

Top tips

for a successful motorhome spring start-up

1. Spring clean - give your motorhome a thorough clean inside and out to remove any residual dirt and grime that, over time, can cause damage and deterioration

2. Check for leaks - check windows, doors and seals for damage. Consider soaking the vehicle with water from a garden hose and ask someone to sit inside to tell you if they spot any leaks

3. Check for signs of damp - watermarks, mould or a strange, musty smell can all be indicators of damp. Open all doors, windows and sky lights, and give your motorhome a good airing

4. Water system - flush out the water system thoroughly before use and give any internal tanks a clean with a cleaner/steriliser



5. Gas system - check LPG appliances for any insects that may have accessed the system over the winter as they can cause problems

6. Appliances - check all electrical appliances are in good working order

7. Weather damage - check for weather damage that may have occurred over the winter period

8. Tyres - tyre pressures will probably have decreased over the winter and they will need to be topped up appropriately.

Blowouts are a common cause of accidents so check for signs of bulging, cracking, low tread depth, or any object stuck in the tyre before setting out. Check the tyre sidewalls too for signs of UV degradation and hairline cracks

9. Check oil and coolant pressure

10. Battery - if your motorhome isn't being used for a while, consider charging the battery every six weeks



11. Check the wiper blades are in good working order

12. Ensure the TV antennae or satellite dishes are in the correct position for travel

13. Close and latch exterior and interior doors

14. If you are towing, ensure the hitch is correctly hooked and locked

15. Check the steps are folded up, ready for travel

16. Ensure that all cords, hoses, etc, are disconnected and put away

17. Make sure that the fridge door is closed and latched

18. It is likely that you are up to date with the servicing of your motorhome, particularly if it is still in warranty. It might also be worth considering a habitation service, where trained and experienced professionals inspect the gas and electrical system for you and also check for damp.

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19. Paperwork - check that you have a valid MOT, your driving licence is current and that your insurance is up to date


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