

RV Shopping Checklist

Key Criteria: Things to keep top of mind to help ensure you stay focused on RVs that will be a good fit for your needs.

- What Type of RV's are you shopping for?
 - Popup
 - Truck Camper
 - Travel Trailer
 - Fifth Wheel
 - Class A
 - Class B
 - Class C/Super C

- How often you you be using it?
 - Full-time
 - Part time
 - Vacation
 - Weekends

- How many people or pets do you need to accommodate.
 - 1-2
 - 3-4
 - 5+

- Ideal size/length for you and your travel companions.
 - Under 20'
 - 20-30'
 - 30-40'
 - 40+

- Buying or financing? Remember that RVs depreciate
 - Easy to purchase without a loan
 - Need to finance a portion of the purchase
 - Need to finance most/all of the purchase

- Price Point. Not the Mfg SUGGESTED Retail Price. What you are willing to spend.
 - Set a price point for your budget and hold to it. Ok to spend _____

- New or Used (Both have their pros and cons)
 - New
 - Pre-owned. How old are you ok with? _____

- Any features that you consider a must have? List them here _____
- _____

Once you have your Key Criteria defined above. Make note of the following information of any RVs you are considering

- Manufacturer Brand, Model number and year _____
- Weight of RV, and cargo carry capacity _____
- Actual length/size _____
- Number of Slide outs _____
- Storage Space
 - Fridge size and type _____
 - Inside cupboards/closets _____
 - Outside storage bays _____
- Does it have adequate sleeping and seating areas _____
- Floorplan / livability ranking
 - No way
 - Maybe for short trips
 - Comfy for weeks at a time
 - Good for a few months at a time
 - Could totally live in this long term
- Price: MSRP, and offered price _____
- Does the RV have all of your Must Have features? _____

Other elements to consider in purchase process

- If purchasing a towable RV, do you have an appropriate tow vehicle?
- Warranty (either from factory, or aftermarket extended service contract)
- Insurance Costs
- Storage Costs
- Operating costs (fuel, maintenance)
- Brand Reputation and vehicle history
- Party you are purchasing from (dealer, private party owner)

Purchasing an RV can be a very complicated decision. This checklist is a simple way to get you started down the right path and familiarize yourself. For a much more complete and thorough approach to choosing the right RV for you, please check out our online course at RV Success School <https://rvsucceschool.com/> Our courses will provide you the guidance to help you make the right decisions, avoid common pitfalls, and hit the road with success!

Best of LIFE!

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