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## RV Inspection Checklist

Buying a used RV can be a great way to save money. However, the process can also be quite stressful. While many well-maintained pre-owned RVs are available and can be a fantastic addition to your family, there are also many that are not worth their asking price.

That's why it's crucial to thoroughly inspect any used RV before you decide to purchase it. Conducting a detailed inspection can help you avoid significant issues later on. Use our ultimate checklist for buying a used RV to avoid potential headaches and ensure you make a sound investment. Our inspection checklist below is very helpful in catching potential issues.

Performing a self-inspection is a good starting point when buying a used RV, but there are times when professional help might be necessary. If you find some issues but are considering buying the RV at a good price and renovating it yourself, consulting a professional can give you a clear understanding of the repair costs, helping you avoid major expenses during renovations. An inspector will cost you \$300-\$600, but could be well worth it if you suspect any issues. The national shop rate for RVs is \$195 an hour – that can add up quickly!

Additionally, if you're interested in an RV located in another state and can't travel to inspect it yourself, we strongly recommend that you hire a professional to conduct the inspection for you.

**When you go to inspect an RV, we suggest you bring the following:**



A flashlight



Tire pressure gauge



Toolbox  
(complete with screwdrivers and pliers)



Gloves



Mat to lie on while looking under the unit



Multimeter



Electric Outlet Tester

**Below is a link where you can find accredited inspectors:**

[hansongroupinc.com/inspectors](http://hansongroupinc.com/inspectors)





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## Exterior

AREA	LOOK FOR	RATING	COMMENTS
Windows and sidewalls	Cracks or discoloration; Examine all seals for moisture entry		
Steps and ladders	Ladder secure with no movement; Steps easy and secure to open/close		
Awnings and storage	Awning opens and closes as designed; Examine material for issues; Storage doors function properly, stay open, and lock properly; Check lighting, seals, and lining for damages		
Slideouts	Slide and retract; Check for water damage and poor seals		
Lights	Connect to tow vehicle; Umbilical cord functions properly; All DOT lights function with tow vehicle lights		
Tires and rims	Check rims, suspension, axles, brakes, pads; Look for bends or rust; Examine tread and PSI of tires		
Hitch	All towing materials present, in good condition, and operate smoothly		
Stabilizer Jacks	Electronic jack system and autoleveling feature function properly		



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## Interior Inspection

AREA	LOOK FOR	RATING	COMMENTS
Windows and doors	Cracks or discoloration; Examine all seals on interior; Ensure all windows and doors open and close without issue		
Furniture	Check quality of furniture; No major damage; All pieces accounted for; Parts that fold or lift are working properly		
Walls and ceiling	Look for apparent damage or cracks; Examine seals, lights, vents, ducts, and fans		
Flooring	Look for loose flooring; Check gaps around slideouts		
Kitchen	Open/close all cabinet doors and drawers; Ensure hardware is present; Check for movement during transport; Examine kitchen appliances for functionality		
RV control panel	Guarantee all indicators and functions work properly		
The Cab	Check steering wheel, dashboard, transmission, lights, and gauges; Ensure locks and windows operate correctly; Verify brakes and emergency brake		



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## Systems

AREA	LOOK FOR	RATING	COMMENTS
Electric	Test AC and DC power outlets; Ensure all appliances are running properly; Inspect all lights; Ensure air conditioners are exiting cold air		
Plumbing	Examine for leaks by filling freshwater tank and turning on faucets; Ensure toilet flushes; Drains empty quickly; Gauges are accurate		
Propane	Ensure no leaks when turning gas on; Check all appliances that operate with propane		
Engine	Check levels and potential leaks for all fluids; Visual examination for loose hoses or belts, faulty wiring, cracks, or other significant damage		
Generator	Start generator; Listen for loudness; Visual inspection; Ensure specs are sufficient for use		