Used Campervan Viewing Checklist

Companion to: Buying a Used Campervan - What to Check Before You Buy

Work through the van in a set order so important checks are less likely to be missed.

Vehicle / model _____

Registration _____

Viewing date _____

Seller / contact _____

Before you leave home

- [ ] Registration number checked against DVLA information
- [ ] MOT history read, not just expiry date checked
- [ ] Safety recalls checked
- [ ] Driving-licence entitlement checked against the vehicle's plated MAM
- [ ] Seller has answered basic service/damp/equipment questions
- [ ] Model/engine-specific faults researched
- [ ] Insurance quote checked if the vehicle is unusual or heavily modified

Paperwork

- [ ] V5C present and details match
- [ ] VIN matches the vehicle and paperwork
- [ ] Service invoices/history examined
- [ ] Conversion/equipment paperwork examined
- [ ] Habitation/damp records examined where relevant

Outside

- [ ] Rust checked around arches, sills, doors and underside
- [ ] Signs of accident repair considered
- [ ] Rooflights, windows and conversion cut-outs inspected
- [ ] Sealant condition checked
- [ ] Tyres checked for tread, age, cracking and uneven wear
- [ ] Obvious fluid leaks checked

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Inside

- [ ] Musty smells, stains and soft areas investigated
- [ ] Cupboards and hidden corners inspected
- [ ] Bed, seats, tables and catches operated
- [ ] Travel seats and seat-belt mountings checked if rear passengers will be carried
- [ ] Visible conversion fixings/wiring look sound
- [ ] Ventilation openings are present and unobstructed

Systems

- [ ] 12V lights and sockets tested
- [ ] Leisure-battery charging demonstrated
- [ ] Solar system demonstrated if fitted
- [ ] 230V hook-up demonstrated safely if fitted
- [ ] Water pump and every tap tested
- [ ] Fridge demonstrated
- [ ] Heater demonstrated
- [ ] Toilet checked
- [ ] Gas paperwork/inspection evidence considered

Weight and road test

- [ ] Plated overall and axle weight limits found
- [ ] Finished conversion weight/payload understood
- [ ] Axle loads considered if the van carries heavy rear-mounted or concentrated loads
- [ ] Cold start observed if possible
- [ ] Proper test drive completed
- [ ] Steering, brakes, clutch/gearbox and temperature feel normal
- [ ] Fresh leaks checked after driving

Before paying

- [ ] Major doubts independently inspected
- [ ] Repair/service budget left over after purchase
- [ ] You are buying the van, not just falling for the conversion

Notes

If you are unsure about major mechanical, damp, gas or 230V electrical issues, arrange an appropriate independent or competent inspection before relying on the van.