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## Happy New Year 2021

*New beginnings, new ideas, new energy, and your old perseverance shall bring a new spark of success in your life. May this new year be full of all the excitement and surprises”- A optimistic and hopeful message for your acquaintance to get inspired.*

## Dealer Associations Give Their ‘State of the State’

Lisa Dicksteen December 4, 2020

As 2020 moves into the rearview mirror, *RV PRO* reached out to the executive directors of some of the country’s largest dealer associations to get their take on the impact of COVID-19, to talk about other challenges and accomplishments, and to get their prognostications for the rest of this year and the start of 2021. Here is what they had to say:

### **Bob Zagami, executive director New England RV Dealers Association (NERVDA)**

“By now, all our dealers are operating at full speed. Sales volumes are ‘off the charts’, with many breaking records every month since May.

“As a result, many are down to their lowest inventory levels in decades. We even have dealers with no new inventory, which is unheard of.

“While our members have a heightened concern over product availability, they are extremely optimistic about the explosion of interest. Traffic is way up, even on weekdays, and weekends look more like open houses than standard weekends. When visiting, I sometimes have trouble parking.

“We haven’t done any in-person training; dealers just cannot afford to have technicians away from the shop. Increased demand for PDI and customer orientations has pushed everyone to their limit. Some are trying to deliver 10 to 20 units on a Saturday, leaving them with barely time to grab a sandwich.

“We have several excellent webinars designed to improve business operation, revenue and profits – but nobody attends. This is not due to indifference. Everyone is just too busy; they are so overburdened they can’t complete their work in a normal eight-hour shift.

“The only show NERVDA is responsible for is the Boston RV & Camping Expo in Needham, Mass. We are still scheduled for MLK weekend 2021. We are awaiting confirmation from the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center and Massachusetts Governor Baker on rules and precautions. If we cannot host the show on the traditional dates, we will look for dates in March or April. Our dealers are excited. Some who have never participated are asking if there is space.

“There is no discussion about a ‘virtual’ show – and I would never recommend it.

RVers want to see, touch and spend time in RVs. It is a proven formula that works for dealers. I imagine some of the smaller shows in New England will not hold their shows, so we may see a shrinkage in the number of shows in 2021. In concert with preparing for shows, many of our dealers are preparing for 2021’s open houses.”

**Dave Kelly, marketing director Florida RV Trade Association (FRVTA)**

“Unlike some other states, RV dealerships in Florida never had to close. We were included with the auto industry as essential. By now, most of our dealers have returned to allowing walk-ins rather than requiring advance appointments.

“While sales are very good, all our members are reporting issues getting both product and parts; everyone is getting pretty thin on both. Dealers want to sell more inventory and service customers’ repair needs in a timely manner and are worried about not being able to do either if the supply chain is not repaired quickly. Some are ordering online and even using eBay to acquire what they need.

“Because all our training courses were already 100 percent online, we did not have to cancel any, so C-19 had no effect. The number of participating dealers is about the same as last year.

“On the other hand, C-19 has dramatically affected our show schedule. We cancelled both Tampa shows, and our events in Fort Walton, Jacksonville, and Fort Myers. We are planning our annual SuperShow in January 2021 and expect to host all our 2021 shows with no plans to do any virtually. While we did lose revenue, we are in great shape financially.

“The Florida Legislature just passed a law to create an LP gas license solely for RV dealers. Previously, they had to comply with regulations on things that had nothing to do with RVs. Eliminating items which are irrelevant to our industry allows dealerships to make sales and repairs faster. Because it passed so recently, the implementation details are still being worked out.

“Going into 2021, our most important goal is making sure the SuperShow happens in January. ... Our plan is to do any and everything to make it happen.”

**Bill Sheffer, executive director, Darren Ing, director, Michigan Association of RVs & Campgrounds (MARVAC)**

“Following the chaos of closing two major shows scheduled for March in March – when Governor Whitmer forbid gatherings of more than 50 people – we began dealing with campground shutdowns. That lasted until just after Memorial Day, when most opened with the mandated changes and camper protocols.

“We have been hearing about difficulty obtaining inventory. Manufacturers are short on parts to finish RVs and they cannot ship what’s not completed.

“Our members are experiencing a subdued sense of optimism. They are pleased with how everything has turned out so far but are concerned about what happens when the trend ends. “Virtual traffic is great. And overall sales for July are higher than they have been in 40 years. In fact, June and July brought in so much business they could hardly handle it all, which helped them recover from the difficult months of March and April.

“We have offered training for technicians and counter staff over the years, but that’s all on hold now. We’re trying to get our heads around all that virtual classes entail, so we opted not to offer them now. We have also not had any requests for them, so it’s not a frontline issue. Additionally, RVDA and RVIA are nearby and they do a good job at a reasonable price point.

“In June, we decided to cancel one of our two largest shows. The facility had not received permission to host gatherings of more than 50 people and that just would not work for us. We are scheduled in the same venue in February 2021 and hope to have some semblance of a

show then.

“We are not planning any virtual shows. Should we not be able to do the February show, we will revisit the idea. We are reluctant to go virtual because we have not figured out how to create virtual walkthroughs of 360 units and the products of 70 booth exhibitors.

“The other concern is online shopping. Buyers like to see, feel, touch and go inside each unit. They like to engage with the dealer. Personally, I would never buy a car online; I can't see people spending \$50,000 \$100,000, \$200,000 or \$500,000 on something they can't touch.

“As for legislative issues, we are constantly monitoring anything that could help or hurt our members. Our current project is obtaining approval for an extension of the 15-day expiration on tags for new vehicles. This is especially an issue for the out-of-state buyer who wants to pick up their unit and travel in it for a week or two. Then they get pulled over and ticketed for expired tags. We want it extended to 30 days.

“Very early in the pandemic, we successfully lobbied the governor's office to have RV dealers and campgrounds declared essential services.

“It seems odd to say but RVing is the ideal approach to a pandemic. Many people who had never considered it before saw the advantages of traveling in an enclosed environment. RVs have always been a wonderful, economic way to travel, but now they are not only affordable, they are clean and safe, making them a great way to enjoy vacations and time with family in Michigan and throughout the country.”

**Heather Leach, executive director Pennsylvania RV & Camping Association (PRVCA)**

“Currently Pennsylvania is in the 'green phase'; businesses can operate at 75 percent occupancy, so dealers must limit the number of customers and maintain social distancing. Campgrounds are open with limited group events and accommodation of CDC guidelines.

“Every dealer we speak to with has reported higher than normal – if not record – sales. Many have very depleted inventories, and all have mentioned how difficult it is to get both inventory and parts. Some dealers have reported units sitting at the plant, ready to be shipped, while manufacturers search for transport drivers.

“The main issues are a combination of increased demand and decreased ability to get finished units to dealerships. The parts issue has always been a struggle, but it has been exacerbated. “Overall, dealer's outlooks seem positive. I am receiving far fewer calls than I did in April, when businesses were shut down. That's always a good sign.

“In April, everyone was in a panic because it was the start of their selling season. I don't think anyone could have predicted such a resurgence, but, by now, those who suffered so much those first few weeks have probably had the chance to make it up.

“Our technician training season is typically November through March, so we haven't had to deal with C-19 yet. Class sizes range from six to 30 people, which allows us to comply with any restrictions on gathering sizes and social distancing. We will also offer webinars.

“We host America's Largest RV Show every September and our board made the difficult decision to cancel this year's event. Things were – and still are – very uncertain, and the concerns of our exhibitors greatly influenced our decision.

“Another factor was the many travel restrictions because the show attracts consumers from across the country. We are using our show website and all our social media accounts to host an exhibitor showcase. It's a great way to keep our show on consumers' minds while bringing in some additional business for those who had planned on supporting the event. America's Largest RV Show will be back in September 2021.

“Our major accomplishment this year was hiring our first education director. As education is one of our missions, it was time to have a dedicated director to expand our offerings and provide a more comprehensive menu of trainings. Despite this being a year of massive show cancellations, I am happy to say we will be able to offer our members more benefits than ever.”

**Phil Elam, executive director Texas RV Association (TRVA)**

“Presently, there are no statewide quarantine issues in Texas, although some cities have additional restrictions. For example, Austin has a stay-at-home order in place and congregations of more than six people are discouraged. However, citizens may go to restaurants and stores as necessary.

"In spite of difficulties getting out and about, our members report substantial increases in sales, especially in major metropolitan areas. Some dealers have reported shortages of specific units and many of those on order are already sold. Demand for units is at an all-time high and there seems to be an insatiable appetite across all age categories.

"There have been reports of parts shortages, particularly air conditioners, refrigerators, and trailer hitches. Suppliers are doing their best to keep up with demand and RV owners are making smaller repairs themselves.

"My friends know I represent RV dealers and, in the wake of the pandemic, a significant number of them have indicated interest buying. These are people who travel a lot and want to control their environment. This new interest in RVing has been incredible across all demographics.

"Naturally, with unprecedented new sales figures and significant increases in profitability in service and parts departments, our members are very pleased. However, they are also cautious about how long this can continue. No one wants to be caught with too much new inventory when the demand begins to taper off, but for now, getting inventory onto their lots is their highest priority.

"I have noticed some dealers who had stopped or slowed their advertising have picked it back up to keep interest from declining and remind consumers they have units on their lots.

"We do not offer direct training for techs because Athens, Texas, is the home of the National RV Training Academy, which is awfully good at what they do.

"We canceled our annual convention in August and our annual September Southwest RV Supershow in Dallas. Both events are scheduled for 2021. We held a virtual annual membership meeting to elect new officers and directors.

"The Texas Legislature meets biennially, so we are gearing up for January. We are always looking to defend our members from those who wish to seek potentially harmful changes in the statutes. Now we are working on decreasing Repair Event Cycle Time for consumers and expect to continue that effort.

"Our major accomplishment in 2020 was negotiating with the Texas Division of Emergency Management to have RV dealers deemed essential businesses. Being available to meet the needs of customers and address heightened demand put our members in a very suitable position when the surge of interest in RVing began.

"As a matter of routine, TRVA produces compliance alerts for our members. However, during C-19, we generated so many that Microsoft shut down our email system when one of their algorithms decided we were a phishing scam. Imagine their shock when I told them, 'No, our members pay for this information.'"

"The association has had some great feedback regarding our assistance during member's time of need, which is exactly what we want to hear, as it means we are doing what we were formed to do – serve our members' needs.

"It is an awesome thing when members step up to protect and support their association. I believe it is a direct result of their recognition of our regular service to them and especially our assistance during their time of crisis. I am extremely proud of the way they have taken responsibility for the security of the association; they are truly TVRA's owners."

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## How To Level a Travel Trailer on a Slop

### How To Level Your Travel Trailer

I was looking through some RV forums recently and noticed many questions about how to level a travel trailer on a slope. So I did some research and learned a few things myself that I thought would be interesting to share.

Leveling your travel trailer is important for two reasons. First, it makes your camper much more comfortable for sleeping and walking around inside. Second, and most people don't know this, it helps to ensure that your gas refrigerator functions properly. The reason a gas powered refrigerator needs to be level is that it relies on gravity to cool properly. The more out of level the camper and refrigerator are the less efficient the fridge is at keeping food cold.

**So how do you level a travel trailer on a slope? Begin by leveling the travel trailer from side to side, chock the wheels and then level it from front to back by adjusting the tongue jack.** When done properly your travel trailer will be stable and ready for you to safely enjoy.

### Things You Will Need

- **A Two Foot Level**
- **Plastic or Wood Leveling Blocks**
- **Wheel Chocks**

**Level The Camper From Side to Side First** First things first. Before you level the travel trailer find the flattest place to park. Clear the area of any debris like big rocks or branches to avoid having them interfere with leveling the travel trailer. Finding the flattest place to park will

minimize the amount of slope and make leveling the camper a little easier. If possible, try to position the travel trailer so the slope runs from front to back rather than side to side. Once you have the travel trailer or camper in the best position, it's time to begin leveling it.

Use the level to estimate how much you will need to raise the low side of the travel trailer to level it. An inexpensive bubble level is all you need to level the travel trailer. Sometimes people get confused when using a level. Lay the level from left to right on the camper's rear bumper. The bubble in the level will float to the high side of the camper. You will need to raise the lower side of the camper which is the side opposite the bubble. It is important to remember to keep the travel trailer hitched until you are finished leveling it from side to side.

Once you have guesstimated the number of blocks you will need to level the camper it's time to place the leveling blocks in front of the tires. Plastic leveling blocks are like super strong Lego blocks for campers. Snap them together to form a ramp for the camper and place them in front of the wheel you need to raise. If your travel trailer or camper has dual wheels you will need to place the leveling blocks in front of both wheels.

You can also use DIY wood leveling blocks instead of plastic leveling blocks. Just remember that the wood should be slightly wider than the tires. The downside to using wood is that it is heavier than plastic leveling blocks and it can crack. Wood blocks can also slide out of place when driving the travel trailer on them. Obviously, if the wood is rotten or broken, it shouldn't be used.

Once you have the leveling blocks in place, drive the camper onto the blocks. Slowly drive the camper forward onto the leveling blocks and have someone to guide you so you know exactly when to stop. The tires should be directly on top of the blocks. If part of the tire is not on the leveling blocks you will need to drive off and reposition the blocks to make sure the entire tire is supported by the leveling blocks.

Check to see if the camper is level once you have it situated on the leveling blocks. If the camper is not level you will need to slowly back off the blocks and add or remove a block to level the camper. Once your camper is leveled, place the wheel chocks on the wheels on both sides of the camper.

Place the chocks under each wheel, wedging them in place by hand. Place them beneath the downhill side of the wheels. Wheel chocks are important to hold the camper still but many folks don't think they need to use them. Normally a camper will move after people start walking around inside the camper, which makes the camper rock a little bit and then it can move. The wheel chocks keep the camper still, so use them even when you think you don't need them.

#### **Another Option to Level Your Travel Trailer**

Another way to level your travel trailer is with **Andersen Levelers**. Andersen Levelers take the guesswork out of leveling your travel trailer. Therefore, you won't drive onto the leveling blocks, find out the camper is still not level, then drive off and add or remove a block and then drive back on. Anderson Levelers have a wedge system that allows you to drive onto the wedge and pull forward until the camper is level and then you chock the wedge. It is also very important to chock the wheels on both sides of the travel trailer when using the Anderson Levelers. Just check out the video below to see how they work.

**Level The Camper From Front To Back** To level the travel trailer from front to back start by either setting the jack in a wheel dock or placing a few pieces of thick strong wood under the tongue jack. The tongue jack is the front part of the travel trailer that connects to your vehicle. Once you have a solid resting spot for the jack, raise it and unhitch the camper from your vehicle's bumper. Move your vehicle out of the way so you can finish leveling and stabilizing the camper.

Place the level inside your camper door on the floor and check to see how level it is from front to back. Then raise or lower the jack to level the camper. Usually, the jack will have a hand crank or an electric crank that you can turn to raise or lower it on its metal shaft. Continue to raise or lower the jack until the camper is level from front to back.

Place a plastic or wood leveling block wood under each of the camper's stabilizing jacks, which are located at the four corners of the camper. The stabilizing jacks aren't meant for leveling your camper so never use them for that purpose or they could break. Stabilizer jacks are simply meant to prevent your camper from rocking and falling out of level. If your camper doesn't have stabilizer jacks, you can have them professionally installed or you can place jack stands under the camper's four corners.

## How To Level a Travel Trailer on a Steep Slope

The best advice is to park your travel trailer somewhere else! But, if that isn't an option you can follow the steps above but you need to add additional blocking under the leveling blocks on the low side of the travel trailer. However, this can be very difficult because the base you create needs to be level and you will be building on the uneven ground. So, what do you do?

The best option is to dig down a couple of inches and level the ground itself like in the picture to the right. You will need a shovel and a small level to do this and it doesn't take long. Most importantly, it is the safest way to create a safe level base for your camper to sit on. I've seen folks try to shove rocks or small boards under the bottom board to try to make it level and it is very unsafe.

If you start with a good base you can ramp your travel trailer up higher and level it even on a steep slope.

# WINTER RV LIVING | SURVIVE AN OVERNIGHT FREEZE IN AN RV

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**Winter RV Living** | Surviving an overnight freeze during the winter in an RV while also living full-time, was a first for us in November 2018.

We live in Fort Worth, Texas, so while we don't experience the snow very often, we do get below 32 degrees.

I searched the internet on advice on how to prepare your RV for an overnight freeze, and I just couldn't find much.

I did learn how to winterize your RV if you're going to be storing, but not if you're living in one. So, I am writing this for those **living Full-Time or staying in an RV during the winter** who have the same questions I had the day we had a freeze warning.

### Questions like:

- What do I do?
- How to keep my RV tanks and pipes from freezing?
- Should I get more propane or space heaters or both?

### 1. SHUT OFF THE WATER AND CLEARED THE PIPES

Our freezes are usually just an overnight affair here in Fort Worth, Texas.

So, once it warms up the next day we don't have to worry about our RV pipes or hoses freezing. Therefore, shutting the water off while we sleep isn't a big issue.

We also made sure we had water bottles or jugged water in the fridge filled and ready to go.

**So, the night before (since we did not have a heated hose) we completely shut off our water and detached the RV's water hose.**

We then make sure our lines and RV pipes are free of water by turning on the faucets inside to clear the lines.

**We don't worry about the water in the water heater because it's electric and stays warm.**

If you do turn off your water heater, the best suggestion is to release the water to prevent freezing and ruining your hot water tank.

**Another option is to purchase a heated water hose** and some styrofoam to cover your pipes for extra insulation.

A good practice is to keep your cabinets open in the kitchen and bathroom. This allows the RV's sink pipes to stay warm.

2. **RELEASED THE BLACK AND GREY TANKS** The next thing we did was released our RV's tanks and **kept our valves closed.**

Now, if your tanks are 1/3 full, and have a heating element or heating pads that keep them from freezing then it's okay if you don't release them.

3. **STOCKED UP ON PROPANE AND BOUGHT A SPACE HEATER** After shutting off water and releasing the tanks, next we checked our propane tanks.

*(We actually ran out of propane right before the freeze and kind of freaked, so we learned this one the hard way.)*

Luckily, my brother in law had an extra tank that we could use for the night. Therefore, we didn't have to run to the store.

**So, lesson learned, when it's cold and your Winter RV Living you always want to have extra propane.**

**Another option if you don't want to rack up a high bill of propane during the winter RV living is to buy a space heater or two.**

Our RV has an electric fireplace, but even that doesn't put off enough to heat the whole RV when it below 32 degrees outside. So, having an extra space heater won't hurt and will **save you money on propane.**

**The best space heaters we have found is this Ontel Handy Heater and the Trustech Oscillating Ceramic Tower Heater.**

The Ontel Handy Heater plugs right into the wall and is great for bedrooms or bathrooms. It saves so much space too!

4. **GET A DEHUMIDIFIER**

Another thing is the condensation!

With the cold air outside and the warm air inside, this causes condensation on the windows. Over time, if not properly dealt with can cause mold issues.

Therefore, purchasing a **dehumidifier** is very handy and helps prevent future mold issues. **This is a must when your winter RV living.**

5. **INSULATED OUR RV WINDOWS**

To keep the warm in and winter out, insulating your windows is recommended.

This can be done with bubble wrap, styrofoam, or insulation boards, and some velcro or tape. **This will also help with the condensation too that can accumulate on your windows.**

6. **PURCHASE AN RV SKIRT**

**RV skirts** are great, especially if you are going to experience snow or freezing temperatures.

These skirts provide protection from wind, snow, debris blowing underneath, and the insulate the underbelly of your RV to help further prevent your tanks and pipes from freezing!

7. **WE BUNDLED UP!**

And last, but not least...**BLANKETS!**

Stay bundled up with blankets, socks, warm clothes, and yes... even gloves! **RV's walls are thin and having extra blankets to stay warm during winter RV living is a must!**

Our favorite blankets are **wool blankets** specifically because that is one of the warmest materials.

**FINAL THOUGHTS**

So, let's recap on what we did to keep our RV from freezing and how we stayed warm during our Texas Freeze.

1. **Turned the water off and clear water lines. (Unless you have a heated water hose. In this case, having Styrofoam for extra insulation on the pipes, open cabinets, and keep the water dripping out of the faucet)**
2. **Release Tanks**
3. **Purchase Extra Propane or a Space Heater**
4. **Purchase a Dehumidifier**
5. **Insulate your Windows**
6. **Purchase an RV Skirt**
7. **Bundle up! Wool Blankets, socks, warm clothes! Stay Warm!!**

I hope you enjoyed reading and I hope this helps answer some questions on staying warm while **winter RV living full-time**.

While we make these suggestions, we are not responsible for any mishaps, freezing pipes and hoses, or fires.

## RV Questions: Most Asked

In this article, I want to answer commonly ask questions about RVs and full-time RV living. What is the best lightweight travel trailer?

Choosing the right travel trailer can be pretty demanding and overwhelming. There are so many different things to consider and so many different aspects to cover. Things that need to be definitely covered are great design and spacing, comfort and the equipment, which all go well with your tow car.

**So, I've done the research and we've found one travel trailer that has it all. It is *Forest River R-Pod travel*.** It has the capacity to accommodate up to 4 people and it's packed with some great features. It has 20,000 BTU furnace, solar charging port, EZ Glide Dinette Table with powder coated steel frame.

**What is the cheapest beach to camp at with a travel trailer in California?** Once you have your travel trailer and your car covered it's time to choose your best travel destination. And it's a no better place for you to go then to sunny California. **If the beach camping is your choice of preference then Ventura County Beach should definitely be on your list.** But if you are looking for some cheaper solutions than the US Forest Service and BLM offer very basic campgrounds in rural areas. These are inexpensive, a bit primitive campground usually cost less than \$20/night.

**How effective is a portable AC inside a travel trailer or RV?** When you've found your hot-spot in warm California you might consider having a small portable air conditioner. The challenge is getting one that is efficient and can run on 120 volts. So if you wanna have an air conditioner running and cooling the place up you should also consider your electrical energy supply. The traditional dilemma is which type of generator should you choose? Which is better for my Travel Trailer RV, an inverter generator or a generator? Which is better for my Travel Trailer RV, an inverter generator or a generator? Well although the ordinary generator consumes less fuel and costs less the inverter generator beats it with many other extra features Major benefits are portability and convenience, fuel efficiency and lower noise levels. So once you have parked your RV and settled in the campground. You've got your power and cooling solved its time to chill and relax with a nice meal and beer. Yes, you've heard it right you can enjoy your beer in the outdoor environment such as the campground, park on a private property or at a private home. Because then its considered domicile.

**Recreational Vehicles: What does it feel like to live year-round in an RV?**

If you're one of those people who decided to leave everything behind and explore new locations all over the world all year round, then there are few things to consider. For this, you will need a better RV. Modern 5th wheels are cost-effective, spacious, easy to tow, easy to set-up, and high-end models have all the luxuries of on wheels. Spending a whole year traveling in your new beautiful home can be a very thrilling and relaxing experience.

**How safe is it to live in an RV?** However is it safe? Well, you should definitely prepare, do some research on most places for camping. You can always consider some extra security, like

alarms or lock security. Learn more about the local community of your camping spot online, explore and enjoy. If it doesn't feel right you can always leave. You might also consider a small tow car which can be useful if you wanna check a nearby city or do some errands without your castle on wheels.

**What is the best car to pull behind RV and Why?** The 2016 Chevrolet Spark, for instance, is one of the lightest cars for towing behind an RV. In this way helping you to minimize the additional load during long-distance cruising and acts as a reliable runabout for local driving s a tough combination to beat. One of the best is 2017 Jayco designer, the symbol for a luxury home suitable.

**How to level a travel trailer?** Stop the trailer around 1 meter from the intended position. Put a board behind the tires behind the low side and it should be 2-foot-long by 8-inch-wide in the back and front of the tires. A number of boards will vary depending the number of your trailer tires have. The number will not vary with the terrain or ground level you are packing the trailer.

After done setting the boards, then pull the trailer towards the boards and then check the level and push the trailer either forward or backward. Continue adding or removing the boards if the trailer is not on the level you want.

Add chocks to the wheels to prevent rolling of the trailer, and detach the trailer from the towing truck. Check the level again by placing the level on one side, then raise or lower the tongue jack on the hitch and then lower the stabilizer jack to reduce bouncing and rocking.

**How to build a trailer?** Get the required materials that will be used to build up the trailer and then assemble them step by step without skipping any step or any part. Start with the over-slung and underslung trailer axles to offer to cushion the trailer. Build the trailer frame where the bodywork will sit by getting the right dimensions of your trailer. Get the level fixed in place. Then build the trailer tongue then add some gussets by welding them to the tongue and to the frame. Add the A' frame to cross members and then install the couplers. Add the safety chain on the tongue of the trailer. Hang the axle to the axle and then lock it with bolts.

**How to repair travel trailer?** Remove the old part and then put some sealing screw around the scraped area then ensure item removed is secured and then remove the screws. Cut off the old part at the edges of metal vent-flange edges to avoid cutting the roofing rubbers. Use the putty knife to access the base of the vent and then loosen it. Carefully lift off the old vent to protect the rubber from tearing. Then seal the removed part with required materials.

**How to pack up travel trailer?** Ensure that the hand is on the steering wheel, through the use of your right hand in 6 O'clock position place at the bottom of the steering wheel. Move the trailer to the direction you want your rear of the trailer will go.

**How to repair the trailer travel floor?** Assess the damaged floor and then remove the affected floor. Start by unscrewing the booth from the wall and floor. Get rid of the rotten wood and the change the floor by joining the old and new floor. Install the tiles and other finishing touches that may be required.

**How to tow travel trailer?** After getting the appropriate class of hitch for your load attached to the tow truck. Get the desired size ball for the trailer that will be attached to the trailer and tow truck. Attach the trailer to the truck. Attach the wiring system to the trailer. Check the tongue weight. Secure the load and get ready to hit the road.

#### **How wide is a travel trailer?**

A standard travel trailer is around 97 inches wide. The latest larger class A's are around 100 inches where the width does not include the mirrors of safety equipment.

**How to hitch travel trailer?** Raise the trailer tongue to the level of enough room for hitch ball go underneath. Back the tow truck till the hitch ball is under the coupler. Open the coupler latch mechanism and attach the hitch and then secure the lever. Raise the tongue to get distribution bars in place. Insert bars into the hitch heads. Lower saddle and place proper chain link into the hook. Put the safety clip in place. Retract the tongue jack and attach the safety chains. Attach the cable to the tow truck and plug the electric cables and check the lights. Check beak control and then ready to set off.

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