Basic Things to Inspect when Buying a Used Recreational Vehicle by Tia Oshields

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As with buying a used car, knowing what to inspect when buying a used RV can give you certain advantages. First, buying a used RV saves you more money than buying a new one which quickly depreciates in value. Second, a used RV in good condition and under 5 years is almost as good as a new one because the warranty is still valid. Third, a used RV that passes your inspection keeps you safe from buying a lemon.

Before inspecting the used RV, have a checklist of things to look for. A checklist helps remind you of the things you might forget to cover once inspection begins. Below are basic things to inspect when buying a used RV.

Mechanical

Inspect the frame underneath the RV trailer to see its condition. Look for cracks and welding marks since they are signs that the used RV has been in a collision and has impact damage. Avoid a frame that is badly rusted. Examine the tires, wheels, and axles for excessive wear, cracks, rot, and misalignment. If possible, bring a mechanic to inspect the wheel bearings, the brake system, the electrical wiring, and engine. You cannot afford to have blowouts and engine failure on the road, so make sure the used RV Edmonton has is road-safe by test driving it on different roads.

Structural

Go over the exterior structure first. See if the windows and entry door work properly. Inspect the roof for cracks, rust, or loose screws. Check the aluminum siding and side walls for any damage such as loose panels and peeling. They may be expensive to repair. Inside, check the corners for stained walls and soft spots around the windows and the floor because they indicate leaks. Don't hesitate to ask the used RV dealer Edmonton has if they offer warranties to know which repairs can be covered.

Appliances and Accessories

It is a plus if the RV dealer has plugged the fridge in three hours before your inspection. Fridge repair can be costly, so make sure the fridge, with its cooling and temperature regulator, is working. See, too, if the oven, stove top burners, microwave, air conditoner, radio, TV, lights, and faucets are working. Test the exhaust vent fans in the bathroom, living area, and over the cooking range. Check if the converter is working by plugging in the electrical cord and unhooking the battery. The converter works if the 12 volt lights and water pump works. For add-ons like cable TV, players, or upholstery and flooring choices, see if the dealer of any used rv edmonton has offers them.

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