

Holiday Caravan Checklist



CAR CHECKS

- ☐ Fuel tank(s) and Jerry cans full.
- ☐ Oil level in engine and transmission.
- ☐ Coolant level checked.
- ☐ Condition of all hoses checked.
- ☐ Fan belt tension and condition.
- ☐ Brake Fluid level.
- ☐ Tyre pressures, including spares.
- ☐ Check all lights working correctly.
- ☐ Mirrors secured and adjusted.
- ☐ (Insect screen in front of radiator).

CARAVAN INTERIOR

- ☐ Cupboards and drawers closed & table secured.
- ☐ Refrigerator turned ON (12V) and door locked
- ☐ Check that containers with liquids are sealed.
- ☐ Hatches and windows closed.
- ☐ TV Aerial lowered and locked
- ☐ No loose items in cupboards or on shelves.
- ☐ Roof lights OFF.
- ☐ 12V water pump OFF
- ☐ Battery switch is ON
- ☐ Van toilet chemicals stored and secured
- ☐ First Aid kit checked
- ☐ TV stored and secured.
- ☐ Fire blanket & extinguisher checked.
- ☐ Toilet, pump & chemicals checked
- ☐ Van battery, Solar charging checked
- ☐ Fridge working & 'cold'

CARAVAN EXTERIOR

- ☐ Gas bottles filled, fitted and secured.
- ☐ Hoses & connections checked
- ☐ Jerry cans filled and secured.
- ☐ 2 x 80l Water tanks filled.
- ☐ Brakes checked and adjusted.
- ☐ Wheel bearings checked & serviced.
- ☐ Wheel nuts tight AND tyre condition checked.
- ☐ Awning secured and in 'Closed' position
- ☐ 2KV generator & fuel/oil

When connected to 240V

- 240V Hot Water service turned ON (outside switch) if gas Hot Water not required
- Refrigerator turned to 240V
- 12V water pump turned ON for toilet use only

When connected to Mains Pressure

- 12V Water Pump ON for toilet use only
- Can use hand pump for Rain Water from tanks

BEFORE MOVING OFF

- ☐ Jockey wheel removed or secured.
- ☐ Doors, hatches, flaps, windows closed and locked. Drawers/cup doors closed & latched
- ☐ Bed end secured & locked
- ☐ TV aerial lowered & secured
- ☐ Pop-Top lowered & secured
- ☐ Awning secured, strapped, knobs tight
- ☐ Gas turned off.
- ☐ Electrical connection between car and van secured and checked.
- ☐ Lights operating correctly.
- ☐ Tyres inflated correctly.
- ☐ Wheel chocks removed & Jacks raised
- ☐ 240V electrical lead disconnected and stored.
- ☐ Waste water pipes & Manifold empty & stored
- ☐ Steps raised.
- ☐ Safety chains secured & Hand brake released
- ☐ Check & clear site

USEFUL SPARES

- ☐ Fan belt & Radiator hoses.
- ☐ Engine oil & Coolant.
- ☐ Spare wheels to suit BT50.
- ☐ Spare wheels for Panda.
- ☐ Insulating tape & Electrical wire.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Assortment of tools to suit sizes on car & van.
- ☐ Puncture repair kit.
- ☐ Wheel brace to suit wheel nuts on car and caravan.
- ☐ Jack to suit car and caravan
- ☐ Tyre pressure gauge & pump.
- ☐ Wheel chocks & ramp for uneven ground.
- ☐ Blocks for placing under corner stabilisers when ground is soft or under a wheel when site is not level.

Refrigerator Operation

- Gas – Hold on & .ignite until gauge registers ignition – set to 4-5
- 240V – Preferred operation – set to 3-4.
- 12V – Use when travelling – set to 4-5.

Hot Water Service Operation when no 240V

- 12V – Turn ON water pump & test flow
- Turn H/W to Gas (will self ignite)
- Clear H/W pipes to clear air locks

All gas lines, connections, appliances and electrical fittings must be checked regularly.

Fire extinguisher, gas & CO₂ alarms should be checked regularly.

Charging of Caravan battery occurs when connected to 240V, when driving or van solar panels

CARAVAN HOLIDAY CHECKLIST (continued)

BEDDING

- Sheets
- Blankets & Sleeping bags (doona)
- Pillows (inc extras with carry bags)

KITCHEN (packed in stackable boxes with lids)

- Tea towels
- Towels
- *Cutlery inc steak knives
- *4 plates, bowls, mugs, bread plates (Corella)
- *Glasses & tumblers
- *Plastic bowls for nibbles etc
- *sm/med frying pans
- *sm/med saucepans
- 240V Induction cooktop
- *Kettle & toaster.
- *Kitchen utensils – knife, soup ladle, veg peeler, can opener, egg slice, breadknife, cutting board
- *Cleaning gear – detergent, green scourer, S/S scourer, dustpan, broom, garbage bags, insect spray & swat
- (Matches, gas lighter)

ANNEXE

- Ground sheet for floor
- Folding cupboard
- Folding table
- Folding chairs, stubby holders
- Washing line cord, pegs, washing basin
- Shade for awning

FOOD (packed in stackable boxes with lids)

- Breakfast cereals
- UHT Milk & juices
- Bread, butter & spreads (vegemite, peanut paste)
- Pickles, mustard, sauces, spices
- Soups, tinned foods
- Meat including cold meats
- Vegetables including tomatoes
- Fruit
- Drinks
- Beer/wine/Soda Stream

CLOTHES

- T-shirts and tops
- Slacks
- Socks and sneakers
- Underwear
- Tissues / handkerchiefs.

TOILETRIES

- Toiletry bags checked and refreshed
- Bath towels
- Shampoo, conditioner, soap
- Toilet paper
- Deodorants
- *Hair dryer

UHF CHANNEL GUIDE

Calling channel 11

This channel is used to call another user who may be listening on the call channel (such as a friend). After contact you must move to another channel.

Most country operators sit on other general use channels. Scanning all channels is more useful to find these other operators.

Channel 40 is used by highway vehicles and trucks. (firmly established by tradition)

Channel 18 is used by caravans and campers. (by courteous agreement)

Channel 10 is for 4WD drivers which is becoming more popular and is recommended officially in national parks. (by courteous agreement)

Channel 5 is for emergency repeaters (allocated in law)

(For locations please ask for a repeater list)

For other regions, scanning all channels is a far more effective way of locating other UHF users in an emergency.

General use channels are **9, 12, 17, 19 to 21, 24 to 30 and 39.**