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RV Checklist

After almost 6 years of fulltiming, I am often asked for tips to help the newbie hit the road. I believe following a checklist is an important part of the process. It's always a good idea to review safety steps no matter how many times you've performed them. I share things learned from my own experience (sometimes found out the "hard way"). I also had lots of good expert input from those more experienced in areas less familiar to me. An RV salesman with over 20 years experience helped with the PDI process, a long-time trailer and 5th wheel tower overlooked that section. These lists were designed to be easy to use, broken down into four stages so you can print out just exactly what you need along the way. Below is a recap of the kind of checklists included and the type of information provided.

Separate detailed lists for interior and exterior elements to check out. Drive Test - how's it handle? What to watch for. Helps keep track of different ones you've seen and how to inspect them.

What to look for on your maiden voyage. Notifications, things to consider, safety checks. One forum contributor solution: "Just stock it with money and it will turn into anything you need." You get 3 pages of more specific things to consider. You might as well do this now while you're stocking it - hopefully it will never come in handy.

Site inspection, setting up procedures, safety checks. Don't forget anything (including your spouse!) Basics on how to be a good neighbor

General instructions for basic hitch setups are provided. Manufacturers have specific instructions to their brands, so be sure you understand their recommendations and procedures.

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