Inspect sealant for voids/gaps/cracks and re-seal as necessary.					
Roof And Roof Attachments								Clean roof with water and mild detergent.					
					•	•		Clean and lube roof vent mechanisms with light oil.					
								Check operation of detectors - recharge and replace batteries every 6 months if equipped.					
Safety Equipment				•	•			Test and check fire extinguisher for proper charge.					
	•	•			•			Test and confirm egress (exit) window(s) function properly.					
					•			Slideout room adjustment performed by a certified RV service technician.					
Slide Rooms	•							Check slide roof for debris - clear as necessary.					
	•					•		Check and clean all seals.					
	•					•		Check wheel lugs for proper torque.					
Wheels & Tires						•		Inspect tires for wear/damage/etc.					
	•	•				•		Check tire inflation pressure (see tire label for pressures).					

# **WARNING**

WORKING WITH ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES CAN BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

Always have your dealer or a certified professional perform all repairs to your appliances and/or RV electrical system.

## **Basic Troubleshooting**

## Air Conditioner (Roof)

#### Will not operate

- · Make sure unit is turned on.
- · Check circuit breakers in coach.
- Have your dealer check to see if there is proper voltage from shoreline or generator.

# Unit runs, but coil freezes and compressor cycles too soon

- · Control setting may be too low, cycles too soon.
- Make sure the filter is clean and unobstructed.
- Have the coolant level checked by a qualified service facility.

#### Does not get cold enough

- Start the unit before the day gets too hot.
- To offset heat gain:
  - Close all windows and blinds.
  - Keep entrance doors closed.
  - Use awnings.
  - Avoid using heat-producing appliances.
- Make sure that the outside coil is not blocked or damaged.
- Have your dealer check to make sure that you have the proper voltage.

Should your air conditioner still not work after completing the above checks, contact a qualified service facility to perform more extensive testing.

## **Electrical Power**

## No AC power to RV

- Check circuit breakers at power center. The 120-volt circuit breaker may be off or tripped.
- Have a dealer check that there is power to the shoreline receptacle.

## **Furnace**

### Furnace does not ignite and/or cycles frequently

- Check that propane tank is full.
- Remove any obstruction over furnace exhaust.
- Inspect exhaust tube for any obstructions.
- · Check furnace fuse in fuse panel. Replace if necessary.
- Check that the return air grill is unobstructed.
   Remove anything that is stored in the furnace compartment that could block airflow.
- Check that all heat outlet registers are open and unobstructed.
- Check that 12-volt power is present.
- Contact your dealer if the problem persists.

## **Interior Lights**

### **Lights flicker**

- Loose or defective bulb. Tighten or replace as needed.
- Converter is overheating. Open the cover to cool down and reduce the load by turning off some 12-volt lights.

## Lights dim or are half bright

- Low battery connection. Check battery condition and recharge if necessary.
- Possible converter malfunction. Have the converter checked by an authorized service center.
- Possible loss of ground. Check for loose wire connection.

## **Microwave**

## Will not operate

- Door open or timer OFF. Close door and turn ON timer.
- No power to oven. Check power supply and circuit breaker.

# **WARNING**

DO NOT attempt to repair or adjust the furnace.

Turn off the thermostat and furnace gas control valve, then contact your dealer or authorized service center.



To Access the ON/OFF Switch, Remove the Outside Furnace Panel

## **Monitor Panel**

#### No lights on panel when switch is pressed

- · Check battery voltage and condition.
- Check fuse at the battery; if fuse is good have a dealer or qualified RV technician check the condition of panel.

# Holding tank lights deliver false readings (i.e. 1/3 or 2/3 indication)

- Verify tank is empty.
- · Debris may be built up across probes.
  - CLEAN and FLUSH tank using a solution of two-parts vinegar mixed to one-part water.

# Propane indicator display indicates E or F all the time

- · Ensure propane gas tank is full.
- If display reads **F**, check the wiring or sending unit for malfunction.
- Have it inspected by a certified technician.

## **Outside Receptacle**

## No power to outside receptacle

- Make sure you have power to the shoreline.
- · Check breaker on generator.
- · GFCI receptacle switch may be OFF or tripped.
  - Re-Set GFCI at receptacle in bathroom or kitchen.
- Check the breaker in the power center or panel box.
- Contact a dealer or qualified RV technician if problem is not resolved.

## Oven

# Oven slow to heat up, poor baking, poor ignition of burners, pilots won't stay lit, popping sound from top burners, carbon on pilot shield or burner flame too low or too high

 A defective Gas Pressure Regulator may cause these conditions. Have the regulator tested by your gas dealer or a certified RV technician.

#### Top burner or oven burner won't light or won't stay lit

- Check position of top burners and flash tubing.
- Clean clogged burner ports with a toothpick.
- See Oven Owner's Manual for proper care and maintenance.

#### Gas smell

Check all connections with leak detector solution.

#### Food burns on the bottom

 Oven too full for proper circulation. Use smaller pans or put less food in the oven.

## Portable Generator (Customer Supplied)

# Starter engages while holding down the start button, but generator does not start

- Generator may be out of fuel. (Generator will not operate when the fuel tank is less than ¼ full).
- Generator may be low on oil. Check the oil level.

# When the generator start button is pushed, nothing happens

- Check that the battery disconnect switch button is pushed.
- Check 12 Volt fuse on generator.
- Reset circuit breaker if necessary.
- Contact your dealer or a qualified RV technician if problem is not resolved.

## Generator starts, but lacks electrical power

- Breaker switches may be off or tripped at generator.
   Reset breaker if necessary.
- Breaker may be off or tripped inside power center.
   Reset main breaker if necessary.

# Generator just makes clicking sound when trying to start

- Battery condition may be low. Recharge if necessary.
- Check for poor ground or battery connection.



IF YOU SMELL PROPANE GAS STOP!

Quickly and carefully perform the 6-step procedure in the red box.

## **WARNING**

WORKING WITH PROPANE CAN BE DANGEROUS.

Always have repairs to your LP system performed by your dealer or a certified professional.

## **Propane Gas**

### Smell gas in or around unit

· Propane tanks may be overfilled.

#### IF YOU SMELL PROPANE

- 1. Extinguish any open flames, pilot lights and all smoking materials.
- 2. Do not touch electrical switches.
- 3. Shut off the propane supply at the container valve(s) or propane supply connection.
- 4. Open doors and other ventilating openings.
- 5. Leave the area until odor clears.
- 6. Have the propane system checked and leakage source corrected before using again.

FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD RESULT IN EXPLOSION RESULTING IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY

## Refrigerator

## The control panel lights are not illuminated

- · Check coach circuit breakers and GFCI receptacle.
- Verify that refrigerator is plugged into the 120-volt outlet.
- If using propane gas, verify house batteries have adequate charge.

## Lights are illuminating, but no cooling

- Use a proper power source that is available and cooling operation to specification.
- Make sure the refrigerator unit is level.
- Allow sufficient time for proper cool down and try to load with food that is already cold.
- Have a qualified RV technician check that the vents and chimney at the rear of the refrigerator are clear and unobstructed.
- Have a qualified RV technician make sure the burner jets or burners are not dirty or damaged.
- Have a qualified RV technician check the fuses in the black electrical box on the rear of the refrigerator.

#### Heavy frost buildup on the evaporator fins

- Defrost the freezer and refrigerator.
- Have the refrigerator checked by your dealer or a qualified RV technician.

## **Running Lights**

#### **Running lights not working**

- Blown fuse. Replace fuse with one of the same ampere rating.
- · Bad bulbs. Replace the bulbs with new.

## Slideout

# Room moves in and out very slowly, binds or squeaks

 Lubricate the slide-out tubes and rollers with light spray lube.

# Water is getting in at the bottom corners of the room

- Verify that the exterior seals are against the room at the top and not turned in when the room is out (HORIZONTAL SEAL OVERLAPS VERTICAL). Also, check for voids in the seal on the slide roof and side panels.
- Make sure weep hole in ramp pan is open and unobstructed.

#### Room will not move in or out

- Check the auto-resetting fuse located by the slideout motor. See the manufacturer's manual.
- Check battery condition and state of charge.
   Recharge if necessary.

# Rollers leave tracks in the carpet as the room extends

 This is normal. There are many pounds of weight pressing these rollers down on the carpet and rollers will compress the nap of the carpet down. Raking the nap or vacuuming will solve the problem

## **Termination Valve**

#### **Termination valve leaks**

- Debris keeps valve from seating. Clear debris from and around valve O-ring set.
- Bad gasket. Have your dealer or qualified RV technician replace gasket with new.

## TV Antenna

## **Poor TV reception**

- Antenna Power switch is OFF. Turn ON power switch.
- Bad connections at TV or wall plate. Make sure the connections are good at both TV and wall plate.
- Cut or torn cable. Have your dealer or qualified RV technician replace bad cable where needed at TV and antenna.

## Waste Tank

### Waste tank (black) will not drain

- Buildup or debris in tank. Check for buildup in tank at stool.
- Always use a minimum amount of biodegradable RV toilet paper.
- Always use plenty of water when flushing.
- · Check termination valve for proper operation.

## **Water Heater**

## Water heater will not fire up

- Check for obstructions in burner tube and exhaust.
- Check 12 Volt power for possible blown fuse.
- · Bad circuit board. See your dealer.

## Pressure and temperature relief valve weeping

 Weeping or dripping at the relief valve, while water heater is running, does NOT mean it is faulty.

## There is an odor that smells like rotten eggs

 If your fresh water source has a rotten egg odor, you will need to find another source of fresh water before flushing or refilling the entire RV water storage system.

### To remove the hydrogen sulfide (rotten egg) odor:

- 1. TURN OFF your main water supply; that is, your pump or your water hookup source.
- 2. DRAIN your water heater tank by removing the drain plug. Approximately two quarts of water will remain in the bottom of the tank.
  - If the water drains slowly or sporadically (instead of flowing freely), OPEN the *Relief Valve* to allow air into the tank.
- 3. If the water still does not flow freely, take a small gauge wire or coat hanger and push through the drain opening to eliminate any obstructions.
- 4. AFTER completely draining the tank, FLUSH the entire system with a solution of 2-parts vinegar / 1-part water, from the *water inlet* all the way to the *holding tank*.
- 5. If you decide to use air pressure (55 PSI max.), it may be applied either through the inlet or outlet on the rear of the tank. It may also be applied through the *Relief Valve* port.
  - First remove the relief valve. You may then insert your air pressure through the relief valve support flange.
  - With the drain valve OPEN, the air pressure will force the remaining water out of the tank.
  - If air pressure is unavailable, you may FLUSH the tank with fresh water. Water should be pumped into the tank with the assistance of the on board water pump or with the assistance of external water pressure.
  - External pressure may be pumped into the unit either through the inlet or outlet found on the rear of the water tank, or using the relief valve inlet located on the front of the unit.
- 6. CONTINUE this flushing process for approximately five (5) minutes allowing ample time for the fresh water to agitate the stagnant water on the bottom of the tank and force the deposits through the drain opening.
- 7. AFTER steps 1-6 (above) are complete, CLOSE the drain plug *and* the *Relief Valve*. REFILL the tank with fresh water, CIRCULATE, and RINSE.

If you use your vehicle frequently or for long periods of time, flushing the water heater several times a year will prolong the life of the water heater storage tank.

## Water Pump

## **Pump will not start**

- Check that house battery disconnect switch is ON.
- Check pump switch at monitor panel.
- Check fuse in power center.
- Check to see if water is frozen.

# Will not prime, sputters (no discharge, but the motor runs)

- · Check that there is a sufficient amount of fresh water,
  - Use the Monitor Panel to check the fresh water tank fill level.
- Check that there is not trapped air in the hot water heater.
- · Check for frozen water lines or water tank.

#### Pump will not shut off, runs when faucet is closed

- · Turn off the pump or city water supply.
- Check for damp areas around plumbing appliances.
- Check plumbing for leaks
- Inspect toilet for leaky valves.
- Have the pump checked by your dealer or a qualified RV technician.

## Water System

## Wet areas near water connections, pump runs while the faucets are closed, and no other fresh water fixtures are being used.

- · There is a possible leak,
- CLOSE all low point water drains and tank drains.
- TURN OFF all fixtures.
- · Check all fixtures and connections for tightness.
  - DO NOT over tighten fittings as this may cause additional leakage.

## **Glossary**

**AC ELECTRICITY**—Alternating current also known as shoreline power. For purposes of this manual, it refers to 120-volt AC (abbreviated 120 VAC).

**AMP**—Short for ampere, the electric current unit of measure. RV sites with electric hookup will specify the maximum amps supported, which generally come in units of 20, 30, or 50 amps. The RV power connector must match the various plugs of the site amp rating.

**ANODE ROD**—An anode rod, when used in a water heater, attracts corrosion causing products in the water. These products attack the anode rod instead of the metal tank itself. The anode rod should be inspected yearly and changed when it is reduced to about 1/4 of its original size. The rods are used in steel water heater tanks - an aluminum tank has an inner layer of anode metal to accomplish the same thing. Anode rods should not be installed in aluminum tanks!

**AUXILIARY BATTERY**—For purposes of this manual, the term refers to the 12-volt DC group 27 deep cycle battery (customer purchased) that should be installed in your RV.

**AWNING**—A roof-like structure made of canvas or other artificial materials which extends from the RV body to provide shade. Awnings are generally placed over entrances. Some extend and stow manually while others are operated electrically.

**BLACK WATER**—Term associated with the sewage holding tank. The toilet drains directly into this tank.

**BLUE BOY**—Also known as a honey pot. Refers to a portable waste holding tank that has wheels on one end. These tanks often are manufactured out of blue plastic, hence the nickname.

**BOON DOCKING**—Also known as dry camping. Camping without electrical and water hookups.

**BREAKAWAY SWITCH**—An electrical switch on trailers designed to engage the breaks in case the trailer breaks away from the tow vehicle. The switch is connected by a cable to the tow vehicle. Breakaway is detected when the switch cable is pulled out during vehicle separation.

**BRAKE CONTROLLER**—A device (customer supplied) mounted under the dash of a towing vehicle to control the braking system of the RV. Most brake actuators are based on a time delay application; the longer the brakes are applied tighter the trailer brakes react

**BRITISH THERMAL UNIT (BTU)**—Measurement of heat that is the quantity required to raise the temperature of one pound of water 1°F. RV air-conditioners and furnaces are BTU-rated.

**CAMBER (WHEEL ALIGNMENT)**—The number of degrees each wheel is off of vertical. Looking from the front, tops of wheels farther apart than bottoms means "positive camber". As the load pushes the front end down, or the springs get weak, camber would go from positive to none to negative (bottoms of wheels farther apart than tops).

**CAMPER**—For purposes of this manual, this term refers to your fifth wheel RV.

**CAMPING**—An outdoor recreational activity involving the spending of one or more nights in a tent, primitive structure or RV at a campsite with the purpose of getting away from civilization and enjoying nature.

**CAMPSITE**—The term usually means an area where an individual or family might go camping.

**CARBON MONOXIDE**—A colorless, odorless and poisonous gas.

**CARGO WEIGHT**—The actual weight of all items added to the Curb Weight of the vehicle or trailer. This includes personal cargo, optional equipment, and tongue or king pin weight.

**CARGO CARRYING CAPACITY (CCC)**—Equal to GVWR minus each of the following: UVW, full fresh (potable) water weight (including water heater), full propane weight and SCWR.

**CITY WATER**—Term associated with the water supply you hook up to at the campsite. It is called city water because water is pulled from a central outside source (like a city) and not the fresh water tank.

**CONDENSATION**—A result of warm moisture laden air contacting the cold window glass. Keeping a roof vent open helps to reduce the humidity levels. Added roof vent covers help to prevent cold air from dropping down through the vent while still allowing moist air to escape. Using the roof vent fan when showering or the stove vent fan when cooking also helps prevent excess moisture buildup.

**CONVERTER**—A device that converts 120 volt A/C (alternating current) to 12 volt DC (direct current). The RV devices mostly run on 12 volt DC power that is supplied by the battery, which allows the RV to function independently. When "shore power" (an electrical supply) is available, the converter changes the voltage from 120 to 12 volt to supply the appliances and to recharge the battery.

**CURB WEIGHT**—The actual weight of a vehicle or trailer, including all standard equipment, full fuel tanks, full fresh water tanks, full propane bottles, and all other equipment fluids, but before taking on any persons or personal cargo.

**CURBSIDE**—This refers to the side of the camper that faces the curb when parked. Also referred to as the door side or DS.

**DC ELECTRICITY**—Direct current also known as auxiliary battery power. For purposes of this owner's manual, it refers to 12-volt DC (abbreviated 12 VDC).

**DEALER**—For purposes of this manual, this refers to the independent dealer authorized to sell and/or service your camper by Grand Design RV. This term will be used in this context unless specified otherwise.

**DINETTE**—Booth-like dining area. Table usually drops to convert unit into a bed at night.

**DRAIN TRAP**—This is the curve that is in all drains. Water is trapped in the curve and creates a barrier so tank odors cannot escape through the drain.

**DRY CAMPING**—Camping when there is no city water hookup or shore power (i.e., using only the water and power available in the camper and not from any other source).

**DRY WEIGHT**—The actual weight of a vehicle or trailer containing standard equipment without fuel, fluids, cargo, passengers, or optional equipment.

**DSI (Direct Spark Ignition)**—This term refers to the method of igniting the main burner on a propane fired appliance. The burner is lit with an electric spark and the flame is monitored by an electronic circuit board. This ignition system is used in refrigerators, furnaces and water heaters. There is now a version of stove tops that light the burners with a DSI ignition.

**DUAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**—RV equipped with lights, appliances which operate on 12-volt battery power when self-contained, and with a converter, on 110 AC current when in campgrounds or with an on-board generator

**DUALLY**—A truck having two wheels on each side of the rear axle for a total of four wheels

**DUCTED A/C**—Air conditioning supplied through a ducting system in the ceiling. This supplies cooling air at various vents located throughout the RV.

**DUCTED HEAT**—Warm air from the furnace supplied to various locations in the RV through a ducting system located in the floor. (Similar to house heating systems).

**DUMP STATION**—Site where you drain your gray water (waste) and your black water (sewage) tanks. In most states, it is illegal to drain your tanks anywhere except dump stations.

**DUMP VALVE**—Another name for the T-handle valve used to release and drain the black tank (sewage) and gray tank (waste).

**EGRESS WINDOW**—The formal name for the emergency escape window. Egress windows are identified by their labeling.

**FIFTH WHEEL (FW)**—A trailer and hitch configuration connected to the tow truck directly above the rear axle by way of a special fifth wheel hitch. This causes several feet of the connected trailer to hang over the tow truck, placing about 15 to 25% of the trailer's weight on the rear axle of the truck. Commercial trucks and trailers use this hitch configuration. Also commonly spelled as 5th wheel.

**FIVER**—Another name for a fifth wheel RV.

**FRESH WATER**—The fresh water system provides potable water to the fresh water tank, kitchen sink, shower, bathroom lavatory, toilet, water heater and outside shower.

**FRESH WATER TANK**—Tank for holding fresh water for drinking, cooking, and bathing while not connected to a city water supply.

**FULL HOOK-UP SITE**—A campsite that has city water, shore power and sewer hook-ups or connections available.

**FULL TIMERS or FULL TIMING**—The term used for people who live in their RV full time, or at least the vast majority of their time.

**GALLEY**—The kitchen in an RV.

**GENERATOR**—An engine powered device fueled by gasoline or diesel fuel, and sometimes propane, for generating 120-volt AC power.

**GENSET**—Abbreviation for generator set.

**GOOSENECK**—A trailer and hitch configuration connected to the tow truck directly above the rear axle by way of a standard ball hitch in the truck bed and a vertical, slender arm on front of the trailer. Gooseneck hitching is common on horse and utility trailers, but rarely found on RV's.

**GRAY WATER**—Term associated with the waste water holding tank. Water from the sink drains, shower and washer/dryer (if so equipped) go into this tank.

**GROSS AXLE WEIGHT RATING (GAWR)**—The MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE WEIGHT each axle assembly is designed to carry, as measured at the tires, therefore including the weight of the axle assembly itself. GAWR is established by considering the rating of each of its components (tires, wheels, springs, axle), and rating the axle on its weakest link. The GAWR assumes that the LOAD IS EQUAL ON EACH SIDE.

**GROSS CARRYING CAPACITY (GCC)**—Means the maximum carrying capacity of your camper. The GCC is equal to the GVWR minus UVW. The GCC will be reduced by the weight of fresh water or other tanks, propane, occupants, personal items or dealer installed accessories.

**GROSS COMBINED WEIGHT RATING (GCWR)**—The MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COMBINED WEIGHT of the tow vehicle and attached towed vehicle. GCWR assumes that both vehicles have functioning brakes, with exceptions in some cases for very light towed vehicles, normally less than 1,500 pounds. (Check your tow vehicle's towing guide.)

**GROSS TRAILER WEIGHT RATING (GTWR)**—The MAXIMUM TOWED VEHICLE WEIGHT. Each component (receiver, drawbar, ball) of a ball-type hitch has its own rating. Some ball-type hitches have separate ratings when used with a weight distributing system.

**GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING (GVWR)**—The MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE WEIGHT of the fully loaded vehicle, including liquids, passengers, cargo, and the tongue weight of any towed vehicle.

**HEAT EXCHANGER**—A device that transfers heat from one source to another. For example, there is a heat exchanger in your furnace - the propane flame and combustion products are contained inside the heat exchanger that is sealed from the inside area. Inside air is blown over the surface of the exchanger, where it is warmed and the blown through the ducting system for room heating. The combustion gases are vented to the outside air.

**HEAT STRIP**—A heat strip is an electric heating element located in the air conditioning system with the warm air distributed by the air conditioner fan and ducting system. They are typically 1500 watt elements (about the same wattage as an electric hair dryer) and have limited function. Basically they "take off the chill."

**HIGH PROFILE**—A fifth-wheel trailer with a higher-than-normal front to allow more than 6 feet of standing room inside the raised area.

**HITCH**—The fastening unit that joins a movable vehicle to the vehicle that pulls it.

**HITCH WEIGHT**—The amount of the camper's weight that rests on the tow vehicle. It should be approximately 12% - 15% with conventional trailers; approximately 18% -21% for fifth wheels.

**HOLDING TANKS**—There are three different holding tanks on most RVs; fresh water tank, gray water tank and black water tank. The fresh water tank holds fresh water that can be stored for later use. The gray water tank holds the waste water from the sinks and showers. The black water tank holds the waste from the toilet.

**HONEY WAGON**—Euphemism for the sewage pumping truck. Honey wagons are used to empty RV holding tanks in places where full hookups and dump stations are not available.

**HOOKUPS**—The ability of connecting to a campground's facilities. The major types of hookups are electrical, water and sewer. If all three of these hookups are available, it is termed full hookup. Hookups may also include telephone and cable TV in some campgrounds.

**HOUSE BATTERY**—One or more batteries in a RV for operating the 12 volt lights, appliances, and systems. House batteries can be 12 volt units tied in parallel or pairs of 6 volt batteries tied in series (to double the voltage). The term house battery is of more significance in motor homes because they contain one or more other batteries for the operation of the engine, referred to as the chassis or starting batteries.

**HULA SKIRT**—Term used for a type of dirt skirt accessory some RVers use on the back of their motorhome to aid in the protection from debris thrown from their rear wheels to the vehicles directly behind them or being towed behind them. This dirt skirt is usually the length of the rear bumper and resembles a 'short' version of a Hawaiian 'hula-skirt', hence the term.

**INVERTER**—An inverter is a device that changes 12 volt battery power to 120 volt AC power. It is used when "boon docking" (camping without hookups) to power certain 120 VAC only devices like a microwave oven. The amount of available power depends on the storage capacity of the batteries and the wattage rating of the inverter.

**IRON RANGER**—A fee collection box used at campgrounds that do not have full time attendants. Upon entrance to the campground, you deposit your nightly fee(s) in an envelope with your name and site number and drop this in the collection box. At sometime during the day, a park ranger will make rounds of the campgrounds and collect the fees. You will often see these in National Park and National Forest campgrounds.

**ISLAND QUEEN or ISLAND KING**—A king or queen-sized bed with walking space on both sides.

**JACKKNIFE**—90° angle obtained from turning/backing fifth wheel or travel trailer with tow vehicle. Jackknifing a short bed truck towing a fifth wheel without the use of a slider hitch or extended fifth wheel pin box can result in damage to the truck cab or breaking out the back window of the truck cab from the truck and fifth wheel "colliding".

**KING PIN**—The pin by which a fifth wheel trailer attaches to the truck. It slides into the fifth wheel hitch and locks in place.

**KING PIN WEIGHT**—The actual weight pressing down on the fifth wheel hitch by the trailer. The recommended amount of King Pin Weight is 15%-25% of the GTW, also called Pin Weight.

**LAMINATE**—A sandwich of structural frame members, wall paneling, insulation and exterior covering, adhesive-bonded under pressure and/or heat to form the RV's walls, floor and/or roof.

**LANDING GEARS**—See Leveling Jack.

**LEVELING**—Positioning the RV in camp so it will be level, using ramps (also called levelers) placed under the wheels, built-in scissors jacks, or power leveling jacks.

**LEVELING JACK**—A jack lowered from the underside of trailers and motor homes for the purpose of leveling the vehicle. A leveling jack is designed to bear a significant portion of the RV's weight.

**LP GAS**—Liquefied Petroleum Gas, commonly written as "LP Gas". Two examples of LP Gas are propane and butane. LP Gas is heavier than air in gas form and about half the weight of water in liquid form. LP gas is used to fuel appliances in the RV, such as the stove, oven, water heater and refrigerator. Propane tanks are usually rated as pounds or gallons.

**LOW POINT**—The lowest point in the plumbing. Drains are placed here so that water will drain out of the lower end of the camper when flushing or winterizing the water system. These drains must be closed when you fill the water tank.

**MOTORHOME (MH)**—A motor vehicle built on a truck or bus chassis and designed to serve as self-contained living quarters for recreational travel.

**NET CARRYING CAPACITY (NCC)**—The MAXIMUM WEIGHT of all personal belongings, food, fresh water, propane, tools, dealer installed accessories, etc., that can be carried by the RV.

**NON-POTABLE WATER**—Water NOT suitable for human consumption.

**OEM**—This refers to the original equipment manufacturer of the individual appliances or components.

**PARK MODEL**—A travel trailer that requires park facilities to function. It lacks holding tanks and dual-voltage appliances, requiring to be plugged into water, sewage, and electrical facilities. A park model is more of a small mobile home than a recreational vehicle, in appearance and function.

**PART TIMERS**—The term used for people who use their RV more than usual (more than just a few weekend trips a year), but who still use it less than full time.

**PATIO MAT**—Carpet or woven mat for use on ground outside of RV. Used whether or not a concrete patio pad is available where camping.

**PAYLOAD CAPACITY**—The maximum allowable weight that can be placed in or on a vehicle, including cargo, passengers, fluids and fifth-wheel or conventional hitch loads.

**PILOT**—A pilot is a small standby flame that is used to light the main burner of a propane fired appliance when the thermostat calls for heat. Pilots can be used in furnaces, water heaters, refrigerators, ovens and stove tops.

**PORPOISING**—A term used to define the up and down motion in an RV while traveling

**POWER SOURCE**—Also referred to as shore power, this refers to the receptacle outlet you are using to plug in your shoreline power cord. This can be a campsite power box or electrical box, a residential receptacle outlet specifically wired for your camper or a generator (customer supplied).

**PRIMITIVE SITE**—A campsite that may have city water, shore power or sewer hook-ups but not all of them; primitive sites may have no hook-ups or connections at all.

**PROPANE**—LPG, or liquefied petroleum gas, used in RVs for heating, cooking and refrigeration. Also called bottle gas, for manner in which it is sold and stored. This is the proper term in the RV industry when referring to "LP Gas."

**PULL-THROUGH SITES**—Campsites you can drive through and park (without having to back up into the site).

**REFER**—Slang for "refrigerator". Refrigerators are often found in either a "two-way" or "three-way" operating mode. Two-way: has a gas mode and an AC mode. Three-way: has a gas mode, AC mode, and 12v DC mode. The coolant used in RV refrigeration is ammonia. The two most common manufacturers of RV refrigerators are Norcold and Dometic.

RIG—What many RVers call their units.

**ROADSIDE** – The side of the trailer that faces the road when it is parked. Also called the Streetside, Off-Door Side or ODS.

**ROOF AIR CONDITIONING**—Air conditioning unit mounted on roof of RV, to cool the RV when it is parked. When moving, most RVs are cooled by separate air conditioning units which are components of the engine, or they may be cooled by a roof top if a proper size generator is installed.

**RV**—Short for Recreation Vehicle, a generic term for all pleasure vehicles which contain living accommodations. Multiple units are RVs and persons using them are RVers.

**RVDA**—Abbreviation for Recreational Vehicle Dealer's Association.

**RVIA**—Abbreviation for Recreational Vehicle Industry Association

**SELF CONTAINED**—RV which needs no external electrical, drain or water hookup. Thus, it can park overnight anywhere. Of course, self-contained units can also hook up to facilities when at campgrounds.

**SANITIZATION**—Refers to the camper's fresh water system that has been sanitized with chlorine bleach before use or after storage.

**SHORELINE POWER CORD**—This is the electrical power cord that runs from the camper to the campsite shore power outlet.

**SLEEPING CAPACITY WEIGHT RATING (SCWR)**—The manufacturer's designated number of sleeping positions multiplied by 154 pounds (70 kilograms).

**SLIDEOUT**—A compartment added to an RV to increase interior space. It slides into the body during travel and slides out when parked.

**SNOWBIRD**—Term for someone in a northern climate that heads "south" in winter months.

**STINKY SLINKY**—Slang for the sewer hose, constructed from a spiral wire covered with vinyl. One end attaches to the RV piping and the other into the local sewer dump facilities

**STREETSIDE** – The side of the trailer that faces the street when parked. Also called the Roadside, Off-Door Side or ODS.

**SURGE PROTECTOR**—Device (customer supplied) that is installed at the power supply location designed to prevent "surges" or "spikes" in electrical current that may damage the RV's electrical/electronic components.

**SWAY**—Fishtailing action of the trailer caused by external forces that set the trailer's mass into a lateral (side-to-side) motion. The trailer's wheels serve as the axis or pivot point. Also known as "yaw."

**THERMOCOUPLE**—A thermocouple is a device that monitors the pilot flame of a pilot model propane appliance. If the pilot flame is extinguished the thermocouple causes the gas valve to shut off the flow of gas to both the pilot flame and the main burner.

**TIP OUT**—The term used for an area or room in an RV that tips out for additional living space. The Tip-Out was generally used in older RVs. Newer RVs mainly use a slide-out.

**TIRE RATINGS**—The MAXIMUM LOAD that a tire may carry is engraved on the sidewall, along with a corresponding COLD inflation pressure. A reduction in inflation pressure requires a reduction in load rating. Tire manufacturers publish charts that establish the load capacity at various inflation pressures.

**TOE (WHEEL ALIGNMENT)**—Toe is the measure of whether the front of the wheels (looking down from the top) are closer (toe-in) or farther (toe-out) than the back of the wheels.

**TONGUE WEIGHT, TONGUE LOAD, VERTICAL LOAD (TWR/TLR/VLR)**—Tongue Weight, Tongue Load, Vertical Load Rating Different terms for the MAXIMUM VERTICAL LOAD that can be carried by the hitch UNLOADED.

**TRAILER BRAKES**—Brakes that are built into the trailer axle systems and are activated either by electric impulse or by a surge mechanism. The overwhelming majority of RVs utilize electric trailer brakes that are actuated when the tow vehicle's brakes are operated, or when a brake controller is manually activated. Surge brakes utilize a mechanism that is positioned at the coupler, that detects when the tow vehicle is slowing or stopping, and activates the trailer brakes via a hydraulic system (typically used on boats).

**TRAVEL TRAILER (TT)**—Also referred to as "conventional trailers," these types of rigs have an A-frame and coupler and are attached to a ball mount on the tow vehicle. Travel trailers are available with one, two or three axles. Depending upon tow ratings, conventional trailers can be towed by trucks, cars or sport-utility vehicles.

**UMBILICAL CORD**—Wiring harness which connects the trailer to the tow vehicle during transport. The umbilical cord supplies the trailer with DC power for charging the batteries and operating DC equipment. It also operates the trailer brakes and signal lights. (Also referred to as the 7-way power cord.)

**UNDERBELLY**—The RV's under-floor surface, which is protected by a weatherproofed material.

**UTQGL (UNIFORM TIRE QUALITY GRADE LABELING)**—A program that is directed by the government to provide consumers with information about three characteristics of the tire: tread wear, traction and temperature. Following government prescribed test procedures, tire manufacturers perform their own evaluations for these characteristics. Each manufacturer then labels the tire, according to grade.

**UV DEGRADATION**—A breaking down of material due to the sun's harsh ultraviolet rays.

**UNLOADED VEHICLE WEIGHT (UVW)**—The WEIGHT of a vehicle as built at the factory with full fuel, engine (generator) oil and coolants. It does not include cargo, fresh water, propane, occupants, or dealer installed accessories.

**WALLY WORLD**—Slang term used by RVers to describe a Wal-Mart.

**WASTE WATER TANKS**—The gray water tank holds the waste water from the sinks and showers. The black water tank holds the waste from the toilet.

**WATER PRESSURE REGULATOR**—Device (customer supplied) installed on the water hose attached to city water to limit the water pressure entering the RV. Most regulators limit water pressure to 40 psi.

**WEEKENDERS**—People who own their RV's for weekend and vacation use.

**WEIGHT & LOAD**—These terms are generally used interchangeably. For the purposes of understanding RV applications:

- Vehicles have WEIGHT, which impart LOADS to tires, axles and hitches.
- Scale measurements taken when weighing, are LOADS carried by the tires.
   The measured LOADS are used to calculate Gross Combination Weight (GCW)
   Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW), Gross Axle Weight (GAW), and Hitch Loads.

**WET WEIGHT**—The weight of the vehicle with the fuel, freshwater and propane tanks full.

Note these important weights:

Propane
4.25
Ibs. per gallon
Water
8.3
Ibs. per gallon
Gasoline
6.3
Ibs. per gallon
Diesel fuel
6.6
Ibs. per gallon

**WIDE BODY**—An RV having an external body width greater than 96 inches (8 feet). The most common wide-body widths are 100" and 102."

**WINTERIZED**—Refers to a camper that has been prepared for storage. The water systems have been drained and RV antifreeze has been added to protect the water lines and drains. The low point drains should be in the open position.

**WORK CAMPER**—A person living in an RV and working. Many spell it as "workamper" after the website and service by that name.

**YAW**—Fishtailing action of the trailer caused by external forces that set the trailer's mass into a lateral (side-to-side) motion. The trailer's wheels serve as the axis or pivot point. Also known as "sway."

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