

More Chinook Hints

Additional Recommendations for Periodic Chinook Maintenance

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Replace Carbon Monoxide and Propane Detectors, every 5 years. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Deep Cycle Batteries - replace every 3 years; decreases about 10-20% per year, by year three, decreases to about 50% leaving you with approximately 100 amps to run rig instead of 200 amps.
Recommend replacing all batteries at the same time.
No maintenance AGM Batteries/last longer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Keep the outside (refrigerator) compartment clean of debris, dirt, dust, leaves, etc. along with the furnace, water heater compartment. Good place for mud daubers too. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tires - Check the DOT date on your tires; i.e., a DOT date of 2905 would indicate the 29th week of 2005. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Install metal valve stems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Check lug nuts after having new tires installed. They should be hand torqued. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Check about 200 miles after changing and at 500 miles then about every 2000 miles or when getting out of storage. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brakes - Change brake fluid - should be flushed and changed at 5 year intervals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Make sure wheel bearings are serviced when brakes are done. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Don't overload refrigerator; the best temperature is 40 degrees. Allow 12-24 hours for the refrigerator to cool. Freezer holds temperature better and longer than the refrigerator. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Use a good quality Surge Protector. Campgrounds are notorious for surges in power/fluctuations. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fire Extinguisher - Have at least ONE Class BC Fire Extinguisher. Remove monthly to do a inspection which is visual but more important is to shake it, turn it while in both hands bottom up to bottom down you'll feel the powder move to each end. Shake it holding it horizontally. The vibration of the motorhome causes the powder to pack down which could cause it not to work when needed. If you needed to use it remember to pull the pin breaking the seal, aim the nozzle at the base of the fire, squeeze the handle, sweep back and forth till the fire goes out or the extinguisher is empty. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Check the condition of shore power cord; look for fraying, etc. Keep contacts clean as necessary. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Look for signs of intrusion by critters. Rodents love to become residents of your Chinook. Check inside the rig, inside compartments and UNDER THE HOOD! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Make sure to follow the maintenance guidelines in your Ford/ Chevy owner's manual. |