

Winterisation Check List

Make/Model:

Chassis No.

Date:

The following are general notes; please make your own decision regarding the appropriate action for your vehicle.

Key outcomes for winterisation – plan for worse case – hope for best:

- Preparing your vehicle for a period of non-use,
- Fight your main enemies: damp, frost, sun bleaching and insects/vermin,
- Identification of broken parts, so you can order new parts out of “dealers” busy season,
- Identification of repair work, so you can complete whilst not using the vehicle,
- Time to de-clutter – do you really need all the items stored in your vehicle?

Use a note book / camera to record any damaged parts that need replacing or jobs that you find.

Notes.

1. Some penetrating oils and water dispersal products can react with some plastics, causing swelling, check data sheet.
2. Use products designed for caravan/motor home/leisure vehicle, rather than normal domestic products.
3. Always read and adhere to product / appliance instructions.
4. Always refer to vehicle manufacturer handbook/operating instructions.
5. Prices shown are RRP and correct at time of writing.

OK?	ITEM	Action / Notes
	Bodywork Exterior - note damage (order parts over winter)	
	Body panels: check condition and security	
	Door locks, catches and hinges: check operation, lubricate	SAS 20 (not WD40)
	Trims, inserts and sealants: check condition and security (water ingress signs?)	
	Window & seal: check for damage, lubricate (stops sticking)	THETFORD SEAL LUBE 200ml £5 offer
	Ladders, aerials, cycle racks, grab handles: check security of body attachments	
	Wash: remove salt & road grime, apply protective coating – DO NOT STEAM CLEAN	FENWICKS OVER WINTER 1L £10 offer
	Awning: wash, clean and completely dry before storing for winter	
	Ant powder: apply to corner steadies, wheels and jockey wheel - deter insects	Insect Powder/Spray
	Cover: use, made-to-measure, breathable, soft lining, read instructions	
	Bodywork Interior - Air circulation is key and reduces mildew	
	Food, boxes, equipment: empty all cupboards! (opportunity to review)	
	Seat cushions, foam, pillows & bedding: remove, store in dry location at home	
	Cushions: Remove or leave standing upright away from walls	
	Windows / skylights: check operation, security, water tight, ensure closed	
	Blinds & fly screens: leave open, do not stretch the springs (discuss merits?)	
	Vacuum, clean interior: remove crumbs	
	Fixed ventilation openings: check for free flow of air. Fit small hole mesh.	Insect Powder/Spray
	Fixed beds: leave in the open position, to aid air circulation	
	Locker / wardrobe door: leave open to optimise ventilation	
	Damp traps: to absorb condensation, crystals. Mould on Furniture – explain. Place on trays in case bowl fills with water	
	Electrical Systems 12v	
	12N / 12S or 13 Pin plugs and cables: check condition, spray	SAS 20 (not WD40)
	12v lights including awning light: check operation	
	Road light lens: check for damage condensation	
	Battery: remove, store in garage, use intelligent charger to maintain condition	
	Battery: check condition, clean-lubricate terminals (check level if flooded)	PETROLEUM JELLY
	Electrical appliances: switched ‘off’ and disconnect all plugs.	
	Don’t forget: TV aerial booster, anything on standby mode, and even the voltmeter (control panel) & mover isolator – switch off!	
	Electrical Systems 230v	
	Ensure all appliances are switched “off”, and unplugged, check EHU cable	Review/Plan PIR

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Water System and Appliances	
System drain down - prevents ice damage to taps / pumps / appliances	Thetford toilet pump £35
Tip: Open drain valves / plugs as you leave pitch, open taps, system will shake & drain as you drive. Note: Hot water will kill grass!	
Taps: open (mixer taps, lever in central position)	
Drain valves / drainage plugs: open all (keep them in a safe place)	
Older water heaters: don't forget the external drain plug! (cascade units)	
Shower head: remove and shaken free of water	
Water pumps: run for a few moments to clear water, most good pumps can be run dry for 10-30 seconds – check your handbook for details.	
External submersible pump: disconnect, shake free of water	
Internal water tank: drain or remove	
Filters: remove and save them for after you sterilise the system in spring (some sterilisation treatment damages the filter) then replace.	
Aquaroll (or portable water container): drain, allow to dry thoroughly	
Water inlets & waste outlets: cover to avoid smell and insects	
Spring: Water system sterilization: cleans internal fittings, pipes, storage tanks	TRUMA AQUASTAR 1 & 2 TRUMA AQUASTAR 3
Cassette Toilet	
Toilet: check operation, condition of seal, blade and flush, lubricate seal	THETFORD SEAL LUBE 200ml £5 offer
Flush reservoir: drain via system into waste tank, drain remainder via tube	
Waste tank: remove, empty, clean out	THETFORD TANK CLEANER 1L £8.82
Gas Supply and Appliances	
Gas bottles: disconnect from system, cover hose ends, stop inserts	
Gas bottles: remove, store outside, in secure situation	
Note: when handling, connecting and disconnecting gas ensure engine, electrical equipment, appliances generating sparks are switched off.	
Space heater: remove battery if Truma 3002 12v ignition	
Appliances	
Fridge: wash with warm water / baking soda solution, dry out	BICARBONATE OF SODA SOLUTION
Fridge: leave door ajar - usually a special catch provided for this purpose	
Water heater: ensure unit is full drained (not ALDE)	
Fire and safety	
Carbon monoxide & Smoke alarm: check batteries are good	
Fire extinguisher, fire blanket: check condition, type and expiry date	
Chassis and Running Gear	
Handbrake: check operation	
Breakaway cable and clip: check condition and routing	
Coupling head / safety catch for wear (lubricate if wet hitch)	
Ball acting stabiliser pads: check wear and clean (dry hitch)	
Road wheels: visual inspection for damage	
Check tyres for wear, damage, age and pressure. Move every 6-8 weeks	
Winter wheels: can be fitted, but do not always meet insurers criteria	
Corner steadies: leave down, hand brake in off position, chock wheel	
Wash chassis: remove salt & road grime	DO NOT STEAM CLEAN
Visit every 4-6 weeks, to ensure all is well.	