# STARCRAFT—

**CAMPING** | pure and simple.

# 2015 CAMPING TRAILERS STARFLYER | COMET



#### THE STARCRAFT ECOADVANTAGE IS OUR COMPANY'S COMMITMENT TO

**PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT.** Through Starcraft's company-wide sustainability program, we're creating better ways to build better RVs using fewer natural resources. Already, our initiative has created significant impact. As of April 2013, our company has:

# Recycled



- 6566 tons of wood
- 2191 tons of scrap metal
- 1,118 tons of cardboard and paper

# Conserved



- 7,827,330 gallons of fresh water, enough to meet the daily needs of 104,360 Americans.
- 26,837 gallons of gas, enough for Americans to drive more than 750.400 miles.
- Enough electricity to power 1518 homes for a year.

# Saved



- 52,496 mature trees.
- Enough landfill airspace to meet the annual disposal needs of a community of 40,061 people.

We're proud of our results, and we know those numbers show that a little initiative can go a long way. The Starcraft EcoAdvantage is our way of making sure endless generations can enjoy the Great Outdoors..

# WARNING: READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL AND COMPONENT MANUFACTURER SUPPLIED INFORMATION BEFORE USING YOUR RV.

This manual has been provided by Starcraft, Inc. for the sole purpose of providing instructions concerning the operation and maintenance of this vehicle and its components. Nothing in this manual creates any warranty, either expressed or implied. The only warranty offered by Starcraft, Inc. is as set forth in the limited warranty applicable to this vehicle.

The owner's failure to provide required service and/or maintenance could result in the loss of warranty. The owner should review Starcraft's limited warranty and the limited warranties that apply to specific components that are offered with this vehicle.

Instructions are included in the manual for operating various components which are optional on some vehicles or may not be available on your particular model. "If so equipped" does not indicate or imply that the component(s) or option(s) were at any time available, or can be retrofitted to your model. In addition, the owner should refer to individual manufacturer's operating instructions contained in the owner's packet.

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**C**ongratulations! Thank you for selecting a Starcraft RV. We are excited to welcome you to our growing RV family. We are committed to being the most respected name in RVs. We invite you to drop by our manufacturing facility. To book a group tour or check scheduled factory tour times (free admission, closed holidays) please call (800) 945-4787.

## **ABOUT THIS MANUAL**

This manual is a guide to the operation and maintenance of your RV. Starcraft RVs are available in several sizes and models, so accessories and components may differ. Some equipment described in this manual may not apply to your RV. If you find the components vary significantly from what is described, contact your dealer to ensure you have the correct information. Nothing in this manual creates any warranty, either expressed or implied, nor does it cover every possible detail of equipment, standard or option, installed on or in your RV.

Information, illustrations and specifications in this manual reflect the most current available at the time of publication approval, are subject to change and not intended to indicate actual size.

# **WARRANTY PACKET**

The Warranty Packet contains original equipment manufacturer (OEM) operator manuals, warranty cards and/or registrations. It is important you complete and mail the warranty cards and registrations within the prescribed time limits to avoid loss of warranty coverage. This manual and the Warranty Packet should be considered a permanent part of the RV. If the RV is sold, they should remain with the RV for the next owner.

# SAFETY ALERTS

Your safety, and the safety of others, is very important. To help you make informed decisions, we have provided operating procedures and other information on safety labels affixed to your RV and in this manual. Please call your dealer or Starcraft Customer Service if you are unsure how to proceed. Always use the appropriate safety gear when servicing or maintaining your RV.



This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.



This indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



This indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



This indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in minor or moderate injury.

# CAUTION

This indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in property damage.

# REPORTING SAFETY DEFECTS

# In the United States

If you believe that your RV has an alleged defect that could cause a crash or cause injury or death, you should immediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Starcraft.

If NHTSA receives similar complaints, it may open an investigation, and if it finds that a safety defect exists in a group of vehicles it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in individual problems between you, your dealer or Starcraft. For additional information, please refer to the NHTSA website at www.safercar.gov.

# To contact NHTSA by phone:

Call the Department of Transportation (DOT) Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 and a NHTSA representative will record your complaint information (TTY: 1-800-424-9153 or 1-202-484-5238).

To contact NHTSA by mail:
Office of Defects Investigations/CRD
NVS-216
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

#### In Canada

If you believe your RV has an alleged safety defect, you should contact Transport Canada and Starcraft. Transport Canada prefers to be called instead of posted mail or email as it enables their investigators to confirm that your information is correct, and to answer your questions accurately. For additional information, please refer to the Transport Canada website at www.tc.gc.ca.

To contact Transport Canada by phone:

Call 1-800-333-0510 (or 1-613-993-9851 if you are calling from the Ottawa region) and ask to speak to a defect investigator.

To contact Transport Canada by mail:
Road Safety and Motor Vehicle
Regulation Directorate
Transport Canada
Tower C, Place de Ville
330 Sparks Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N5

# **MANUFACTURING PROCESS**

Starcraft recreation vehicles are manufactured for use as temporary living quarters for recreation, camping and travel uses, all as defined by the bylaws of the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA).

This recreation vehicle is not intended for use as a full-time residence or for commercial use. Commercial use means using the RV as a business asset such as a mobile office or using the RV for lease or rental purposes.

Starcraft reserves the right to discontinue or change specifications or design at any time without notice and without incurring any obligation whatsoever. RV's built for sale in Canada may differ to conform to Canadian Codes.

# **CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITY**

It is important you read and understand the information in this manual and your Warranty Packet using your RV.

Familiarize yourself with the applicable warranties. You are responsible for ensuring the procedures for obtaining warranty repair are followed properly. It is your responsibility and obligation to return your RV to your dealer for warranty service repair.

As the owner of the RV, you are responsible for regular and proper maintenance performed in accordance with this manual and the OEM manuals. Regular and proper maintenance will help prevent conditions arising from neglect that are not covered by warranty.

As with your other personal belongings, it is important to protect yourself and others with insurance coverage. Your insurance agent can assist you in obtaining the appropriate insurance coverage for personal liability, theft, collision, property damage, etc.

# **DEALER RESPONSIBILITY**

At the time of sale of the new RV, your dealer is expected to:

- Deliver your RV in the best condition possible. Your RV must pass the dealer's pre-delivery inspection (PDI), including all systems tests.
- Provide orientation of the RV, its systems, components and operation.
- Request that you read all warranty information and explain any provision not clearly understood.
- Ensure you receive the Warranty Packet. Your dealer can assist you in completing the OEM warranty cards or registrations, and locate any required component model or serial numbers.
- Complete and return the "Warranty Registration and Customer Delivery Form" to Starcraft within 10 days of delivery to activate the applicable warranty coverage.

The **Towable Limited Warranty** is activated only after Starcraft receives a signed and dated "Warranty Registration and Customer Delivery Form" from your dealer.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR OBTAINING SERVICE

The independent dealers authorized to sell Starcraft RVs are also there to provide service after the sale. We work closely with them in an effort to keep you satisfied. To help ensure your dealer provides the level of service you expect, here are some suggestions we would like to make:

**Contact your dealer at once...** Do not wait until you are ready to use your RV. Your dealer may not be able to service it immediately and/or the repair may require parts be ordered. The dealer's service department is busiest on Mondays, Fridays and before the holidays.

**Prepare for the appointment...** If you are having warranty work performed, be sure to have the right papers with you. Take your warranty folder and have your vehicle information available. Not all the work to be performed may be covered by the warranty; discuss additional charges with the dealer's service management.

**Prepare a list...** Provide your dealer with a written list of specific repairs needed. It is important that you provide any vehicle repair history to the dealer's service manager. Keep a maintenance log of your RV service history. This can often provide a clue to the current issue.

**Be reasonable with your requests...** If you leave a list with several items and you need your RV returned back by a specific time, discuss the situation with the dealer's service management and list your items in order of priority. This may include making a second appointment for work not completed or parts that the dealer may need to order.

**Don't expect to look over the technician's shoulder...** Please do not be offended if you are told you cannot watch the work being done. Some insurance requirements forbid admission of customers to the service area.

**Inspect the work performed...** Finally, check out the service or repair job when you pick up your RV. Notify the dealer's service management immediately of any dissatisfaction. If you cannot return your RV immediately for repair, make an appointment as soon as possible.

Please be aware that all repair businesses require notification of any issues with their repairs within a specified time limit. Make sure you are familiar with your dealer or RV repair center's repair policies.

# **CUSTOMER RELATIONS**

Starcraft has empowered its dealers to make warranty and repair decisions. If a special circumstance occurs that requires information from Starcraft, we have asked your dealer's service management to make the contact on your behalf. This is why you should always talk to your dealer's service management first.

Most issues arise from misunderstandings about warranty or service needs. We recognize that, on some occasions, you will not be totally satisfied with a dealer's decision or actions. If this is the case, you should write or call Starcraft Customer Service. Our hours are Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST (closed holidays).

Please provide the following information:

- Your name, location and phone number.
- □ Your RV 17-digit vehicle identification number (VIN).
- Your date of purchase.
- The name of your selling dealer.
  - If different from above, the contact information for the RV repair facility you are contacting Starcraft to discuss.
- A detailed description of the concern.
- If applicable, the component description, serial number and model number.

Mailing address Shipping address

Starcraft, Inc.

Customer Service
P.O. Box 460
903 S. Main Street
Middlebury IN 46540

Starcraft, Inc.

Customer Service
100 Bontrager Drive
Bldg 42 Door 4220
Middlebury IN 46540

Phone (toll-free) (800) 945-4787 Fax (574) 825-6092

Brochure request info@Starcraftrv.com
Parts email parts@Starcraftrv.com
Service email service@Starcraftrv.com
Website www.Starcraftrv.com

# An important note about alterations and warranties

Installations or alterations to the original equipment vehicle as distributed by Starcraft are not covered by the Towable Limited Warranty. The special body company, assembler, equipment installer or upfitter is solely responsible for warranties on the body or equipment and any alterations (or any effect of the alterations) to any of the parts, components, systems or assemblies installed by Starcraft. Starcraft is not responsible for the safety or quality of design features, materials or workmanship of any alterations by such suppliers.

# **UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Help keep your contact information current so that, in the event of a recall or customer notification letter, you are notified. Please copy and mail your completed "Change of Address or Ownership, Stolen, Totaled or Destroyed" form to Starcraft. If you purchased your RV as "used," include proof of ownership (i.e., a copy of your bill of sale, insurance policy, etc.).

#### STARCRAFT TRAVEL CLUB

All owners of Starcraft RVs are eligible for membership in the Starcraft Camper Club. The club promotes family camping and the active use of your RV with others who have similar interests in the RV lifestyle.

One "International Rally" is held each year in various locations around the United States and Canada. In addition, the club offers a variety of local and regional activities throughout the year.



By belonging to the Starcraft Camper Club, you will find new ways to enjoy your RV and make friends all across the country. For more information, please visit www.Starcraftrvclub.com, or call 1-800-262-5178.

# **OBTAINING EMERGENCY WARRANTY REPAIR**

A roadside emergency can happen at any time, whether your RV is new or old. If you are traveling, using the following guidelines can help get you back on the road faster.

 Call 1-800-945-4787 or use our website dealer locator to find an authorized Starcraft dealer in your area. Contact them for an appointment; they will handle all warranty repair billing and returned parts for you.

- If you cannot locate an authorized Starcraft dealer near you, ask the campground staff for referrals or check the local telephone yellow pages. Or contact Starcraft Customer Service or your selling dealer for assistance in locating a repair facility.
  - a. Contact the RV repair facility to discuss your situation and make an appointment. Ask how their billing will be handled. They may choose to bill Starcraft directly; otherwise, you are expected to pay them.
  - b. Have the RV repair facility inspect your RV. Either they or you must call Starcraft Customer Service to discuss applicable warranty coverage <u>prior</u> to any repair work being performed.
  - c. Starcraft Customer Service will issue an authorization number upon warranty repair approval and advise if any original parts need to be returned.
  - d. Once Starcraft Customer Service has issued an authorization number, the RV repair facility may begin actual repair to your RV.
  - e. Inspect the completed repair work thoroughly. If you are not satisfied, communicate that immediately to the RV repair facility management. Make sure you are satisfied with the repair before you pay or leave the premises.
  - f. For reimbursement, either you or the RV repair facility must send a copy of your itemized repair bill and all requested return parts by UPS (regular ground, freight pre-paid) within 60 days of the completed repair date.

To expedite processing your warranty claim, include your name, address, phone number, RV 17-digit VIN and authorization number. If returning parts, include a copy of your return freight bill.

# Obtaining weekend or after business hours repair assistance

If an authorized Starcraft dealer is not located nearby, contact your selling dealer for assistance. If your dealer is closed, check with the campground staff or telephone yellow pages for an RV repair facility. Have the item repaired and contact Starcraft Customer Service immediately the following business day.

Failure to contact Starcraft Customer Service, unauthorized or improper warranty repairs, or failure to return requested original parts may result in loss of reimbursements and/or loss of warranty.

# **OBTAINING SERVICE FOR SEPARATELY WARRANTED ITEMS**

Your selling dealer is responsible for servicing your RV before delivery, and has an interest in your continued satisfaction. We recommend your dealer perform all inspection, warranty and maintenance services. Some dealers may be authorized service centers for those OEMs whose products are warranted separately and excluded from the **Towable Limited Warranty**.

# **OBTAINING SERVICE AT STARCRAFT**

Should your RV be in need of service, and your dealer recommend that the repairs be made at the Starcraft Factory Service Center, your RV may be returned to us with the following guidelines\*:

- □ You or your dealer must make a confirmed appointment a minimum of 60 days prior to dropping off your RV at the Starcraft Factory Service Center.
- ☐ The holding tanks must be emptied and rinsed. We have a dumping station available for customer use.

- The propane system and all electrical systems must be shut down and turned off. We are not responsible for discharged batteries or propane tanks.
- During the appropriate season, please ensure your RV is winterized.
- Unless prior approval has been obtained from the Starcraft Factory Service Center, all personal items must be removed from the area where you are requesting service repair and the refrigerator emptied. We are not responsible for loss of food items.
- You are responsible for all transportation costs. You may need to arrange for alternative accommodations for some types of repairs. Please be prepared accordingly.

\*Starcraft Customer Service occasionally utilizes local independent repair facilities. Your RV may be referred to or repaired by one of these local repair facilities.

# REPLACEMENT PARTS

Parts for Starcraft RVs are distributed exclusively by authorized Starcraft dealers. Starcraft does not sell parts retail direct or to non-authorized dealers. If an original part is no longer available, Starcraft will try to provide an appropriate substitute.

# STARCRAFT TOWABLE LIMITED WARRANTY

## WHAT AND WHO IS COVERED

The Starcraft warranty covers this recreational vehicle ("RV"), when used only for its intended purpose of recreational travel and camping, for two (2) years. It covers RV's sold in, and remain in, the United States, U.S. Territories and Canada, only. The warranty period begins on the date that the RV is delivered to the first retail purchaser by an independent, authorized dealer of Starcraft, or, if the dealer places the vehicle in service prior to retail sale, on the date the RV is first placed in such service. In the event that a substantial defect in material or workmanship, attributable to Starcraft, is found to exist during the warranty period, it will be repaired or replaced, at Starcraft's option, without charge to the RV owner, in accordance with the terms, conditions and limitations of this limited warranty.

This limited warranty applies to the first consumer purchaser only. All rights and limitations within this warranty are applicable to the original owner of the RV only. You may contact an independent, authorized dealer for details.

Starcraft's obligation to repair or replace defective materials or workmanship is the sole obligation of Starcraft under this limited warranty. Starcraft reserves the right to have new or remanufactured parts of similar quality used to complete any work, and to make parts and design changes from time to time without notice to anyone. Starcraft reserves the right to make changes in the design or material of its products without incurring any obligation to incorporate such changes in any product previously manufactured. Starcraft makes no warranty as to the future performance of this RV, and this limited warranty is not intended to extend to the future performance of this RV, or any of its materials, components or parts. In addition, the RV owner's obligation to notify Starcraft, or one of its independent, authorized dealers, of a claimed defect does not modify any obligation placed on the RV owner to contact Starcraft directly when attempting to pursue remedies under state or federal law.

# LIMITATIONS, EXCLUSIONS AND DISCLAIMER OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES

ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY THAT IS FOUND TO ARISE BY WAY OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF FITNESS, IS LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE DURATION SET FORTH IN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY AND IS LIMITED IN SCOPE OF COVERAGE TO THE SCOPE OF COVERAGE OF THIS LIMITED WARRANTY.

Starcraft makes no warranty of any nature beyond that contained in this limited warranty. Starcraft does not authorize any person to create any other obligation or liability for it regarding this RV, and Starcraft is not responsible for any representation, promise or warranty made by any dealer or other person beyond what is expressly stated in this limited warranty, and no one has the authority to enlarge, amend or modify this limited warranty. Any selling or servicing dealer is not Starcraft's agent, but an independent entity.

STARCRAFT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES THAT MAY RESULT FROM BREACH OF THIS LIMITED WARRANTY OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY.

THIS EXCLUSION OF CONSEQUENTIAL AND INCIDENTAL DAMAGES SHALL BE INDEPENDENT OF ANY FAILURE OF THE ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF ANY WARRANTY, AND THIS EXCLUSION SHALL SURVIVE ANY DETERMINATION THAT THIS LIMITED WARRANTY OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY HAS FAILED OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE.

Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you.

# **HOW TO GET SERVICE**

To obtain warranty service the owner must do all of the following:

- Notify an independent, authorized dealer of Starcraft, or Starcraft, of the substantial defect in material or workmanship attributable to Starcraft, within the warranty coverage period designated above;
- 2. Provide the notification mentioned in (1), above, within ten (10) days of when the owner discovered, or should have discovered, the substantial defect in material or workmanship attributable to Starcraft;
- 3. Promptly schedule an appointment with and take the RV to an independent, authorized dealer of Starcraft, or Starcraft, for repairs; and
- 4. Pay any freight or transportation costs, import duties, fees and all incidental expenses associated with obtaining warranty service.

For warranty service simply contact one of Starcraft's independent, authorized service centers for an appointment and then deliver your RV to the service center on the specified appointment date. If you need assistance you may contact Starcraft RV at 903 S. Main Street, P.O. Box 460, Middlebury, Indiana 46540, Attn: Customer Service, (800) 945-4787 or www.starcraftrv.com.

NOTE: Starcraft does not control the scheduling of service work at the independent, authorized dealerships. You may encounter some delay in scheduling or completion of work. Also, you must notify the selling dealer at time of delivery to have work performed on any defect that occurred at the factory during manufacture at no cost to you as provided by this limited warranty. (See below under WHAT IS NOT COVERED).

If two (2) or more service attempts have been made to correct any covered defect that you believe impairs the value, use or safety of the RV, or if it has taken longer than thirty (30) days for those types of repairs to be completed, you must, to the extent permitted by law, notify Starcraft directly, in writing, at the above address, of the unsuccessful repair(s) of the alleged defect(s) so that Starcraft can become directly involved in making sure that you are provided service pursuant to the terms of this limited warranty.

#### WHAT IS NOT COVERED

By way of example only, this limited warranty does not cover any of the following: defects in materials, components or parts of the RV not attributable to Starcraft; items that are added or changed after the RV leaves the possession of Jayco; additional equipment or accessories installed at any dealership, or other place of business, or by any other party, other than Starcraft; any RV used for rental or other commercial purposes (Note: It shall be concluded that the RV has been used for commercial and/or business purposes if the RV owner or user files a tax form claiming any business or commercial tax benefit related to the RV, or if

the RV is purchased, registered or titled in a business name); any RV sold or used outside the United States, U.S. Territories or Canada; any RV not used solely for recreational travel and camping; any RV purchased through auction or wholesale; any RV purchased from a dealer that is not an authorized dealer of Starcraft; normal wear, tear or usage, such as tears, punctures, soiling, mildew, fading, or discoloration of exterior plastic or fiberglass, or soft goods, such as upholstery, drapes, carpet, vinyl, screens, cushions, mattresses and fabrics; the effects of condensation or moisture from condensation inside the RV; mold or any damage caused by mold to the inside or outside of the RV; imperfections that do not affect the suitability of the RV for its intended purpose of recreational use or items that are working as designed but that you are unhappy with; problems, including water leaks, related to misuse, mishandling, neglect or abuse, including failure to maintain the RV in accordance with the owner's manual, or other routine maintenance such as inspections, lubricating, adjustments, tightening of screws and fittings, tightening of lug nuts, sealing, rotating tires; damage due to accident, whether or not foreseeable, including any acts of weather or damage or corrosion due to the environment, theft, vandalism, fire, or other intervening acts not attributable to Starcraft; service items such as windshield wiper blades, lubricants, fluids, filters, etc.; damage resulting from tire wear or tire failure; defacing, scratches, dents, chips on any surface or fabric of the RV; damage caused by off road use, overloading the RV or alteration of the RV, or any of its components or parts; wheel alignment or adjustments to axles when caused by improper maintenance, loading or damage from road hazards, including off road travel, wheel damage or balancing or damage from tire failures. Also, any costs associated with obtaining service, including by way of example, travel costs, are specifically excluded from the coverage of this warranty.

In addition, this limited warranty does not cover any material, component or part of the RV that is warranted by another entity, including, by way of example, handling, braking, wheel balance, muffler, tires, tubes, batteries, gauges, generator, hydraulic jacks, inverter, converter, microwave, television, DVD/CD player, radio, speakers, television, refrigerator, range, hot water heater, water pump, stove, carbon monoxide detector, smoke detector, propane detector, furnace or any air conditioner. (Note: The written warranty provided by the manufacturer of the component part is the direct responsibility of that manufacturer).

Defects and/or damage to interior and exterior surfaces, trim, upholstery and other appearance items may occur at the factory. These items are usually detected and corrected at the factory or by the selling dealer prior to delivery to the retail customer. You must inspect your RV for this type of damage when you take delivery. If you find any such defect or damage you must notify the selling dealer at time of delivery to have these items covered by this limited warranty and to have work performed on the items at no cost to you as provided by this limited warranty.

# EVENTS DISCHARGING STARCRAFT FROM OBLIGATION UNDER WARRANTY

Certain things completely discharge Starcraft from any obligation under this warranty and void it. By way of example, the following shall discharge Starcraft from any express or implied warranty obligation to repair or replace any defect that results from: any rental or other commercial use or purchase of the RV (as defined in this warranty), any RV sold outside of, or used outside of, the United States, U.S. Territories or Canada, through an auction or wholesale or by a non-

authorized dealer, any defect in a separately manufactured component part, owner neglect or failure to provide routine maintenance (See Owner's Manual), unauthorized alteration, off road use, collision or accident, whether or not foreseeable, including any acts of weather or damage or corrosion due to the environment, theft, vandalism, fire, explosions, overloading in excess of weight ratings, and tampering with any portion of the RV.

#### **LEGAL REMEDIES**

Any action to enforce any portion of this limited warranty, or any implied warranty, shall be commenced within six

(6) months after expiration of the warranty coverage period designated above. Any performance of repairs shall not suspend this limitation period from expiring. Any performance of repairs after the warranty coverage period has expired, or performance of repairs regarding anything excluded from coverage under this limited warranty shall be considered "good will" repairs, and they will not alter the express terms of this limited warranty, or extend the warranty coverage period or this limitation period. In addition, this warranty is not intended to extend to future performance, and nothing in this warranty, or any action of Starcraft, or any agent of Starcraft, shall be interpreted as an extension of the warranty period or this limitation period. Some states do not allow a reduction in the statute of limitations, so this reduction may not apply to you.

#### WARRANTY REGISTRATIONS

Your warranty registration records should be completed and delivered to the manufacturers of component parts. The selling dealership will assist you in completing and submitting the Starcraft product warranty registration form. That form must be returned to Starcraft within ten (10) days of your taking delivery of the RV. Your warranty will not be registered unless this warranty registration is completed and received by Starcraft. Failure to file this warranty registration with Starcraft will not affect your rights under this limited warranty as long as you can present proof of purchase, but it can cause delays in obtaining the benefits of this limited warranty, and it may inhibit any servicing facility's ability to provide proper repairs and/or part replacement.

#### CARE AND MAINTENANCE

It is the owner's responsibility to perform proper care and maintenance of the RV, and to assure correct load distribution. For details regarding this, please see your RV owner's manual and the owner's manuals of other component part manufacturers. These outline various care and maintenance that is required to maintain your RV. Please review all manuals supplied with your RV, and contact your selling dealership or supplier of the component part if you have questions. Note: Failure to maintain the RV as noted in those manuals voids this limited warranty, and any damage to the RV as a result of your failure to perform such care, is not covered by this limited warranty.

THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER RIGHTS THAT VARY FROM STATE TO STATE.

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# COMET EXTENDED LIMITED WARRANTY Camping Trailers Lifter System, Frame, Floor, Roof, Tent

### WHAT AND WHO IS COVERED

The Starcraft warranty provides extended limited warranties on the lifter system, frame, floor, roof, and tent of Camping Trailers as outlined below. Starcraft warrants that all parts of our manufacture are free from substantial defects in materials and workmanship during the warranty period under normal use and service, when used for its intended purpose of recreational travel and camping. The warranty period shall begin on the date the vehicle is sold to the first retail purchaser only, or, if the dealer places the vehicle in service prior to retail sale, on the date the Camping Trailer is first placed in such service.

# Lifter System

- Starcraft extends to the original retail purchaser only, a limited warranty on the lifter system against functional defects in material or workmanship for twenty-five (25) years.
- a. <u>Exclusions</u>: Normal adjustments to the lifter system (such as periodic roof height adjustment to compensate for stretch in cables) are covered by this warranty for the first year only. The installation of a roof air conditioner or any other cargo CANNOT exceed 350 pounds. Exceeding this limit voids the warranty provision on the lifter system. Do not lift roof with any load in place and always unlock all roof latches before raising. Any damages resulting from alterations, improper maintenance, improper repair, improper use or by use of improper repair parts to the lifter system. The twenty-five (25) year provision does not cover repair or replacement of the optional power motor and winch assembly.

#### Steel Frame

- 2. Starcraft extends to the original retail purchaser only, a limited warranty on the steel frame against functional defects in material or workmanship for five (5) years.
- a. <u>Exclusions</u>: This warranty provision does not include the frame surface, axle beam, springs or running gear components.

# Floor

- 3. Starcraft extends to the original retail purchaser only, a limited warranty on the floor against functional defects in material or workmanship in the structural integrity of the floor for twenty-five (25) years.
- a. <u>Exclusions</u>: The vinyl floor covering is covered for the first two years of ownership only. The vinyl floor covering is NOT warranted against gouges, cuts or tears. Repair or replacement of the vinyl floor covering will be the sole remedy for defects.

#### **Bed Platforms**

4. Starcraft extends to the original retail purchaser only, a limited warranty on the bed wood against functional defects in material or workmanship for five (5) years and applies only to the structural integrity of the bed wood.

# Roof

 Starcraft extends to the original retail purchaser only, a limited warranty on the roof against functional defects in material or workmanship for five (5) years.

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a. <u>Exclusions</u>: This warranty provision for the roof does not include maintenance, surface finish, resealing, or damage due to the installation of non-standard equipment. NOTE: Snow loads must be removed from the roof to avoid damage to the roof.

# **Tent Material**

- 6. Starcraft extends to the original retail purchaser only, a limited warranty on the tent material sections(s) for seven (7) years from the date of retail purchase against functional defects in material or workmanship on the Camping Trailers. During first two (2) years, parts, labor and freight are covered. During years three (3) through seven (7), parts, Starcraft factory labor and return freight from Starcraft are covered. Dealer labor to remove and reinstall the tent sections(s) plus shipping costs to Starcraft is not covered. (In simple terms, you send it to us, we will fix it and send it back during years three (3) through seven (7)).
- a. <u>Exclusions</u>: The tent section(s) is not warranted against fading, discoloration, soiling, leaking due to contaminants, mildew from condensation or storing tent when wet, or problems resulting from misuse or abuse. Rips, tears and damage caused by insects and/or rodents are not covered under any warranty.

# **COMPANY'S OBLIGATIONS**

If the manual lifter system, steel frame, floor or roof is determined to have a functional defect in material or workmanship during the warranty term, Starcraft will remedy the defect without charge for parts or labor, within a reasonable time after receipt of notice, either by repair or replacement at Starcraft's sole option. Coverage for the tent section(s) is for the pro-rated duration as noted in Policy 6 of this warranty. Warranty service may be obtained from Starcraft or its independent, authorized dealers, or repair centers designated and authorized by Starcraft or its dealers. In the event the purchaser discovers a functional defect in the manual lifter system, steel frame, floor or roof, and has one of those components repaired by an unauthorized service person and said repairs are covered by this Warranty, Starcraft shall be liable only for cost of those repairs up to the amount that Starcraft would have incurred if Starcraft or an independent, authorized dealer had made the repairs. Warranty performance will commence within a reasonable time after Starcraft's receipt of notice of the defect and will be completed within a reasonable time, subject to availability of parts and scheduling.

# ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM WARRANTY

This Warranty does not cover defects caused by:

- a. Negligence in operation and maintenance.
- b. Misuse
- c. Damage not resulting from defect or malfunction (act of God)
- d. Any damage caused by alterations or additions to original equipment.
- e. Claims relating to unauthorized repair, damage or defects.
- f. Commercial or residential use.

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#### **PURCHASER'S OBLIGATIONS**

Purchaser shall give notice on this warranty within ten (10) days after discovery of the defect to either an independent, authorized Starcraft dealer or Starcraft. Notice should contain the name and mailing address, proof of date of purchase, model, year and serial number of the unit, name and address of the selling dealer and a description of the defect. All costs incurred by Purchaser in transporting the Camping Trailer for warranty service shall be borne by Purchaser. No action to enforce this Warranty shall be commenced later than three (3) months after the expiration of the warranty period.

#### DISCLAIMER OF CONSEQUENTIAL AND INCIDENTAL DAMAGES

You and any other user of Starcraft products shall not be entitled to any consequential or incidental damages, including without limitation, loss of use of the unit, inconvenience, lodging, damage to personal property, phone calls, meals, lost income or earnings. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state.

# DISCLAIMER AND LIMITATION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES

Starcraft does not authorize any person to create for it any other obligation or liability in connection with this vehicle. Any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose applicable to this vehicle is limited in duration to the duration of this written warranty. The performance of repairs is the exclusive remedy under this written warranty or any implied warranty. Starcraft shall not be liable for incidental or consequential damages resulting from breach of this written warranty or any implied warranty. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty will last or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you.

#### PARTS AND DESIGN CHANGES

Starcraft may make parts and design changes from time to time without notice and repairs or replacements may be made with new or different parts. Starcraft reserves the right to make changes in the design or material or is products without incurring any obligation to incorporate such changes in any product previously manufactured.

All inquiries regarding this Warranty should be sent to:

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# STARFLYER LIMITED TENT WARRANTY

#### WHAT AND WHO IS COVERED

The Starcraft limited tent warranty covers the tents on the bunk ends of the slide rooms of this camping trailer, when the RV is used only for its intended purpose of recreational travel and camping. This warranty covers parts, labor and freight for two (2) years. It covers RV's sold in, and remain in, the United States, U.S. Territories and Canada, only. The warranty period begins on the date that the RV is delivered to the first retail purchaser by an independent, authorized dealer of Starcraft, or, if the dealer places the vehicle in service prior to retail sale, on the date the RV is first placed in such service. In the event that a substantial, functional defect with the material or workmanship of the tents, attributable to Starcraft, is found to exist during the warranty period, it will be repaired or replaced, at Starcraft's option, without charge to the RV owner, in accordance with the terms, conditions and limitations of the Starcraft, Towable Limited Warranty and this limited warranty. The cost of parts, labor and shipping are covered by Starcraft for two (2) years.

This limited tent warranty applies to the first consumer purchaser only. All rights and limitations within this warranty and the Starcraft, Towable Limited Warranty are applicable to the original owner of the RV only. You may contact an independent, authorized dealer for details.

Starcraft's obligation to repair or replace defective materials or workmanship is the sole obligation of Starcraft under this limited warranty. Starcraft reserves the right to use new or remanufactured parts of similar quality to complete any work, and to make parts and design changes from time to time without notice to anyone. Starcraft reserves the right to make changes in the design or material of its products without incurring any obligation to incorporate such changes in any product previously manufactured. Starcraft makes no warranty as to the future performance of this RV, or the tents, and this limited warranty is not intended to extend to the future performance of this RV, or the tents, or any of its materials, components or parts. In addition, the RV owner's obligation to notify Starcraft, or one of its independent, authorized dealers, of a claimed defect does not modify any obligation placed on the RV owner to contact Starcraft directly when attempting to pursue remedies under state or federal law.

# LIMITATIONS, EXCLUSIONS AND DISCLAIMER OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES

ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY THAT IS FOUND TO ARISE BY WAY OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF FITNESS, IS LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE DURATION SET FORTH IN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY AND IS LIMITED IN SCOPE OF COVERAGE TO THE SCOPE OF COVERAGE OF THIS LIMITED WARRANTY.

**Starcraft** makes no warranty of any nature beyond that contained in this limited warranty. Starcraft does not authorize any person to create any other obligation or liability for it regarding this RV, and Starcraft is not responsible for any representation, promise or warranty made by any dealer or other person beyond what is expressly stated in this limited warranty, and no one has the authority to enlarge, amend or modify this limited warranty. Any selling or servicing dealer is not Starcraft's agent, but an independent entity.

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STARCRAFT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES THAT MAY RESULT FROM BREACH OF THIS LIMITED WARRANTY OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY. THIS EXCLUSION OF CONSEQUENTIAL AND INCIDENTAL DAMAGES SHALL BE INDEPENDENT OF ANY FAILURE OF THE ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF ANY WARRANTY, AND THIS EXCLUSION SHALL SURVIVE ANY DETERMINATION THAT THIS LIMITED WARRANTY OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY HAS FAILED OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE.

Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you.

## RELATION TO STARCRAFT TOWABLE LIMITED WARRANTY

This limited tent warranty applies to tents on the bunk ends of the slide rooms of this travel trailer, only. It does not apply to any other RV, or any other portion of this RV. In addition, this warranty does not change, alter or modify the limited warranty that Starcraft provides with the RV in any fashion. It only supplements the Starcraft limited warranty to provide for a limited, two (2) year tent warranty (covering parts, labor and freight).

For additional information regarding the relationship between the warranties, please see the Starcraft Limited Warranty you received with your RV. It contains information on What and Who is Covered, Limitations, Exclusions And Disclaimers, How To Get Service, What Is Not Covered, Events Discharging Starcraft From Obligations, Legal Remedies, Warranty Registrations and Care and Maintenance. The information in those sections of the Starcraft warranty provided with your RV is applicable to this warranty as well.

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# **NOTICE TO STARCRAFT DEALERS**

Pages 8-13 of this Owner's Manual contains the warranty that applies to this RV.

However, if the Starcraft dealer decides to use this RV for rental purposes, then the warranty contained in pages 8-13 will not apply to this RV. The rental warranty, located on pages 15-18, applies in that situation

If, on the other hand, the Starcraft dealer sells this RV to a retail customer then the rental warranty would not be applicable. **The rental warranty does not apply to retail consumers.** 

Starcraft's rental program is applicable to the following product lines:

- Comet Camping Trailers
- Starflyer Camping Trailers
- Travel Star EXP Travel Trailers
- AR-ONE Travel Trailers
- Launch Travel Trailers

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Starcraft Customer Service at (800) 945-4787.

#### STARCRAFT TOWABLE RENTAL LIMITED WARRANTY

#### WHAT AND WHO IS COVERED

The Starcraft warranty covers this recreational vehicle ("RV"), when used only for recreational travel and camping, including recreational travel and camping by renters of the Dealer, for one (1) year. This limited warranty applies to the original Dealer only, and it is not transferable. The warranty period begins on the date that Dealer first places the RV in rental service. In the event that a substantial defect in material or workmanship, attributable to Starcraft, is found to exist during the warranty period, Starcraft will reimburse the Dealer either the reasonable costs of repair or the reasonable costs of replacement of the defect, (Starcraft's option), in accordance with the terms, conditions and limitations of this limited warranty.

Starcraft's obligation to reimburse Dealer for the reasonable costs of repair or replacement of defective materials or workmanship is the sole obligation of Starcraft under this limited warranty. Starcraft reserves the right to use new or remanufactured parts of similar quality to complete any work, and to make parts and design changes from time to time without notice to anyone. Starcraft reserves the right to make changes in the design or material or its products without incurring any obligation to incorporate such changes in any product previously manufactured. Starcraft makes no warranty as to the future performance of this RV, and this limited warranty is not intended to extend to the future performance of this RV, or any of its materials, components or parts. In addition, the Dealer's obligation to notify Starcraft, of a claimed defect does not modify any obligation placed on the Dealer to contact Starcraft directly when attempting to pursue remedies under state or federal law.

# LIMITATIONS. EXCLUSIONS AND DISCLAIMER OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES

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Starcraft makes no warranty of any nature beyond that contained in this limited warranty. Starcraft does not authorize any person to create any other obligation or liability for it regarding this RV, and Starcraft is not responsible for representation, promise or warranty made by any dealer or other person beyond what is expressly stated in this limited warranty, and no one has the authority to enlarge, amend or modify this limited warranty. Any selling or servicing dealer is not Starcraft's agent, but an independent entity.

STARCRAFT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES THAT MAY RESULT FROM BREACH OF THIS LIMITED WARRANTY OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY. THIS EXCLUSION OF CONSEQUENTIAL AND INCIDENTAL DAMAGES SHALL BE INDEPENDENT OF ANY FAILURE OF THE ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF ANY WARRANTY, AND THIS EXCLUSION SHALL SURVIVE ANY DETERMINATION THAT THIS LIMITED WARRANTY OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY HAS FAILED OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE.

Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you.

# **HOW TO GET SERVICE**

To obtain reimbursement of warranty service the owner must do all of the following:

- 1. Notify Starcraft of the substantial defect in material or workmanship attributable to Starcraft, within the warranty coverage period;
- 2. Provide the notification mentioned in (1), above, within ten (10) days of when the owner discovered, or should have discovered, the substantial defect in material or workmanship attributable to Starcraft;
- 3. Promptly and appropriately make the necessary repairs: and
- 4. Pay any freight or transportation costs, import duties, fees and all incidental expenses associated with obtaining warranty service.

If you need assistance you may contact Starcraft at 903 S. Main Street, P. O. Box 460, Middlebury, Indiana, 46540, Attn: Customer Service (800) 945-4787 or <a href="https://www.starcraftrv.com">www.starcraftrv.com</a>. Also, you must notify Starcraft within three (3) days of delivery to you to have work performed on any defect or damage to appearance items that occurred at the factory during manufacturer or during delivery at no cost to you as provided by this limited warranty. (See below under WHAT IS NOT COVERED).

If two (2) or more service attempts have been made to correct any covered defect that you believe impairs the value, use or safety of the RV, or if it has taken longer than thirty (30) days for those types of repairs to be completed, you must, to the extent permitted by law, notify Starcraft directly, in writing, at the above address, of the unsuccessful repair(s) of the alleged defect(s) so that Starcraft can become directly involved in making sure that you are provided service pursuant to the terms of this limited warranty.

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solely for recreational travel and camping; all soft goods, normal wear, tear or usage, such as tears, punctures, soiling, mildew, fading, or discoloration of exterior plastic, fiberglass, upholstery, drapes, carpet, vinyl, screens, cushions, mattresses and fabrics; the effects of condensation or moisture from condensation inside the RV and failure to provide adequate ventilation; mold or any damage caused by mold to the inside or outside of the RV; imperfections that do not affect the suitability of the RV for its intended purpose of recreational use or items that are working as designed but that you are unhappy with; problems related to misuse, mishandling, neglect or abuse, including failure to maintain the RV in accordance with the owner's manual, or other routine maintenance such as inspections, lubricating, adjustments, tightening of screws, tightening of lug nuts, sealing, rotating tires; damage due to accident, whether or not foreseeable, including any acts of weather or damage or corrosion due to the environment, theft, vandalism, fire, or other intervening acts not attributable to Starcraft; service items such as windshield wiper blades, lubricants, fluids, filters, etc.; damage resulting from tire wear or tire failure; defacing, scratches, dents, chips on any surface or fabric of the RV; damage caused by off road use, overloading the RV or alteration of the RV, or any of its components or parts.

In addition, this limited warranty does not cover any material, component or part of the RV that is warranted by another entity, including, by way of example, handling, braking, wheel balance, muffler, tires, tubes, batteries, gauges, generator, hydraulic jacks, inverter, converter, microwave, television, DVD/CD player, radio, speakers, television, refrigerator, range, hot water heater, water pump, stove, carbon monoxide detector, smoke detector, propane detector, furnace or any air conditioner. (Note: the written warranty provided by the manufacturer of the component part is the direct responsibility of that manufacturer).

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# **FIRE SAFETY**

If a fire does start, follow these basic safety rules:

- 1. Have everyone evacuate the RV immediately.
- After everyone is clear and accounted for, check the fire to see if you can attempt to put it out.
- 3. If it is large, or the fire is fuel-fed, get clear of the RV and have the Fire Department handle the emergency.
- 4. Do not attempt to use water to put out the fire. Water can spread some types of fire, and electrocution is possible with an electrical fire.

# OTHER FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

Refer to the following sections for additional fire safety information.

- □ See the Electrical Systems Section, in case of an electrical fire.
- See the Appliance Section, in case of a grease fire.

### FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Fire extinguishers are classified and rated by fire types, A, B, and C. These classifications identify the kinds of fires or burning materials they are designed to fight.

Class A – Solid materials such as wood, paper, cloth, rubber and some plastics.

<u>Class B</u> – Liquids such as grease, cooking oils, gasoline, kerosene or other flammable liquids.

<u>Class C</u> – Electrical such as electrical wires or other live electrical equipment.

A dry chemical fire extinguisher has been installed in your RV. It is suitable for extinguishing small fires of the Class B or C type only. We suggest you become thoroughly familiar with the operating instructions displayed on the side of the fire extinguisher.

NOTE: For information on how to use your fire extinguisher, refer to the fire extinguisher user's manual provided in your Warranty Packet.

# **Inspection and Maintenance**

Read and follow all instructions on the label and owner's manual provided by the fire extinguisher manufacturer.



Do not check the pressure, test or practice using the fire extinguisher by squeezing the trigger, even briefly. The fire extinguisher is not rechargeable or refillable. Once used, it will gradually lose pressure and will not be fully charged for use in an emergency.



Do not turn the electrical power back on or plug in any appliances after the use of a fire extinguisher. Please refer to the fire extinguisher's user manual for further instructions on maintenance and clean up.

# **SMOKE ALARM**

Some of the most common fire safety issues are burning candles, smoking in bed, leaving children unattended and cleaning with flammable fluids. The smoke detector is intended to help reduce those risks.

Your RV is equipped with a smoke alarm that is listed for use in a recreation vehicle. They are not fool proof. Smoke alarms only work if they are operational and maintained. Be sure to read, understand and follow the owner's information from the manufacturer of the smoke alarm included in your Warranty Packet, including information regarding the limited life of smoke alarms.

Please be aware the smoke alarm cannot detect fires if the smoke does not reach it. Anything preventing smoke from reaching the alarm may delay or prevent an alarm (i.e., a closed door may prevent smoke from reaching an alarm on the other side of the door, etc.).

There are instances when the smoke detector alarm may not be heard. Though the alarm horn in this detector meets or exceeds current UL standards, it may not be heard for many reasons.

These include (but not limited to): a closed or partially closed door, the alarm may be drowned out by other noise like the TV, stereo, traffic, weather, air conditioner or other appliances.



This smoke alarm will not alert hearing impaired residents. Special alarms wit flashing strobe lights are recommended for the hearing impaired.

# Operation

The smoke alarm is operational once the battery is correctly installed. The LED light will indicate the battery is functioning properly. When the production of combustion is sensed, the smoke detector sounds a loud alarm that continues until the air is cleared.

The LED light will also give a visual indication of a sounding alarm.

#### How to test

Stand at arm's length from the smoke alarm when testing as the alarm horn may be harmful to your hearing. The alarm horn is loud to alert you to an emergency. The test button will accurately test all functions. Never use an open flame from a match or lighter to test this smoke alarm.



Test the smoke alarm operation after the vehicle has been has been in storage, before each trip and at least once per week during use. Do not disconnect the battery or the alarm.

A warning label is located near the smoke alarm (Fig. 21). Please do not remove the following label from your RV.

# **A WARNING**

Test smoke alarm operation after vehicle has been in storage, before each trip, and at least once per week during use. Failure to do so can result in death or serious injury.

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Fig. 2.1 Test smoke alarm

### Maintenance

Gently vacuum off any dust on the cover of the smoke alarm with your vacuum's soft brush attachment. Test the smoke alarm once you have vacuumed. Never use water, cleaners or solvents to clean the smoke alarm as they may damage the smoke alarm. Do not paint the smoke detector. For information on how to maintain your smoke detector, refer to the smoke detector user's manual provided in the Warranty Packet.

# **Battery**

The smoke alarm will not function if the battery is missing, disconnected, dead, the wrong type of battery is used or the battery is not installed correctly. The smoke detector requires one standard 9V battery.

When the battery becomes weak, the smoke alarm will "beep" about once a minute (the low battery warning). The low battery warning should last for 30 days, but you should replace the battery immediately to continue your protection.

When the battery is removed from the alarm, the battery flag in the compartment will pop up; therefore, the alarm cannot be installed to the mounting bracket without a battery.



Only use the replacement battery recommended by the smoke detector manufacturer. The smoke detector alarm may not operate properly with other batteries. Never use a rechargeable battery as it may not provide a constant charge. Never disconnect the battery to silence the alarm.

Regardless of the manufacturer's suggested battery life, you MUST replace the battery once the smoke alarm starts "beeping" (the low battery warning).

For information on the correct battery and battery installation for your smoke detector, refer to the smoke detector user's manual provided in the Warranty Packet.

# Replacement

Smoke alarms have a limited life and are not foolproof. Smoke alarms will wear out over time like any appliance. Always replace the detector immediately if it is not working properly, it displays any type of problem, or within five years of use.

Refer to the smoke detector manufacturer's information in your Warranty Packet for additional information.

# COMBINATION CARBON MONOXIDE/ PROPANE ALARM

Your RV is equipped with a combination carbon monoxide (CO)/propane alarm that is listed for use in recreation vehicles. The combination carbon monoxide/propane alarm will only work if it is operational and maintained.

The alarm is wired directly to the RV 12-volt electrical system, with continual power being supplied by the RV battery. There is no 9-volt battery power supply in the carbon monoxide/propane alarm. If the battery cable is disconnected at the battery terminals, the combination alarm will not work.

Be sure to read, understand and follow the owner's information from the manufacturer of the combination CO/propane alarm that has been supplied in your Warranty Packet. This includes information regarding the limited life of the alarm.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an insidious poison. It is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. Many cases of reported carbon monoxide poisoning indicate while victims are aware they are not feeling well, they become so disoriented they are unable to save themselves by either exiting the vehicle or calling for assistance. Young children and household pets may be the first affected.



# **WARNING**

The following symptoms are related to carbon monoxide poisoning and should be discussed with all members of the household:

<u>Mild exposure</u>: Slight headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue (often described as "flu-like" symptoms).

<u>Medium exposure</u>: Severe throbbing headaches, drowsiness, confusion, fast heart rate.

**Extreme exposure**: Unconsciousness, convulsions, cardio-respiratory failure, death.

Your combination carbon monoxide/propane alarm is designed to detect the toxic carbon monoxide fumes that result from incomplete combustion, such as those emitted from appliances, furnaces, fireplaces and auto exhaust. A carbon monoxide/propane alarm is **NOT A SUBSTITUTE** for other combustible gas, fire or smoke alarms. This carbon monoxide alarm is designed to detect carbon monoxide gas from ANY source of combustion. It is not designed to detect smoke, fire or any other gas. Please note that there are hazards against which carbon monoxide detection may not be effective, such as natural gas leaks or explosions.

This alarm is designed to sense the presence of carbon monoxide/propane gas, however there are other combustible fumes or vapors that may be detected by the sensor including (but not limited to ): acetone, alcohol, butane and gasoline.

These chemicals can be found in commonly used items such as deodorants, colognes, perfumes, adhesives, lacquer, kerosene, glues, wine, liquor, most cleaning agents and the propellants of aerosol cans.

High temperatures can activate glue and adhesive vapors. If you close up a recreation vehicle on a hot day, the chemicals used in its construction may be detected for months after the vehicle was constructed (for more information, refer to Section 2, Formaldehyde).



# WARNING

The carbon monoxide detector installed is intended for use in ordinary indoor locations of recreation vehicles. It is not designed to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) commercial or industrial standards.

Do not disconnect the battery or the alarm.

Individuals with medical problems may consider using warning devices that provide audible and visual signals for carbon monoxide concentrations under 30 PPM.

This alarm will only indicate the presence of carbon monoxide gas at the sensor. Carbon monoxide gas may be present in other areas.

The ultimate responsibility for protection against toxic carbon monoxide fumes rests solely on you. Installing a carbon monoxide/propane alarm is just the first step in protecting your family from toxic carbon monoxide poisoning

# What you should do if the alarm sounds



# WARNING

Actuation of this detector indicates the presence of carbon monoxide which can kill you.

- Operate the RESET/SILENCE button.
- 2. Call your emergency services (fire department or 911).
- Immediately move to fresh air (outdoors or by an open door or window)
- 4. Do not re-enter the premises or move away from the open door or window until the emergency service responders have arrived, the premises have been aired out, and your alarm remains in its normal condition.

If your alarm reactivates within a 24-hour period, repeat steps 1-4 and call a qualified appliance technician to investigate for sources of carbon monoxide from fuel burning equipment and appliances, and inspect for proper operation of this equipment. Make sure that motor vehicle(s) are not, and have not been, operating in an attached garage or adjacent to the RV.

If problems are identified during this inspection, have the alarm serviced immediately. Note any combustion equipment not inspected by the technician and consult the manufacturer's instructions or contact the manufacturer directly for more information about carbon monoxide safety and this alarm.

# **Alarm Signals**

- Normal Operation: The LED will maintain a steady green light, indicating that the alarm is powered.
- □ CO alarm condition: The red LED light will remain steady and the alarm will sound 4 "BEEPS" then silent for 5 seconds. These signals indicate immediate action is required.
- □ Propane gas alarm: The red LED light will flash and the alarm will sound a steady tone. These signals indicate immediate action is required.
- □ Alarm malfunction/low battery: The gas LED will remain off and the Operational/CO LED will alternate re/green and the alarm will sound once every 15 seconds.
- □ **End of life alarm:** The LED will flash red/red, green/green and the alarm will "BEEP every 25-30 seconds. The alarm should be immediately replaced.



Never turn the 12-volt battery disconnect control to the off position and disconnect the battery cable to silence the alarm.



The alarm will automatically sense when the level of carbon monoxide in the air reaches below dangerous levels. You should stay outside the vehicle in fresh air until the alarm is silenced. When the alarm sounds, do not stand too close to the alarm. The sound produced by the alarm is loud because it is designed to wake a person in an emergency. Prolonged exposure to the alarm at a close distance may be harmful to your hearing.

#### Maintenance

Vacuum the alarm cover at least once a year. Clean the cover by hand using a cloth dampened in clean water. Dry with a soft cloth. Do not spray the front panel of the alarm with cleaning agents or waxes. This action may damage the sensor causing an alarm or cause the alarm to malfunction. Do not paint the face of the alarm.

# Testing the combination carbon monoxide/ propane alarm



Test the alarm operation after the RV has been in storage, before each trip and at least once per week during use.

The TEST/RESET button tests all ELECTRICAL functions of the alarm. The TEST/Mute switch is located on the front of the alarm. Press and hold the test button for 1 second. The alarm is working properly if the GREEN indicator light changes color to RED and the horn beeps 4 times. The Gas LED should also blink red.

**☒NOTE**: Pressing the test button does not check the sensor operation. Refer to the carbon monoxide/propane alarm manufacturers user's manual provided in the Warranty Packet for additional information on testing the sensors.

Repair or replace the combination carbon monoxide/propane alarm when the alarm no longer functions. As with any electronic product, it has a limited life. Alarms that do not work cannot protect you.

**EXMOTE**: The carbon monoxide/propane alarm manufacturer strongly recommends replacement of the detector five years after the date of purchase.

Refer to the Warranty Packet for more information from the carbon monoxide/ propane alarm manufacturer.

#### **FORMALDEHYDE**

Some components in the RV contain formaldehyde-based adhesives that may release formaldehyde fumes into the air for an unknown period of time. Individuals who are allergic to formaldehyde gas fumes may experience irritation to eyes, ears, nose and throat.

Indoor air quality may also be affected by leaving your RV closed for a period of time.

To aide in dissipation, ventilate the RV by opening all windows and circulate the air with a fan. The following label is located inside the RV near the entry door. This label should be left permanently affixed to the RV.

# Fig. 2.2 Formaldehyde warning label

# ▲CAUTION

Product in this vehicle may contain formaldehyde, which may be an irritant to you. You may experience a greater concentration during high humidity and temperatures. Ventilate to remove. Consult your owner's manual for additional information.

DO NOT REMOVE THIS LABEL

## **EXTENDED DRY CAMPING**



Continuous living in your RV could cause accelerated wear and damage to component parts. Use of the RV other than for its intended purpose of recreational travel and camping may affect your warranty coverage.

Your RV has been built for enjoyment in a recreational manner. It is not intended to be used as full-time living quarters.

## **COLD WEATHER USAGE**

Proper care should be taken when planning to use your RV in cold weather.

Please keep in mind that your RV was not designed for use during sub-freezing weather. When used in freezing or below freezing temperatures, the following precautions need to be taken:

- More protection will be needed to protect the fresh water and drainage systems to avoid freezing problems (see Winterizing the Plumbing System).
- Propane and sufficient power is needed for protection from possible freezeups on the propane regulator. Keep in mind that more frequent furnace operation will substantially increase battery draw and propane use.
- During cool weather usage, ventilation or the addition of a dehumidifier may be required to reduce condensation (see **Condensation**).
- Check outside extrusions on compartment doors, locks, slide outs, windows, vents, etc., for frozen moisture before operating to avoid damage to parts.

#### CONDENSATION



# WARNING

Condensation should be taken seriously. Ignoring it can damage the motor home (damage caused by condensation is not warrantable), and more importantly could lead to mold or mildew issues which could be a health hazard.

Condensation is a natural phenomenon. The amount of condensation will vary with climate conditions, particularly the relative humidity.

#### To reduce condensation

Proper ventilation and, if needed, the use of a dehumidifier (customer supplied) will assist in controlling condensation. Many RV and marine dealers carry small dehumidifiers sized for RV use. Other suggestions are:

- Crack open windows and roof vents to allow warm moist air to escape.
- ☐ When taking a shower open the bath roof vent (if so equipped) approximately ½" allowing the moisture to escape.
- ☐ Use the range hood fan (if so equipped) when cooking or washing dishes.
- ☐ Avoid hanging wet towels (or clothes) inside the RV to dry.
- ☐ If condensation is found in cabinets or closets, open those doors slightly to equalize the temperature and provide ventilation.

Uncontrolled condensation can cause dampness, mildew, etc., inside your RV. Be sure to make strong effort to control condensation. Repairs due to condensation are not covered under the terms of the Towable Limited Warranty or the Extended Limited Warranty.

#### **Tent Models**

When camping leave a small opening using each bunk zipper to permit air flow and allow the tent to "breathe." This will help minimize moisture gathering above the bunk area on the vinyl.



Tent usage

# SECONDARY MEANS OF ESCAPE (EXIT WINDOW - TENT MODELS ONLY)

The emergency egress window is designed to allow quick exit from the RV during an emergency if access to the main entrance door is not available.

- Make sure all occupants know how to open and operate the egress window before an emergency occurs.
- ☐ When pulling into your campsite, make sure the egress is not blocked by trees or other obstacles. Make sure the ground below the window is solid and can be used as an escape path.

#### **Tent Exits**

The emergency exit is located next to the bunk area in your camping trailer. To exit, unzip the lifter post cover until the Velcro separates and exit the RV.



Fig. 2.4 Emergency exit

NOTE: The privacy curtain strings are not designed to provide support when exiting the RV.

Do not remove the following label from your RV:



Fig. 2.3 Emergency exit label

# SECONDARY MEANS OF ESCAPE (EXIT WINDOW-HARD SIDE MODELS ONLY)

The emergency egress window is designed to allow quick exit from the RV during an emergency if access to the main entrance door is not available.

- Make sure all occupants know how to open and operate the egress window before an emergency occurs.
- When pulling into your campsite, make sure the egress is not blocked by trees or other obstacles. Make sure the ground below the window is solid and can be used as an escape path.

The Egress window must be locked during transit

Do not remove the following label from your RV:



Fig. 2.1 Emergency egress window label

## **Tow Vehicle**

If you plan to tow your RV with a tow vehicle you already own, contact your automotive dealer to find out your vehicle towing capacity. If you plan to purchase a new tow vehicle, be certain to tell your automotive dealer the GVWR, size and type of RV that you will be towing (some tow vehicles can be purchased with an optional tow package). As a minimum requirement, the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of your RV must not exceed your tow vehicle's towing rating.

Some automotive manufacturers publish brochures that discuss towing considerations. Ask your automotive dealer how to obtain a copy of this information. If applicable, verify if the brochure ratings are listed "with" or "without" an optional tow package.

## **RV BRAKE SYSTEM**



# WARNING

Failure to maintain the brakes in proper working condition as specified in the operator's manual supplied by the axle OEM will cause property damage, personal injury and possibly death. Consult with your dealer for assistance.

The electric brakes are designed to work with the tow vehicle brakes. To maintain proper braking performance, both the RV and tow vehicle brakes must be used together. Separate use of the braking systems will cause accelerated wear and damage.

When your RV is new, it is impossible to adjust the brake shoes precisely. It takes approximately 1,000 miles and/or 50 medium to heavy stops to "burnish" fit or "seat" the shoes to the brake drum. After the initial break-in period your brake shoes must be adjusted accurately for best performance and increased durability.

Braking system components include:

- Tow vehicle battery
- Brake controller
- Wire harness/connector plug
- □ Trailer battery
- Breakaway switch

## Hydraulic brakes (if so equipped)

Your camping trailer may be equipped with hydraulic surge brakes. These brakes operate automatically as the tow vehicle's brakes are applied. When the tow vehicle operator begins to decrease speed and apply the brakes, the weight of the moving trailer pushes forward and the coupler moved downward. This pressure moves the plunger, which in turn pushes the piston and rubber cup inside the master cylinder. Brake fluid presses inside of the wheel cylinder and activates the brake shoes against the drum.

As designed, the weight of a trailer pushing forward will activate the surge brake system.

When backing a trailer up hill, the trailer weight may activate the surge brake system, making it difficult to continue to reverse.

1. Prior to backing up a slope or through soft ground, pull the RV forward slightly to assure that the actuator socket is in the forward position.

- Move the lever on the side of the actuator downward from the "towing position" along the curved slot in the actuator frame to the "backup position." The slot has a notch at the bottom of its travel. Push the lever down to engage the locking notch.
- The RV will now back up. This lever will slide into the correct position when 3. pulling forward.

It is extremely important to keep the master cylinder full at all times. An empty cylinder invites moisture.

### Tow vehicle battery

The tow vehicle battery is the primary source of power for your RV's electric brake operation. To ensure available power when needed, keep your tow vehicle battery and charging system working properly.

## Brake controller (customer supplied)

The brake controller should be installed in the tow vehicle to work in conjunction with the RV electric brakes. Consult with your dealer or the brake controller OEM to decide what is right for your towing combination.

# **VEHICLE LABELS**

Decals and data plates used throughout the RV aid in its safe and efficient operation; others give service instructions.

Read all decals, data and instruction plates before operating your RV. If any decal, data or instruction plate is painted over, damaged or removed, it should be replaced.

Keep a record of the 17-digit vehicle identification number (VIN) and your license number in the event theft or vandalism requires you to supply this information to the authorities

## **WEIGHT LABELS**



The factory-installed weight labels are specific to the recreation vehicle for which they are supplied and are not interchangeable.

Vehicle weight labels are posted on Starcraft manufactured RVs so you can make an informed decision before your purchase. Do not remove these labels from your RV. If the labels are missing, contact your dealer or Starcraft Customer Service for replacements.

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Fig. 3.1 Tire and Loading Information

Fig. 3.2 Federal Certification label

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Fig 3.3 Trailer Weight Information label

You may question the total weight capacity of the tires on your RV being less than the GVWR; this is correct. In order to calculate the actual weight on the RV tires, do not include the tongue weight. The tongue weight is actually being carried by your tow vehicle, not the RV tires.

For example: If the tires are rated at 2,000 lbs. each x 4 tires = 8,000 lbs. and the RV has a GVWR of 9,000 lbs. with a tongue weight of 1,200 lbs. The actual weight on the RV tires is 7,800 lbs. which is within the weight rating of the tires

If you have further questions, please contact your dealer or Starcraft Customer Service.

## LOADING YOUR RV



# WARNING

Never load the RV in excess of the GAWR for either axle. Overloading your RV may result in adverse handling characteristics and damage to the chassis.



# **WARNING**

**DO NOT EXCEED YOUR GVWR!** This means you should weigh your RV as loaded for your normal travel to determine the actual weight. If you exceed the GVWR, you **MUST** remove items from the RV, or drain liquids, then reweigh the vehicle to ensure you have achieved a safe weight. Do not travel with full grey/black holding tanks. This not only wastes gas but, depending upon the location of the grey or black holding tanks, can affect handling characteristics.



# **WARNING**

Your recreation vehicle's load capacity is designated by weight, not by volume, so you cannot necessarily use all available space when loading the vehicle. Do not exceed your GVWR and ensure you are loading the vehicle as evenly as you can for the best possible handling. Ensure heavy items are secured so they do not shift during travel.



# WARNING

Store items in areas designated for storage. Do not store anything in the areas reserved for the converter, electrical panels or the furnace or water heater, etc.

Store and secure all loose items inside the RV before traveling. Overlooked items such as canned goods, or small appliances on the countertop, cooking pans on the range or free-standing furniture items can become dangerous projectiles during a sudden stop.

Distribute cargo side-to-side so the weight on each tire does not exceed one-half of the GAWR for either axle. For traveling safety, it is important to make sure any tie down straps (if so equipped) on appliances or furniture are secured.

# WEIGHING YOUR TOW VEHICLE & RV



# WARNING

The actual weight of the vehicle, all options, liquids, the hitch weight, and your personal cargo is important for you to know so you do not exceed the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of the recreation vehicle. The volume of space available for storage may exceed the amount of available cargo capacity. Large storage compartments have been designed to accommodate normal camping items, which are bulky, but not necessarily heavy.



# WARNING

**DO NOT EXCEED YOUR GVWR!** This means you should weigh your RV as loaded for your normal travel to determine the actual weight.



# WARNING

If you exceed the GVWR, you **MUST** remove items from the RV, or drain liquids, then re-weigh the vehicle to ensure you have achieved a safe weight. Weight labels are posted inside your recreation vehicle so you can make a decision before you buy about how much cargo capacity is important for you personally.

There are two important factors when loading your RV, total weight and balance. It is imperative that you verify compliance within all applicable weight ratings. Overloading your RV will void the **Towable Limited Warranty** and the warranties of many component part manufacturers.

Have your RV weighed periodically at a public scale to determine the proper load distribution. Keep in mind that individual scales will operate differently.

The surroundings of the scale need to be adequate to accommodate weighing each side of your RV.

# To weigh your tow vehicle and RV



# WARNING

**Total weight of your tow vehicle and RV must not exceed the GCWR.** Do not assume that you can tow a RV that happens to be within the capacity of the tow vehicle hitch. By doing so, you may exceed the total GCWR of your tow vehicle and RV towing combination.



It is important to redistribute the load to avoid component failure as well as to improve the handling characteristics of the vehicle.

Read through all the weighing instructions before you begin. If you have further questions, consult with your dealer or the scale operator. Your RV must be weighed fully loaded (that is with food, clothing, fuel, water, propane, supplies, etc).

- Weigh the RV including the tongue weight, while detached from the tow vehicle. This actual overall weight must be less than or equal to the GVWR for safe operation. If the overall weight is greater than the GVWR, some contents must be removed until the actual overall weight is less than or equal to GVWR.
- 2. Hitch the RV to your tow vehicle. Weigh the RV and the tow vehicle to determine the GCW. Make sure that this rating is less than or equal to the GCWR as specified by the manufacturer of your tow vehicle. If this overall weight is greater than the GCWR, some contents must be removed to bring the combination into compliance with the listed ratings.
- Weigh the RV while attached to but excluding the tow vehicle. This will result in the actual weight that is exerted on all of the RV tires. This weight may be subtracted from the overall RV GVWR to determine the actual "tongue" weight.
- 4. With the RV still attached to the tow vehicle, weigh each wheel position separately to ensure each tire is not overloaded.

# To determine the wheel position weight:

- 5. Pull the RV onto the scale so only one tire is on the scale. Record the weight. Your RV must remain as level as possible on the scale (even though an axle or side is not physically on the scale). Obviously, to obtain the side-to-side weights, there must be enough space on either side of the scale to accommodate the RV being partially off the scale.
- 6. To calculate the opposite side of the RV wheel position weight, subtract the first side's weight from the weight determined in step #3.

If there is a difference in the weights on one side of the vehicle as compared to weights on the other side, components (tires, wheels, brakes, springs, etc.) on the heavier side could be overloaded, even though the total axle load is within the GAWR.

It is important to redistribute the load to avoid component failure, improve the handling characteristics of the tow vehicle and not void the **Towable Limited Warranty**.

With these actual weights, it is now possible to compare them against the Trailer Weight Information label weight ratings to ensure you are below the posted minimum ratings.

# **CAMPING TRAILER HITCH (CUSTOMER SUPPLIED)**

Hitch selection is important because it affects the towing and handling characteristics of your RV. There are many kinds of hitches available for various uses and assuring that you have the correct hitch installed is critical to a safe towing experience. Ask your dealer about the proper class and type of hitch you need to purchase for your individual tow vehicle/RV combination. A camping trailer requires a frame mounted hitch.

The hitch manufacturer assigns a hitch class rating based on the capacity that hitch has for towing and a weight classification. The weight classification is determined from the hitch's weight carrying capacity (also known as the tongue weight on a travel trailer). Before selecting a hitch, you must know your RV's GVWR and tongue weight. The rating of the hitch package purchased should be equal to or greater than the RV's GVWR and the hitch.

The rating of the hitch package purchased should be equal to or greater than the RV's GVWR and the hitch weight.



# **CAUTION**

Using an oversized or undersized hitch can cause damage to the RV frame. Starcraft cannot be responsible for the tow vehicle suspension system. The final ball height after the tow vehicle/travel trailer combination is completely hooked up is a factor that must be considered. To avoid overloading your trailer axles and minimize possible handling difficulties, your trailer should be level when hooked to your tow vehicle. Do not overload your tow vehicle.

Equipment that sometimes gives autos, trucks and sport utility vehicles a softer ride can accentuate swaying when pulling a RV; conversely, suspension that is too stiff will increase vibration, bounce and accelerate wear of your tow vehicle and RV combination.

Starcraft cannot be responsible for the suspension system of any tow vehicle. There are a variety of tow vehicle suspension systems available that will affect the ball height, stability and levelness of a hooked up RV.

Make sure your dealer is aware of the tow vehicle you are using so a compatible hookup is achieved.

# Camping trailer hitch weight

Maintain the proper tongue weight of the trailer. Stay within the target range of 10%-15% of the overall gross weight (camping trailer weight plus contents).

## Camping trailer hitch height & hitch ball

To determine the hitch height for your model, make sure that the trailer is level. When the loaded RV is hitched to the tow vehicle, check the hitch ball height. This can be determined by measuring the distance from the center of the hitch ball to the ground. Record this number in the box for future reference.

This unit hitch height

Adjust the equalizing bars of the hitch assembly so that the tow vehicle and the trailer are essentially level. A high hitch will transfer weight behind the axles and cause the vehicle to fishtail. A low hitch will transfer additional weight to the hitch. Refer to the hitch manufacturer instructions to adjust the weight-distributing hitch to the proper height.

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If you have additional questions, consult with your dealer. Make certain your Dealer is aware of the tow vehicle you are using so a compatible hookup is achieved. Depending on the model, your required travel trailer hitch ball diameter is either 2" or 2-5/16" (consult your dealer for assistance).

# SWAY CONTROL (CUSTOMER SUPPLIED)



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A sway control device (customer supplied) should be used with your tow vehicle/travel trailer combination. Consult with your Dealer to obtain the proper equipment for your needs.

Sway control devices are available to reduce the sway produced by crosswinds, air displacement caused by other vehicles passing you in transit, incorrect weight distribution, excessive speed, the RV tires dropping onto the shoulder of the road, etc. You will also want to discuss this purchase with your Dealer.

The use of a sway control device will help to control the side-to-side movement and keep sway in check.

Suggestions for sway situations:

- Slowly ease your foot off the accelerator.
- ☐ Turn the steering wheel as little as possible. Natural lag time reaction when counter-steering to correct sway could possibly make it worse.
- ☐ If the trailer is equipped with electric brakes, using the hand control will help to keep the vehicles aligned.
- As soon as possible, stop to determine the cause of the sway. Check all equipment and load distribution. If the problem cannot be solved immediately, contact your Dealer for a service appointment (travel at a very reduced speed on your way there).

# WEIGHT DISTRIBUTING SYSTEM (CUSTOMER SUPPLIED)

A weight distributing hitch system provides a more stable tow vehicle/RV combination. This system will spread the weight evenly to distribute it to the tow vehicle front and rear axles and the trailer axle. Consult with your dealer to familiarize yourself with the operation and requirements of the weight distributing hitch system. Be certain your tow vehicle can carry the hitch weight.

## **CAMPING TRAILER ROOF**



# CAUTION

Do not attempt to raise the roof with cargo secured to it.

The maximum weight of equipment secured to the roof (in the travel mode) must not exceed 350#. The load capacity of the roof must not be exceeded. It is your responsibility to know the weight of any installed or loaded aftermarket equipment (added equipment will reduce the available cargo capacity). Additional items secured to the roof of your camping trailer must be added into the overall RV weight.

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The maximum weight that the roof can lift is 175# for power lift systems and 250# for manual lift systems (this includes aftermarket equipment such as a bike rack, canopy, air conditioner, boat rack, etc.) The following list provides approximate empty weights for Starcraft provided brands.

If you purchase other brands, contact the manufacturer for the component weight

ratings.

Equipment	Approx. Weight (lbs)	Approx. Weight (kgs)
Canopy	23-28	11-18
Bike Rack	22	10
Boat Rack	19	9
Bike Rack (additional bike kits)	7	3
Air conditioner (13,500 BTU)	100 (avg)	45

**Never mount a storage pod directly to the roof.** It is necessary to provide a rack system that secures to the outer edges of the roof to support and evenly distribute the weight of the storage pod. Consult your dealer for proper installation.

**Never walk on the roof.** The roof of a folding camping trailer is not designed to accommodate the weight, scratches, dents and punctures that can occur from walking on the roof.

NOTE: Camping trailers have a ceiling light circuit fed through a master shutoff switch that prevents 12-volt current from flowing to the ceiling lights with the roof lowered. Periodically test the light and switch to be sure the switch adjustment is correct.

# FRONT DECK (IF SO EQUIPPED)

If your RV is equipped with a front deck for hauling extra cargo, make sure that you stay within all weight limits for the deck and the loading ramps.

It is critical for proper handling and trailer maintenance that you weigh your RV completely loaded before heading out on your trip. Make sure to unload the front deck before unhitching your RV from the tow vehicle.

## **Ramp Weight Capacities**

**62" Long Deck (some models):** 1500 lb. (680 kg.) distributed load capacity per pair/750 lb. (340 kg.) distributed load capacity each ramp.

**24" Small Deck (some models):** 200 lb. (90 kg.) distributed load capacity per pair/100 lb. (45 kg.) distributed load capacity each ramp.



# **WARNING**

Chains & straps must be secured to limit ramp movement. Use as a loading ramp only. Ramp surface is slippery when wet. Do not stop between rungs. If ramp is bowing while loading, remove load immediately. Keep body parts clear of hinge pinch areas. Use on level and stable surfaces only. Failure to follow instructions may result in serious injury or property damage.

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Do not exceed ramp capacities. Do not ride vehicle on ramps. Failure to follow instructions may result in serious injury or property damage.

# Loading the ramps

The RV is equipped with folding ramps to load equipment onto the front deck. These ramps are secured to the front deck to create a railing during travel.

- 1. Unlock and remove one ramp from the front deck and place it on the edge you will be using to load the front deck.
- 2. Secure the ramp for loading by attaching one end of the tie down to the unit frame, and the other tie down end to the ramp. Repeat for the other ramp.



Fig. 3.4 Front deck and loading ramps

3. After loading your equipment onto the front deck, reverse these steps and secure the ramps for travel.

## Loading the front deck

It is important for your safety, and for the proper handling of the camping trailer, that the following guidelines are followed when loading the front deck.

- (1) Load all cargo evenly from front to back and side to side on the cargo deck.
- (2) Secure all cargo to prevent the load from shifting during travel.
- (3) Weigh the trailer at the hitch, each axle and wheel.
- (4) Observe all Gross Vehicle Weight (GVWR), Gross Axle (GAWR), and Tire Ratings listed on the certification label located on the lower front of the left sidewall.
- (5) If the cargo on the deck exceeds the maximum allowable weight total or the maximum allowable hitch weight listed on the deck capacity label, redistribute or remove the excess weight until the weight(s) comply with the weight ratings.
- (6) If the loaded trailer weight exceeds any rating, remove or re-distribute the cargo load until the weight(s) comply with the rating(s).



Exceeding any of the maximum weight and loading ratings or failing to properly secure all cargo and/ or vehicles, as applicable, could cause loss of control that may lead to an accident resulting in death or serious injury.

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# **WARNING**

It is important that the loading ramps and any equipment on the front deck is secured before travel. Failure to properly secure items to the front deck could lead to property damage and personal injury.

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**D**riving safety and protection against injury cannot be fully ensured. However, we recommend you pay special attention to the following:

- □ Keep the tires inflated to the specified levels. Replace the tires before they are excessively worn.
- ☐ The propane cylinder(s) should be turned off when traveling. Most refrigerators will keep food cold or frozen for eight hours without running while Fyou travel.
- Adverse weather conditions and extremes in terrain may affect the performance and handling of your tow vehicle. Do not operate the tow vehicle cruise control on icy or extremely wet roads, winding roads, in heavy traffic or in any other traffic situation where a constant speed cannot be maintained.

## WIRE HARNESS/CONNECTOR PLUG

A 7-way wire harness/connector plug is wired into your trailer to connect electrical power from the tow vehicle for travel. This supplies power to the RV brakes, tail lights, clearance lights, turn signals, brake lights, etc. Wiring to operate your brakes must be the same size in both the tow vehicle and RV (the RV brake wiring is 12-gauge wire).

When attaching wires to your tow vehicle, carefully and tightly tape all the connections for moisture protection.

White	1	Ground
Blue	2	Brakes
Green	3	Running lights
Black	4	Auxiliary battery charge line
Red	5	Stop & left turn
Brown	6	Stop & right turn
Yellow	7	Back up



Fig. 4.1 7-way trailer plug - Car end. rear view

The connector plug may build up corrosion with extended use and should be cleaned periodically to insure good electrical contact. Make sure the connector plug is kept clean and protected from road elements as you travel.

#### **TOWING**



# WARNING

Your RV braking system is rated for operation at GVWR not GCWR.



# WARNING

Whenever possible, do not travel with waste in the holding tanks. Liquid or debris in the holding tank(s) may affect the towing characteristics and may result in property damage or personal injury.

You will find that your RV will travel safely and comfortably at most posted trailer highway speed limits. However, it will take longer than a passenger automobile to reach that speed. Keep this in mind when overtaking and passing another vehicle. Allow more time to go around the vehicle you are passing.

You cannot cut back into the traffic lane as quickly due to the longer length of your tow vehicle/RV combination. Drive with caution to avoid situations that might require quick momentum changes.

Even though your RV is equipped with brakes designed for GVWR, we suggest practicing stopping away from traffic until you become accustomed to your RV's stopping distance. A good way to practice is at a large parking lot (where it is permissible). Easing to a stop and starting smoothly saves wear and tear on your tow vehicle/RV combination.

Be aware of road surface conditions. Slow down well in advance of dips and bumps to reduce the jolting to your tow vehicle/RV combination. Drive over them slowly and let the trailer tires pass over them before accelerating. Cross railroad tracks slowly (always release your brakes before crossing).

When descending a long hill, drop down into a lower gear (or lower range if you have automatic transmission). Avoid conditions that require excessive and prolonged use of your brakes. Apply and release brakes at short intervals to give them a chance to cool. The tow vehicle transmission and engine will help in controlling downhill speed and can lengthen brake life. The distance required to stop the RV is greater than an automobile's. Use care when accelerating or decelerating on a slippery surface. Abrupt speed changes can cause skidding and loss of control.

Driving through water deep enough to wet the brakes may affect stopping distance or cause the vehicle to pull to one side. Check the RV's brake operation in a safe area to be sure they have not been affected. **Never operate any vehicle if a difference in braking efficiency is noticeable.** 

## **Vehicle Clearance**

Remember some bridges, older ones in particular, may not support the weight of your tow vehicle/RV combination. Know the weight and size of your towing combination and observe any posted weight and clearance limits. The added height of roof air conditioners, TV antennas or floodlights may cause clearance problems around some tunnels, canopies and hanging signs.

#### **Turning Corners**

When turning, the tires do not follow the path of your tow vehicle tires. The RV will make a tighter turn than the tow vehicle.

You must compensate for this action by carefully pulling the tow vehicle out into the intersection further than you would normally so that the RV clears the curb (or any parked vehicles along the curb).

When making a turn, check the road clearance and be aware of others. Have someone help guide you out of a difficult parking space or traffic pattern. Swerves and sharp turns, especially at high speeds, could result in loss of control of the RV.

## Backing up

If your camping destination does not have pull through sites, pick a level site and back in carefully. We suggest you stop near the site, get out of the RV and observe the surrounding area. Check to ensure there are no obstacles in your path and that you have plenty of vehicle clearance. Check for low-hanging tree limbs, posts, large rocks or other obstacles.

Try to choose a site that is on the driver's side, so you can see what the rear of the RV is doing. With the site on the passenger side, you would be backing into the site on your blind side, which is more difficult.

When you determine the site conditions are satisfactory, maneuver the RV into position for backing up into the site space. Back the RV up slowly using your tow vehicle mirrors as a guide. Have another person outside the RV assist you until the RV is parked in the desired position.

## **Parking**

After the RV is in the desired location, set the tow vehicle parking brake and place the transmission in park. Turn OFF the ignition switch. Go outside the RV and block all wheels securely with wheel chocks. The wheel chocks can be wood blocks or purchased items as long as they prevent the RV from rolling.

#### **TIRES**

# Read and understand the following before taking your first trip in your RV!

Proper care and maintenance of your tires is essential to ensure your safety, as well as the safety of others, as you travel. Taking time to become educated on the special qualities of RV tires and care they require will enhance your travel enjoyment.

Routine maintenance on your RV is important, but it cannot be overstated just how critical proper tire maintenance is to the safety, operation and durability of your new RV.

You must follow the manufacturer's inflation guidelines for maximum load capacity; under-inflation is just as dangerous as over-inflation. To insure your tires are operating safely, regular inspection of your tires and checking tire pressures is absolutely mandatory.

Examine your tires frequently for unusual wear. Alignment, balance and bearing wear will affect tire wear. Make sure to look for cracking, bulging, uneven tread wear, etc.

When you are using your RV, check inflation pressure weekly to insure maximum tire life and travel wear. Pressure should be checked when the tires are cold. During travel, tires heat up and pressure increases. Do not bleed air from hot tires or your tires may then be under-inflated.

NOTE: Cold tire inflation pressure is defined as a tire that has not been used for three or more hours, or has been driven less than one mile. Tire inflation pressure of a hot tire may show an increase of as much as 6 psi over a cold tire.

Tire pressure is the most important factor in the life and performance of your tires. Proper inflation should be monitored closely. Failure to do so could result in the overheating of a tire, which could result in a blowout. Inflation pressure should be as recommended by the tire manufacturer or as the federal label for the RV indicates.



It is recommended that the tire pressure be checked at the beginning of each journey to obtain the maximum life of the tire. Follow the instructions listed on the Federal Certification label, affixed to the roadside front corner of your trailer, to determine the correct tire pressure. Under-inflation may cause tire failures and swaying; this may result in loss of control, injury, death or property damage.



Failure to follow proper inflation guidelines may result in tire failure, which, under certain circumstances can cause loss of vehicle control or accidents that may result in property damage, bodily injury and/or death.

#### CHANGING THE TIRE



# WARNING

Do not use the stabilizer jacks to support the RV while under the vehicle or changing tires. The stabilizer jacks are designed as a stabilizing system only. Do not use the stabilizer jacks as a jack or in conjunction with a jack. Attempts to change tires while supporting the RV with the stabilizer jacks could result in damage to the RV and risk causing serious injury or death.



# **WARNING**

Never raise the RV by placing the jack under the axle, springs or any attachment parts. Failure to comply could result in property damage, personal injury or death.

- Keep the RV attached to the tow vehicle. Block the tire on the opposite side of the RV from the tire you are changing.
- Loosen the wheel lug on the tire you are changing before jacking up the RV. DO NOT remove the lug nuts; only loosen them for ease of removal when the tire is off the ground.
- 3. Locate the main frame rail of the trailer (it spans from front-to-back just inside the tires).
- 4. To raise the RV, place the jack (hydraulic or screw) under the main frame rail. It must be just ahead of the front tire or just behind the rear tire.



# WARNING

Be sure to use only tires that are rated for RV use. The use of passenger tires should be avoided. The load rating/range embossed on the sidewall of passenger tires must be de-rated accordingly; they do not have the same load capability as tires that are specifically identified for RV use. Failure to use tires that are properly matched to your recreation vehicle could lead to premature tire wear or less than optimum trailer handling.

#### Replacement

If you experience a flat tire on your RV while driving, gradually decrease your vehicle speed (if possible). Hold the steering wheel firmly and move the RV to a safe place on the side of the road.

Any service or warranty coverage on tires is to be handled by the tire store representing the brand installed on your RV.

They are not to be returned to your dealer or Starcraft.



When replacing a tire make sure to replace it with a tire of the same size and specifications (refer to the Federal Certification label.)

If you have questions regarding your tires, contact the tire manufacturer or Starcraft Customer Service.

# SPARE TIRE CARRIER (IF SO EQUIPPED)

If your RV is equipped with a spare tire, it will either be mounted under the unit (hoist) or on the rear bumper.

## Under the unit (hoist) mounted



DO NOT exceed the maximum load capacities of 100 lbs. for the hoist. DO NOT use air driven guns or impact wrenches to lift the spare tire to the travel position.

The following diagram illustrates the travel position of the spare tire (the spare tire must contact the brackets as shown).

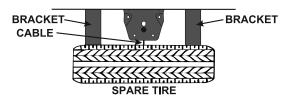


Fig. 4.2 Hoist mount spare tire position

To secure the spare tire in the travel position:





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- Put the steel hoist lift support located on the end of the cable through the rim
  of the tire. The hoist lift support clips need to seat inside the center hole of the
  tire rim. The valve stem of the tire MUST be pointed in the up position or
  toward the bottom of the trailer.
- 2. Insert the crank handle into the hole located in the center of the rear "bumper." Turn the crank handle to lift the tire to the travel position.
- Two crisp breaks must be heard and felt to insure proper seating of the tire for travel.

Reverse this process to release the spare tire for usage.

## Bumper mounted

The spare tire bracket can be released and extended down to access a storage compartment at the rear of the trailer without removing the tire.

#### To extend the tire down

- Remove the cotter key from the pin holding the tire carrier in place.
- 2. Remove the pin and extend the tire carrier away from the trailer.
- Always return the tire carrier to the upright position and lock it in place while traveling.

## To remove the tire from the tire carrier

- 1. Remove the lug nuts holding the tire in place.
- 2. Remove the support bracket from the bottom lug.
- 3. Pull the tire from the tire carrier.



Fig. 4.5 Bumper mount

# To install the tire on the tire carrier

- Place the tire on the carrier with the top lug bolt inserted into one of the holes in the tire rim and the bottom lug bolt in the center of the rim.
- 2. Install the top lug nut.
- Place the support bracket over the bottom lug bolt across the center of the rim.
- 4. Install the bottom lug nut over the support bracket.
- 5. Make sure the lug nuts are tightened securely before returning to travel.

## WHEEL LUGS

After your first trip, check the wheel lug torque periodically for safety. Check the wheel lugs after winter storage, after a wheel removal, before starting a trip or following extensive braking. Use the correct star pattern sequence to attach the RV wheels (see **Wheel Lug Torque Chart**.)

- Start all nuts by hand to prevent cross threading.
- 2. Tighten the nuts in the sequence shown.
- 3. Tighten the lug nuts equally in stages as indicated for your trailer's wheels (see **Wheel Lug Torque Chart**).

Check and re-torque after the first 10, 25 and 50 miles (16, 40 and 80 kilometers). Thereafter, check and maintain the torque according to the listed torque values (see Wheel Lug Torque Chart.)

NOTE: The proper method of tightening wheel lug nuts is with a properly calibrated torque wrench and socket, not with an impact wrench or by hand. Do not use a 4-way lug wrench or any other type of wrench that does not measure the actual pressure applied to the lug nut.

Because of the importance of having proper torque on the wheel lug nuts, you should always have the wheels mounted and properly torqued by a qualified technician using the proper tools.

#### WHEEL LUG NUT DIAGRAMS:









T-Lug Huts

5-Lug Nuts

6-Lug Nuts

#### WHEEL TORQUE INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Start lug nuts with fingers on studs to avoid cross threading.
- 2. Stage 1, Torque: Impact lug nuts in a star pattern\* until snug to rim. -- See Wheel Lug Nut Diagram
- 3. Stage 2, Torque: Use calibrated torque wrench to torque each lug nut, in a star pattern, to the values indicated. Wheels must remain stationary during torquing process for control purposes. --See Wheel Lug Nut Torque Chart and Wheel Lug Nut Diagram
- 4. Stage 3, Torque: Use calibrated torque wrench to torque each lug nut, in a star pattern, to the values indicated. Wheels must remain stationary during torquing process for control purposes. —See Wheel Lug Nut Torque Chart and Wheel Lug Nut Diagram

#### WHEEL LUG NUT TORQUE CHART:

Lug Nut	Stud Dia.	Rim	Туре	Stage 1 Impact Gun	Stage 2 Clicker Setting (+/-3ft/lbs)	Stage 3 Clicker Setting (+/-3ft/lbs)	Acceptable Torque Range
4-Lug Nuts	1/2"	12"	Steel	40-50 ft/lbs	60 ft/lbs	70 ft/lbs	50-75 ft/lbs
5-Lug Nuts	1/2"	13"	Chrm/Steel	40-50 ft/lbs	60 ft/lbs	70 ft/lbs	50-75 ft/lbs
5-Lug Nuts	1/2"	14"	Chrm/Steel/Alum	40-50 ft/lbs	95 ft/lbs	115 ft/lbs	90-120 ft/lbs
5-Lug Nuts	1/2"	15"	Chrm/Steel/Alum	40-50 ft/lbs	95 ft/lbs	115 ft/lbs	90-120 ft/lbs
6-Lug Nuts	1/2"	15"	Chrm/Steel/Alum	40-50 ft/lbs	95 ft/lbs	115 ft/lbs	90-120 ft/lbs
6-Lug Nuts	1/2"	16"	Chrm/Steel	40-50 ft/lbs	95 ft/lbs	115 ft/lbs	90-120 ft/lbs
8-Lug Nuts	1/2"	16"	Steel/Aluminum	40-50 ft/lbs	95 ft/lbs	115 ft/lbs	90-120 ft/lbs

#### TRANSPORTATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Prior to travel and after excessive braking, all wheel lug nuts must be checked for torque.
- \*This also applies to any service involving wheel or lug removal, during the life of the recreational vehicle.
- 2. Torque readings must fall within the Acceptable Torque Range. -- See Wheel Lug Nut Torque Chart
- 3. Torque specifications, must be checked by using a torque wrench.
  - \*Digital or Dial Torque Wrenches are recommended.
- 4. If Torque falls below the Acceptable Torque Range, additional torque is required.
- See Wheel Torque Instructions and Wheel Lug Nut Diagram for the correct pattern and recommended final torque value.
- During travel, wheel lug nuts must be checked and re-torqued, as required, after the first, 10 miles, 25 miles, 50 miles, then periodically during travel (16 kilometers, 40 kilometers, 80 kilometers, then periodically during travel).
- See Wheel Torque Instructions and Wheel Lug Nut Diagram for the correct pattern and recommended final torque value.
- 6. Failure to follow these instructions may result in wheel loss, an accident, or loss of control, resulting in death or serious injury.



Check and tighten wheel lug nuts regularly to make sure they did not loosen during travel. Wheel lug nuts must be applied and maintained at the proper torque levels to prevent loose wheels, broken studs and possible separation of the wheel(s) from your trailer. The lug nuts on the wheels of your RV must be maintained according to listed torque values (see **Wheel Lug Torque Chart**.) Over-torqued and/or under-torqued wheels may result in component failure.



Failure to maintain proper torque of the wheel lug nuts could lead to separation of the tire and wheel while driving, possibly resulting in property damage or personal injury.

#### **EMERGENCY STOPPING**

Always carry road flares or reflective warning signs to display if necessary. Pull off the roadway as far as possible for emergency stopping or tire changing. Turn ON your RV hazard warning flashers. If traveling at night, use three red warning indicators such as flares, reflectors or lanterns, as follows:

- 1. Place the first warning indictor on the traffic side of the RV, directed at the nearest approaching traffic.
- 2. Place the second warning indicator 100 feet behind the RV in the center of the lane and toward approaching traffic.
- 3. Place the third warning indicator 100 feet in front of the RV in the center of the lane and away from the traffic approaching from behind.

The hazard-warning flasher provides additional safety if the RV is stopped on the side of the roadway and presents a possible hazard to other motorists. When the flasher is on, it serves as a warning to others to approach and overtake your vehicle with caution.

For personal safety, always stand off the road and out of the way of traffic. Curves and/or hills may affect the safe placement of warning indicators

#### **EMERGENCY TOWING**



Never allow anyone to go under the RV while it is being lifted and/or being towed.

If your RV needs to be towed, please contact an emergency road service provider or a qualified service facility for assistance.

## LEVELING THE RV

Now that you have parked your RV, you need to ensure it is level. Leveling is very important. A level RV is more comfortable for sleeping and walking. The refrigerator is designed to operate when level for best performance due to the absorption system. The water drainage systems are designed with proper slope and must be level for proper operation. The appliances perform best when level.

## STABILIZER JACKS

- 1. Each stabilizer jack can be individually adjusted to stabilize the trailer for use.
- When setting your RV up on soft ground, you may wish to place a wood pad or the equivalent under each stabilizer jack foot. This will help keep the stabilizer jack from sinking into the ground.

# Manual stabilizer jacks (if so equipped)

To lower each jack, insert the jack crank onto the applicable stabilizer jack shaft.

- To lower each jack, insert the jack crank onto the applicable stabilizer jack shaft
- Turn the crank clockwise to lower each leg until it contacts the ground and stabilizes the trailer.

To raise each jack, insert the jack crank onto the applicable stabilizer jack shaft and turn the crank counter-clockwise.

**Electric stabilizer jacks (if so equipped)** Control switches for the stabilizer jacks are located on the (door) side of the unit above the stabilizer jack(s).

To lower each jack, press the control switch until each leg contacts the ground and stabilizes the unit.

To raise the jack, press the control switch until the jack is returned to the retracted position.

NOTE: The stabilizer jacks must be fully retracted before moving or towing the RV to prevent stabilizer jack damage.



**DO NOT USE THE STABILIZER JACKS TO LEVEL THE RV.** It is important to remember that the stabilizer jacks are to be used only for support while occupying and moving around the RV. They are not designed to bear the weight of the RV.

## **ENTRANCE DOOR WITH SCREEN DOOR**



Make sure the entrance door is completely closed and locked when traveling. Locking the door helps prevent it from opening unintentionally.

The entrance door is located on the curbside of the RV. Always hold onto the entrance door when opening or closing it as damage caused because you failed to do so is not covered by the **Towable Limited Warranty.** 

## KEYS/LOCKS

Several keys are provided when you purchase your RV. Most keys have an individual key number stamped on the plate. Record these key numbers and keep the information in safe place. You can order a key blank from your RV dealer to have duplicate keys made. If you lose the keys, contact your RV dealer or a locksmith for assistance.

NOTE: Locks on entrance and baggage doors need biannual lubrication using a light coat of silicone spray. Conditions such as rain, salt, dust and pollution may increase the maintenance needs.

# KEYLESS ENTRY (IF SO EQUIPPED)

If your RV is equipped with a keyless entry system, the following overview will assist you in the basic operation of the system. For additional information, refer to the manufacturer's user guide included in your warranty packet.

## Programming a new code into your keyless entry system

- Write your desired "new" code below and then read through all instructions before you start the programming process as this will make the programming much easier.
- 2. While holding down the "0" button, press and release the "lock" button, then release the "0" button as well. (You will hear a long confirmation beep this signifies that you have entered the programming mode).

- 3. Type in the keypads existing code, for example **1234**, then press **lock**. (1234 is the default code from the factory and only works until it has been changed.)
- 4. Now type in the new code written below (up to 8 digits), then press lock.
- Again type in the same new code as written below and again press lock. (Repeat until a long confirmation beep from the keypad confirms and completes programming.
- 6. Test to ensure your new code works by typing in your new code and press the **lock/unlock** button. The Keypad should confirm the accepted code by a long beep. If not, start again at step #1.

**NOTE:** The keypad will function best when within a close proximity of the door handle. Position the door as close to the keypad as possible during this process.

The keypad will reset to former operation after 10 seconds of being idle during

programming mode. If you make a mistake wait 10 seconds and start over.
Long beep – Confirmation/Functioning
5 short beeps – Error/Wrong code
You must ALWAYS have the current code to change to a new one. There is no reset button or override code. If the code has been forgotten, the Keypad must be replaced.
Always keep your keys OUTSIDE of your coach in case of electronics/battery failure.

☐ The CR2032 battery can be accessed by removing the 2 screws that hold the battery door in place on the bottom of the keypad.

After installing a new battery, make sure to press battery door in firmly when tightening screws. This will allow the gaskets to seal up tight. Not pressing the battery door securely while tightening may result in water being able to access the interior of the keypad.

**New Code:** - Code can be between 0 and 8 digits, we recommend at least 4 digits for security.

# Syncing the lock handle with your keypad

- 1. **Lightly** press the learning button with a paper clip through the pin hole located under the interior handle. A beep will confirm that you have entered the programming mode.
- Repeat typing in your numeric code and pressing the lock button until
  the handle confirms with a series of rapid beeps. (Usually takes one or two
  times)
- □ Default code for all new keypads is 1234. If you would like to change your keypad code see "Programming a new code into your keyless entry system" above after completing this "syncing" process...
- ☐ If programming did not work, repeat steps 1 and 2.

# Changing the Batteries on your lock handle

Remove the two (2) screws holding the battery cover and install four (4) AA alkaline batteries. NOTE: Install high quality, fully charged alkaline batteries. Batteries should last 6 months in between changes. Remove batteries at the end of the season and/or during large gaps between trips to avoid draining batteries and possible damage.

A beep will confirm that the handle has power. Replace the battery cover and screws. (DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN).

## **CAMPING TRAILER HITCHING PROCEDURE**

The following procedure will help to assist you in securely hooking up your RV to your tow vehicle.

- 1. Make sure the trailer wheels are blocked.
- 2. Turn the tongue jack crank to raise the travel trailer tongue above the hitch ball.
- 3. Open the coupler latch on the travel trailer hitch.
- 4. Back the tow vehicle into the proper position.
- 5. Turn the tongue jack crank to lower the coupler onto the hitch ball.
- 6. Close the coupler latch after it is completely seated.
- Install the (customer supplied) weight distributing bars (equalizers) as directed by the OEM.
- 8. Remove the dolly wheel or platform and retract the tongue jack to its maximum height.
- 9. Attach the breakaway switch cable to the tow vehicle.
- 10. Attach the safety chains.
- 11. Plug in your wire harness/connector plug from the tow vehicle to the travel trailer.
- 12. Walk around the RV to verify exterior lights are working correctly.
- 13. Remove the trailer wheel blocks.

**▶ NOTE:** If an Atwood brake actuator is used with an equalizing hitch, be sure the hanger chains hang between straight down and forward up to 34°. Do not use less than 6-1/2" hanger chain length. For optimum brake performance, hang chains forward 34°. Refer to the manufacturer's owner's manual for more information.

## **BREAKAWAY SWITCH**



NEVER use the breakaway switch and trailer brake system as a parking brake. Doing so would create a high amp draw on the battery and converter. This can cause damage to wiring, connectors and the breakaway switch.

The breakaway switch is a crucial part of the RV braking system. Located on the travel trailer A-frame, this switch will apply the trailer brakes if the trailer becomes detached from the tow vehicle. Attach the breakaway switch lanyard to a permanent part of the tow vehicle (on a travel trailer do not attach it to the hitch ball or similar removable parts) when hitching the trailer. If the RV becomes detached from the tow vehicle, the pull pin will be pulled from the switch. This automatically causes the switch to "close" and activates the RV brakes.

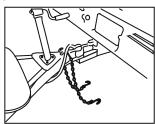
A battery (customer supplied) must be installed to activate the breakaway switch.

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## **SAFETY CHAINS**

Safety chain requirements vary from state to state. Your RV is equipped with chains to meet SAE standard requirements for maximum gross trailer weight.

Always have the safety chains attached when towing. Install them as shown below so they do not restrict sharp turns, but tight enough so they do not drag on the ground.

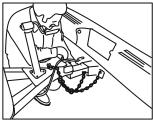


 Inspect chains to determine if they are properly attached to trailer frame.

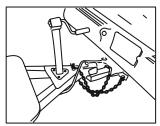


Criss-cross left chain and attach to right mounting slot in tow vehicle hitch.

Fig. 4.6 Safety chain installation



 Repeat Step 2 with right chain. Slack for each length should be the same but not more than necessary to permit the vehicle to turn at the minimum radius.



 Properly mounted safety chains. Note that the jack is fully raised and dolly sheel removed.

Crisscross the left safety chain under the coupler and attach to the right mounting slot in the trailer hitch; repeat with the right safety chain. Slack for each length should be the same but not more than necessary to permit the vehicle to turn at its minimum radius.

#### TOWING BEHIND YOUR RV



# WARNING

Towing items behind your Starcraft travel trailer or fifth wheel, or overloading the rear, will void the warranty and may result in: damage to the RV or add-on items, towing difficulties, property damage and/or personal injury.

DO NOT tow anything behind your RV. The RV frame and bumper are not designed for towing.

# VINYL TIRE COVER (IF SO EQUIPPED)

Your tires are manufactured with components that cause "bleeding" onto the tire cover. To prevent this, it is recommended to use a separator (garbage bag, paper, cloth, etc.) between the tire and the cover.

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## UNHITCHING YOUR CAMPING TRAILER

- Position the RV as desired.
- 2. Level the RV (side-to-side).
- 3. Block the wheels securely to prevent the RV from moving.
- 4. Unhook the wire harness/connector plug, safety chains and breakaway switch lanyard.
- 5. Install the dolly wheel or platform.
- 6. Release the weight distributing bars (customer supplied).
- 7. Open the tongue jack coupler latch.
- 8. Turn the tongue jack crank to raise the coupler above the hitch ball.
- 9. Level the RV (front-to-back) with the tongue jack crank.
- 10. If applicable, lower the stabilizer jacks.
- 11. Pull the tow vehicle away, as desired.

## **SEASONING THE NEW TENT**



# **CAUTION**

It is very important to "season" your new tent. If you do not follow this procedure, you may experience some water seepage during the first few exposures to rain.

Well in advance of your first trip, set up your new RV. Use a garden hose and thoroughly soak the tent with a light spray of water (do not spray directly on the tent with a high pressure hose). After the tent dries, repeat the soaking process three additional times.

If you note any water seepage or leaks after seasoning your tent let the tent dry, then spray water repellant using the instructions provided on the product container. One or more applications of seam sealer may be necessary to stop water seepage in seams where thread enters the fabric. Water repellant products and tent seam sealers are usually available where tent or camping supplies are sold.

Once performed, the new tent seasoning process (described above) does not need to be repeated unless a section of your tent is replaced.

#### **TENT SET UP**



# WARNING

Do not use the bed braces if they are bent or damaged. Contact your dealer to replace any damaged brace(s).

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# WARNING

Ensure all tent Velcro fasteners are securely fastened. Loose areas could result in openings large enough for an infant, child or adult to fall through. Never leave small children in the camper unattended.



# **CAUTION**

If the roof limit cable is raised too high, the lifter system and/or tent damage could occur and the entrance door will not fit properly.

Use the following numbered pictorial as a general guideline to set up your camping trailer. If you have any questions after reviewing this section, please contact your dealer or Starcraft Customer Service.

Although it is possible to setup the tent alone, it is faster and easier with two people.

## Step 1

Insure the unit is level. Level front to back using the tongue jack. Leveling side to side may require additional blocking under the tires. Lower the stabilizer jacks.

NOTE: Stabilizer jacks should not be used to level the unit.

Step 2
Unhook all roof latches



Step 3a
Manual Lift system
(if so equipped)
Insert the crank

Insert the crank handle (found inside the exterior door pocket) and turn to raise the roof.





# Step 3b Power Lift system (if so equipped) Press the power roof switch located on the hitch.



To manually override the power lift:

- Disconnect the unit from the power source.
- Locate the lift wires under the black cover on the hitch, and unplug both wires.

The lift can now be manually operated.



## Step 4

Before pulling out the bed, make sure The slideout (if so equipped) portion of tent is pulled out of the way.



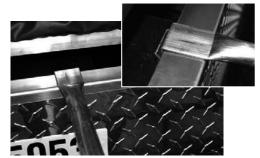
There are 2 types of bed brace systems, a bumper mounted system and a hitch mounted system. If your camping trailer has slots on the bumper, the braces should be set up using the bumper mounted procedure. If there are slots on the hitch of your camping trailer, you will need to use the hitch set up procedure.

# BED BRACE SET UP: BUMPER MOUNT (If So Equipped)

# Step 5 – bumper mount

Locate the front bed support poles set. "Unfold" or extend the front pole set. Install the "hook" end of the front pole set over the top rail of the front wall.

NOTE: The front and rear poles are <u>not</u> interchangable.



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# Step 5a – bumper mount

Install the other end of the pole set into the bumper slot.





## Step 6 – bumper mount

Pull out the front bed



# Step 7a - bumper mount

Install the both pole sets into the bracket(s) on the bottom of the bed.



# Step 7b - bumper mount

Repeat the process on the rear bed.



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# BED BRACE SET UP: HITCH MOUNT (If So Equipped)

# Step 5 - hitch mount

Do not exceed the limits of the cables. Cables are located on opposite corners of the unit.



# Step 6 - hitch mount

Pull out the front bed



# Step 7a - hitch mount

Bed brace installation Install the bed braces. Lifting up slightly on the bed will help with the brace installation.



The brace should be positioned so the bolt is facing away from the RV. Insert the free end of the brace securely into the slot on the RV hitch (front) and the RV bumper (rear).





Repeat Step 6 and 7a on the rear bed

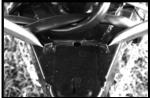
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# Step 7b - hitch mount

Bed brace installation. Insert one end of the bed brace into the bracket in the bed. Insert the other end in the slots on the tongue (front bed) and the bumper (rear bed)







Rear Bed



# **TENT SET UP - ALL TENT MODELS**

# Step 8

Pull out the slideout (if so equipped).



# Step 9

Locate the bed bow brace for the front bed (stored under the mat)





Some models may have a table next to the bed ends in the stowed or stored position. Remove the table prior to installing the bed brace. Do not step on, or put your weight on the table while it is in the stowed position. Doing so may result in damage to the table and/or personal injury.

# Step 10

Attach U-shaped clip to bed bow (between the screw heads (most models).



# **Step 11a**

Install the other end of the bed bow brace into the bracket between the buttons (most models).





Step 11b
(Slide out-if so equipped)
Slide the other end of the bed bow into the slot in the roof





#### Step 12

bracket.

Place the bed flap over the edge of the bed.



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## Step 13

Repeat Steps 10 thru Step 12 to set up the rear bed.

# Step 14

Front bed – pull the side bed flap down over the edge of the bed and attach it to the velcro underneath the bed. Repeat on the other side of the front bed. Repeat step 14 on the rear bed.



# Step 15

Snap the slideout tent sides to the slideout (if so equipped). Adjust for water runoff.

# LIFT COVER SET UP

# Step 16a - bumper mount system

Install the metal support(s) over the (2) lifter posts at opposite corners of the camping trailer. Wrap and Velcro the lifter post covers in place.







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# Step 16b - hitch mount system

Velcro all lifter post covers. Bottom edges are straight and top edges are tucked under the roof.





# Step 17

Tent set up is complete. Make any adjustments to the tent to assure optimum water run-off. Also check to make sure there are no areas of the tent pulled too tight or in a bind.

# **DOOR INSTALLATION: STEP DOOR - (If So Equipped)**

## Step 1 – step door

Release the door latch at the top center of the door and slowly lower the door in place.





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# Step 2 – step door Screen door installation

Release bottom of screen door and flip hinged tab down. Lift screen door up and over metal ledge to remove. After lowering the bottom of the hinged door down on the floor, flip the hinged tab back up.





Step 3a
Set the door down into the door frame.



<u>Step 4a</u> Lift up on the door and set the top of the door in the clip.



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# Step 5a

Lock the door in place by lifting the side latch in place.



# Step 6a

Door installation is now complete. Note: The door shade is in the door and can be raised by pulling up on the shade tab and lowered by pushing down.



# **DOOR INSTALLATION: STANDARD DOOR (If So Equipped)**

# <u>Step 1 – standard door</u> Remove entry door by lifting upward from the hinges.



# Step 2 - standard door

Store entry door by installing into hinge hooks under the rear bed



# Step 3 - standard door

Unsnap top of screen door from inside roof.



# Step 4 - standard door

# Screen door installation (if so equipped)

Release bottom of screen door and flip hinged tab down. Lift screen door up and over metal ledge to remove. After lowering the bottom of the hinged door down on the floor, flip the hinged tab back up.





Carefully slide door to opening, maneuvering lower portion of the door to outside of the unit.



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Lower and install bottom of screen door into the metal extrusion at the bottom of the door opening.



Align top of door flush to inside wall. Fasten the top of the screen door.



Lock the turn fasteners to secure the screen door to the unit.



Fasten tent Velcro to the screen door sides. Make sure the bottom tent corners are pulled out for water run-off.



Set up is complete



## LIGHTS (TENT MODELS ONLY)



# WARNING

Turn off all interior lights before closing the camping trailer for transit. Hot lights may overheat, creating a fire hazard in the stored position and burn holes in the tent.

Camping trailers have an automatic ceiling light shut-off switch that prevents ceiling light and/or ceiling fan operation when the roof in in the lowered position. Periodically test the automatic ceiling light shut-off switch to make sure all interior light(s) and fan(s) turn off when the roof is in the lowered position. The automatic switch is located at the off door side rear corner of the roof along the bottom edge. Clip auxiliary bunk light or bunk light fan assemblies to the appropriate bed bow braces (front or rear). To operate, insert the bunk light or bunk light fan assembly connector into the 12-volt power receptacle attached to the ceiling. A manual switch to individually control each interior light and ceiling fan is provided

# CAMPING TRAILER TEAR DOWN (TENT MODELS ONLY)



# CAUTION

DO NOT push the beds or slideout in until all the velcro has been detached. Push the bed (and slideout, if so equipped) in completely before beginning to lower the roof. Failure to push in the beds and slideout completely before lowering the roof can damage the tent components. Your **Extended Limited Warranty** does not cover this damage.

#### Step 1

- Zip all the windows closed
- Roll the privacy drapes upwards by pressing both buttons on either side of the black locks and drawing the locks upwards.
- Make sure all equipment is properly stored and will not obstruct the roof when lowered.
- ☐ If the bed does not close easily, inspect the bed cushions and tent canvas from the sides looking for obstructions. Once the obstruction is located, correct it and try again.

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- ☐ To avoid damaging the valance, when securing the bottom of the entrance door, insure the door valance is placed between the door and the ceiling.
- ☐ Failure to properly position the kitchen flip-top (if so equipped) for travel can result in roof damage and prevent the roof from lowering properly.



Make sure bed slides are not obstructed. Return all fixtures and loose items to their stowed position.



<u>Step 2</u> Reverse the steps for screen door removal and transit storage.



<u>Step 3</u> Remove all bed bow braces and pull down all bed bows.



# Step 4

Unhook tent Velcro from around the beds and slideout (if so equipped). Carefully fold tent into center of beds.



# Step 5

Store bed bow braces under bed mat. Place the sharp ends against the bed edge trim as shown.



# Step 6

Reinstall the entry door (standard set up) or lift the door into place and make sure it is securely latched (step door).

#### Step 7

Push slideout (if so equipped) into unit, taking care to keep all velcro flaps clear.



### Step 8

Make sure slideout tent (if so equipped) is pulled out and away from the unit. This will allow the front and rear beds to slide in without snapping the slideout tent.



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### Step 9

Slowly begin to lower the roof (see step 3). Stop periodically to insure the tent material is tucked inside the unit. Continue cranking the roof down until it comes to rest on the unit.





# CAUTION

POWER LIFT SYSTEMS (if so equipped): When retracting the roof use caution and stop immediately the moment the roof has stopped moving. Excessive travel when retracting may result in permanent damage to the lift mechanism.

### Step 10

Fasten all roof latches.



### Step 11

Once the roof is secure the lifter system cables will need to be tightened so they will remain secure and in place during transit.

#### Manual Lift Systems (if so equipped)

Turn the crank handle counter clockwise until you feel tension.

### Power Lift Systems (if so equipped)

Press the "raise" button until the motor stops. The motor will automatically stop when the cable reaches the appropriate tension.

# **BED SLIDE MAINTENANCE (TENT MODELS ONLY)**

Lubricate the bed slides two times each year. Use only a silicone spray to avoid attracting dirt and soiling the bed mats. Do not permit the spray to me into contact with the tent.

# TENT, CANOPY AND SCREEN ROOM (TENT MODELS ONLY)



The tent canvas is a mildew resistant fabric; however, this does not mean that it is mildew proof. Taking proper care of your tent canvas will help to prolong its life. For warranty coverage, it is imperative that you read, understand and follow the listed recommendations in this owner's manual and all related literature.

Proper care and maintenance are important for the life of your tent canvas. If the tent must be stored wet, open the camping trailer and allow the tent to dry thoroughly as soon as possible. Be aware that the canvas portion of the tent will take longer to dry than the vinyl. Make sure the entire tent is completely dry before refolding it and storing the camping trailer.

Assure that your canvas and trailer have good ventilation, especially after a rainy period. The most common cause of a damaged canvas is mildew, which is the result of storing your RV for any period of time with a damp or wet canvas, even for short periods. This is even more important in humid climates.

Touching the tent canvas when it is wet can cause leakage. During periods of rain, avoid contact with the tent. The natural body oils in skin will neutralize the tent waterproofing and cause the rain to soak through. If leakage persists, please contact your dealer for assistance.

#### **TENT MAINTENANCE**

### Exterior or vinyl side

For minor stains, dirt, etc., the vinyl or outside of the material can be cleaned with mild liquid detergent and water, using a sponge or soft cloth. **Do not use a brush on the vinyl side of material!** Rinse well and air or wipe dry.

For more stubborn stains, dirt, etc., the tent fabric OEM recommends:

- □ OxiClean®
- □ Fantastick® (must state it can be used on vinyl)
- □ Star Brite® Vinyl Cleaner / Shampoo, #80216
- Meguiar's® 57 Vinyl & Rubber Cleaner / Conditioner, #5716
- □ Marine Specialties Group® Vinyl Finish Vinyl Cleaner #990917
- □ West Marine® Vinyl Cleaner, #2669323

#### Interior or Fabric Side

For minor stains, dirt, etc., dry brush with a soft bristle brush or use clean tap water with a sponge or soft bristle brush.

For more stubborn stains, the following products are recommended by the tent fabric OEM using either a sponge, soft cloth or soft bristle brush:

- □ OxiClean®
- Mild liquid detergent
- Resolve® Carpet Cleaner

When using any of the above products, please follow the cleaning product manufacturer's directions! If practical, use a wet/dry vacuum to remove all moisture or excess cleaning product.

Do not fold up tent while fabric is still wet or damp!

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Most of the above items can be purchased at local hardware stores, and RV or Marine dealers or supply stores. If you encounter difficulty in locating any of the above cleaners, a simple internet search should direct you to an available supplier.



# **CAUTION**

Do not use any cleaner which contains abrasives, solvents, citrus or chlorine bleach. Damage to the fabric will result



# CAUTION

Do not permit any silicone or lubricant spray to come in contact with the tent.

# CANOPY (IF SO EQUIPPED - TENT MODELS ONLY)

The canopy has been designed and built with quality material to give you years of trouble free service with low maintenance. Read these instructions fully before beginning the setup. One person can do the setup, but two people will make it easier.

#### Maintenance

It is very important to keep the canopy clean. Wash down your canopy; brushing lightly with a cloth or soft brush. Keep the underside of the canopy clean by simply brushing it with a clean household broom. The underside can be washed in the same manner as the top. Hose your canopy down occasionally (every month) with a garden hose. We recommend doing this on a hot, sunny day.

ALWAYS roll up your canopy dry. If you ever need to roll up the canopy when it is wet, unroll it within 24 hours and allow it to dry. Mildew will develop on damp and wet canopies. In addition, be sure to follow the list when caring for your canopy.

#### DO NOT...

- Fold or roll in extreme cold temperatures.
- Drag your canopy across any abrasive surfaces, such as a cement drive.
- Get insect spray on the fabric, as some solutions may impair the water repellency of the fabric and cause staining.
- □ Force or yank your canopy when raising or lowering it. Do it gradually.
- Allow water to stand on the canopy, causing "pocketing" or possible stretching.
- Wash your canopy with a harsh strong solution, or scrub too vigorously with an abrasive cleaner.
- Grill underneath the canopy.
- Store the canopy when it is damp or wet. Mildew is a fabric's greatest enemy and is caused by dampness. Mildew may grow on the surface of a damp canopy and permanently stain the fabric.
- Permit leaves, twigs, etc. to remain on your canopy as they might cause a staining of the fabric.
- Wrap steel or aluminum hardware with the canopy.

#### Initial Installation

NOTE: The initial installation of the canopy should be performed by an authorized service technician. Read all instructions prior to installing.

# Canopy Set-up



The canopy should be set-up using two people. Failure to do so can result in damage to the canopy or injury. Make sure to hold rolled canopy when bag is unzipped to keep it from falling.

NOTE: It will be easier to set up the canopy if you don't raise the roof of the unit until canopy set up is complete.

- Unzip the canopy bag.
- 2. Hold on to the canopy and undo the Velcro retaining straps.
- 3. Unroll the canopy until the main rail is exposed.
- 4. Release the canopy legs from the main rail. Move the foot at the end of the canopy leg so it will be flat when placed on the ground (Fig 4a). Place your foot on the foot of the canopy leg and pull up until the leg locks into place. Set the canopy legs on the ground in the upright position. NOTE: If your canopy has a center post, insert the post into the hole in the center of the main rail.



Fig. 4a

5. Pull out the telescoping side arms. Pull the canopy flaps over the front and side rails and at the corners. NOTE: tilting the vertical legs in slightly will make it easier to pull the flaps down at the corners. Secure the end of the side arm into the top holder on the side of the unit (Fig. 5a), making sure the side arm snap buttons lock into place (Fig 5b). The side arm(s) should be extended so the canopy fabric is tight, but not tight enough to pull or stretch the fabric. If the side arms start to bow as you raise the unit, STOP IMMEDIATELY and adjust the canopy.

#### **CAUTION**

Over tightening the canopy may result in excessive wear or tearing of the fabric at seams, at corners or where the canopy is attached to the unit.

Fig. 5a



Fig. 5b



6. Pull down the side flaps at the unit and place the end of the awning cover over the end (Fig. 6a). Zip the canopy cover until you reach the end of the side flap (Fig. 6b). This will help direct the water run-off from the canopy.

Fig. 6a



Fig. 6b



Secure all canopy legs by installing tent stakes next to each leg so that the "hook" on the stake is inserted in to the hole on the foot.



### **CAUTION**

Always install tent stakes to avoid wind damage to the poles and fabric. Wind and rain damage are not covered by warranty.

**➣ NOTE:** If also installing a screen room, wait until that set up is complete to do Steps 7 & 8.

The roof of the unit can now be raised and tent installation completed.

#### Alternate Set-up

The canopy can be set up so that the canopy legs are angled and attached to the side of the unit. This eliminates the need to stake down the canopy legs.

NOTE: This method cannot be used if you are using a screen room.

Follow Steps 1-6.

- 7a. Raise the roof of the unit to full height.
- 8a. Tilt the canopy legs towards the unit. Insert the foot into the bracket on the side of the unit (Fig 8a-1). Pull the bracket bar down to lock the canopy foot securely in place (Fig. 8a-2).

Fig. 8a-1



Fig. 8a-2



The alternate canopy set-up is complete.



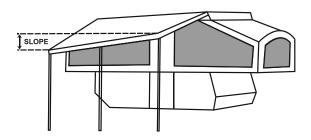
Do not use canopy structure to hang or hold ANYTHING. Doing so may result in injury or damage to the canopy or vehicle.

# **Caring For Your Canopy**



Wind and rain can cause damage to the canopy, resulting in injury or damage to the vehicle. If wind or heavy rain is expected fold up and stow the awning. If leaving the vehicle for an extended period of time, stow the canopy to avoid potential damage from weather changes.

Rain can damage both the canopy fabric and the poles if it is allowed to "pocket" in the fabric. It is very important to have the correct slope in the canopy. If rain is anticipated or forecast, lower one side to allow adequate run off.



# SCREEN ROOM (IF SO EQUIPPED - TENT MODELS ONLY)

NOTE: The canopy and hardware must be installed and set up before attempting to attach the screen room (see Canopy set-up and Care). It will be easier to install the screen room prior to staking down the canopy legs and raising the roof.

#### Installing the Screen Room Skirt

- Unfold the screen room skirt and lay out under the canopy area. A grassy area or clean floor is suggested.
- Starting at one end, snap the screen room skirt to the side of the unit, until all snaps have been installed. The Velcro should line up with the lifter post cover.

NOTE: The vinyl side of the screen room skirt will face outside of the screen room area (towards the underside of the unit. This is to help protect the inside of the screen room from outside elements.

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### Installing the Screen Room

NOTE: It will be much easier to set up the screen room if there are 2 people.

- Unfold the screen room. A grassy area or clean floor is suggested. Lift up one corner of the screen room to the (outside) corresponding corner of the canopy.
- Starting at one corner, start the side zipper) and zip it up completely. Repeat on the other side.
- NOTE It may be easier to begin set up if the canopy leg is tilted inward.





3. Attach the Velcro on the front corner. Continue attaching the Velcro across the entire front of the screen room.

NOTE: It will be easier to attach the Velcro if you have a second person on the outside putting pressure on the screen room Velcro.



- 4. Start the lifter covers at the top (this will be much easier if done prior to raising the roof).
- Raise the roof of the unit into the camping position. Set all canopy legs in the upright position.
- 6. Finish installing the lifter covers around the lifter posts.
- 7. Tie the sides of the screen room to the unit, and the inside of the screen room to the legs.





8. Secure all canopy legs by installing tent stakes next to each leg so that the "hook" on the stake is inserted in to the hole on the foot.

NOTE: The screen room is designed with excess fabric at the bottom to aid in water run-off. Make sure the bottom is lying flat, away from the screen room. Refer to "Caring for Your Canopy" on the canopy set-up sheet for details on preventing damage from wind and heavy rain.

# **Guide to Screen Room Care and Usage**

Care should be taken when setting up and taking down screen room to avoid tears and cuts. When putting away the screen room, the curtains should be in the down position and secured to the bottom with their strings.

- 1. Wash off any droppings or foreign matter from the trees with clear water, and keep vinyl clean when putting away.
- 2. Do not roll stakes or hardware with the screen room.
- 3. Never roll vinyl screen room up wet for any extended period of time.
- 4. If mildew is apparent, it should be treated promptly with a light solution of Naphtha soap and water. A soft brush or cloth is recommended for cleaning vinyl. Lysol spray is a good option as well.

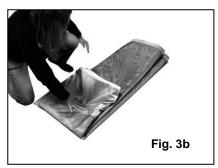
# **Fiberglass Screening**

Fiberglass screening should be loosely folded, not crushed, when opening and putting away screen room. Do not allow poles and stakes to punch holes in the screen.

### Folding the Screen Room for Storage:

- 1. Lay the screen room out flat. A grassy area or clean floor is suggested.
- 2. Square the screen room up and fold in the wings.
- 3. Roll approximately 18" from both ends towards center (Fig. 3a). Fold in thirds (Fig. 3b) and store in the bag.





#### Maintenance

Care should be taken when setting up and putting the screen room away to avoid tears and cuts. When putting away the screen room, the curtains should be in the down position and secured to the bottom with their strings.

- Wash off any droppings or foreign matter from trees with clear water and keep the vinyl clean when putting away.
- DO not roll stakes or hardware with the screen room.
- Never roll the vinyl screen room up wet for any extended period of time.
- If mildew is apparent, it should be treated promptly with a light solution of soap and water. A soft brush or cloth is recommended for cleaning vinyl.

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### CAMPING TRAILER SET UP - HARD SIDE MODELS ONLY

### Step 1

Insure the unit is level. Level the unit front to back using the tongue jack. Leveling side to side may require blocking under the tires. Lower the stabilizer jacks.

NOTE: Stabilizer jacks should not be used to level the unit.

#### Step 2

Unhook the roof latches (one on each side of the unit).



### Step 3

Standing on the door side, position yourself on the left (rear) side of the entrance door. Firmly grasp the roof and lift up until the roof locks into place. Make sure the roof is securely locked in place before proceeding.

NOTE: Having a second person on the opposite side of the unit will ease in set up when starting to raise the roof into position.



# CAUTION

Make sure the roof is securely locked into position. Proceeding with set up without the roof securely locked into place may result in property damage or personal injury.





#### Step 4

Open the bottom section of the door. Next, flip up the top section of the door enough so you can step inside the unit. Holding the door in the open position, lift up the (door) side wall. Be sure to line the top half and the bottom half of the entrance door up as you lift the wall into place.

# (L) CAUTION

Keep hands and fingers away from the hinged area of the sidewall. Caution should be used when lining up the doors to keep hands and fingers from being pinched between the door sections.









# Step 5

Secure the roof to the sidewall by latching the (2) latches along the roof sidewall junction.





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# Step 5 continued...





# Step 6

Latch the top and bottom door sections together using the hasp latch located directly above the door handle.



# Step 7

Standing on the inside of the unit, lift the other side wall into position. Secure the wall into place with the (2) wall latches.



Set up is now complete.

### CAMPING TRAILER TEAR DOWN - HARD SIDE MODELS ONLY

### Step 1

Unlatch the first sidewall (non-door side). Slowly lower the sidewall towards the center of the unit until it reaches the stowed or travel position.



### Step 2

Unlatch the top and bottom door section. Open the upper section of the door to allow you to stand in the unit as the wall is lowered. Unlatch the sidewall (door side) and slowly lower it towards the center of the unit until it reaches the stowed or travel position.



# Step 3

Holding the roof at the grab handle, push up on the roof to release the roof latch. Slowly lower the roof to the closed position.

NOTE: Having a second person on the opposite side of the unit will ease the process of lowering the roof.



# CAUTION

Keep hands and fingers away from the roof edge and the top of the sidewall when lowering the roof. Failure to do so may result in personal injury.



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# SCREEN ROOM (IF SO EQUIPPED - HARD SIDE MODELS ONLY)

NOTE: It will be necessary to install Velcro to your unit prior to setting up the screen room. This step is only required prior to the first time use of the screen room. See the screen room Installation & Operating Instructions supplied in your owner's packet for detailed instructions on this set-up, and on the complete set-up of the screen room.



TO REDUCE THE RISK OF DEATH, PERSONAL INJURY, FIRE OR DAMAGE:

- Do not use heaters, cooking grills, camp fires, camp stoves or gas burning lamps inside of the screen room.
- 2. Never operate generators, motorcycles, or any internal combustion engines inside the screen room.
- 3. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children. Do not allow children or adults to lean against the sides of the screen room.
- Do not suspend electrical lights from the room's poles or allow electrical lights to come in contact with the fabric of the screen room.
- 5. Do not modify or change the installation of the screen room.
- Use the screen room only as described in the Installation & Operating Instructions supplied in your owner's packet.

#### Maintenance

Care should be taken when setting up and putting the screen room away to avoid tears and cuts.

- Wash off any droppings or foreign matter from trees with clear water and keep the screen room clean when putting away.
- Do not store your screen room if wet or damp. Mildew may form and color transfer/bleed may occur if stored wet or damp.
- If mildew is apparent, it should be treated promptly with a light solution of soap and water. A soft brush or cloth is recommended for cleaning.

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# SLIDE-OUT (IF SO EQUIPPED)



# **WARNING**

Ensure that the RV is level. Water leaks and other problems could result if the slideout is operated without leveling the RV. Ensure there are no people or obstructions blocking the path of the room when it is moving. Keep away from the sides when the room is in motion. Ensure the slideout is in the closed position prior to hooking the RV to the tow vehicle.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

# **CAUTION**

Do not place excessive weight in the slideout room. It can cause the slideout room to malfunction and cause damage to the slideout.

If so equipped, the slideout room system is designed for additional floor space and comfort. For the slideout system to work properly, the RV must be leveled before extending the room.

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**The** RV electrical system is comprised of two independent electrical systems. One operates off of 12-volt DC power and the other off of 120-volt 60hz AC power. All installations have been made in compliance with industry standards applicable on the date of manufacture. Because the electrical equipment and associated circuitry are engineered into a dedicated system specific to your RV, we recommend you do not make unauthorized changes or add fixed appliances to it. **Changes or additions made after delivery may result in a hazardous condition.** 

Service and/or modification of the electrical system should only be performed by qualified electrical technicians using approved materials, components, and methods meeting current safety and code requirements. Please consult your dealer's service department for assistance.

To read more about the various components incorporated into the RV electrical system, please refer to the information contained in your Warranty Packet.

#### **ELECTRICAL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE**

Always disconnect the 30 amp shore power cord and disconnect the negative 12-volt DC battery terminal before working on the electrical system. Always make sure the power converter, is turned "off" before disconnecting the battery.



# WARNING

Use caution when using metal tools. If a tool contacts a battery terminal or metal connected to it, a short circuit could occur which could cause personal injury, explosion or fire.

#### IN CASE OF AN ELECTRICAL FIRE



# WARNING

Do not attempt to use water to put out an electrical fire. Water can spread some types of fire, and electrocution is possible with an electrical fire.

- 1. Have everyone evacuate the RV immediately.
- 2. Switch the 120-volt main circuit breaker in the trailer to the "off" position.
- 3. Disconnect the negative battery cable(s) at the battery.
- 4. Disconnect the 30 amp power cord from the shore power receptacle.
- 5. Always have faulty or damaged wiring and electrical components repaired immediately.
- NOTE: It is important that everyone knows where to find the 30 amp 120-volt main circuit breaker and how it operates.

#### 120-VOLT AC SYSTEM

The following electrical components (if so equipped) will only operate when your RV is connected to shore power: 120 to 12-volt power converter, air conditioner, 120-volt refrigerator, microwave oven and appliances plugged into convenience receptacles.

#### 120-VOLT CIRCUIT BREAKERS

The 120-volt AC circuit breakers located inside the main load center protect all 120-volt wiring and components in the RV from circuit overloads and short circuits. Should a circuit overload or short circuit occur the circuit breaker protecting the affected circuit will "trip" preventing the flow of electricity through that circuit.

If a circuit breaker trips, shut "off" the appliance on that circuit (i.e., power converter etc.) and allow the circuit breaker to cool down for a brief period of time. After the cooling down period, reset the circuit breaker by moving its lever "off" and then back to the "on" position. If the circuit breaker re-trips or frequently trips, contact your dealer to have the electrical problem diagnosed and repaired.

A circuit breaker identification label is permanently attached to the inside surface of the 120-volt load center.



# CAUTION

Circuit breakers and fuses will not offer complete protection of the electrical system in the event of power surge or voltage spike.

### **Maintenance and Replacement**

At the beginning of camping season, inspect the circuit breakers and replace as needed. Test by turning each circuit breaker "off" and back "on". Circuit breakers are wearable parts and must be replaced as needed, as part of your RV maintenance. If you have any questions, consult your dealer.



# **WARNING**

Replacement circuit breakers must be of the same voltage, amperage rating and type. Never use a higher rated replacement circuit breaker; doing so may cause a fire by overheating the RV wiring.

Please contact your dealer for repair assistance when replacing circuit breakers.

#### CONVERTER

The power converter converts 120-volt AC power to useable 12-volt DC power when the shore power cord is connected to an external power source.

The converter has a built-in protective thermal breaker that will shut it down should overheating occur. Overheating can be caused by operating the converter above its maximum power output for an extended period of time, or by an obstruction to its ventilation air flow. To reduce converter heat build keep unnecessary 12-volt lights and motors turned "off". Keep the converter cooling fins and fan clear of obstructions.

### Inspection and maintenance

If the 12-volt power converter is not working (auxiliary battery not being charged) check the reverse polarity fuse(s) in the converter fuse panel. There are no customer serviceable parts inside the converter case and the manufacturer's warranty will be void if the case has been removed. If you have further concerns contact your dealer.

#### **GFCI RECEPTACLE OUTLET**

Grounding is your personal protection from electrical shock. Each RV has a ground fault current interrupter (GFCI) engineered into the electrical system. This device has been designed to reduce the possible injury caused by electric shock. The GFCI will not protect against short circuits or circuit overloads.

Test all GFCI receptacles monthly

- Push in the GFCI "TEST" button. The GFCI "RESET" button should pop out indicating the GFCI receptacle has been "tripped" and interrupted 120-volt power.
- □ Push in the GFCI "RESET" button to restore 120-volt power. Contact your independent dealer for assistance if the GFCI "RESET" button does not restore 120-volt power and pops back out.

A "tripped" GFCI receptacle indicates that abnormally high 120-volt current flow (a ground fault) was detected through the electrical system grounding circuit. A fault condition can be caused by faulty wire insulation, wet wiring inside an appliance, or faulty electrical equipment connected to the circuit, etc. All ground faults must be repaired before use of the RV.

#### 12-VOLT DC SYSTEM

The majority of your RV lighting is powered by 12-volt electricity. The 12-volt DC system is composed of components that will operate when the following conditions are met:

- Power is supplied by the tow vehicle alternator when the engine is running and the 7-way trailer plug is connected. This powers the RV's running lights, brake lights, turn signals and brakes. In addition, the 7-way trailer plug provides a common ground and a 12-volt charge line to charge the auxiliary battery.
- The converter will supply interior 12-volt DC power when the power cord is plugged into campground power. The converter will also charge the RV battery in most situations.
- □ The auxiliary battery powers many interior 12-volt components including the lighting fixtures, water pump, 12-volt motors, 12-volt appliances, etc. It also powers the breakaway switch.

# **AUXILIARY BATTERY (CUSTOMER SUPPLIED)**

Your RV has many 12-volt DC loads. When combined, their total is more than the converter can produce. High demands for 12-volt power can be met by an auxiliary battery for limited periods of time. The 12-volt DC electrical system is designed for usage with a Group 27, deep cycle battery.

# Dry camping

Consider the charge condition of the auxiliary battery when dry camping. If the auxiliary battery is not being recharged and power is being drawn from it, it will eventually discharge. A battery will discharge at a faster rate as its energy level becomes depleted. It is recommended you plan your electrical usage accordingly. For accuracy, test the auxiliary battery voltage using a volt-ohm meter (customer supplied).

A fully charged auxiliary battery will read 12.7 volts DC and 1.265 specific gravity at 80°F (32°C). The auxiliary battery is considered discharged at 11.8 volts, and dead at 11.65 volts.

When voltage drops below those levels, permanent damage may occur. Typically, a deep cycle battery has an amp-hour rating of 75-100 amps.

If you run the furnace and refrigerator simultaneously, you will be using approximately (12.0 + 3.0) 15.0 amps per hour. This does not include any 12-volt lights, water pump or any other 12-volt component.

If the furnace and refrigerator in the above example operated constantly, a 75 amp-hour battery would become fully discharged in 5 hours (75ah / 15a = 5h).

The auxiliary battery should be installed in parallel with the battery in your tow vehicle. When the 7-way trailer plug is connected, both batteries power the RV so it is important not to discharge your tow vehicle battery below the level required to start the engine. To prevent this from occurring, disconnect the 7-way trailer plug or install a battery isolator. When the tow vehicle engine is operating with the RV connected, the tow vehicle charging system will charge both batteries.

#### Replacement and maintenance

Some equipment in your RV will draw small amounts of current even when turned OFF. To prevent the auxiliary battery from being discharged when your RV is not connected to shore line power, disconnect the auxiliary battery negative cable at the battery. During storage, it is important to check the voltage monthly and recharge the auxiliary battery as needed. If you remove the auxiliary battery from your RV, store it in a dry, cool area per the manufacturer's instructions.

When it is time to replace the auxiliary battery, replace it with a Group 27 deep cycle battery only. Contact the battery manufacturer for further information. Do not reverse the positive and negative battery cables (doing so will blow the reverse polarity fuse(s) that protect the converter).

# **BATTERY ISOLATOR FOR YOUR TOW VEHICLE (CUSTOMER SUPPLIED)**

You may want to consider the installation of a battery isolator on your tow vehicle as a convenience feature:

- It receives current from the tow vehicle alternator and controls distribution of energy to both the RV auxiliary battery and the tow vehicle battery.
- It serves as a check valve to prevent energy from being drawn from your tow vehicle chassis battery (so you can start your tow vehicle engine).

Your dealer can assist you with the selection, purchase and installation of this aftermarket part.

### 12-VOLT FUSE PANEL

The 12-volt fuse panel is labeled to indicate fuse sizes, positions and the components powered. At the beginning of camping season, inspect all the 12-volt fuses and replace as needed.

### Replacing a fuse

Before replacing a fuse, always turn off the electrical component(s) protected by it.

- 1. Disconnect the shore power cord.
- 2. Disconnect the RV auxiliary battery main negative battery cable.
- 3. Remove the fuse panel cover to check fuses.
- Pull the fuse straight out of the fuse block. If the fuse is not blown, something
  else must be causing the problem. Please contact your dealer for further
  assistance.

5. Insert a new fuse of the same specified voltage, amperage rating and type in the original location. **Never use a higher rated replacement fuse.** 

The fuse panel label should be kept permanently affixed to your RV. The fuses will not offer complete protection of the RV electrical system in the event of a power surge or spike.



# WARNING

Replacement fuses must be of the same voltage, amperage rating and type. Never use a higher rated replacement fuse; doing so may cause a fire by overheating the RV wiring.

### **DC FUSE PANEL LAYOUT**

Below is a typical wiring layout. Your individual RV may be different.

#	Size	Function
1	1	Open
2	15 amp fuse	Bathroom Lights & Vent
3	15 amp fuse	Pump/Monitor Panel/Range Hood/Sink Lights
4	15 amp fuse	Refrigerator/Furnace
5	15 amp fuse	Bedroom
6	15 amp fuse	TV/Radio/Propane Detector
7	15 amp fuse	Ceiling Lights
8	15 amp fuse	Bunk Lights
9	15 amp fuse	Slideout Lights
10	15 amp fuse	Option
11	15 amp fuse	Option
12	20 amp auto	Slideout Motor

# 12-VOLT DC OUTLET (IF SO EQUIPPED)

There may be a 12-volt DC outlet (not applicable on all models) in your RV. When the 12-volt DC outlet is used as a power source for an electric appliance, make sure that the appliance operates on 12-volt DC power and that it consumes less than 60 watts (5 amps) of 12-volt power. To prevent short circuits do not allow metallic foreign matter to get into the 12-volt DC outlet.

### REPLACING LIGHT BULBS

Before replacing a bulb, be sure the light is off. Do not touch the glass part of the new bulb with your bare fingers. The skin oil left on the glass will evaporate when the bulb gets hot, the vapor will condense on the reflector and it will dim the surface.

Replacement light bulbs must be of the type, voltage and wattage listed on the lamp fixture. Use of incorrectly sized bulbs can overload lam circuits and may create a fire hazard by overheating the fixture.

Interior	Ceiling, Bunk Lights	#921
Exterior	Porch Light	#922
Exterior	Tail Light / Signal	#3157
Exterior	Clearance	#194

#### 30 AMP SYSTEM



### **WARNING**

Make very certain the external power source (30 amp systems only) you connect the power cord to is a **30 amp/120-volt AC** RV receptacle and not 240 volt AC.

Your RV is equipped with a 30 amp 120-volt 60hz AC electrical system. The entire system is designed to operate on 1 leg of 120-volt power at a maximum current flow of 30 amperes. Exposure to voltages higher or lower than a nominal 120-volts will damage or shorten the service life of the electrical system and appliances. The 30 amp 120-volt 60hz AC electrical system can be powered by the 120-volt 60hz utilities found in RV campgrounds or by 120-volt 60hz generator power.

#### 30 AMP POWER CORD

The power cord is also commonly referred to as the "shore power cord." This power cord is designed to ground the RV electrical system through the external power source receptacle. It is also designed to carry the voltage and current output from 30 amp campground power receptacles.

Occasionally the electrical service provided by a campground may experience low or high voltage (i.e., surges or spikes). Any prolonged exposure will shorten the life of the electrical system and appliances. Consult your dealer for recommendations on power surge protection.



# WARNING

The power cord must be fully extended when in use and not left coiled in the electrical compartment or on the ground. If the power cord is left coiled, it may potentially create enough heat to melt its protective casing.



# WARNING

Plugging the shoreline power cord into an incorrectly wired power source could damage the RV electrical system and result in severe or fatal injury.



# WARNING

PLUG INTO 30-AMP SERVICE ONLY.

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# PLUG INTO 30-AMP SERVICE ONLY.

- Do not hook up the 30-amp power cord to any receptacle <u>until</u> you have verified proper polarity and grounding. Polarity indicators can be purchased in most electrical and hardware stores.
- Do not use any cheater plug, adapter or extension cord to reduce incoming AC power or break the continuity of the circuit connected to the grounding pin.
- Do not connect the power cord into an outlet that is not grounded, or adapt the 30 amp power cord plug to connect it to a receptacle for which it is not designed.
- Do not remove the grounding pin to connect to a non-grounded receptacle. Removal of the ground pin disables an important safety feature designed to prevent shock and electrocution hazards.
- Do not connect the power cord to an extension cord. Use of an improper extension cord will cause overheating of the cord as well as potentially causing premature failure of the AC equipment.

It is the responsibility of the owner of the electrical receptacle to ensure that the receptacle is properly wired and grounded. Reverse polarity and/or improper grounding of your RV can cause personal injury or death.

### Connecting the power cord

Always test the 30 amp external power source (i.e., the campsite power receptacle or electrical box) with a ground monitor before connecting your power cord to it. If the ground monitor indicates 'reverse polarity' or an 'open ground' **DO NOT** connect the power cord.

- 1. Turn "off" the load center main 30 amp 120-volt circuit breaker.
- 2. Carefully extend the entire length of the power cord (approximately 25'-35') from the electric cable hatch to the external power source.
- 3. Plug the power cord into the receptacle. Be sure all the power cord prongs are properly plugged into the receptacle.
- 4. Return to your RV and turn "on" the load center main circuit breaker.
- 5. To help prevent power surges from damaging the connected loads, please follow these instructions when hooking up to the external power source:

The shore line power cord should be unplugged when the RV is left unattended. If something would happen to the electrical system, this may help limit potential damage.

When you are ready to leave, reverse the power cord connection process. Use care to prevent damaging the power cord electrical connection pins when connecting or disconnecting the shore line power cord. Grasp the plug to remove the power cord from the outlet; do not unplug it by pulling on the cord.

#### Maintenance

Inspect the power cord for cuts, cracks and worn insulation. Have the power cord replaced immediately if these symptoms are noticed.

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#### **CALCULATING ELECTRICAL LOAD**

When connecting appliances to the electrical system, remember that 120-volt power usage is limited to a total of 30 amps. Be mindful of the fact that each operating appliance collectively places an added load on your 120-volt electrical system.

An unintentional "trip" of a circuit breaker may occur if you overload the RV's and/or campground's electrical system. The amperage rating of individual appliances can be calculated by dividing appliance wattage consumed (normally listed on the appliance) by nominal design voltage (120 for a 120-volt appliance).

For example: 1200 watts divided by 120-volts equals 10 amps.



# WARNING

To help prevent power surges from damaging the electrical system and its connected devices, please follow the instructions listing below when connecting to shore power.

- Only connect the shore power cord to properly wired 30 amp NEMA TT30 120 volt power receptacles.
- Do not connect the shore power cord to any power receptacle <u>until</u> you have contacted the campground owner and/or premise attendant to verify proper shore receptacle polarity and grounding. Polarity indicators can be purchased in most electrical and hardware stores.
- Do not use a cheater plug, adapter or extension cord to reduce incoming AC power or to break the continuity of the power cord grounding circuit.
- Do not connect the power cord to an outlet that is not grounded or adapt the 30 amp power cord plug to connect to a receptacle for which it is not designed.

### APPROXIMATE ELECTRICAL LOAD RATINGS

120 Volt System				
Air Conditioner	18 AMPS			
Coffee Maker	6-12 AMPS			
Converter (each)	8 AMPS			
Curling Iron or Hair Dryer	10-14 AMPS			
DVD System	3 AMPS			
Microwave	12 AMPS			
Refrigerator	6 AMPS			
Satellite Receiver	2 AMPS			
TV	2-4 AMPS			
Vacuum Cleaner	8 AMPS			
Washer/Dryer	12 AMPS			
Water Heater	12 AMPS			

120 Volts: Labeled watts divided by 120 = Power consumed in AMPS

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12 Volt System	
Aisle Lights	1.0 AMP
Baggage Compartment Lights	1.4 AMPS
Decorative Wall Lights	1.5 AMPS
Dinette Light	4.5 AMPS
Exterior Entertainment Center	5-7 AMPS
Fantastic Fan	1.5 AMPS
Fluorescent Double Lights -12"	2.0 AMPS
Fluorescent Double Lights -18"	2.5 AMPS
Furnace	12.0 AMPS
Generator Start	95.0 AMPS*
Halogen Light	1.7 AMPS
Illuminated Switch	.125 AMP
Inverter	variable
Leveling System	95.0 AMPS*
LP Detector	.125 AMP
Map Light	1.5 AMPS
Porch Light	1.5 AMPS
Power Awning	10.0 AMPS
Power Vent	5.0 AMPS
Refrigerator	3.0 AMPS
Shower Light	1.4 AMPS
Step Cover	10.0 AMPS
TV Plate/Antenna Booster	1.0 AMP
Vanity Light	4.2 AMPS
Water Heater	6.0 AMPS
Water Pump	7.0 AMPS

<sup>\*</sup>Momentary Load

12 Volts: Labeled watts divided by 12 = Power consumed in AMPS

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#### PROPANE GAS SYSTEM

Propane or LP (liquefied petroleum) gas is a clean and efficient form of energy when proper handling and safety precautions are observed. The propane system in your RV furnishes the fuel for cooking, heating and hot water. Propane can also be used as an alternative energy source for refrigeration

The propane fuel system is comprised of numerous components such as the propane container, hoses, the propane gas regulator, piping and copper tubing lines to each appliance.

Propane is heavier than air; the gas tends to flow to lower areas and will sometimes pocket in these low areas, such as the floor. Your RV is equipped with a propane alarm (refer to **Sec. 2 Safety Precautions**, Combination Carbon Monoxide (CO)/Propane Alarm.)



Propane cylinders should not be placed or stored inside RV. LP-gas cylinders are equipped with safety devices that relieve pressure by discharging gas into the atmosphere.

#### Maintenance

Although both Starcraft and your selling dealer carefully test for leakage, travel vibrations can loosen fittings. Have the propane system checked at all connections soon after the purchase of your RV, and after the initial filling of the propane tanks.

**➣NOTE:** All propane lines have been checked with air pressure at the time of manufacture. Dealers are required to recheck and adjust pressure before retail delivery.

Continued periodic checks of the propane system at 5,000 miles of travel (or at least once a year), by a qualified propane service representative as part of your normal maintenance is recommended.

Hand tighten the LP gas system valves only, do not use a wrench or pliers as over tightening may damage the valve seals and cause them to leak.

#### PROPANE LEAK TEST

Leaks may be found easily with a soapy water solution. Do not use a solution containing ammonia or chlorine when locating leaks. These products are corrosive to copper gas lines and brass fittings, which could result in deterioration of the copper and brass components.

Apply the soapy solution to the outside of the gas piping fittings. If a leak is present, the soapy solution will "bubble" at the leak point. If a leak is indicated, shut off the propane system valve(s) and contact an independent Starcraft dealer or qualified propane service representative immediately.



**Never use an open flame to test for a propane leak.** Do not check for leaks using products that contain ammonia or chlorine; these products can cause cracks to form on the metal tubing and brass fittings

#### PROPANE SAFETY PROCEDURE

Propane is a colorless and odorless gas that, in the liquefied state, resembles water. An odorant (mercaptan that is described, by many people, as having an odor similar to "rotten eggs") is added as a warning agent. If you smell propane within the vehicle, quickly and carefully perform the procedure listed on the label below.

This label has been placed in the RV near the range, for models equipped with a propane system.

# **A** DANGER

IF YOU SMELL PROPANE

- Extinguish any open flames, pilot lights and all smoking materials.
- Shut off the propane supply at the container valve(s) or propane supply connection.
- Do not touch electrical switches.
   Open doors and other ventilating openings.
- 5. Leave the area until odor clears.
- Have the propane system checked and leakage source corrected before using again.

Ignition of flammable vapors could lead to a fire or explosion and result death of serious injury.

Fig. 7.1 "If you smell propane" label

When propane container is low, occasionally there may be a concentration of an onion or garlic-like odor, which can be mistaken for a propane gas leak.

After the propane container has been refueled, the odor will usually disappear. If not, turn off the valve(s) and have the propane system inspected by an independent Starcraft dealer or qualified propane service representative.

#### PROPANE GAS CONTAINER

Propane "container" is a general all inclusive term used to describe a vessel that is used for storage and delivery of propane gas. The most common of these are:

DOT (Department of Transportation) cylinders are transportable and are commonly used on RV trailers. The capacity of DOT propane cylinders is expressed in pounds. DOT propane cylinders are required to be removed from the RV for filling and must be filled by weight by a qualified propane facility. DOT Propane cylinders are equipped with an OPD or Over Fill Protection Device designed to reduce the potential of overfilling. DOT propane cylinders are also equipped with an ACME service valve that is for connection of the TYPE 1 ACME pigtail hose assembly to the RV two-stage regulator.

The TYPE 1 ACME pigtail hose assembly is a wrenchless, user friendly, right hand threaded connector that features a thermally sensitive sleeve and excess flow device. Max output is 200,000 BTU/hr. It is used to connect propane cylinders to regulators, hoses and other fittings. It is not for use on gas grills and other low pressure devices. DOT cylinders equipped with an OPD and ACME type 1 service valve are identified by the triangular service valve knob.

DOT cylinders are typically marked with "top" or an arrow to indicate the correct orientation of the cylinder(s). Do not mount, store or transport any cylinder other than the in proper position indicated.

Be sure to securely re-install DOT cylinder(s) to the RV after they have been removed for filling or replacement. Always close the service valve and install a dust cap or plug when transporting or storing disconnected containers whether full or empty.

ASME tanks are permanently mounted to the RV and are commonly used on RV motor homes. The capacity of ASME tanks is expressed in gallons. ASME tanks are filled while the tank is tank is attached to the motor home by a qualified propane facility. ASME tanks are equipped with an automatic stop fill valve designed to reduce the potential of overfilling. ASME propane tanks are also equipped with a P.O.L. service valve that is for connection of the supply hose with a left hand threaded brass P.O.L. fitting from the tank service valve to the two-stage regulator. Not for use on gas grills and other low pressure devices.



DOT propane cylinders must be transported and stored in an upright position so the pressure relief device will function properly. Laying a DOT propane cylinder on its side may potentially create a very dangerous situation.

⊠NOTE: Tanks are to be installed, fueled and maintained in accordance to State and Local codes, rules, regulations or laws.

Propane is a true gas compressed into a liquid form. As the fuel is released from the container, it changes to vapor which is then used for the operation of the appliances. Propane will not run through the appliances in the liquid state.

Propane expands 1½ percent for every ten degrees of increase in temperature. It is imperative to leave sufficient space inside the container to allow for natural expansion of gas during warmer weather.

The main shut off valve must be kept closed at all times unless you are using the propane system or filling the propane cylinder. When the cylinder is disconnected from the hose, install the valve cover that is attached to the container.

Close the propane cylinder main shut off valve by <u>hand tightening only</u>. Use of tools creates a potential to over tighten the valve (damaging the interior seals on the cylinder valve seat). If this type of damage occurs, the cylinder will not close properly.

The following label should be kept permanently affixed to your RV.



Fig. 7.2 "Use propane only" label (Canada only)

### Servicing or filling



# WARNING

Before entering a propane or fuel service station make sure all pilot lights are extinguished. Shut off gas to all appliances by closing the propane gas main shut off valve. Always shut OFF any engine before refueling. Do not smoke and do not operate other ignition sources while refueling.

Have the RV checked for leaks at the connections on the propane system soon after the purchase and the initial filling of each propane cylinder.

When you have a new cylinder filled for the first time, make sure your propane supplier purges your new cylinder of trapped air. Otherwise, an improper mixture of gas and air will make it impossible to light your propane appliances.

No one should be inside and only the qualified propane service technician should be near the RV while the propane tank is being filled. The new propane container must be carefully purged for best performance and must **NEVER BE OVERFILLED.** The following label should be kept permanently affixed to your RV.



Fig. 7.3 "Shut off during re-fueling" label

The position of the propane container(s) and the hoses are critical to proper operation and propane flow. Follow these instructions to make sure your propane container(s) are connected properly.



# WARNING

The pigtail hose must be installed to avoid tension or pulling stress at either end of the hose. Keep the pigtail hose away from sharp edges of the cylinder collar, rigid corners, walls, doors or other compartment structures including the cover.

#### LP gas container overfill

Never allow your propane tank to be filled above the maximum safe level as indicated by the fixed liquid level gauge. Do not allow the visible gauge to be used for filling. Overfilling the propane container above the liquid capacity indicated on the container, could allow liquid propane to enter the system that is designed for vapor only creating a hazardous condition.



# WARNING

If you suspect your propane container has been overfilled, contact your independent Starcraft dealer or a qualified propane technician for assistance immediately. Do not attempt to service a propane container overfill yourself.

The following label should be kept permanently affixed to your RV.



Fig. 7.4 "Do not fill to more than 80%" label

Refer to your Warranty Packet for more information on the LP gas system components.

# **INSTALLING PROPANE CYLINDER(S)**



Ensure that all fasteners are secured before traveling.

## Single Cylinder Mounted On A-Frame (if so equipped)

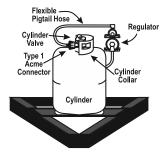


Fig. 7.5 Single cylinder

- 1. Connect the 3/8" low pressure hose to the outlet of the two stage regulator.
- 2. Attach the regulator with the "Z" bracket on the center of the front wall with the vent pointing down.
- 3. Attach the protective plastic cover to the regulator.
- 4. The regulator has a 90° elbow that directs the inlet toward the trailer curbside.
- 5. Place the cylinder on the bracket provided on the A-frame and position it so the outlet of the cylinder valve is pointed directly outward to the curbside wall.
- 6. If a vinyl cylinder cover is provided, slip it over the cylinder and leave the zipper open (if so equipped).
- 7. Attach the 1/4" inverted flare x 24" Type 1 pigtail hose to the regulator inlet and the right hand swivel nut to the cylinder valve.
- 8. If applicable, close the cylinder cover zipper (if so equipped) up to the hose.
- Secure the cylinder to the A-frame bracket using the bolts, nuts and washers provided.

# **Double Cylinder Mounted On A-Frame (if so equipped)**

When a second cylinder is installed, a tee check valve is used to replace the 90° elbow at the top of the regulator and another 1/4" inverted flare x 24" Type 1 pigtail is added. The regulator stays in the original position.

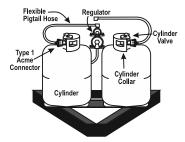


Fig. 7.6 Double cylinder

- 1. Place the second cylinder on the A-frame bracket so the cylinder valve is pointed to the roadside of the folding camping trailer.
- Secure the second cylinder to the A-frame using the bolts, nuts and washers provided.
- 3. If a vinyl cylinder cover is used, slip it over the new single cylinder, or a double cylinder cover may be used in lieu of single covers.
- 4. Attach the second 24" hose to the tee check valve on the regulator and the right handed swivel nut to the cylinder valve.

# Located in a recessed compartment or housing (if so equipped)



Fig 7.7 Two propane cylinders

- 1. Connect the 3/8" low-pressure hose to the outlet of the two-stage regulator.
- 2. Place the cylinder on the bracket in the recess compartment or housing and secure them so the outlets of the cylinder valves are facing the "sidewalls" of the compartment or housing (opposite of each other).
- Mount the regulator on the center back wall of the compartment or housing so the vent is pointed downward.
- 4. Attach the 1/4" inverted flare x 18" Type-1 pigtail hose to the regulator inlet and the right hand swivel nut to the cylinder valve.

## Main Supply Hose - Low Pressure

Attach the main supply hose from the regulator to the brass manifold fitting in the frame of the trailer. The swivel brass nut on the main hose will be your final attachment



Fig. 7.8 Main supply hose

Several things to remember each time the propane container is removed:

- 1. Check that ALL fittings are tight.
- Check that ALL connections are tested with a propane leak detector (or soapy water) solution.
- 3. Open the main valve slowly to avoid a fast rush of propane to the excess flow valve causing propane freeze up. If you experience a propane "freeze-up," close the main valve and wait at least fifteen (15) minutes before trying again. Refer to the regulator manufacturer's operator manual.
- 4. Listen carefully a "hissing" sound longer than one second may indicate a propane leak. If you feel there may be a leak present, close the valve and contact your dealer or qualified propane technician for repair assistance.

Replace all protective covers and caps on the propane system after filling. Make sure the valve is closed and the compartment door is securely latched.

## Maintenance

Propane gas is normally non-corrosive - you need not worry about the inside of your container. However, the outside should be kept free from rust by a periodic coat of paint in a light reflective color. Rust, scratches and/or dents can affect the safety of the cylinder. Inspect the cylinder at regular intervals.

If there is a problem, have it evaluated by a qualified technician and discard it. DOT requires that a visual inspection be made prior to each filling.

Any cylinder that has been exposed to fire, leaks or seems damaged should not be refilled.

Do not attempt to repair any containers, container valves, regulator or appliances by yourself. Use only trained certified propane gas service technicians to perform repairs.

#### Propane cylinder recertification

If you have an older RV you should know that, according to Federal law, DOT cylinders may only be used for 12 years after their manufacture date (the number of years for certification may vary in your area). After that, the cylinders must be "recertified" which provides another five years of use.

The cylinders can be recertified every five years thereafter. Federal DOT (Department of Transportation) regulations require periodic inspections and requalifications of the propane cylinders. DO NOT USE damaged or rusted containers.

Verify with your local propane dealer that all required inspections and certifications have been completed on the propane cylinder within the correct time period before refilling the cylinder.

Have the LP system checked for leakage each time a cylinder is refilled or after any part of the propane system has been disconnected.

#### PROPANE REGULATOR



Propane regulators must always be installed with the regulator vent facing downward. Regulators that are not located in baggage compartments have been equipped with a protective cover. Make sure the regulator vent faces downward and (if applicable) the cover is in place to minimize vent blockage that could result in excessive gas pressure causing fire or explosion.

# Single stage regulator

Some models are equipped with a single stage regulator.

## Two stage regulator

The two-stage regulator has the only moving components in the propane system. Its sole function is to reduce the pressure from the propane containers to a safe and consistent low operating pressure.

The first stage reduces the container pressure to 10-13 lbs.

The second stage reduces the 10-13 lbs. of pressure further to an operating pressure of 11" W.C. (water column) or 6.35 oz. of outlet pressure to your appliances.

The second stage is adjustable and will need to be adjusted by your dealer or qualified propane service technician for optimum performance (this adjustment should always be made with a properly calibrated manometer).

If the pressure is too high, it affects performance and safety; if the pressure is too low, your appliances will not operate correctly.

If your RV is equipped with the "automatic" two-stage regulator, with both cylinders full of propane, turn the lever on the regulator towards the cylinder you wish to use first. This will now be the "supply" cylinder and the other the "reserve." Slowly open both cylinder valves. The indicator on top of the regulator will turn bright green. When the cylinder becomes empty, the indicator will change to bright orange. Now turn the regulator lever to the side of the "reserve" cylinder and the green signal should return. You may now remove the empty cylinder to have it refilled without interrupting the flow from the full bottle. After filling the cylinder, connect the pigtail hose and slowly open the bottle valve.

# HOSES, PIPES, TUBES & FITTINGS

The hoses, pipes, tubes and fittings used in your propane system are designed to withstand pressures exceeding those of the propane system. However, because environment and time can both contribute to the deterioration of these components, they must be inspected for wear at regular intervals.

Be sure to inspect the hose before each season and when having the tank refilled. Look for signs of deterioration such as cracks or loss of flexibility. When replacing the hose or other propane components, make sure to always replace them with components of the same type and rating (check with your dealer).

Fittings are used to connect the various system components to each other. The P.O.L. fitting at the end of the propane supply hose is made of brass so that pipe sealants are not necessary to prevent leaking. It also has a left-handed thread, which means that it is turned clockwise to remove, and counter-clockwise to tighten. The P.O.L. fitting has been designed to help restrict the flow of LP gas in the event of a regulator failure or hose malfunction.

#### USING THE PROPANE SYSTEM



# WARNING

Do not use portable fuel-burning equipment, including wood and charcoal grills and stoves, inside the RV. The use of these items inside a RV may cause fires or asphyxiation (inability to breathe).

After the RV is completely set up and you are prepared for camping enjoyment, use the following steps for propane operation:

- Close ALL burner valves, controls and pilot light valves.
- Open the main valve in the propane container slowly to avoid a fast rush of propane vapor through the excess flow valve causing propane "freeze-up." Should you experience propane "freeze-up," close the main valve and wait 15 minutes before trying again.
- Listen carefully as propane begins to flow. If a hissing noise is heard for more than one or two seconds, close the main valve and contact your dealer to have the propane system tested.
- 4. Light the appliances as needed and directed in the appropriate appliance manufacturer's owner manual located in the Warranty Packet.

Make sure that you read and fully understand ALL safety requirements for handling and operation of the propane system. The Warranty Packet contains operator's manuals for the various appliances hooked to your propane system. The propane system provides added benefits to your camping enjoyment; however, it must be handled with care. If you have any questions or concerns, consult with your dealer and/or the specific manufacturer.

If you have double cylinders on your RV, use only one at a time. Otherwise, the propane supply will be drawn equally from both cylinders until the supply has been totally exhausted.

Using one cylinder until it is empty, then using the second cylinder will allow you to fill the empty cylinder at your convenience without running totally out of propane.

## **COOKING WITH PROPANE**

Unlike homes, the amount of oxygen supply is limited due to the size of the recreation vehicle. Proper ventilation when using the cooking appliance(s) will help you avoid the danger of asphyxiation. It is especially important that cooking appliances not be used for comfort heating, as the danger of asphyxiation is greater when the appliance is used for long periods of time. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.



Do not turn gas range burner controls ON and allow propane gas to escape before lighting.

The following warning labels are located in the cooking area to remind the user to provide an adequate supply of fresh air for combustion.

TO ENSURE A SUPPLY OF FRESH AIR TO OCCUPANTS, OPEN VENTILATORS WHEN FUEL BURNING CARRY-ON APPLIANCE, AND/OR FUEL BURNING LIGHTS ARE IN OPERATION. COOKING APPLIANCES SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR SPACE HEATING PURPOSES.

DE MANIÈRE À ASSURER UNE ALIMENTATION EN AIR FRAIS AUX OCCUPANTS, OUVRIR LES VENTILATEURS LORSQUE LA CUISNÈRE, LES APPAREILS DE CHAUFFAGE PORTABLES ETIOU LES LAMPES DE COMBUSTION D'HUILE SONT EN FONCTIONNEMENT, LES APPAREILS DE CUISSON DE DOIVENT PAS SERVIR AU CHAUFFAGE DES

Fig. 7.9 Ensure a supply of fresh air label

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# DANGER Do not use gas cooking appliances for comfort heating. Can lead to carbon monoxide posoning, which can lead to death or serious injury. A WARNING Gas cooking appliances need fresh air for safe operation. Before operating: Open vents or windows slightly or turn on exhaust fans prior to using cooking appliance. Gas flames consume oxygen, which should be replaced to ensure proper combuston. Improper use can result in death or serious

Fig. 7.10 Cooking / comfort heating fresh air label (Canada Units only)

## **CALCULATING PROPANE USAGE**

It is important to remember that (if applicable) your furnace, refrigerator, water heater and range all may use propane to operate. Each has a different BTU rating, and you will need to consider them to determine how long your propane supply will last. Most RV gas appliances are operated intermittently. Propane consumption depends on individual use of appliances and the length of time operated.

Unless there is heavy use of hot water, the water heater consumption of propane is minimal.

During cool temperature or high wind conditions, furnace consumption can be extremely high.

To calculate your propane supply, take the BTU ratings for your propane appliances and divide that into the BTU availability. Each gallon of propane (3.86 liters) produces about 91,500 BTU's (46,514 kilojoules) of heat energy.

The following chart provides average propane consumption information.

Appliance	Average BTU Consumption/Hr.	Kilojoules/Hr.
Water Heater	8800	9280
Refrigerator	640-1200	680-1270
Furnace	16,000 - 35,000	16,880 - 36,930
Range w/Oven	7100	7490
Range – Rear Burner	6500	6860
Range – Front Burner	9000	9490
Outside Grill	10,000	10,550

#### TRAVELING WITH PROPANE

Use care when fueling your tow vehicle. Make certain your propane container is properly fastened in place.

Some states prohibit propane appliances to be operated during travel, especially in underground tunnels. Make sure you know the laws for the areas where you travel.

The label listed below should be kept permanently affixed to your RV:

A DANGER

ALL PILOT LIGHTS, APPLIANCES
AND THEIR IGNITORS (SEE
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS) SHALL
BE TURNED OFF BEFORE REFUELING
OF MOTOR FUEL TANKS AND/OR
PROPANE CONTAINERS.
FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD RESULT
IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.

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Fig. 7.11 Refueling warning label

There are two different water systems in your RV: the fresh water system and the waste water system. The fresh water system consists of the fresh water holding tank, fresh water connections, water pump, outside shower assembly (if so equipped), water heater, faucets, shower or tub, and water purification system (if so equipped). The waste water system consists of the waste water holding tank, sewage holding tank, drains and toilet.

## PLUMBING SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

- Check all fittings, pressure and waste, for leaks before each trip or before vehicle storage as part of your normal maintenance.
- Inspect all faucets, the water purification system (if so equipped) and sink connections (including drain baskets or filters).
- Inspect connections at the water pump and water heater.
- At the end of every trip, you should drain any unused water from the fresh water system.
- The fresh water (or potable water) system needs periodic sanitization and winterization to take care of all the components within the plumbing system and help discourage the growth of bacteria and other organisms that can contaminate the water supply.

There are labels affixed to the exterior of the RV's sidewall that indicate the locations of the water system drains and fills. Be aware some drains may be located inside the RV (once the exterior label is found, go inside to find the drain corresponding location).

# FRESH WATER SYSTEM



DO NOT drink water deemed microbiologically unsafe or of unknown quality.

All water contains contaminant and mineral particles that can cause fresh water system odors. Untreated well water is a major source of water system odors. The fresh water (or potable water) system needs periodic sanitization and winterization to take care of all the components within the plumbing system and help discourage the growth of bacteria and other organisms that can contaminate the water supply.

# MONITOR PANEL (IF SO EQUIPPED)

The interior wall-mounted monitor panel allows you to monitor the fresh water, grey water, black water and auxiliary battery levels. These functions are controlled using the "tact" switches located on the monitor panel faceplate. The monitor panel operates on 12-volt DC power supplied by either the converter or auxiliary battery. Sensors installed in the holding tanks connect to a resistor assembly (relaying an electronic message to the display board). No power is drawn from the battery unless a switch is pushed or turned ON. Fuses for the monitor panel are located in the load center. Refer to the manufacturer's operators manual for further information

## Operation

Press only one "tact" switch at a time. As you push either the "FRESH", "BLACK" or "GREY1" switch, one or more LED lights will illuminate indicating that holding tank content level. When pushing the "BATT" switch, the highest LED light illuminated indicates the estimated auxiliary battery condition.

C = charge at 12.7 volts
G = good at 12.1 volts
F = fair at 11.6 volts
L = low at 6.0 volts.

# Water pump switch (if so equipped)

When the water pump switch is ON the water pump runs until 45 pounds of pressure has been achieved. The red light will stay ON. Turn the water pump switch OFF when it is not in use.

# Water heater switch (if so equipped)

The "propane GAS" water heater switch enables propane operation of the water heater. The "ELECTRIC" water heater switch enables electric operation of the water heater.

#### FRESH WATER HOLDING TANK

The fresh water tank can be gravity filled or pressure filled using the fresh water inlet (called city water). Plastic overflow tubes are plumbed into the fresh water holding tank to allow water to flow out of the water tank. Occasionally, you may see water coming from the overflow tubes (located underneath the RV) when the fresh water holding tank is filled. This is normal, and is caused by external circumstances, including the RV being parked on an incline, or the motion caused by starting or stopping the RV during travel.



Be careful not to overfill the fresh water holding tank. It can pressurize the tank, causing leakage and water damage and void the warranty. DO NOT leave the tank unattended while filling.

Do not cap, block or modify the fresh water tank overflow tubes in any way. Enough water pressure can build up during the filling process to damage the plumbing system if the overflow tubes are obstructed.

#### FRESH WATER CONNECTIONS

There are two types of direct exterior fresh water connections in your RV: city water and gravity fill.





Fig. 8.1 Fresh water connections

City Water Fill Gravity Water Fill

# To use the city water fill:

- 1. If needed, sanitize the water system.
- Remove the connection cap and attach a non-toxic drinking water hose to the inlet.
- 3. Turn ON the water at the water source.

- 4. Enter the RV and open the cold water supply faucets to bleed air from the water lines. When the water lines are nearly full, you may experience some "air pockets." Allow them to escape before closing the cold water supply faucets.
- 5. The water heater will fill first, followed by the supply lines and faucets.

The fresh water connection should be unplugged (i.e., the non-toxic drinking water hose disconnected) when the RV is left unattended for any amount of time. If something would happen to the water system, this may help limit water damage to a smaller area.

To disconnect the city water fill:

- Shut OFF the water at the water source.
- 7. Disconnect the non-toxic drinking water hose and reinstall the connection cap. Reinstall the connection cap when the fresh water connection is not being used. Do not remove the following label from your RV:



Fig. 8.2 Potable water only label

## Dry camping

You can gravity fill the fresh water system if you do not have access to city water; however, allow extra time to fill the fresh water system if you are using this method.

Follow the steps listed above; however, at step 3 put the other end of the non-toxic drinking water hose into your container of fresh water, and turn ON the water pump (instead of turning ON the water at the water source.) When the fresh water tank is full, shut OFF the water pump and disconnect the non-toxic drinking water hose.

# WATER PRESSURE REGULATOR (CUSTOMER SUPPLIED)

Excessive pressure from water supply systems may be encountered in some parks, especially in mountain regions. Water pressure regulators are available to protect your system against such high pressure. Water pressure regulators (customer supplied) are available from your RV dealer to protect the plumbing system against such high pressure.



Not using a water pressure regulator when using city water may cause the orings to fail. To prevent damage to the plumbing system or components when using the city water connection, a water pressure regulator rated for 40 lbs. is recommended

# 12-VOLT WATER PUMP & SWITCH (IF SO EQUIPPED)

Once activated, the water pump (also known as the on-demand pump) will self-prime, and provide water. The water pump continues to run until approximately 45 lbs. of pressure is achieved and shut off. The water pump will automatically restart when pressure drops.

Some cycling may occur, depending on the volume of water being released. The water pump has a built-in check valve to prevent water from back flowing.

Periodically check the in-line water pump strainer for accumulated debris. To clean, shut off the water pump, unscrew the clear cap, remove the re-useable metal strainer and clear any debris, then reinstall.



Fig. 8.3 Water pump strainer

# Water pump switch (if so equipped)

When the water pump switch is ON the water pump runs until 45 pounds of pressure has been achieved. The red light will stay ON. Turn the water pump switch OFF when it is not in use.

The water pump switch should be in the OFF position when the RV is left unattended for any amount of time. If something would happen to the water system, this may help limit water damage to a smaller area.

**NOTE:** When you want to use water in your RV and the RV is not hooked up to city water, you will need sufficient 12-volt DC power to run the water pump.

# **WATER HEATER**

The water heater is designed to heat water quickly and efficiently. The water heater manufacturer has preset the sensing limit to maintain the water temperature when the water heater is activated.



# WARNING

Hydrogen gas may result if you have not used the water heater for two weeks or more. HYDROGEN GAS IS EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE. To reduce the risk of injury under these conditions, open the hot water faucet for several minutes at the kitchen sink before you use any electrical appliance connected to the hot water system. If hydrogen is present, you may hear what sounds like air escaping through the pipe as the water begins to flow. Hydrogen gas may be present even after water has been drained from the water heater tank. Open the faucet at the sink and allow the system to vent for five to ten minutes. Do not smoke or have any open flame near the open faucet while venting. On DSI water heater models, make sure the switch is OFF.



# WARNING

Do not replace any component part with an accessory part that is not authorized by the water heater manufacturer, such as an "add-on" electric heating element. Such items are not approved to be installed and could create an unsafe condition and will void all warranties.

Read the safety and operating information provided in the manufacturer's manual before attempting to activate the water heater. Make sure the water heater is filled with water before use; even momentary operation of the water heater without water in it may result in damage to the tank and/or controls.

Always open both the hot and cold water faucets when filling the fresh water tank to allow air pockets to be forced out of the water heater.

# Operating instructions



If you smell propane gas then STOP! and follow the procedures listed in the Propane System section of this manual before attempting to operate the water heater.

Read the safety and operating information provided in the manufacturer's user guide before attempting to activate the water heater.

Make sure the water heater is filled with water before use; even momentary operation of the water heater without water in it may result in damage to the tank and/or controls.

#### **Draining and winterization**

If the RV is to be stored over the winter months, the water heater must be drained to prevent damage from freezing. It is recommended the water heater be drained and bypassed during the winterization process particularly if introducing RV antifreeze into the plumbing system.

## Water heater bypass

Use the factory installed water heater bypass, available in most floor plans, to avoid filling the entire water heater with RV antifreeze.

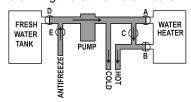


Fig. 8.4 Water heater bypass

To bypass the water heater close valves A and B, and open the mixer valve (valve C). For normal camping usage of the water heater, reverse these instructions.

#### Water heater switch (if so equipped)

The "propane GAS" water heater switch enables propane operation of the water heater. The "ELECTRIC" water heater switch enables electric operation of the water heater

#### Odor from the hot water system

Many water supplies contain sufficient amounts of sulfur to produce an odor, often called "sulfur water." Sulfur water can be caused by a chemical action or by bacteria. Generally, sulfur water is not harmful, only unpleasant to smell. Refer to the water heater manufacturer's owners manual for details on eliminating the odor from sulfur water. Odor from sulfur water is not a service problem.



Do not replace anode rod or any other component with an accessory part that is not authorized by the water heater manufacturer, such as an "add-on electric heating element. Such items are not approved to be installed and could create an unsafe condition and will void all warranties

## Anode rod protection

The tank in the water heater is protected by a magnesium or aluminum anode to prolong the life of the tank by absorbing the corrosive action of hot water.

Under normal use, the anode rod will deteriorate and because of this, the water heater manufacturer recommends the anode rod be replaced yearly. Water with high levels of iron and/or sulfate will increase the rate of deterioration; therefore, more frequent replacements may be required.

If an anode rod is mostly eaten away, replace it with a new one. The water heater manufacturer recommends replacement of the anode rod when consumption or weight loss is greater than 75 percent.

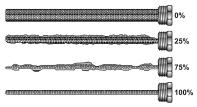


Fig. 8.5 Anode rod replacement chart

Operating the water heater without the proper anode rod protection will decrease tank life and will void the tank manufacturer's warranty on the tank. To extend the anode life, drain the water from the water heater tank whenever the RV is not being used. Avoid any extended time of non-use with water in the tank.

To prevent a water leak when replacing the anode rod, a pipe thread sealant approved for potable water (such as Teflon Tape) must be applied to the threads of the anode rod. Proper application of a thread sealant will not interfere with the anode's

## High altitude deration

Operation of the water heater at high altitudes may require derating. If the water heater is not properly derated, lack of sufficient oxygen for combustion may produce improper burner operation. Pilot outage caused by burner lift-off or sooting from a yellow burner may occur, indicating the possibility of carbon monoxide.

You may also notice a lack of efficiency in heating the water because of incomplete combustion of the burner at these higher altitudes.

Consult with the local propane company, your dealer or the water heater manufacturer for proper derating of the water heater. Change out of the orifice (derating) should be done by the dealer or a qualified service agency.

**NOTE**: It is important that once the RV has returned to lower elevation (below 4500 feet) any high altitude deration or other adjustments be reversed for proper operation of the water heater.

#### Pressure & temperature relief valve

When cold water is heated in the water heater tank, the water pressure will rise.

For this reason, a pressure and temperature (P&T) relief valve is required for safety in all water heaters. It is normal for the P&T relief valve to release a small quantity of water during the heating cycle and does not indicate a defective P&T relief valve. One way to reduce the frequency of the water weeping or dripping from the P&T relief valve is to maintain an air pocket at the top of the water heater. This air pocket will form in the tank by design; however, it will be reduced over time by the everyday use of your water heater (refer to the manufacturer's manual).

If the weeping persists, consult your dealer or a service agency authorized by the water heater manufacturer.

# **OUTSIDE SHOWER (IF SO EQUIPPED)**

A handheld shower assembly with both hot and cold water is available for washing or rinsing outside the RV.

- 1. Be sure the water heater is ON and had sufficient time to heat the water.
- 2. If dry camping, be sure the 12-volt water pump is ON.
- 3. Open the outside shower compartment door.
- 4. Remove the hand held showerhead and hose from its holder.
- Turn ON the hot and cold faucet knobs, and adjust the water temperature as desired.
- 6. To activate the hand held shower turn ON the sprayer head attachment (some models. Open the faucet knobs and adjust them to the desired temperature.

To cease operation, close the faucet knobs. After the water has been allowed to drain from the shower head, replace it in the outside shower compartment. Any remaining water in the shower hose will drip or run out; this is not a leak but performs as intended.

The showerhead can be removed to drain the hose faster. If you choose to remove the showerhead to drain the hose, reassemble it for storage. Coil the hose and arrange it with the showerhead inside the faucet assembly. Make sure that the hose is not being pinched and the showerhead is not being damaged when the door is closed.

# **FAUCETS**



Water temperatures over 125°F (49°C) can cause severe burns instantly or death from scalds; therefore, be careful when using hot water. Always test the water temperature before showering or washing.

The faucets operate much the same way as the faucets in your home. Make sure there is sufficient water available and, if dry camping, the 12-volt water pump is turned ON before operating. To open the faucets, turn the hot and cold knobs ON and adjust the temperature to your comfort level. Close the faucets when a sufficient amount of water is released.

#### **BATHROOM SHOWER OR TUB**

The shower faucet (if so equipped) requires a vacuum breaker when the shower hose and head are used. There are two purposes for this breaker:

- To prevent siphoning water through the hose from another fixture.
- To prevent water from being contained in the hose.

The showerhead DOES NOT have a complete shut-off valve (the complete shut-off is at the faucet). The showerhead may drip slightly in the OFF position after use; this is normal and does not indicate a leak or defect. There may be air in the plumbing lines that will need to be bled out before a steady stream of water comes from the faucet.

The bathing facilities in your RV function similar to those in your home. Prepare the bath or shower curtains (if so equipped) to prevent water from spilling onto the floor. Keep the water heater and holding tank capacities in mind when using the fresh water system. The used water will drain through the plumbing pipes into the grey water holding tank.

- 1. Be sure the water heater is ON and had sufficient time to heat the water.
- 2. If dry camping, be sure your 12-volt water pump is ON.
- 3. Adjust the hot and cold faucets to the desired temperature before bathing.
- 4. To conserve water while showering, wet down and turn the water OFF while you use soap, then rinse.
- 5. When you are finished, shut the water faucets OFF.

Unlike your home, the RV does not contain a water pressure balance valve. If someone is using the shower, it is recommended that the fresh water system NOT BE USED until they are finished.

#### Maintenance

Read the manufacturer's operator manual. The tub and shower walls (if applicable) in your RV are made of ABS plastic material.

Use a mild detergent soap and warm water to clean (these cleaning instructions are similar to those recommended for fiberglass tubs and shower walls). Contact your RV dealer for repair or replacement.

DO NOT use gritty or abrasive particle soaps or scouring compound to clean ABS plastic.

Avoid using "Citrus" or biodegradable cleaners which contain "D-Limonene." They will damage plastic materials.

#### HARDWARE & SINK OR SHOWER FIXTURES

Use mild dish soap and water to clean these fixtures.

Do not use harsh chemicals or sprays. A mild solution of vinegar and water works well to remove hard water spots and stains from the sink or shower fixtures.

# WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM (IF SO EQUIPPED)

The water purification system is located under the kitchen sink. If the water supply has not been used for some time, allow the water to flow for several minutes to flush the system. When not in use, the water filter cartridge should be stored out of freezing temperatures. RV antifreeze will damage the water filter cartridge.

The manufacturer has supplied a clear plastic bypass hose with fittings on either end to replace the water filter cartridge when the RV is being winterized. This clear plastic bypass hose is re-usable; store it when it is not in use.

Each new RV is winterized with RV antifreeze before it is shipped to the dealer. To use the water purification system the clear plastic bypass hose must be removed and the water filter cartridge installed.

## Replacing the water filter cartridge

Replace the water filter cartridge at least once a year.

- 1. Drain the fresh water system.
- 2. Place a container beneath the water cartridge filter to catch any spillage.
- 3. Unscrew the fittings at the top and bottom of the water filter cartridge. Pull the water filter cartridge down and out of the fittings.

Insert the new water filter cartridge and tighten the fittings securely by hand. Dispose of the used water cartridge filter.

#### For more information

Refer to the manufacturer's owners manual and the label on the water filter cartridge.

## **DRAINING THE FRESH WATER SYSTEM**

Permanent water tanks may be drained through a valve located near the tank. A RV with a demand pressure pump system will have low-point drains attached to the water lines (normally located near the water tank).

These low-point drains will release water in the supply lines by opening the valves and all faucets. The water heater has its own drain plug. To drain the permanent fresh water holding tank and supply lines:

- Open all faucets, including the outside shower faucet (if so equipped).
- Open the "exterior fresh tank drain" valve on the permanent fresh water holding tank This knob turns 45° to open or close.
- 3. Open the "low point drains" by turning, then pulling the handles up. As their name indicates, the valves will be at the lowest point of water lines. As their name indicates, the valves will be at the lowest point of water lines. A label may be placed on the outside of the RV to indicate where the drains are located. The drains will typically need to be opened from inside the trailer. Once the label is found on the outside of the trailer, go inside to find the corresponding location of the drains.



Fig. 8.6

Exterior

fresh water

drain

Fig. 8.7 Low point drains

- 4. Drain the sink by removing the drain cap.
- 5. Turn ON the water pump and allow it to run as needed.
- 6. Open all faucets, including the outside shower faucet. Make sure the "water heater bypass" valve is open.
- Relieve the water pressure using the water heater P&T valve BEFORE removing the water heater drain plug. Otherwise, if there is any water pressure present the water will spray out of the opening when the drain plug is removed.

When you are finished draining the fresh water system, reverse these steps and, dump the grey and black water holding tanks at an appropriate facility or according to local public codes. It is normal for some liquid to remain in the fresh water tank after drainage procedure.

#### SANITIZING THE PLUMBING SYSTEM

#### When to sanitize

- When your RV is new.
- □ At the beginning and end of each season.
- ☐ When the water system becomes contaminated or every three months of use.

## How to sanitize with a water pump

- Level the RV and drain the fresh water system. (see Draining the fresh water system).
- 2. Close the drain valves.
- 3. Prepare a chlorine solution using 1/4 cup of household bleach (sodium hypochlorite solution) to one gallon (3.785 liters) of water in a container. Prepare one gallon of solution for every 15 gallons of tank capacity. This will result in a residual chlorine concentration of 50 ppm in the water system. If a 100-ppm concentration is required as discussed in step 10, use ½ cup of household bleach with one gallon of water to prepare the chlorine solution. One gallon of the solution should be used for each 15 gallons of tank capacity.
- 4. Pour the chlorine solution in at the gravity fill connection.
- 5. Continue filling the fresh water tank with potable water until it is full.
- 6. Turn the water pump ON.
- After the recommended amount of solution is in the tank, turn OFF the water pump.
- 8. Open the hot water line on all the faucets until water begins to flow continuously and a chlorine smell is noticeable.
- 9. Close the hot water lines and repeat with the cold water lines on the faucets.
- 10. Let the solution remain in the system for at least four hours when disinfecting with 50-PPM residual chlorine. If a shorter time period is desired, then a 100-PPM chlorine concentration should be permitted to sit in the system for at least one hour.
- 11. After the required period, drain the chlorine solution from the fresh water system (see **Draining the fresh water system**).

# Some solution may remain in the water heater and will be flushed in the following steps:

- 12. Fill the fresh water system completely full using clean (potable) water.
- 13. Then, drain the fresh water system (see **Draining the fresh water system**).
- **NOTE**: If a chlorine taste lingers in the water, flush the water system with a solution consisting of one-quart vinegar to five gallons of clean water. Re-flush as necessary.

## WINTERIZING THE PLUMBING SYSTEM



Automotive antifreeze (ethylene glycol) and windshield washer antifreeze (methanol) are poisonous. Never use these products in your fresh water system. These products are harmful and may be fatal if swallowed.

Preparing your RV for colder weather or storage is very important for most states and Canada. Failure to prepare your RV may cause water supply lines and the water heater to freeze.

No commodity or product should be added to the fresh water system to ensure freeze protection other than RV antifreeze.

The RV should be winterized at the end of the camping season or when the RV will be exposed to temperatures that will fall at or below 32°F (0°C). Repairs due to freezing are not covered under the terms of the **Towable Limited Warranty.** 

**➣ NOTE**: The water heater must be drained to prevent damage from freezing. It is recommended the water heater be drained and bypassed during the winterization process particularly if introducing RV antifreeze into the plumbing system

There are two methods of winterizing your trailer based upon your model. Please read, understand and follow all instructions before beginning.

## Air pressure

This method will utilize an air hose to blow excess water from the water lines.

- Make sure all holding tanks are empty and drain valves OPEN.
- 2. Run the water pump until it is dry, this will take approximately 15-20 seconds.
- OPEN all faucets and drains, and the toilet.
- 4. Using an air hose and adapter (customer supplied), blow air through the city water connection. Any remaining water will blow out in five to ten minutes.
- 5. Pour one cup of non-toxic RV antifreeze into all drain P-traps.

## Demand or power plumbing system

It may be easier to winterize the RV with another person to assist you.

- 1. Level the RV and drain the fresh water plumbing system.
- 2. Replace the water filter cartridge with the clear plastic bypass hose (if so equipped).
- Make sure the water heater 12-volt and 120-volt interior control switches are OFF.
- 4. Turn the water heater bypass valves to the BYPASS position.
- 5. Make sure the "fresh tank drain" and "low point drains" are closed.
- Open the clear hose valve to the water pump and insert the clear hose into a water container of RV antifreeze solution.
- 7. Turn the water pump ON.
- 8. Open the hot water line on all the faucets (kitchen, lavatory, shower and outside shower) until RV antifreeze begins to flow continuously.
- 9. Close the faucet hot water lines and repeat with the cold water lines on all the faucets. Do not forget to run RV antifreeze through the toilet.

## When you are done adding RV antifreeze

- 10. Remove the garden hose from the container of RV antifreeze.
- 11. To prevent staining, wipe the RV antifreeze out of the sinks, shower (or tub) and toilet using a soft, dry cloth.

If needed, contact your RV dealer for assistance.

#### **BLACK/GREY WATER SYSTEM**

Water from the sinks and shower flow into the gray water (or waste water) holding tank. Water from the toilet will flow into the sewage (or black water) holding tank.

The weight of the holding tank contents is not calculated into the RV cargo carrying capacity (this extra weight would reduce your available cargo capacity). Traveling with full holding tank(s) could possibly cause you to exceed the individual tire ratings and/or the RV GAWR or RV GVWR. Potential damage to suspension components, such as springs, tires and axles, could result.



Never travel with full black or grey water holding tanks. This not only wastes your fuel but depending on the location of the tank(s), it can affect your tow vehicle handling characteristics.

If your RV holding tank(s) are located behind the axles, the weight of the full tank(s) will reduce the hitch weight. Trailer sway and other handling difficulties can be the result of the hitch weight being too light.

Dump the gray and black water holding tanks before traveling to avoid carrying unnecessary weight. If you are dry camping and cannot immediately empty your holding tanks, reduce your vehicle speed until you reach a dumping station.

Before using the RV or after dumping the grey and black water holding tanks, always add the proper amount of deodorant to the black water tank to prevent malodors and help break down holding tank contents (unless winterizing). Follow the deodorant bottle or package instructions. Driving to a disposal site will normally loosen any accumulated waste debris or solids from the sides of the holding tanks.



Do not add automotive antifreeze or caustic chemicals such as laundry detergents into the holding tanks. Although these products may have a deodorizing effect, they may damage the plastic and rubber parts of the plumbing system or the components.

# **Drain pipes With P-Trap (If So Equipped)**

The drain pipes may be equipped with a "P-trap" installed to help prevent odors from escaping into the RV. During travel, water from the P-traps may spill and permit odors into the RV. By adding water and using a RV approved deodorizing agent you will dissolve the contents faster and will keep the drain lines and tanks clean and free flowing. These chemicals are available at an RV supply store or your dealer.

# **Drain pipes With Dry Sealing Valve (If So Equipped)**

Your RV may be equipped with a dry sealing valve that prevents the escape of odors from your waste system and eliminates the need for P-traps.

Should the RV drain piping system become clogged and a mechanical cleanout tool is used to open the drain pipe, it is important that the dry valve be removed before passing the cleanout tool through the piping.

Passing a mechanical cleanout tool through the waterless valve may cause damage to the internal seal that may potentially allow sewer gases to escape to the RV interior

A label has been placed near the location of the waste valve that reads as follows:

REMOVE WATERLESS TRAP BEFORE USING MECHANICAL DRAIN-CLEANING DEVICES.

#### Vents

Another important part of this system is the vent pipes and vents that release air from the grey and black water holding tanks.

The exterior vent cap is attached to the roof and must be kept clear of obstructions to perform as intended. On some models, the vent pipe may be part of the drainage system referred to as a "wet vent" (water flows downward as air flows upward in the same pipe).

# **BLACK/GREY WATER HOLDING TANKS**

When connected to the sewer drain line at a campground, keep the "black tank drain" valve closed until the holding tank is at least ¾ full. This should provide sufficient water to assist in complete draining of the black water holding tank. Repeat as needed.

Never leave the black tank drain in the open position continuously when connected to the campground sewer system.

## **BLACK & GREY TANK DRAINS**

There are labels on the exterior of the RV indicating the location of the grey tank drain and black tank drain (also called dump valves). Always drain the black water holding tank first so the following grey tank waste water can help rinse any solids or debris from the dump outlet and sewer hose.



Fig 8.8 Black/Grey tank dump

- 1. To make drainage easier, level the RV.
- Remove the sewer hose housing dust cap, and attach the sewer hose (customer supplied).
- 3. Place the end of the sewer hose into the approved dump station.
- 4. Open the black tank dump valve (close the dump valve when the black water holding tank is emptied).
- 5. Open the grey tank dump valve (close the dump valve when the grey holding tank is emptied).
- 6. Remove, clean and store the sewer hose.
- 7. Close the sewer hose housing dust cap.

You can locate many dump stations throughout the United States and Canada in Woodall's, Rand McNally Camp Guide, Good Sam Camp Guide, KOA Kampgrounds Camp Guide and various other publications. Some fuel stations also have dump stations.

Please contact your RV dealer for assistance in the purchase and installation of a sewer hose or sewer hose extension (if needed).

#### TOILET



# WARNING

It is important to prevent solid waste buildup. Follow the toilet manufacturer's recommended instructions each time after emptying the black water holding tank

The toilet is efficient and easy to operate. Generally, more water is required only when flushing solids. Prior to using the sanitation system, it is strongly recommended to flush the toilet several times to release sufficient water into the holding tank. If there is not a sufficient amount of water used during flushing, the waste materials may not evacuate properly from the drain line to the tank. Clogged tanks and pipes could eventually occur.

The toilet system will perform better when water is run for ten to fifteen seconds after flushing to ensure that the waste will proceed to the bottom of the tank. Unlike a toilet in a home, which uses four to seven gallons (18 - 32 liters) of water per flush, the average recreation vehicle system uses one to three quarts (1 - 3 liters). For added convenience and better sanitation system performance, it is advisable to always have four to six inches (10 - 15 cm) of water in the toilet.

To prevent help toilet blockage, always use RV grade single-ply toilet paper. Do not flush paper towels, diapers, sanitary napkins or other foreign objects down the RV toilet.

# Sewage (black) tank preparation



# **WARNING**

It is important to add enough water to prevent solid waste buildup. Follow the directions listed below and in the manufacturer's operator manual..

- 1. Release one to two quarts (1 or 2 liters) of water into the toilet bowl.
- Follow the directions on your toilet chemical bottle (customer supplied), by placing the recommended quantity of holding tank chemical into the toilet bowl.
- 3. Flush the toilet and allow at least two gallons (8 liters) of water to flow into the holding tank.

# Waste (grey) holding tank preparation

No special preparation is required, however, placing a small quantity of chemicals into this tank, such as baking soda or an approved RV chemical, will reduce odors from food particles in the system.

## Cleaning & Maintenance

The toilet should be cleaned regularly for maximum sanitation and operational efficiency. Do not use chlorine (undiluted) or caustic chemicals, such as laundry bleach or drain opening types, in the toilet system. These products damage the seals in toilets and dump valves.

# ATTIC FAN (IF SO EQUIPPED)

The 12-volt DC attic fan (or powered roof vent) allows fresh air to circulate through the RV.

Do not leave the attic fan open when the RV is stored or unattended for long periods. High winds, other unusual conditions or obstructions may prevent the dome from closing; the resulting leakage could cause non-warrantable damage.

#### **THERMOSTAT**

There are may be up to two 12-volt DC thermostats in your RV. Use the controls to set the temperature to your comfort setting.

# AIR CONDITIONER PREP (IF SO EQUIPPED)

Your RV has the wiring needed to install an air conditioner (customer supplied). We recommend that aftermarket parts installation be performed by qualified RV technician(s). The camping trailer roof weight limit for air conditioners is 110 lbs. It is your responsibility to insure that an installed air conditioner does not exceed this roof weight limit. Exceeding this roof weight limit can damage the roof and lifter system (this damage is not covered by the **Towable Limited Warranty** or **Extended Limited Warranty**.

It is your responsibility to verify that the air conditioner to be installed complies with all necessary codes and weight limits.

# FURNACE (IF SO EQUIPPED)



# WARNING

The furnace should be inspected periodically (monthly during the heating season) for presence of soot on the vent. Soot is formed whenever combustion is incomplete. This is a visual warning that the furnace is operating in an unsafe manner. If soot is observed on the vent, immediately shut the furnace OFF and contact a qualified service agency. Operating the furnace under this condition could lead to serious property damage, personal injury or loss of life.



# WARNING

To ensure your personal safety, do not obstruct or alter the furnace in any manner. Do not install screens over the vent for any reason. Screens will become restricted and cause unsafe furnace operation. For your safety, only the manufacturer's factory authorized parts are to be used on your furnace.

The furnace installed in your RV is controlled by a thermostat. The furnace requires both 12-volt power and propane gas for full operation. Make sure you have sufficient power available before operating your furnace If you have any questions contact your dealer or our customer service department.

A qualified RV technician should perform all furnace maintenance at least once a year (more often depending on furnace usage). Never attempt to repair the furnace yourself.

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# ICE BOX (IF SO EQUIPPED)

If your RV is equipped with an ice box, make sure you understand its functionality. If you have further questions, please contact your dealer or our customer service department.

# REFRIGERATOR (IF SO EQUIPPED)



# **WARNING**

Converter output is not intended to operate the optional 3-way refrigerator. When the camping trailer is parked and the power cord is plugged in, set the 3-way refrigerator to "AC power." The "DC mode" is to be used when traveling and will pull power from the auxiliary battery charge line (if so equipped). When camping without available AC power, utilize the propane.



# WARNING

If you smell propane gas **STOP!** Follow the directions located in your manufacturer's operator's manuals and in this manual.

The refrigerator is not intended for quick freezing or cooling. We recommend stocking it with pre-frozen or pre-cooled food when possible. The shelves should not be covered with paper or plastic and the food items should be arranged so air can circulate freely. Keep the area at the back of the refrigerator clean and free of debris. Check for obstructions in the exterior refrigerator vent area (i.e., spider webs, bird nests, etc). Use a soft cloth to dust off the debris.

For optimum efficiency and performance, it is recommended the refrigerator be checked at least twice a year as part of the routine maintenance.

# MICROWAVE (IF SO EQUIPPED)

Make sure there is sufficient 120-volt power available before operating the microwave. Ensure the microwave turntable (if so equipped) is secured prior to traveling.

# IN CASE OF A GREASE FIRE



# **WARNING**

Do not attempt to use water to put out the fire. Water can spread some types of fire, and electrocution is possible with an electrical fire.

Grease is flammable. Never allow grease to collect around top burners or on the cook top surface. Clean spills immediately. **Refer to Section 2 for fire safety and fire extinguisher information.** 

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## **COOKING WITH PROPANE**

**See Section 7 Propane System for important safety instructions.** Refer to the manufacturer's owners manual for detailed operating and safety instructions for all propane appliances.

# KITCHEN STOVE, RANGE OR OVEN (IF SO EQUIPPED)

To prevent damage, always use the appliance manufacturer's recommended size flat bottom pan(s). Generally, the pan should be large enough to cover the burner, but not be more than one inch larger than the burner grate.

Do not use a broiler pan, griddle or any other large utensil that covers more than one burner at a time. This will create excessive heat that may cause melting, sooting or discoloration.

In addition, the use of undersized pans could expose a portion of the heating element to direct contact and may result in ignition of clothing. Proper relationship of pans to burner will improve efficiency.



# WARNING

During and after use, do not touch or let clothing or other flammable material come in contact with the top burners (or heating elements), burner grates or other areas near the top burners or oven until they have had sufficient time to cool. These areas can get hot enough to cause burns.

Never leave cooking food unattended. Turn pan handles inward, but not over the tops of the other range burners. Ensure that pans used are large enough to contain the food and avoid boil-overs. Heavy splattering or spills left on the cook top can ignite and cause burns.

If using glass, glass/ceramic, ceramic, earthenware or other glazed utensils (or cookware) verify it is safe for use on the top burners. Only certain types of utensils (or cookware) are suitable for surface or top burner use.

# To use the drop-in stove outside (if so equipped)

The drop-in stove must be COMPLETELY cooled to avoid causing injury from handling when it is hot. Turn off the propane valve, disconnect the propane hose and carry the drop-in stove outside the RV. Always carry the stove assembly with both hands.

- Mount the cabinet onto the rail at a 30° angle and slowly lower the outer side until it is horizontal. If applicable, attach the brace to the underside of the stove and RV sidewall.
- 2. Attach the propane system using the "quick coupler" connection (see the following instructions).



Fig. 10.1 Drop-in stove

3. Raise the hinged metal guard assembly to the vertical position.

Wait until the grill is completely cooled, then store it.

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# Attaching the "quick coupler" connection

The "quick coupler" is directly connected to the RV propane system. The "quick-coupler" connection has a positive shut-off valve as required by code and standards.

- 1. Place the "quick coupler handle in the OFF position and push back the sleeve. The valve handle must be OFF to make the connection.
- 2. Insert the plug and release the sleeve.
- 3. Push the plug until the sleeve snaps forward, locking the plug into the socket.
- 4. Turn the handle ON to allow propane to flow to the drop in stove.

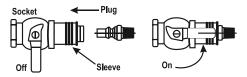


Fig. 10.2 Quick connect coupler

## Oven (if so equipped)

Do not use the oven as a storage area



Do not cover the oven vent openings while the oven is in operation. Restricting the flow of combustion air will create an asphyxiation hazard.

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Refer to the manufacturer's owner's manual included in the Warranty Packet. If you have further questions, please contact your dealer or Customer Service Representative.

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#### **CLEANING THE INTERIOR**

To keep the value of your RV, perform regular maintenance using the proper materials and procedures. Using the wrong cleaner may result in damage to the surfaces in your RV. Check with the manufacturer's information for the recommended cleaning agent. If in doubt, check to see if the cleaner will cause damage by testing a small area out of sight or contact your independent dealer for assistance. Do not use flammable liquids or sprays to clean your RV.

#### FURNITURE UPHOLSTERY

To retain the value of your RV, maintain the furniture upholstery carefully and keep the interior clean. Vacuum the furniture regularly using a soft brush attachment to remove any loose dirt or debris.

## Fabric (if so equipped)

It is recommended the fabric be professionally cleaned if it becomes stained or soiled. For more information, refer to the specific furniture manufacturer's care instructions.

## Suede Upholstery (if so equipped)

It is recommended the suede be professionally cleaned if it becomes stained or soiled.

# Vinyl Upholstery (if so equipped)

Do not dry clean vinyl components. If they are dry cleaned, the vinyl on the reverse side will shrink, become hard and crack. If a spill does occur water base cleaners are recommended (solvents are not recommended as they may have an adverse reaction to the specific backing of your upholstery fabric). Blot up the spot, but do not rub it in or saturate the area. Use a professional furniture cleaning service for an overall cleaning.

Clean the suede or vinyl upholstery only as recommended. Using other processes than those listed may produce undesired results and possibly damage the upholstery. This type of damage is not warrantable.

#### **DÉCOR ITEMS**

Décor items should be cared for as follows:

## Window treatments, curtains, blinds and shades

Dust occasionally with a vacuum and soft brush attachment. Professionally clean only.

# Shower Curtain (if so equipped)

To help prevent mildew or mold, clean the shower curtain.

#### Décor Glass (if so equipped)

Use a glass cleaner to remove smudges, smears and spots. If there is any decorative etching on the décor glass, use care when cleaning around that area.

#### **PANELING**

To clean, use a mild solution of soap and lukewarm water with a soft sponge or cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners as they could cause the vinyl to scratch and turn dull. Grease spots and stubborn dirt can be cleaned off with an all-purpose spray cleaner. Harsh cleaners and organic solvents can attack the printed vinyl; they are not recommended.

#### **CABINETRY & TABLES**

To keep hardwood doors, cabinet fronts and hardwood tables looking like new regularly dust with a soft cloth dampened with a cleaning polish or mild detergent solution. Avoid using ammonia based products or silicone oils as they may cause damage if used over a long period of time.

The finish is durable and resistant to most household spills. However, spills should be wiped up promptly to avoid potential problems. Excessive prolonged exposure to direct sunlight, high temperatures and high humidity can cause damage to both the finish and the wood itself. These should be avoided.

#### **COUNTERTOPS**

## To prevent permanent damage

- Always use hot pads or trivets under hot pans, dishes, or heat producing appliances such as frying pans.
- ☐ Always use a cutting board; never use a knife on the countertop.
- ☐ Avoid harsh chemicals such as drain cleaners, oven cleaners, etc.
- Do not let cleaners with bleach set on the top. Wipe them off promptly.

# Laminate countertops (if so equipped)

Glass rings, food spills, water spots and smudges usually wipe off with a damp sponge. Stubborn stains can be removed with a general-purpose spray cleaner. Some stains can be removed by squeezing fresh lemon juice over the stain and allowing the juice to soak for approximately forty-five minutes. After 45 minutes, sprinkle baking soda over the lemon juice and rub with a soft cloth.

# Solid surface countertops (if so equipped)

Solid surface materials are easy to care for. Soapy water, ammonia based cleaners (not window cleaners as they can leave a waxy build up that may dull the surface) or commercially available solid surface cleaners will remove most dirt and residue from all types of finishes. A damp cloth followed by a dry towel will remove watermarks. Disinfect the surface periodically with diluted household bleach (one part water to one part bleach).

For additional information on the removal of difficult stains or surface damage repair, refer to the countertop manufacturer's user guide.

#### **FLOORING**

Always test a cleaning agent in an inconspicuous area for colorfastness.

#### Carpet (if so equipped)

Vacuum regularly using a vacuum cleaner with a revolving brush or beater bar.

Be sure the vacuum does not have teeth, combs or rough edges as they may damage the carpet. It is important to remove loose soil and debris while it is on the surface.

Heavily traveled areas (i.e., walkways, areas in front of the furniture) may be protected with small throw rugs to prolong the life of the carpet.

Some spills contain chemicals that will destroy carpet fibers and dyes. If you have doubts about what caused the spot, contact a professional carpet cleaner.

Because of the additional dirt typically associated with camping, we recommend that you vacuum the carpet frequently.

Have tough and deep stains professionally steam cleaned. Use spot removers for minor spills. Always test the carpet for color fastness in an inconspicuous area before using any product.

# Vinyl flooring (if so equipped)

Periodically vacuum or sweep to remove dirt and gritty particles. Although most common spills will not permanently stain the vinyl floors, they are usually easier to remove if wiped up before they set. Simply blot with a paper towel and wipe clean with a damp cloth. As part of a regular maintenance program, sponge mop the entire floor. Do not use dish detergents or vinegar and water because they will dull your floor.

To care for the vinyl floor covering, use a damp mop with water and a mild cleaner. DO NOT SOAK THE FLOORING. Use care to avoid wetting the carpet edges.

To avoid problems of "yellowing" linoleum, the flooring manufacturer recommends avoiding cleaners that contain oil based solvents (i.e. cleaners containing lemon oil, Murphy's Oil Soap, etc.).

#### **ABS PLASTICS**

ABS plastic components will retain their original beauty with reasonable care. Dust and wipe clean with soft, damp cloth or chamois, wiping gently. Do not use gritty or abrasive particle soaps or scouring compound to clean ABS plastic. Avoid using "Citrus" or biodegradable cleaners which contain "D-Limonene" as they may damage plastic materials.

# PANTRY (IF SO EQUIPPED)

Depending on the kitchen layout of your RV, you may have a pantry that you can use to store items you wish to take with you as you travel and camp. Ensure items stored in the pantry are secured so they do not shift during travel.

The cabinetry has been designed to accommodate the normal camping items (i.e., paper plates, flatware, cookware, etc.) which are bulky but not necessarily heavy.

Remember your RV's load capacity is designed by weight, not volume, so you cannot necessarily use all available space

# HIDE-A-BED (IF SO EQUIPPED)

The hide-a-bed sofa functions much the same as a regular residential hide-a-bed sofa. To make the hide-a-bed sofa into a bed, remove the seat cushions and pull the sofa back towards you firmly and gently. Activate (or deflate) the air mattress (if so equipped) using the supplied furniture manufacturer's instructions. To convert the hide-a-bed back into the upright sofa position, reverse the process.

# JACK KNIFE SOFA (IF SO EQUIPPED)

The J-steel sofa functions much the same as a residential futon. To make the J-steel sofa in to a bed, lift up on the bottom seat cushion and pull it towards you.

The sofa back will drop down to provide a sleeping surface. For additional comfort and to reduce fabric damage, you may want to place a cover or air mattress (customer supplied) over the J-steel sofa when it is in the sleeping position.

# SOFA (IF SO EQUIPPED)

Additional storage space is available under the sofa in some models. To access the storage area, remove the lid on the sofa base (under the sofa cushion). The storage area in some models is accessible through an exterior baggage door.



Your recreation vehicle's load capacity is designated by weight, not by volume, so you cannot necessarily use all available space when loading the vehicle. Do not exceed your GVWR and ensure you are loading the vehicle as evenly as you can for the best possible handling. Ensure heavy items are secured so they do not shift during travel.

# **BOOTH DINETTE (IF SO EQUIPPED)**

The dinette is designed to seat up to four adults. You can access the dinette bench storage by removing all the cushions and lifting the bottom seat supports. If the dinette bottom seat support is screwed shut, it is to protect factory-installed equipment (do not use that area for storage). To convert back to a booth dinette, reverse the process.

The booth dinette can be converted into a bed. To convert, remove all the cushions from the booth dinette. Lift the tabletop, remove the detachable table legs and place the tabletop on the ledges provided between the booth dinette benches. Lay the seat back cushions against the back of the booth dinette bench. Lay the dinette seat bottom cushions in between the seat back cushions. The area where the cushions meet should be slightly raised.

Push the raised cushion ends down gently. The cushions are designed to fit snugly. Reverse this process when converting back to the booth dinette.

# **BBQ GRILL (IF SO EQUIPPED)**

The BBQ grill is for use outside of the RV. Never use this grill inside a compartment or the RV. Before operating the BBQ grill, make sure that it is securely placed on the support bracket.



# **WARNING**

Make sure that you read, understand and follow all information supplied with your RV about propane before operating the BBQ grill. The propane hose must be correctly connected before lighting the grill. Failure to follow instructions supplied by the grill manufacturer with your RV or to use any other components than those originally supplied with the grill could lead to death or serious injury from fire or explosion.



# WARNING

The maximum weight limit for the bracket on the side of your trailer is 50 lbs. This limit includes the weight placed on the BBQ gill. Exceeding this weight limit could cause damage to the unit and possibly cause personal injury from hot equipment.

The BBQ grill must be COMPLETELY cooled before storing to avoid damaging the carrying case (if so equipped) and causing injury from handling the grill when it is hot. Wait until the grill is completely cooled, then store it.

# Attaching the "quick coupler" connection

The "quick coupler" is directly connected to the RV propane system. This connection has a positive shut-off valve as required by code and standards.

- Place the "quick coupler handle in the OFF position and push back the sleeve. The valve handle must be OFF to make the connection.
- 2. Insert the plug and release the sleeve.
- 3. Push the plug until the sleeve snaps forward, locking the plug into the socket.
- 4. Turn the handle ON to allow propane to flow to the drop in stove.

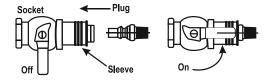


Fig. 13.1 Quick connect coupler

#### **CLEANING THE EXTERIOR**

To protect your RV's exterior finish, wash it often and thoroughly. Regular cleaning and waxing will help protect the exterior. If chalking occurs, wash and try to wax a small area to see if the luster returns. If the exterior becomes scratched, nicked or cracked have your dealer inspect the RV.

Your RV is exposed to many environmental conditions that have an adverse affect on the paint finish:

- Road Salt and Sodium Chloride
- Road Tar / Bugs
- □ Bird Droppings / Tree Sap

- Industrial Fallout / Acid Rain /Pollution
- UV Exposure and Moisture

The most common problems resulting from these conditions are corrosion, staining, and chemical spotting. Generally, the longer the foreign material remains in contact with the exterior finish, the more extensive the damage. These problems can be minimized by regularly scheduled washing and polishing. Wash your RV as soon as possible if it becomes contaminated with foreign material. Avoid parking under trees or near ocean sea salt. Ice or snow should not be scraped from the painted surface: Brush off!

Anti-freeze, gasoline or washer solvents if spilled on the painted surface should be rinsed off with water immediately. Bugs and bird droppings should be rinsed off daily.

We recommend that you do not take your RV through automatic car washes. Extreme caution should be used if utilizing any type of pressure sprayer around all attachments, doors, windows, appliance vents, etc. Avoid forcing water inside the RV, which could possibly damage component parts.

Some types of hot water washing equipment apply high pressure and heat to the RV. They may cause heat distortion and damage to the resin parts and may flood the RV's interior. Therefore, be sure to observe the following:

- Keep the washing nozzle about 16 inches (40 cm) or more away from the RV body.
- 2. When washing around the door, vent and glass areas, hold the nozzle at right angles to the surface.

Depending on your model, the exterior is constructed of aluminum or fiberglass. Refer to the general instructions that follow for care information.

#### Washing

Chemicals contained in dirt and dust picked up from the road surface can cause damage if left on the RV for a long time. Frequent washing and waxing is the best way to protect your RV from this damage. Frequent washings also protect your RV from environmental elements, such as rain, snow and salt air.

Do not wash the RV when it is in direct sunlight. Park the RV in the shade and spray it with water to remove dust. Next, using an ample amount of clean water and a car-washing mitt or sponge, wash the RV from top to bottom.

Use a mild car-washing soap if necessary. Rinse thoroughly and wipe dry with a chamois or soft cloth.

Carefully clean the joints and flanges of the slideout (if so equipped), doors, hood, etc., where dirt is likely to remain.

Some types of hot water washing equipment apply high pressure and heat to the RV. They may cause heat distortion and damage to the resin parts and may flood the RV's interior. Therefore, be sure to observe the following:

- Keep the washing nozzle about 16 inches (40 cm) or more away from the RV body.
- 2. When washing around the glass areas, hold the nozzle at right angles to the glass surface.

## **During cold weather**

Salt and other chemicals that are spread on winter roads in some geographical areas can have a detrimental effect on the RV's underbody. If your RV is exposed to these conditions, spray the underbody with a high-pressure hose every time you wash the exterior of your RV.

Take special care to remove mud or other debris that could trap and hold salt or moisture. After washing your RV, wipe off all water drops from the rubber parts around the slideout and doors.

If the slideout or door is frozen, opening it by force may tear off or crack the rubber gasket that is installed around the slideout or door. Pour warm water on the gasket to melt the ice (wipe off the water thoroughly after opening the slideout or door). To prevent the weather stripping from freezing, treat it with a silicone spray.

# Waxing your RV

Wax your RV once or twice a year, or when painted surfaces do not shed water well. Use a soft cloth to apply a small amount of wax to the painted surfaces. After the wax has dried, polish the RV with a dry, soft cloth.

Do not wax your RV in direct sunlight. Wax it after the surfaces have cooled. Do not apply wax to any area having a flat black finish as it can cause discoloration. If the finish has been stained with wax, wipe off the area with a soft cloth and warm water.

When waxing the area around the various openings, do not apply any wax on the weatherstrip. If it is stained with wax, the weatherstrip cannot maintain a weatherproof seal around the opening.



# CAUTION

Do not use waxes containing high-abrasive compounds. Such waxes remove rust and stains effectively, but they are also harmful to the luster of the surface, since they may scrape off the coating. Further, they are detrimental to glossy surfaces, such as the grille, garnish, moldings, etc. Do not use gasoline or paint thinners to remove road tar or other contamination to the painted surface.

## Polishing your RV

If painted surfaces have been severely damaged and have lost their original luster and color tone, polish the surface lightly with a fine polishing compound. Avoid limiting your polishing to the damaged surface only; polish a somewhat wider area, moving the polishing cloth in one direction. After polishing, flush the compound from the surface and apply a coat of wax to regain a beautiful luster.



# CAUTION

Do not use a buffer and a buffing compound as it may damage the exterior surface. Please contact a professional paint body shop for assistance.

#### Damaged paint

To prevent corrosion, touch up small cracks and scratches in the paint coat as soon as possible with touch-up film or paint. Carefully check the body areas facing the road and the tires for damage to the paint coat caused by flying stones, etc. To purchase touch-up paint, use the closest automotive paint (available locally) match possible.

#### Cleaning plastic parts

Use a sponge or chamois to clean plastic parts. Use warm water and a soft cloth or chamois to remove any white residue from dark colored plastic surfaces.

Do not use a scrubbing brush or other hard tools as they may damage the plastic surface. Do not use wax containing abrasives that may damage the plastic surface.



Do not allow plastic to come into contact with brake fluid, engine oil, grease, paint thinner, or battery acid. These will damage plastic. Use a soft cloth and a mild detergent solution to wipe away any such contact.

# Chrome parts (if so equipped)

To prevent chrome parts from spotting or corroding, wash with water, dry thoroughly, and apply a non-abrasive automotive wax. If the chrome is severely damaged or pitted, use a commercially available chrome polish product.

# Stone Guard (if so equipped)

Wash the stone guard with mild liquid dishwashing soap or liquid car washing soap and water. Do not use powdered detergent, powdered soap, liquid and spray cleaners or pressure washing. Wax frequently to protect the surface and make cleaning easier.

## **EXTERIOR ROOF & SIDEWALL VENTS**

While you are cleaning the exterior roof, also inspect the roof vents (including sealants) for cracks and keep them clean. Inspect the refrigerator and holding tank vents for blockages from bird nests, spider webs, leaves, etc.

Water heater, furnace and refrigerator exterior doors need to be kept clean and free of obstructions (i.e., insect nests, mud daubers, etc.) while the appliances (if so equipped) are in use.

#### TRAILER FRAME

Sand, pebbles, objects on the highway, climate (salt air exposure) or ice inhibiting chemicals used during the winter months will damage the paint, inviting rust and other deterioration. Periodically inspect the exterior exposed areas, clean and repaint the steel members occasionally and whenever you notice rust or paint chipped away, to insure protection.

#### **E-Z LUBE AXLE**

The E-Z lube feature on your axles provides the ability for the bearings to be periodically lubricated without removing the hubs from the axle. This feature consists of axle spindles that have been specially drilled and fitted with grease zerks in their ends.

When grease is pumped into the zerk, it is channeled to the inner bearing and then flows back to the outer bearing and eventually back out the grease cap hole. If you have further questions, consult with your dealer.

**ENOTE**: The convenient lubrication provisions of the E-Z lube must not replace periodic inspection and maintenance of the bearings. Use a hand-operated grease qun; improper use of a commercial grease qun may damage the seals.

#### REAR BUMPER

The rear bumper of your RV is not designed to carry cargo. Items that extend beyond the bumper OR weigh over 100 lbs. (45kg) will place undo strain on the bumper.

The 100 lb. bumper capacity includes the weight of the spare tire that may have been attached at the factory.

**ENOTE**: Some items may fall within the given weight range, however, can still cause damage. Over time, weight added to the bumper will cause damage from the motion created while traveling. In addition, extra weight behind the axle may reduce the hitch weight (leading to adverse handling conditions from wind gusts and/or passing traffic).



# **CAUTION**

Do not add items to the RV rear bumper. Add-on items will eventually damage your bumper. Damage caused by such aftermarket equipment installation or improper loading voids the **Towable Limited Warranty**.

#### **SEALANTS**



# **CAUTION**

Failure to properly maintain or reseal your RV may result in serious water damage to the roof and other parts of the RV. This damage is not covered by the **Towable Limited Warranty**.

Sealants perform a very important function and should be inspected closely and regularly maintained. We incorporate many different types of sealants, including butyl/putty, black butyl-encapsulated foam, silicone (clear and colored), roof sealant and foam. In general, sealants do not have "set" lifetimes. Varying environmental factors affect the pliability and adhesiveness of sealants.

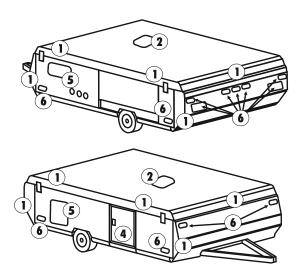
You or your dealer must:

- Inspect all sealants, a minimum of every six months. Make sure to check the roof and all four sides of the RV including al moldings, doors, vents and exterior attachments. A quick walk around the RV before leaving may help prevent potential problems during trips and vacations.
- ☐ Have the sealant replaced if you notice any cracks, peeling, voids, gaps, breaks, looseness or any sign of physical deterioration. Reseal at lease one time each year as preventative maintenance.
- Always use the same type of sealant that was removed. Your dealer service or parts manager can help you obtain the correct sealant(s).

The sealants may become damaged due to ultraviolet exposure, air pollution, freezing temperatures and exposure to other elements. If deteriorated, repair immediately to prevent damage.

If you notice water inside the RV, immediately have the dealer check for the source of the leak. Failure to correct the leak may result in serious damage to your RV; this damage may not be warrantable.

Although the diagrams below may not accurately reflect the exact model of your RV, make sure you inspect all sealants as indicated in the text. If you have questions and/or need assistance with sealing your RV, consult with your RV dealer.



- 1. Trim Edges
- 2. Roof items
- 3. Slideout Roof/Floor
- 4. Windows/Doors
- 5. Storage Compartments/
- Access Doors/Wheel Wells
- 6. Lights

Fig. 13.2 Sealant diagram

#### LIFTER SYSTEM

# **Lifter Posts**

The telescoping posts should be lubricated semi-annually. Use a light coat of silicone spray to insure smooth, trouble-free operation. Do not permit the spray to come into contact with the tent.

Do not use grease or oil on the posts. Grease and oil will attract dirt, causing the tent to become dirty.

## **TENT MAINTENANCE**

See **Section 4 – Towing & Set-up** for information on tent maintenance.

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# STARCRAFT TOWABLE SECTION 14 - TRAVEL/CAMPING/STORAGE CHECKLISTS

# **RV START-UP**

The	following checklist will help ensure a trouble-free camping season:			
	Inspect and work all interior and exterior latches and locks (lube if necessary).			
	Make sure the batteries are fully charged and installed correctly.			
	Inspect the power cord and carefully clean the contacts if necessary. Plug in the power cord to an appropriate power source.			
	Turn on the interior lights and check outlets for polarity. If needed, replace any blown fuses. Check the circuit breakers and test the GFCI.			
	Inspect and test all safety detectors. If needed, replace any drained or discharged batteries. If you have a defective or damaged safety detector, replace it immediately.			
	Inspect and turn on the propane system. If you have any questions, contact your dealer or a qualified propane service representative for assistance.			
	If the propane system is functioning properly, test the pilot lights on range, refrigerator, furnace and water heater.			
	Inspect the leveling jacks (if so equipped) for operation. If needed, perform maintenance as specified by the leveling jack manufacturer.			
	Test all exterior and interior lights. Replace any bulbs if they are burnt out.			
	Inspect the tires for wear, cracks and inflation pressure.			
	Wash the exterior of the RV. Do a sealant inspection and repair as necessary.			
	De-winterize and sanitize the fresh water system.			
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# SECTION 14 - TRAVEL/CAMPING/STORAGE CHECKLISTS STARCRAFT TOWABLE Interior Close roof vents. Close windows & latch blinds. Counter items put away or tied down. Furnace turned off. Latch drawers, cabinets & doors. Turn off the interior lights and appliances. Disconnect any cable TV or phone hookups and lower the TV antenna (if so equipped). ■ Move slideout in and lock it in place (if applicable). ☐ Fasten and secure the furniture for travel (if so equipped). Refrigerator door locked (if so equipped). Set refrigerator to 12-volt (if so equipped). ■ Water heater turned off (if so equipped).

# Exterior

- ☐ Empty black holding tank (if so equipped), rinse as needed.
- ☐ Empty gray holding tank (if so equipped).

■ Water pump turned off (if so equipped).

- Pack equipment into compartments and secure it.
- Propane turned off.
- □ Retract awning and secure in place for transport (if so equipped).
- Retract step.
- ☐ Retract leveling jacks to the travel position (if so equipped).
- □ Water hose & electric cord unhooked and stored.
- ☐ Check tire pressure-include inner wheel and spare (if so equipped).
- □ Check wheel lugs.
- ☐ Test brakes for proper operation.
- Secure any loose, heavy or sharp objects in the RV or exterior compartments.
- □ Disconnect the shore line power cord and ensure it is stored correctly.
- ☐ Fasten all interior and exterior doors securely. Lock them (is so equipped).
- Secure and lock the entrance door.
- □ Walk around your RV one last time to make sure everything is stored away and the baggage compartments are closed and locked.

## **RV STORAGE**

**Properly** preparing your RV for storage during periods of non-usage will prevent problems from arising. It will also make it easier to get started again for the following camping trip or season. To prevent costly freeze-ups, winterize the plumbing system when it will not be in use for an extended period of time, especially if it is stored in colder climates.

Periodically inspect your RV for damage during storage, and seal off any area that can offer an entry point for rodents, birds or insects.

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Damage from birds, rodents, insect, etc., is not covered under the "Towable Limited Warranty" applicable to your RV.

When storing your RV, it is recommended that the auxiliary battery (customer supplied) be disconnected to avoid battery discharge.

# **Prior to Storage**

If storing for the winter, be sure the RV is winterized (refer to **Sec. 8 Plumbing System**, Winterizing the plumbing system).

- Check your roof and other surfaces to ensure there is no damage and potential leakage that might otherwise go unnoticed until it is too late.
- Close all windows and roof vents.
- Close the propane cylinder valve(s). If you do not have a propane cylinder cover, we recommend purchasing one to make sure the regulator is covered.
- Cover all external outlets, such as furnace, exhaust, etc. to prevent mice or other rodents from entering.
- Cover the roof air conditioner (if so equipped).
- ~ Disconnect 120-volt AC power to the RV.
- Do not use the stabilizing jacks during storage.
- Drain all water lines.
- Drain and flush all holding tanks (fresh water, gray water, black water and/or hot water tanks).
- Remove all batteries from the RV and store in a place where they won't freeze. Batteries that have been frozen will never hold a proper charge.
- Store your RV indoors, under a roof or purchase a "breathable" cover for use during storage.
- Thoroughly wash the interior and the exterior of your RV.
- To prevent weather checking and other UV damage, cover tires that are exposed to sunlight.
- ~ Turn all cushions on edge to prevent the moisture/mildew buildup during storage.
- Turn off 12-volt DC/120-volt AC/propane to the refrigerator; defrost and clean. Use crumpled newspaper or open boxes of baking soda in the refrigerator to eliminate odors during storage.

#### **During Storage Period**

Remove snow from the top of your RV to prevent damage to the unit's structure.



Excessive snow, 8" or more, or ice, 2" or more, places excessive weight on the RV roof. Remove excessive snow or ice as needed. Care MUST be exercised to not damage the roof material when removing snow & ice. Excessive weight can damage the roof, seals, etc. Water leaks and poor fit or operation are the results of this damage.

# SECTION 14 - TRAVEL/CAMPING/STORAGE CHECKLISTS STARCRAFT TOWABLE

## MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

This list is a quick reference sheet for suggested areas of regular maintenance. Review all manufacturer's operators manuals supplied with your RV to perform these listed maintenance items.

## **Prior to First Trip**

- ~ Inspect and reseal as needed.
- Have the propane system checked for leaks by your dealer.
- Check wheel lug nuts at specified intervals to listed torque specifications, retorque as needed.
- ~ Sanitize the fresh water system.
- ~ Test the safety alarms.

#### **First Two-Hundred Miles**

- Check wheel nuts at specified intervals to listed torque values. Re-torque as needed.
- ~ Have brakes adjusted by a qualified service technician.

# **Each Trip**

- ~ Inspect and reseal as needed.
- ~ Check the auxiliary battery (If so equipped).
- ~ Have the propane system checked for leaks by your dealer.
- ~ Check running lights.
- Check tire pressure and wear, including spare (if so equipped). Make sure the tires are cold when checking the tire pressure.
- ~ Flush out water heater tank.
- ~ Inspect safety chains for signs of wear.
- ~ Test brakes.
- ~ Test safety alarms.

# FEATURED COMPONENTS QUICK REFERENCE CHART

Your RV may be equipped with some of the items listed below. This is a partial listing and it is not intended to cover all components in your RV. All information is the latest available at the time of publication. reserves the right to change any of the following information without notice.

COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	WEBSITE	PHONE NO.
AIR CONDITIONER	RV PRODUCTS	www.rvcomfort.com	(316) 832-4357
AWNING	CAREFREE OF COLORADO	www.carefreeofcolorado.com	(800) 622-3230
AXLE	DEXTER AXLE	www.dexteraxle.com	(574) 295-7888
COOK TOP	ATWOOD	www.atwoodmobile.com	(800) 546-8759
DVD/CD	CONTACT YOUR RV DEALER		
ENTRANCE STEP	HICKORY SPRINGS	www.hickorysprings.com	(800) 438-5341
FAN, EXHAUST 12V	VENTLINE	www.ventline.com	(574) 848-4491
FIRE EXTINGUISHER	CONTACT YOUR DEALER		
FURNACE	ATWOOD/ HYDROFLAME	www.atwoodmobile.com	(800) 546-8759
MICROWAVE	CONTACT YOUR DEALER		
MONITOR PANEL	KIB ENERPRISES	www.kibenterprises.com	(800) 250-7051
OUTSIDE SHOWER	B & B MOLDERS	www.bandbmolders.com	(574) 259-7838
PROPANE TANK	MANCHESTER TANK	www.mantank.com	(800) 877-8265
PROPANE/CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM	CONTACT YOUR DEALER		
PROPANE REGULATOR	MARSHALL BRASS	www.marshallbrass.com	(800) 447-9513
STOVE	ATWOOD	www.atwoodmobile.com	(815)877-5700
RANGEHOOD	VENTLINE INC.	www.ventline.co,	(574) 848-4491
REFRIGERATOR,	NORCOLD	www.norcold.com	(800) 543-1219
SMOKE ALARM	CONTACT YOUR DEALER		
TANK SPRAYER/BLK	B & B MOLDERS	www.bandbmolders.com	(574) 259-7838
THERMOSTAT	ATWOOD/ HYDROFLAME	www.atwoodmobile.com	(800) 546-8759
TOILET	THETFORD CORP	www.thetford.com	(800) 521-3032
TV	CONTACT YOUR DEALER		
TV ANTENNA	WINEGARD COMPANY	www.winegard.com	(800) 788-4417
WATER HEATER	ATWOOD	www.atwoodmobile.com	(800) 546-8759
WATER HEATER, TANKLESS	GIRARD SYSTEMS	www.girardsystems.com	(800) 382-8442
WATER PUMP, 12V	SHURFLO EAST	www.shurflo.com	(800) 854-3218

# Starcraft **Ownership Notification**

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Federal record keeping laws require that we maintain a file of owners of our product. Your cooperation in filling out this from will be appreciated.				
☐ Change of Owner	Transfer of Limited Warranty (see limited warranty for details)			
Model Information:				
Serial#:				
Chassis #:	Odometer Reading(Motorized only)			
New Owner Information:				
Purchased Date:				
Name:				
Address:				
City: S	State/Province: Zip Code			
Phone # E-I	E-Mail Address			
Previous Owner Information:				
Purchased Date:				
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Address:				
City: S	State/Province: Zip Code			
Phone # E-N	Mail Address			