



**CAMPERS & CARAVANS**

**PARKES SERIES CARAVAN  
CUSTOMER GUIDE**

**Owners Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Model:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VIN #:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Preparing vehicle**

- Brake controller fitted. Yes:
- Tow tongue suitable for 3.5T. Yes:

### **Hand over check list**

- Locks / keys. Yes:
- Pole bag. Yes:
- Canvas. Yes:
- Power system explained. Yes:
- Hot water system explained. Yes:
- Toilet cassette explained. Yes:
- Kitchen Gas / water explained. Yes:
- Wheel nut check 50km / 150km. Prior to any trip and daily if using off road/ rough roads explained. Yes:
- Service hand book included in pack. Yes:

## Points of interest

When empty caravan tows best with water tanks full.

Wheel nuts should be checked often when new or wheels are removed. Preferred torque is 125nm.

As a daily check - Before driving off , check: Wheel nut torque, Hand brake, Jockey wheel, stabilizer legs, all doors shut(best locked), roof is locked down with clips.

## Setting up

Firstly select area that is large enough to allow easy access around caravan plus room for annex if setting up at this stage. About 3m from door of caravan will be plenty plus length of van when rear open.

Engage hand brake & chock wheels.

## Stabilizer Legs

Each caravan is fitted with 4 stabilizer legs & winder. Simply pull plastic handle to release then wind down until van is supported & level. Using drill to wind out is not recommended as may damage winding unit.

## Lifting Roof

1. Remove all 4 external "R" clips on over centre latches at corners.  
(*Tip: put "R" clip back through eye catch to stop from getting caught when closing*)
2. Entering inside remove "D" clips from roof lifting braces.
3. Lift roof, usually easiest to lift front first then back.

## Opening Back

1. Remove spare wheel support pins. (*Tip: put back in when open so not lost*)
2. Lower spare wheels (*Note: these are weighty and best done with 2 people.*)
3. Open side catches, lift rear, support and open barn doors making sure they are well seated into corners of roof. Reach over and lift up rear wall. Secure in place with latches.

## Closing Roof

1. Simply reverse opening steps ensuring that all windows, skylights and any openings are locked down.
2. Always check lid latches are securely pinned back and clamps are secure.

## Internal

- Power up van using main power switch inside switch box (first on left). There are labelled switches for lighting and power in switch box that once you have practiced will be just like home.
- Just inside door is toggle switch to lower / raise step.
- Depending on model there should also be switch for hot water system for choosing between gas and 240v which is explained later but for now please note HWS must be primed with water before turning on.

## Main Power System

Under front of bed is the battery (3 x 100 A/H), Inverter / charger system. It is best to familiarise yourself with layout and check is set for type of camping prior to making up bed.

- **240V - IN.** This is a 15 amp socket so a 15 amp extension lead is necessary.

### 2 Way Power Switch

1 - Inverter 2 - 240 Volt

- **Main switch box.** This is simply to allow you to switch from external 240v power from mains to inverter. Please note inverter will use power constantly if left on and is not rated for large electrical items. Simply select method of power source prior to setting bed. (*Tip: Always leave in mains mode so charger can be operated on mains power whenever plugged in*)
- **Charger.** The charger is powered when on mains and plugged in / turned on. On initial start up a red light will appear when turned on (switch on side) with fan if batteries are low. Once charged light will go green. Best to have charger set to come on as soon as you plug in extension cord. Please Note: The charger is not designed to be left on indefinitely. Typically a few hours each day when in use or 24 hours monthly when in storage is sufficient.
- **Inverter.** To use inverter the mains switch must be flicked to inverter. Depending on model there may be a 240v plug & lead on inverter plus toggle on/off switch or the inverter may be controlled at main switch board. The inverter is designed to offer small amount of 240v power for charging lap tops, small appliances. Please check output power of inverter (watts) against what appliance will use. Small items such as kettle can actually use a lot of energy and damage inverter. (Easier to use gas stove)

**Remember:** All inverters use battery power heavily. Always turn off and consider the loss of 12v power when using.

## Hot Water System

This is a storage system which must be primed before turned on. Simply fill both water tanks, turn on both pumps and run hot tap until water comes through.

- **240V.** For mains power only. Check tank is primed and 15A extension lead is connected to van. Select 240v.
- **Gas.** As above ensure tank is primed and 240v switch is off. Check gas bottle is connected and open. Flick gas switch to on. Automatic igniter will start. Please note if model has external door over HWS this door must be opened to operate HWS.

## Shower

Your shower will operate just like at home. There is even an extractor fan to help get steam out. Once hot water has heated up you are ready to go.

Remember to have both pump switches on.

## Shower Waste

The van is fitted with an outlet that a caravan waste water hose can be attached to. Depending on model there may also be a waste holding tank. Simply purchase a waste hose to connect and run to suitable drainage point.

## Toilet Cassette

Lovely topic but done right is no fuss. Prior to using try some fresh water only tests before adding Chemicals. You can just have chemical in waste tank or use approved chemical in flushing tank as well.

### Operation:

1. Fill flushing water tank with clean water. Use cap extender when filling.
2. Place mixed chemical into the cassette waste tank as per bottle instructions.
3. Slide waste tank into slot & lock in place.

**Time To Empty:** Don't wait till full. Use dump zones.

1. Remove cassette from slot, extend handle and wheel to dump zone.
2. Swing out dump tube, remove cap and pour solution into dump point. The small button on top allows air into cassette to speed process. Clean and replace into slot.

## Windows / skylights

Each opening is fitted with both fly screen and curtain. Simply join latches to select whether you have privacy or fresh air. Windows will self lock open once unlocked and pushed out. Just lift slightly higher to disengage and close.

## Air Conditioner

Vans supplied with air conditioning have full booklet on operation. The A/C is controlled by remote.

A few pointers - in humid conditions or when used at low temp condensation may collect on roof. Setting van slightly off level to slope water away from kitchen area is best.

## Entertainment System

All in one Bluetooth stereo, FM radio, DVD player linked to LED TV, Remote x 2

*Note:* Don't forget to Fade outside speakers if you have neighbours.

## External kitchen

Slide out kitchen & swing down support legs mounted underneath. There is also an addition separate support leg for extended prep table. Remove foam covers on gas cooker and store as these are provided to protect stove from getting scratched during travel. There are 12V plug is light, gas / water lines that must be connected / disconnected on opening / closing. Always ensure these are away and clear before closing.

- **Water lines.** These just plug in noting which is hot by colour of hose. To disconnect push back outer socket and hose will pop out.  
(*Note:* turn off pumps & open tap to release pressure before trying to remove hose.)
- **Gas hose.** Located under kitchen is the gas hose which is push/turned onto gas outlet similar to portable gas heater in house. (If connecting a fresh bottle there will be a delay for gas to reach cooker) The cooker is fitted with electronic ignition which is powered by a D cell battery located above cutlery drawer inside. *Tip:* bring matches or lighter in case battery goes flat.
- **Drainage.** The sink is fitted with a short drain hose that can be pulled out and placed into a bucket.

## **Fridge Box**

The fridge box is fitted with both 12 volt & 240 volt. 240 volt is only available on mains power. Whilst small fridges will run okay on the ciggi style socket there is also a 50A Anderson Plug which is recommended for all fridges to be connected to. Fridge tie down points are also provided so purchasing fridge tie down straps is also recommended.

## **Water Supply**

There are two water tanks which supply water to both kitchen and shower. The hot water system draws water from front tank.

Cold water is drawn from rear tank for shower and kitchen. Both pump switches must be on to use hot water. There are two filling necks with key lock caps. Filling both is always recommended (and even refill if priming HWS as it will take 28 litres). Please note: Fast filling may overcome breather hose giving false impression tank is full.

## **Awning**

A simple manual winding awning with legs for day use. Some models may have ability to wall mount leg holders. On opening wind out awning until legs can be popped out of holder. Simply adjust height and use legs to support by "walking" them out as you wind.

*Tip:* Always wind back awning in same direction it came out of awning rail.

## **Annexe**

*Tip:* a small ladder is very helpful.

Prepare by having poles and pegs / ropes ready in close position to where they are needed.

1. Awning Cover: Fit first by threading through sail rail behind awning - front to back.
2. Thread roof of annex through pop top sail rail rear to front.
3. Zip together 1 & 2.
4. Slide east / west poles (#1,#7) into position then support with uprights (#6,#3), then fit the eye/eye poles (#2) - fit roof and secure with elastic cords.

5. Draw annex roof out to full width and length then working some height in you can finish off spreader bars (#5) and extra wall supports (#4).
6. Make sure all is properly pegged and roped out.
7. Zip / velcro walls, wall skirt, floor as desired.

*Rain Tip:* In rain or chance of rain. Drop ends to create a larger “fall” on roof away from van and re-secure guy ropes.

## **Care for your caravan**

Do not leave caravan & canvas packed away wet. Even precipitation moisture can be enough to invite mold. Always air her out on return.

***Batteries require regular charging.*** Allowing batteries to become low (below 11.6v is low) will damage batteries.

***Maintenance.*** Just like a car your caravan needs regular servicing. Always check wheel nuts before & during trip plus check tyres for uneven wear. Simple inspections can save costly breakdowns. If planing a big trip it is always advised to get serviced and inspected prior by local PMX store or mechanic.

***Get to know your caravan.*** A basic tool kit which has correct socket for wheel nuts, checking your car jack is tall enough for van, all basic but critical. Remember Murphy’s Law. You won’t need it unless you didn’t pack it. Using groups such as EZYtrail Owners/ Parkes owners on facebook is also another way to learn plus you can ad your own wisdom to these groups. Of course before you get yourself in a bother a staff member at PMX or EZYTrail is never too busy to help.

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