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Maintenance to Keep Your Teardrop Trailer Working All Season



Cool temperatures are waning, and longer days are upon us. The official camping season is all but here! Before you hit the road, why not take a little time to ensure your comfort, safety, and peace of mind by performing some standard maintenance on your teardrop trailer before hitting the road for your favorite camping destination?

Read on for our best teardrop camper maintenance routine.

Clean Your Trailer, Inside and Out

Ideally, you should clean your teardrop trailer once or twice a year. A properly closed up Colorado Teardrop trailer will ensure critters won't get in and take up residence, but a good cleaning will help you spot anything that indicates an emerging problem, or damage.

Applying a little elbow grease, inside and out, is a great way to get reacquainted with your trailer and to discover any damage or problems that may have developed during the winter.

Inspect the Roof, Seams, and Seals

Check for weakening seals and make repairs or schedule maintenance where necessary.

Once your teardrop camper is cleared of dirt or debris, you can quickly examine seams and seals around skylights, windows, and other trailer areas. Finding a deteriorating seam or seal early on can prevent future headaches.

Check Your Wheels

Remember that every 10,000 miles or 3 years we recommend repacking your wheel bearings. Again, reach out our service department for any maintenance scheduling.

Regarding your tires – it is always a good idea to check tire pressure, tread patterns for uneven wear, and tread wear indicators for timing tire replacement, and to tighten lug nuts to ensure your tires and wheels are roadworthy.

Check Batteries

Lithium batteries are maintenance free and are generally replaced after exceeding their number of charge cycles but be sure to inspect them for any damage and make sure connections are tight.

Electricity

Check that the electrical system in your teardrop trailer is functioning fully. Turn on powered coolers, lights, and test your outlets and anything else in your rig that runs on electricity. If something isn't working, it could be a loose connection or damaged wire.

Identify problems and make or schedule repairs accordingly. Also, always make sure to check the electrical connection from the trailer to your tow vehicle.

Flush Water Systems

Thoroughly flush out your on-board water system to get rid of any old water that has been sitting in the plastic tank. Make sure lines are clean and clear.

When using your shower – please remember to follow the owner's manual instructions and get in the habit of draining that small amount of water out of the system especially if temperatures will fall below freezing.

Check Awnings

Awnings can collect moisture, mildew, pollen, critters, and debris over winter. Open all awnings. Examine them for damage and make repairs or replacements accordingly. Give awnings a complete washing and let them completely dry in the sun before retracting them.

Check Propane Tanks and Gas Lines

Fill propane tanks on your teardrop trailer and check all gas lines for any damage that may have occurred during winter storage. Make sure to inspect your cooking gear and now is a good time to clean stovetop burners or anything that was stowed after your last trip, in hopes getting in one more camping trip for the year. Evaluate all your cook gear to make sure it is fully functional and ready for your next adventure.

Don't Forget Your Tow Vehicle

Equally important to your maintenance routine is your tow vehicle. Get an oil change, go to the car wash, check fluids, lights, tires, and anything else that affects vehicle functionality.

Go For a Test Drive

Before heading out on a big trip, take a short local drive to get comfortable and uncover any surprise repairs that might reveal themselves.

Once you have performed all maintenance, go ahead and stock up on supplies, refresh bedding, and pack some games – whatever makes your trailer comfy and cozy for your upcoming adventure. Now that your small camper is in shape, you can hit the road with confidence and peace of mind.

Enjoy your favorite campsite!

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