



## **Trailer Care Quick Reference Guide**

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### **General Instructions**

#### **Exterior Metal Surfaces:**

The exterior metal surfaces of your trailer are painted with coatings that are combined for lasting color, clarity and durability. However, standard maintenance is still required.

In the case of light surface dirt, standard rainwater will usually be satisfactory. If there is a heavier layer of dirt and road grime that rainwater does not remove, a soft brush with light pressure may be used with water. Over-cleaning or scrubbing of a coated metal surface can do more harm than good to the life of the metal and its finish. Solvent and abrasive type cleaners should be avoided.

#### **General Cautions / Warnings:**

In the past couple of years, it has come to our attention that many state and local governments are using chemicals on the roads that are cost effective for them to keep the highways free of snow and ice. These chemicals may cause reactions to both your exterior metal paint and undercoating used on your trailer. In some states, the wiring has also been affected. Please call your local government and find out what they may be using and what they recommend for removing those chemicals before they cause damage to your trailer.

#### **Roof Maintenance:**

Check your roof before every trip for debris from trees or buildings. Check the roof sealant for any holes caused by the debris. It is recommended that you reseal your roof every two years as a standard maintenance procedure.

#### **Axle and Tire Maintenance:**

Your trailer is no different than your car when it comes to proper maintenance of axles and tires. You need to have the axle or axles greased and brakes checked. See the owner's manual for more information.

If your trailer has brakes, check the breakaway switch and its battery to make sure your vehicle has been charging the battery. If your trailer has sat for any length of time, that battery may need to be charged before your trip to ensure your safety.

Check for proper tire pressure before every trip. Also, check the lug nuts and make sure they are torqued at the proper torque rating for your trailer. See the owner's manual for the correct torque rating for your wheels. Check to make sure the tire tread is wearing properly as well. Your trailer is equipped with trailer tires; most trailer tires are designed to be ran at no more than 60 mph, which is the maximum speed when towing a trailer. Faster speeds may cause the tires to overheat and cause a blowout, which could result in death or injury.

Most of the above information is in the owner's manual. However, we wanted you, as a new owner, to have this guide as a quick reference. Even though we have included this guide, it is recommended that you do read and understand your owner's manual completely.

