



How to winterise your motorhome - the Carthago checklist

Whether you're heading out for winter camping or mothballing your motorhome over the winter months. There are things to consider. The following checklist should help you get your motorhome ready for the winter.



How to properly „mothball“ your motorhome:

Would you like to give your motorhome a winter break? Then there are a few points to consider in advance! Use the following overview to find out what work needs to be done before your motorhome takes a winter break. Then next spring the new travel season can start again without a care in the world:

- ☐ Inspect your motorhome all around and look for pockets of dirt from leaves or soil (especially on the frame and underbody). There is a risk of rust formation due to the moisture that may develop.
- ☐ Clean the drains from doors and thresholds.
- ☐ Wash your motorhome, polish it and seal it with wax.
- ☐ Maintain windows and door seals with rubber care product without solvent (Vaseline).
- ☐ Be sure to fill up your vehicle with fuel before parking it (diesel). Fill up with AdBlue.
- ☐ Clean and disinfect the fresh and waste water tanks. Empty the tanks completely.
- ☐ In any case, also check the antifreeze for the coolant and windscreen wiper system.
- ☐ Charge the starter and supply batteries.
- ☐ Put the Li batteries into sleep mode.
- ☐ Close gas cylinders, clamp them off and put the protective caps on the cylinders.
- ☐ Leave the refrigerator slightly open in the ventilation position.
- ☐ Where possible, put the cushions up so that air can circulate all around.
- ☐ To avoid too high humidity in the motorhome, it is best to set up dehumidifier granules (effectiveness usually 2-3 months).
- ☐ Seal all openings (windows, doors and pipes, etc.) to prevent animals from entering.
- ☐ When your vehicle is level, put it in gear and release the parking brake. This will prevent the handbrake from sticking during the winter.
- ☐ It is best to park your vehicle dry and jacked up to take the weight off the tires.
- ☐ Inflate the tyres to about 0.5 bar above the normal operating pressure. Recommended: use tyre recesses - this will prevent damage to the tyres when stationary.



Get your motorhome ready for winter camping:

With your Carthago motorhome you can take off at any time, even in winter. However, we have put together a list of things you should consider before your tour in colder outside temperatures:

- ☐ Check heating, boiler, blower in time before departure.
- ☐ Check the functionality of the lighting, including the parking lights.
- ☐ Care for door and window rubbers with rubber care products without solvents (Vaseline).
- ☐ Check whether all technical inspection stickers (TÜV, AU, gas) are still valid.
- ☐ Check the levels in the engine compartment.
- ☐ Use windscreen water antifreeze suitable for temperatures down to at least minus 25 degrees.
- ☐ Lubricate jack stands with salt water resistant winch grease.
- ☐ Seal wheel arches and parts of the frame with underbody wax.
- ☐ Wash your vehicle, seal it and let it dry well.
- ☐ Replace windshield wiper rubbers.
- ☐ Check the starting battery and the on-board battery. If a white layer is visible on the poles, clean the poles and coat them with pole grease. Check the screw contacts for tightness. Even with maintenance-free wet batteries, you should always check the fluid level and top up with distilled water if necessary.

What should always be there in the winter:

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| <input type="radio"/> Flashlight and jumper cable | <input type="radio"/> Ice scraper, de-icing spray for door locks |
| <input type="radio"/> Snow chains | <input type="radio"/> Warm work gloves |
| <input type="radio"/> Snow shovel and broom | <input type="radio"/> Coarse sand or salt as traction aid |
| <input type="radio"/> Spare bulb | <input type="radio"/> Ladder for freeing the roof from snow and ice |
| <input type="radio"/> Wooden boards that prevent lift supports and tyres from sinking in during thaws | |