## **Used Caravan Buyer's Checklist**



	External body work		
	1 Check the front and rear panels for cracks		
	2 Check the external bodywork for dents and chips		
	3 Check the panels for discolouration to spot previous repairs		
	4 Look for any holes in the panels (no matter how small)		
5	5 Stickers or graphics out of place can be a sign of hidden damage		
	Windows and lockers		
6	6 Check all windows for scratches, cracks and condensation		
	7 Open windows to check they aren't blown		
	8 Check the window seals for splits or faults		
	9 Make sure there are no cracks in the external locker boxes		
	O Check the locker door locks all have barrels		
11	1 Look inside all lockers and check the hinges are all intact		
	2 Check for any suspicious smells in lockers		
	3 Check all the seals for locker doors are not split.		
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1 /	Wheels and tyres		
	4 Make sure all the tyres are in date		
	5 Check tyres for cracks or bulges 6 Check the treed (1.6mm minimum)		$\vdash$
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11	7 All the wheels should be the same (it can cause serious damage whilst towin	ıg)	
	Chassis and A frame		
18	8 Check undercarriage for rust (most will be galvanised steel)		
19	9 Look for any splits in the a-frame cover		
20	0 Put pressure on the end of the hitch head – the damper should compress		
	(this applies the brakes when you brake in your car)		
	1 Check the gaiter around the damper is not split or damaged		
22	2 Check that there is a breakaway cable and that it's not damaged		
23	3 Check the hitch head mechanism operates as it should		
	4 Check the jockey wheel bar is not bent and can be wound up and down		
25	5 Make sure the tyre on the jockey wheel is in good condition		
	External lights and electrics		
26	6 Check the brake lights, road lights and side lights all work		
	7 Make sure the indicators and reverse lights work		
28	8 Check the light clusters for cracks, water or condensation		
	9 Check the 12N and 12S socket pins are present and not bent		
30	O Check the 12N and 12S sockets are not corroded		
31	1 Check the cables of the 12N and 12S sockets are not exposing any wires		

32 Inside the battery box ensure the battery terminals are not corroded



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_	Internal damp check		
	Invest in a damp meter (highly recommended) - Readings under 20% are unaccept	table	Щ
	Or use your nose to detect damp, rotten or mouldy odours		$\square$
	Feel around for any damp that you may not be able to smell		Щ
	Pleasant aromas could be there to cover up bad smells - be vigilant		
	Look under each window and look for any water stains		Щ
	Get meter readings from under all windows and where there are external joining o	of panels	Ш
39	Check under all bed boxes for any signs of black mould		
	Floor, carpets and upholstery		
40	Test the flooring for any spongy areas - pull up any loose fit carpets if necessary		
41	Check the carpet and upholstery for stains		
42	Check the carpet and upholstery for tears		
43	Check the upholstery for wear		
44	Check upholstery for flat spots - could identify broken base units		
	Fridge and freezer		
45	Turn on the fridge/freezer to make sure it's working		
46	Check all the shelves are there		
47	Check for cleanliness and that there are no bad smells		
48	Check the fridge seals properly		
49	Check the control panel or buttons for the fridge and freezer are working		
50	Check for any damage to the fridge/freezer doors		
	Oven, grill and hob		
51	Ask to see the oven, grill and hob working		
52	Make sure the grill pan and handle are present (expensive and difficult to replace)	ı	
53	Check that the oven shelf is there		
54	Check for damage to front of oven		
55	Check the cover for hobs is not or broken		
	Water heater and caravan heating		
56	Ask for the heating to be turned on to ensure it works		
57	Ask the seller to demonstrate the water heater is working		
58	Listen for any rattles or odd noises when water heater and heater are operational		
59	Check for any visible damage to the heater		
60	Look for any leaks or cracks in the unit itself whilst the water heater is turned on		
61	Check water pump is present (£50+ to replace it)		
	Taps and showers		
62	Turn on all the taps and the shower and check for leaks		
63	Make sure the shower heads and taps aren't cracked or swollen		
64	Check the sinks and shower tray for cracks		

65 Check the shower tray seals for any damage



	Internal lights and electrics	
66	Ask the seller to hook the caravan up to mains	
67	Ask the seller to turn 12V power on	
68	Plug in more than one 240V appliance to check it doesn't trip the power	
69	Check the main control panel has no warning lights or errors	
70	Check the fuses in the main power unit are all OK	
71	Check for damage to main power unit	
72	Check LED displays on the main control panel are working	
73	Check all buttons on the main control panel are functional	
74	Check the battery charger unit works	
75	Be aware of any burning smells whilst the battery charger is operational	
76	Check that all lights work - remember some are individually switched	
77	Check lights lenses are there	
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