



## NRVIA standards of Practice & Inspection List

At Compass RV Inspections, we follow the guidelines set forth by the **NRVIA** [National RV Inspectors Association]. This allows for a similar inspection each and every time based only on the type of RV being inspected.

A simple tow behind has fewer systems than a luxury class A diesel pusher. By following a standard set of guidelines, we ensure a complete inspection of each RV. We use the same list for all inspections based on whether it's a travel trailer or motorhome. If an item on our list is not present, we note it on the report and move on to the next item on the list. Our pricing is based on what is typically found on that class or type of RV.

**With many years of experience, we know exactly what to look for when determining the condition of the systems and components found on the RV you're looking to purchase. Don't let someone else's headache become yours.**

### 1. Introduction

- The National Recreational Vehicle Inspectors Association or NRVIA is a professional RV inspector membership organization. Membership in the NRVIA is voluntary and its members are RV Inspectors and industry affiliates whose purpose is to promote excellence in the profession and continued improvement of its members' inspection services to the public.
- Use of the NRVIA logo and name is limited to those members of good standing who may utilize this logo and name in their individual inspection business promotions and advertising.
- The NRVIA designation of Certified RV Inspector is permitted only to be used by those individuals that have met the requirements and testing standards established by NRVIA and who have a current active status with the association.

### 2. Purpose, Scope and General Statements

- The purpose of the Standards of Practice is to establish a uniform standard for RV Inspectors to inspect and report in an objective manner the conditions of a Recreational Vehicle and its components.
- The Standards describe the components, and systems included in an RV Inspection.
- The Standards apply to motorized and towable types of RVs as defined by the RV Industry.
- The Standards apply to a visual inspection of those areas, components and systems that are readily accessible to determine at the time of inspection that they are performing their intended function without regard to life expectancy.
- The purpose of the RV inspection is to identify visible and operational defects as permitted by the current conditions that in the judgment of the RV Inspector will adversely affect the function or integrity of the items, components and systems of the Recreational Vehicle.
- RV Inspections performed under the Standards of Practice are basically visual and rely upon the opinion, judgment, education and experience of the RV Inspector and are not intended to be technically exhaustive.
- RV Inspections shall be performed in a time period sufficient to allow compliance with the provisions of the NRVIA Standards of Practice.
- RV Inspections performed under the Standards shall not be construed as being a compliance inspection of any code, governmental regulation or manufacturer's installation instructions or procedures. In the event a law, statute or ordinance prohibits a procedure recommended in the Standards, the RV Inspector is relieved of the obligation to adhere to the prohibited part of the Standards.
- RV Inspections performed under the Standards are not an expressed, implied warranty or guarantee of adequacy, performance or useful life of any RV, any of its components or systems.
- Only those items specifically listed on the RV Inspection Report will be included in the RV Inspectors evaluation.
- The RV Inspector shall report any system or component included in the Standards of Practice which were present at the time of the RV Inspection but were NOT inspected and provide the reason they were not inspected.

### 3. General Limitations and Exclusions

- RV Inspections performed under the Standards of Practice exclude any items concealed or not readily accessible to the RV Inspector. The RV Inspector is not required to move furniture, personal or stored items. Lifting floor covering, accessing interior walls and ceilings in which could damage or destroy the components or systems being evaluated is not part of the RV Inspection.
- The determination of the presence of damage caused by insects or water is only to be evaluated by observation with an opinion being rendered by RV Inspector that is to make the client aware of the issue.
- Excluded from the Standards of Practice is the determination of indoor air quality of the RV and it's consequence of physical damage, toxicity, odors, waste products and noxiousness.
- The RV Inspection and report are opinions only that are based upon the visual observation of the existing conditions of the RV at the time of the RV Inspection. The report is not intended to be or construed as a guarantee, warranty or any form of insurance. The RV Inspector will not be responsible for any repairs or replacement with regard to the RV or its contents.
- The RV Inspector is not required to enter any premises that visibly show a threat to the safety of the RV Inspector or others nor inspect any area or component that poses a danger to the RV Inspector or others.
- The NRVIA Certified RV Inspector will inspect and report on the following RV items and conditions during the RV Inspection. Any additional items of inspection will be dependent upon the agreement between the client and the RV Inspector.

### 4. Exterior Components

- ✓ Roof
- ✓ Roof Type
- ✓ General Roof Condition
- ✓ Joints and Seals
- ✓ Vents
- ✓ Vent covers
- ✓ Plumbing vents
- ✓ Air Conditioning Covers and Exterior Coils
- ✓ Ladder
- ✓ Satellite Antenna
- ✓ Radio Antenna
- ✓ Refrigerator Vent
- ✓ Skylight(s)
- ✓ Storage Containers
- ✓ Spot lights
- ✓ Air Horns
- ✓ Solar Panels
- ✓ Signs of Equipment removed

### 5. Side Walls

- ✓ Walls – Front, Rear and Sides
- ✓ Type of Construction
- ✓ Front type of Construction and Condition
- ✓ Street Side Wall Construction and Condition
- ✓ Curb Side Wall Construction and Condition
- ✓ Rear type of Construction and Condition
- ✓ Decals and Paint
- ✓ Corner Joints, Trim and Gutters

### 6. Doors

- ✓ Entrance Doors
- ✓ Condition of Door(s)
- ✓ Screens
- ✓ Decals and Trim
- ✓ Latch and Lock Systems

### 7. Windows

- ✓ Windows
- ✓ Type of Windows
- ✓ Condition of Windows
- ✓ Emergency Windows
- ✓ Seals and Gaskets
- ✓ Window Screens

### 8. Storage

- ✓ Storage Compartments
- ✓ Door and Interior Compartment Conditions
- ✓ Door lock types
- ✓ Seals and Waterproofing
- ✓ Area around Compartment Condition
- ✓ Operation of Doors and Locks
- ✓ Hinges and gas cylinders
- ✓ Slide Out trays and Shelves
- ✓ Flooring and Interior Walls of Compartment
- ✓ Compartment Lights

### 9. Awnings

- ✓ Awnings
- ✓ Type of Awnings
- ✓ Sizes of Awning
- ✓ Fabric and its Condition
- ✓ Manual or Electric Operation
- ✓ Hardware and Locks Condition

### 10. Slide-Out Topper Awnings

- ✓ Slide-Out Topper Awnings
- ✓ Type of Awnings
- ✓ Sizes of Awning
- ✓ Fabric and its Condition
- ✓ Manual or Electric Operation
- ✓ Hardware and Locks Condition

### 11. Window Awnings

- ✓ Window Awnings
- ✓ Type of Awnings
- ✓ Sizes of Awning
- ✓ Fabric and its Condition
- ✓ Manual or Electric Operation
- ✓ Hardware and Locks Condition

## 12. Slide Out[s]

- ✓ Slide Out
- ✓ Type of Drive – Hydraulic, Electric, Cable or Schwintek
- ✓ Mechanical Operation of Slide System
- ✓ Condition of Seals

- ✓ Tracking/Rack System Type and Condition
- ✓ Over Ride Operation Feature
- ✓ Misc. Trim and Decals of Slides

## 13. Exterior – Chassis/Frame

- ✓ Frame and Components
- ✓ Frame Type and Condition
- ✓ Axles, Springs, Shocks and Hanger Components
- ✓ Wheels/Tires and Rims – Type and Condition
- ✓ Brake Types and Condition

- ✓ Spare Tire and Mounting Rack
- ✓ Leveling/Stabilization System Type and Condition
- ✓ Operation of Leveling/Stabilization System
- ✓ Hitch and Pin Box Equipment
- ✓ Chains and Break Away Switch Operation

## 14. Steps

- ✓ Type of Steps – Manual/Electric
- ✓ Condition and Operation

- ✓ Non –Skid stripes and Grab Handles

## 15. Chassis Lights

- ✓ Chassis Lights and Markers
- ✓ Types of Light Bulbs

- ✓ Operation of Turn Signals, Marker Lights, Brake Lights and Other Lights

## 16. Chassis Voltage System

- ✓ Visual Condition of Batteries
- ✓ Visual Condition of Cables and Connectors

- ✓ Disconnect Switch and Battery Watering System

## 17. Misc. Electrical System

- ✓ Cable TV Hook Up

- ✓ Satellite TV Hook Up

## 18. Utilities

- ✓ 12 Volt DC House (Coach) Voltage – Deep Cycle
- ✓ Visual Condition of Batteries
- ✓ Visual Condition of Cables and Connectors
- ✓ Disconnect Switch and Battery Watering System

- ✓ Converter Operation
- ✓ Interior Lights and Fans
- ✓ Exterior Porch and Security Lights
- ✓ Antenna Signal Booster

## 19. Electrical

- ✓ 120 Volt AC House/Pedestal Power
- ✓ Visual Inspection of Power Cord
- ✓ Verify Power from Pedestal
- ✓ Perform Hot Skin Test
- ✓ Inspect Interior of Breaker Panel Box

- ✓ Breakers and Wiring
- ✓ Operation of GFCI Circuits
- ✓ Polarity of all Wall Receptacles
- ✓ Operation of Ceiling Fans and Lights

## 20. Inverter

- ✓ Type and General Condition and Operation of Inverter
- ✓ Cables, Wiring and Fuses

- ✓ Verify Operation of Inverter with Load

## 21. Generator

- ✓ Type and Operation of Generator
- ✓ Oil and Filter
- ✓ Fuel/Prime Switch Operation

- ✓ Circuit Breaker Operation
- ✓ Verify Operation with Load

## 22. Plumbing – City Fresh Water

- ✓ City Hook Up Condition
- ✓ Verify Inline Check Valve
- ✓ Inspect the Inline Water Filter

- ✓ Faucets and Shower Fixtures
- ✓ Shower Doors, Racks and Other Hardwar

## 23. Plumbing – On Demand Water System

- ✓ Verify Water Tank will hold Water
- ✓ Test Water Pump operation for pressure
- ✓ Does Water System hold pressure?

- ✓ Do all water fixtures function
- ✓ Verify Operation of Exterior Shower
- ✓ Verify Seal Cap on Discharge Line

## 24. Plumbing – Black Water Waste Systems

- ✓ Valve and Handle operation
- ✓ Check Sealing of Valve

- ✓ Tank Wash System Function
- ✓ Toilet Flapper Seal Holding Water

## 25. Plumbing – Gray Water Waste Systems

- ✓ Valves and Handles operation

- ✓ Check Sealing of Valves

## 26. Propane System

- ✓ Inspect Condition of ASME Tank or DOT Cylinder(s)
- ✓ Date of DOT Cylinders
- ✓ High Pressure hose and fittings Condition
- ✓ Inspect Regulator, Cover and Positioning
- ✓ Verify Inline Regulator on Split DOT Cylinders
- ✓ Perform Leak Test – 8" W.C. for 3 to 5 min. – Document Test Procedure

## 27. Refrigerator

- ✓ Make and Model of Refrigerator
- ✓ Operates on various Heat Sources
- ✓ Doors Latch and Seal correctly
- ✓ Can Refrigerator maintain its temperature range?
- ✓ Recall Kit Installed
- ✓ Does Condensate Line Drain
- ✓ Interior Light Function

## 28. Water Heater

- ✓ Make and Model of Water Heater
- ✓ General Condition of Unit
- ✓ Operates on various Heat Sources
- ✓ By Pass Valve Operate
- ✓ Anode Rod (Suburban required)
- ✓ Tank Sludge
- ✓ Dauber Screens Installed

## 29. Furnace

- ✓ Make and Model of Furnace
- ✓ General Condition of Unit
- ✓ Operates Properly
- ✓ Does Furnace motor Function Properly?
- ✓ Dauber Screens Installed

## 30. Cook Top/Stove

- ✓ Make and Model of Cook Top/Stove
- ✓ General Condition of Unit
- ✓ Oven burner and Top Burners Light as Designed
- ✓ Exhaust Fan (vent a hood) Functions

## 31. Air Conditioner(s)

- ✓ Make and Models of Air Conditioner(s)
- ✓ Ducted/Non-Ducted/T-Stat/Manual Control
- ✓ Filter Clean
- ✓ Plenum Divided and Sealed
- ✓ # of Degrees Delta T for each Unit

## 32. Microwave

- ✓ Make and Model of Microwave
- ✓ General Condition of Unit
- ✓ Heats Cup of Water
- ✓ Turn Table and Components in Microwave

## 33. Washer/Dryer

- ✓ Make and Model of Each Unit
- ✓ General Condition of Units
- ✓ Operate Washer and Dryer

## 34. Ceiling Condition and Appearance

- ✓ General Condition of Ceiling and Skylights
- ✓ Discoloration, Damage or Stain
- ✓ Operation of Roof Vents
- ✓ Light Switch and Fixtures

## 35. Walls Condition and Appearance

- ✓ General Condition of Walls
- ✓ Damage, Discoloration or Stains
- ✓ Have Repairs Been Performed
- ✓ Window Coverings/Shades

## 36. Floors Condition and Appearance

- ✓ General Condition of Floors
- ✓ Carpet/Vinyl
- ✓ Water Damage/Soft Spots
- ✓ Repairs Performed

## 37. Cabinets Condition and Appearance

- ✓ Cabinets/Trim Work
- ✓ Condition of Doors, Drawers and Bookshelves
- ✓ Countertop and Sink Condition
- ✓ Hardware and Latches
- ✓ Previous Repairs

## 38. Furniture Condition and Appearance

- ✓ General Condition of the Furniture/Accessories
- ✓ Damages/ Repairs/Replaced Units
- ✓ Matching Fabrics with Décor

## 39. Entertainment Components

- ✓ Model and Serial Numbers of all pieces Entertainment Components
- ✓ Do all Components Function

#### **40. Vehicle Data Information**

- ✓ Inspection Sticker/License Plate Current

- ✓ GVW and CCC information

#### **41. Motor Home Chassis**

- ✓ General Condition of Cockpit/Navigation Area
- ✓ Mileage/Hours

- ✓ Dash Controls/Gauges

#### **42. Engine Compartment**

- ✓ Clean Engine/Transmission
- ✓ Oil/Fluids

- ✓ Hoses/Belt/Radiator/Fans Condition

#### **43. Exhaust System**

- ✓ General Condition of Exhaust System

- ✓ Exhaust Pipe/Converter/Muffler/Brackets in Place

#### **44. Accessories & Misc.**

- ✓ Back Up Camera

- ✓ Misc. Items