

WINTER CAMPING CHECKLIST

TECHNICAL CHECKS – EYES OPEN AND SLEEVES ROLLED UP!

- Check that the vehicle has valid stickers (if applicable) for the annual inspection, emission test, and gas system
- Check the starter battery and on-board battery, clean the terminals
- Check the fluid level in wet batteries, fill with distilled water
- Check the glow plugs, change the glow plug set if the diesel engine is noisy with visible exhaust emissions
- Check the lighting system (ideally in the workshop)
- Perform a test drive to test the heating system, boiler and fan
- Check rubber seals on doors and windows, apply rubber-treatment spray
- Bodywork check: treat wheel arches and vehicle frame with underbody wax
- Thoroughly wash, dry and seal the vehicle
- Lubricate support jacks with spray-on winch grease
- Check rubber wiper blades and replace if necessary

WINTER CAMPING PACKING LIST – DON'T FORGET THESE ESSENTIALS

- Winter tyres and snow chains (tip: practise fitting snow chains at home)
- Jumper cables
- Insulated work gloves
- Ice scraper for the windscreen (not for motorhome windows!)
- De-icer spray (caution: de-icer spray can damage the paintwork!)
- Snow shovel, broom and ladder to remove snow from the roof
- Insulation for the cab, windscreen and pop-top roof
- Extra blankets, electric blanket
- Heat mats
- Pocket torch
- Suitable replacement bulbs for all lights
- Supports (wooden boards for support jacks and tyres)
- Rubber mat to kneel or sit on when attaching snow chains
- Extra windscreen washer fluid for the winter
- Adapter set for gas bottles with different connectors or external gas networks at campsites
- Winter cover for refrigerator ventilation grille

MORE TIPS

Preparing to travel

- Plan your route in advance and find out about any road closures and obstructions.
- Find out about the prescribed tyres en route and in your destination country (in some areas snow chains must also be carried!).
- Book a pitch at a campsite in good time.
- Make sure you have an adequate gas supply and, if possible, use the external gas supply at campsites.
- Make sure your gas bottles have a higher propane content (butane will freeze more easily).



During your trip

- Do not switch off the heating system.
- Keep an eye on the frost monitor and keep the interior warm enough to prevent it from triggering unnecessarily.
- Make sure that all pipes and tanks are kept free of ice.
- Air the interior daily to prevent a build-up of damp and mould.
- Keep your vehicle's roof vent free of snow.
- Cover the refrigerator ventilation grille with a specially designed winter cover.
- Remove or move the mains cable daily to prevent it from freezing to the ground.
- Stabilise the tyres with wedges and release the handbrake to prevent it from freezing.

For a safe journey

- Comply with the applicable speed limits.
- Take several breaks on longer journeys.
- Bear in mind that rain, ice and snow will increase your braking distance.
- Check that all headlights, turn signals and position lights work and are free of snow and dirt.
- Before driving off, clear the roof of snow and ice.
- If visibility is poor, adjust your speed (rule of thumb: visibility below 50 meters = speed below 50 km/h).
- Drive particularly carefully on bridges, in northern locations and in forest aisles, as you could be surprised by frost and black ice.
- Better get behind the wheel without a thick winter jacket. This allows you to react more quickly in critical situations and does not limit the protective function of the seat belt.