

Caravan Pre-Departure Checklist

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BEFORE Pack up & secure the van

17 checks

- ☐ 240V / mains electrical lead disconnected
- ☐ Water supply hose disconnected
- ☐ Drainage hose disconnected
- ☐ Door closed & locked
- ☐ All windows & hatches locked
- ☐ Entry step retracted or stored
- ☐ All lights operating correctly
- ☐ Roll-out awning stored & locked in travel position
- ☐ TV antenna / satellite dish securely stored
- ☐ Pop top / roof clamps fully closed & secure
- ☐ All cupboard doors securely closed & latched
- ☐ Refrigerator door lock secured
- ☐ All loose items contained & secured, nothing free to move during travel
- ☐ All loose items on floor secured or stored away
- ☐ All blinds in the OPEN position
- ☐ TV removed from mount & placed safely on floor or in storage
- ☐ All interior doors secured in travel position

DEPART Hitch up & final checks before you roll

16 checks

- ☐ Wheel nuts checked & torqued to spec (recheck every 100km for first 400km, then every 1,000km)
- ☐ Water tank filled & locking cap secured
- ☐ Gas cylinders turned OFF & secured
- ☐ Electric brakes working
- ☐ Jockey wheel removed & stored or locked in travel position
- ☐ Front & rear corner stabilisers in UP position
- ☐ Handbrake fully released
- ☐ 240V / mains electrical lead disconnected
- ☐ 12V power lead correctly connected (lights)
- ☐ Towing aids / level rides correctly connected & adjusted
- ☐ Rear vision mirrors on tow vehicle correctly adjusted
- ☐ Safety chains correctly attached to tow vehicle
- ☐ All road safety lamps operating correctly from tow vehicle
- ☐ Anderson plug connected & secured to tow vehicle
- ☐ Breakaway cable & emergency brake mechanism connected & secured
- ☐ Coupling correctly seated, handle DOWN in correct position

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EN ROUTE First stop & periodic road checks

16 checks

- ☐ First stop: pull over & visually confirm coupling is still seated correctly on ball
- ☐ First stop: safety chains still secure, not dragging or loose
- ☐ First stop: all lights operating correctly (brake, indicator, running lights)
- ☐ First stop: tyres visually OK, no obvious pressure loss or sidewall bulge
- ☐ First stop: awning still locked in travel position
- ☐ First stop: no unusual sounds, vibrations or rattles from the van
- ☐ First stop: rear vision mirrors still correctly adjusted
- ☐ First stop: Anderson plug & 12V lead still connected securely
- ☐ First stop: wheel nut torque recheck after 100km
- ☐ First stop: load still secure, no shifting noticed so far
- ☐ Periodic: couplings & chains still securely fastened
- ☐ Periodic: brakes & wheel bearings not overheating (compare to tow vehicle brakes)
- ☐ Periodic: light connections still secure, all lights working
- ☐ Periodic: tyres still sufficiently inflated
- ☐ Periodic: load still secure
- ☐ Periodic: roll-out awning properly locked in travel position

ARRIVAL Set up camp

12 checks

- ☐ Level the caravan (use app or spirit level)
- ☐ Place wheel chocks
- ☐ Deploy corner stabilisers
- ☐ Lower & secure jockey wheel
- ☐ Connect 240V / mains power lead
- ☐ Connect water supply / fill water tank
- ☐ Turn on gas & check connections
- ☐ Set up TV antenna / satellite dish
- ☐ Roll out awning (if weather permits)
- ☐ Check fridge is running on correct power source
- ☐ Set up outdoor furniture / mats
- ☐ Check level, adjust if needed

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