



# RV-Buying Checklist

Are you interested in becoming an RV owner, but not quite sure how to get started? Then O'Connor's RV-buying checklist is for you! We've outlined the RV-buying journey from start to finish, helping you arrive at our dealership armed with all of the information you need to make an educated buying decision. Let's dive in - adventure awaits!



## How Much Weight Can Your Vehicle Tow?

Start by finding out your vehicle's Maximum Towing Capacity. This will have a major impact on the RVs available to you, and will help guide your search. You won't be able to tow an RV that exceeds your vehicle's maximum towing capacity.

## Determine the Weight of Any RV That Interests You.

Compare the **Dry Weight** of any RV you look at against your vehicle's maximum towing capacity to determine if they are compatible. Be sure to take into account the additional weight of fluids and supplies, which is typically 300 to 500 pounds.

## What's Your Hitch Type?

Some RVs require their towing vehicle to have a specific type of hitch (or even truck-bed length), so it's important to know what type of hitch your vehicle has (standard, gooseneck, etc.). This will further help you determine compatible types of RVs.

## What Type of RV is Right For You?

There are motorhomes, travel trailers, truck campers, pop-ups, fifth wheels, toy haulers - the list goes on! Do some research on each type of RV, and you'll quickly narrow down which type of RV is best for your needs.





## **Browse Brands to Find Your Best Fit**

It can be helpful to browse RV brands to get a sense of what each manufacturer offers. Some brands go for home-away-from-home luxury, others are cozy and compact, and others are best suited for all-season adventures.

## **How Much Space Will You Need?**

Space is one of the biggest factors when it comes to choosing the right RV. How many people will be travelling together? Consider having enough sleeping and living space for everyone to feel comfortable while you're on-the-go.

## **Non-Negotiable Amenities**

What are your non-negotiables? Some necessary (or non-necessary!) amenities include:

- Toilet type (indoor/outdoor) and shower
- Cooking area & food storage
- Size and comfort of sleeping quarters
- Electricity needs (including heating & cooling)

## **Extra Features for Your Comfort**

Consider additional features that will make time spent in your new RV more enjoyable. This can include an awning, slideouts for extra space, pet and kid-friendly solutions, and enough storage space for bringing along extra gear like fishing equipment, camping chairs or skis.

## **Tour Some RVs!**

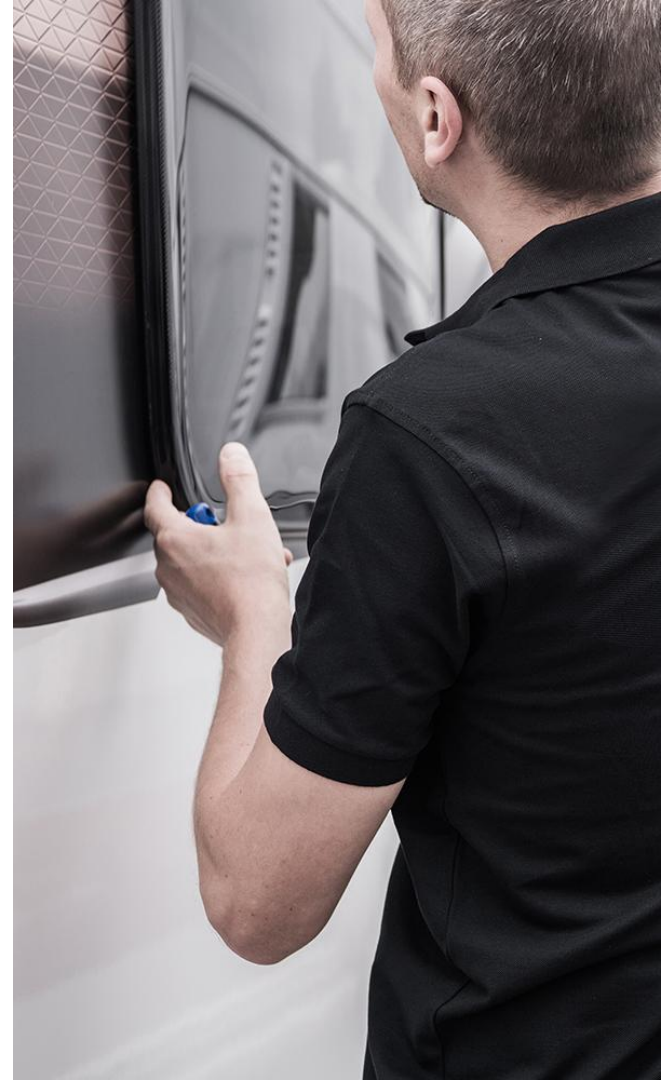
You probably have a good idea of what you're looking for by now! Browse RV inventory online, and call the dealership to schedule a viewing. Your sales representative will show you all of the bells and whistles on the RVs that you've arranged to tour.

## **Explore Financing Options**

Most people don't realize that purchasing a new RV can be quite affordable. With long amortization terms and flexible down payment options, your financial expert will help you secure a payment plan that fits within your budget.

## **Consider Purchasing Insurance**

Some types of RVs require you to have an insurance policy before you hit the road (especially motorhomes). Mandatory or not, we strongly recommend exploring insurance options to protect yourself, your family and your new investment.





## **Time for a Final Inspection**

Before you drive off into the sunset, we'll arrange for a final inspection here at the dealership. We'll demonstrate that each system is in perfect working order, and that your new RV is clean and road-ready. This is a great time to ask any last questions!

## **Beep Beep! Welcome to RV Ownership!**

You own an RV! Congratulations! It's time to drive home, pack up your new mobile home, and get ready for a lifetime of adventure.

## **Final Thoughts**

We'll leave you with a few final thoughts on how to get the most out of your new investment!

- Stay on top of your maintenance schedule, including winterization, de-winterization and proper winter storage
- Pack lightly and efficiently, and don't forget about having adequate emergency supplies
- Follow other RV enthusiasts for ideas on where to travel, park and camp
- Always check the news before setting out to learn of any closures in the areas where you're planning to travel
- Learning basic first aid and RV maintenance skills is never a bad idea
- Soak it all in: you're living the dream!

## It's Time to Make Your RV Dreams Come True!

We hope that our RV-Buying Checklist has provided you with peace-of-mind that purchasing an RV can be a smooth & easy process. And don't forget - your good friends at O'Connor RV are here to help every step of the way, of course! So what are your next steps? Here are a few helpful links to get you started on your RV-buying journey.

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