

A CHECKLIST FOR EVALUATING A CONVERTED H-BODY

Part 1
by Larry S.

I consider all the asked-for information very important for maximum benefit. The checklist should be filled out as completely as possible.

If the would-be seller will not let you make this searching check of his vehicle, I would consider the unit suspect and that he is apparently trying to cover something up

After using, then analyzing this checklist data to evaluate the motorhome that you are trying to buy, you should be much better informed about its condition and have some idea of what you will have to do in order to make it into what you are after. In other words, you will make a more informed decision.

If I would have used such a list when bought my first 3.8 Phasar/Olds, I definitely would not have spent over \$6,000 on a vehicle whose rear spring hangers, with spring, soon penetrated the rear floor. Once I discovered this and other dangerous problems, I immediately grounded my conversion, never to be used again. I blame myself for buying it before evaluating it more aggressively and I blame the seller for knowingly selling a unit that should have been junked.

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BEFORE BUYING CHECKLIST: Part 1

Present Owners Name _____
Telephone _____ Address _____

Donor Information---

Year, Make, Model, Series
|_____| |_____| |_____| |_____|

Donors VIN _____ Engine miles _____

Engine size _____ Oil pressure OK? _____ RunningTemp reading? _____

Type transmission

Donor's automatic? _____ Adapted 4 or 5 speed manual? _____

What instrument panel is used,

Donor _____ Modified H-body _____ Electronic _____

Is H-body VIN on Dash? VIN _____

Are the H-Body Operators and Service Manuals going with the sale? _____

Is the Winnebago Vehicle Certification glued to driver's door _____

Does it's information match the dash VIN? Yes _____ No _____

Donors tilt steering column used? _____

Front Brakes

Are donor front disc brakes used _____ Stock H-body used _____

Is the Brake Master Cylinder H-Body _____ Donor _____

Rear brakes- Stock H-body? _____ Adapted donor drum? _____

Adapted disc? _____

Ignition Switch: Donor? _____ Original H-Body _____ Other _____

Ignition key ring available _____ Extra set? Yes _____ No _____

Donor On-Board-Diagnostics (OBD) with functioning Check Engine Light (CEL) Installed _____ Not Installed _____ Functional? _____

Type of Fuel pump used?

Bosch type External _____ Donor in-tank _____

Is fuel gage functional? _____ Accurate? _____ Low fuel light? _____

Fuel tank: Original H-body 15.5 gal _____ Oversized _____ gal cap. _____

Notes:

Below is a continuation of the Converted motor Home checklist but can be used for all models to evaluate the body, additional checklists are being developed for Engine and running carriage by Fuel Type and Fuel injection System used.

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Vehicle Body Evaluation Check-List: Part 2

Overall: Rust: Mild ___ Medium (repairable) ___ Heavy = junk) _____
Paint condition _____ Body Damage and where? _____
mild? _____ severe? _____ Valance condition and rust _____
Decals/Stripes _____

Exterior lighting:

All exterior lighting by position and function: () = number of bulbs

Fronts lights

Head lights (2) ___ Front park (4) _____
Front marker (2 on some early mods) ___ Front turn signals R(2)___ L(2) ___
Upper clearance (5), R alcove (1) ____, L alcove(1)____,
Three above windshield R _____ L _____ Center _____

Rear lights

Tail lights / lic. Lights (8) _____ Brake/Stoplight (4) _____
Rear turn signal lights (4) R _____ L _____ Rear markers (2) R _____ L _____
Rear top clearance lights (5) _____
Are the light lens and assemblies cracked, missing fasteners, broken,
damaged? _____

Exterior Security:

Locks: Doors (3) ___ key? ___ Trunk (2) ___ key? ___ Gas cap ___ key? ___
Water-fill lock ___ key? ___ Are all keys available? _____
Work in locks? _____ Extra set? _____
Compliance Items: Signs, Plates and Decals
Fuel type and warning _____ High-voltage warning decal? _____
Fire hazard warnings? _____ Liquid Petroleum (LP) Warnings _____
Towing/wt., payload wt. plate (wt, spec.) _____
Seatbelt warning for rear coach seats _____

Interior:

Front/dash: Air and Heater: Dash heater operation? _____
3 Control knobs on heat control / functional? _____
A/C controls installed? ___ Function _____ Air conditioning work? _____
Coach Auto Heater operation _____
Windows: Winders work? _____ All glass for cracks _____

Rock damage to windshield _____
Wiper blades for presence and condition _____
Condition and appearance of windshield gasket _____
Corners raised? _____ Evidence of rust around windshield frame _____
Rust at rain drip rail above doors _____
Condition of front Window Lifts _____ Door Locks _____ Keys? _____

Coach Interior:

Coach door, Lock _____ Latches _____ Handles _____ Cranks _____ Knobs _____
Screen and frame condition _____ Integrity _____
Seats and Couches for condition, _____ ease of folding _____
Seat Belts? (2) _____ Condition _____
Carpet: Damage? _____ Stains? _____ Odor? _____
Ceiling: Evidence of Leaking _____ Where? _____ Taped? _____
Is Ceiling exfoliating? _____ discolored _____ Sagging _____
Dining Table and support _____ condition _____
Roof Air installed yes ___ no ___ Operate? _____ Knobs and decals _____
broken deflectors? _____

Galley

Cook top operation _____ Fridge type DC? _____ 3way? _____
Function on DC ___ or 3- way AC ___ DC ___ LP Gas _____
Sink condition? _____ Cover in place? _____ All faucets? _____

Interior Control panel:

Condition _____ Switches work _____ Clock work? _____ Alarm _____
Interior lighting - all bulbs, switches, and fixtures _____
Water press pump operation _____ cycling? _____
Tank capacity lights/gage. Water _____ Sewage _____ LP _____
TV antenna-condition _____ Roof vent _____ Powered? _____
Fan run OK? _____ Vent Opens? _____

Utilities

Shower pan and cover _____ Dump valves and covers (2) _____
Functioning Drains? _____ Commode work? _____ flush/fill? _____
Motor Aid heater function _____ Operate on shore power? _____
Operate on Engine coolant connections _____ Switch condition _____
Gravity drains (3) _____ Heater drain (1) _____ Function? _____
Leaking _____

Generator

On-Board Generator installed? _____ Start and run? _____

Power adequate for Roof air? _____ Oil level? _____ Oil clean? _____
Proper ventilated compartment door? _____ Gen. Tank installed? _____
Noise _____ Smell exhaust from inside _____ tail pipe present _____
condition _____

LP Gas

Check LP tank. _____ appearance _____ rust? _____ % full _____
Gage work? _____ Evidence of damage _____
Leak down gage work? _____

Underbody Check

Mirror check of underbody _____
Mud flaps in place? _____ Underbody painted _____
Frame and spring area for heavy rust or hole through at rear spring front
hangers _____
Rear spring rear shackles and attachment to frame (two bolts) each side

Frame Rust at holding tank? _____
Rust in area to rear of rear wheels _____ How much? _____
Light to medium (Repairable?) _____
Heavy with hole through. JUNK, not repairable _____
Heavy rust at "drop-down" under vehicle below coach door? _____
Rust at shock towers, front frame, under door panels ___ hood support
crossmember area _____ Area of battery support and carrier _____
Below battery at frame to, ground cable attach point _____
Valances _____

TIRES

Tire size __X__X__ Code? C __ D __ Ply rating _____ age code _____
Adequate tread? _____
Condition by tire:
RF _____ LF _____ LR _____ RR _____
Evidence of tire dry-rot? _____
Cracks in sidewalls and around inner beads? _____
Valve stems cracked? _____ Capped _____
Bumps, bulges _____. Tread depth / wear strip? _____
Condition of wheels - such as cracks _____ heavy rust _____
Corrosion _____ distended lug nut holes _____ correct lug nuts _____
Rim damage _____ Matched tire sizes _____

Other noted conditions

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