



Camper & Motorhome Inspection Checklist

Take this with you when you view. Tick what you've seen, write down what you haven't.

VEHICLE _____ DATE _____
SELLER _____ PRICE _____

1. Before you travel to view

- ☐ Ask for the registration number and check the vehicle details match the advert (year, make, model)
- ☐ Ask for a photo of the vehicle registration certificate (logbook) — is it recorded as a motor caravan / camper?
- ☐ Ask when the CRW / CVRT is due and ask for the last certificate
- ☐ Ask if the vehicle was imported — and for the VRT receipt and Irish registration if so
- ☐ Ask about known faults, accident damage, damp, and any repairs done
- ☐ Ask for the last service invoice, the last habitation check and the gas / electrical certificates
- ☐ Confirm the seller is the registered owner and can show photo ID at the viewing
- ☐ Arrange to see the vehicle cold (engine not warmed up) and in daylight, ideally dry weather

2. Paperwork at the viewing

- ☐ Registration certificate (logbook) name and address match the seller's ID
- ☐ Vehicle classification on the logbook matches what is being sold
- ☐ VIN on the vehicle (windscreen / door pillar / chassis) matches the logbook
- ☐ CRW / CVRT certificate present, in date, and the mileage recorded is plausible
- ☐ Motor tax is current
- ☐ Service history: stamped book and/or invoices, including the timing belt or chain where due
- ☐ Habitation check report (ideally within the last 12 months)
- ☐ Gas safety and electrical installation evidence, especially on conversions
- ☐ Import paperwork and VRT receipt (if imported from the UK / NI / EU)
- ☐ Conversion invoices or build photos (professional or self-build)
- ☐ Ownership history and a vehicle history check for outstanding finance

3. Outside, chassis and tyres

- ☐ Body panels: dents, filler, mismatched paint or uneven panel gaps
- ☐ Rust: sills, wheel arches, door bottoms, chassis rails and rear corners
- ☐ Underneath: leaks, corrosion, damaged or bodged exhaust, sagging suspension
- ☐ Roof: cracks, patch repairs, delamination or soft spots; rooflights and vents intact
- ☐ Sealant and window seals intact — no cracked or peeling seals
- ☐ Tyres: even wear, no cracks or bulges, and the date code (age) of each tyre
- ☐ Spare wheel or repair kit present; jack and wheel brace present
- ☐ All lights, indicators and the reversing sensors / camera work
- ☐ Habitation door, locker doors and steps open, close and lock properly

4. Damp and habitation area

- ☐ Ask to see a damp meter reading, or use one: walls, floor, ceiling, around windows and rooflights
- ☐ Smell: musty or sweet smells in lockers, wardrobes and under beds
- ☐ Stains, bubbling wallpaper / panelling, or lifting floor covering
- ☐ Corner joints and rear wall — signs of water ingress or previous repairs
- ☐ Behind cushions and under beds: mould, condensation or moisture
- ☐ Windows and blinds operate; fly screens and blackouts intact
- ☐ Upholstery, cushions and worktops in the condition described

5. Engine, gearbox and drive

- ☐ Cold start: easy start, no excessive smoke, no warning lights that stay on
- ☐ Under the bonnet: leaks, oil and coolant levels, condition of belts and hoses
- ☐ Evidence of the last timing belt / chain service
- ☐ Clutch: bite point, slipping or judder
- ☐ Gearbox: smooth shifts, no crunching or whining
- ☐ Steering: no excess play, pulls to one side, or vibration
- ☐ Brakes: firm pedal, stops straight, no grinding or pulsing
- ☐ Suspension: no clunks over bumps; vehicle sits level
- ☐ Diesel particulate filter / AdBlue system warnings on modern diesels
- ☐ Test drive on a mix of roads and at speed where safe — listen for unusual noises

6. Gas, electrics and water

- ☐ Gas: hoses in good condition and date-marked, regulator secure, gas locker ventilated
- ☐ Gas appliances (hob, heater, fridge on gas) light and run properly
- ☐ Ask when the gas system was last tested — and by whom
- ☐ Fridge works on every energy source it claims to (mains, 12V, gas)
- ☐ Mains hook-up: sockets, consumer unit / RCD, and the hook-up lead condition
- ☐ Leisure battery: age, charge, and how long it holds power
- ☐ Solar panel, controller and charger (if fitted) working
- ☐ Lights, sockets and USB points in the habitation area work
- ☐ Water: pump runs, taps flow, no leaks, tank clean or sanitised
- ☐ Hot water / heater works on each fuel type
- ☐ Toilet and shower: flush works, no leaks, waste drains freely
- ☐ Waste and fresh water tanks and their gauges work

7. Layout, seats and beds

- ☐ Count the belted travel seats and compare with the number of berths advertised
- ☐ Check seat belts and anchor points — no fraying, all latch and release
- ☐ Beds are the size described and convert easily; a real person can sleep in them
- ☐ Headroom, storage and layout work for how you'll actually use it
- ☐ Payload: ask for the plated weight and check the vehicle can carry you, water and luggage
- ☐ Awning, bike rack, towbar and other extras are as described

8. Before you hand over any money

- ☐ Get an insurance quote using the vehicle's exact classification
- ☐ Compare the price with similar vehicles — and with what you've seen at the viewing
- ☐ Consider an independent inspection, especially for older vehicles or high-value ones
- ☐ Agree what's included in writing (keys, manuals, extras, warranty if any)
- ☐ Take a receipt showing the seller's name, the vehicle, price, date and payment method
- ☐ Do not pay a deposit by transfer to an account you cannot verify; be wary of anything that feels rushed
- ☐ If anything doesn't add up, walk away — there will be another one

Notes

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