



Keep Your Horsebox Running This Winter

1. Ramp springs generally work harder when springs are packed with grease. This is not a good process as the springs compact the grease between the leaves. A squirt of grease solely onto the tube which moves in and out will help your springs run efficiently. To do this, sit or lay underneath the rear (or side if you have a side ramp) wearing safety glasses or a safety shield and spray the PTFE lubricant between the leaves onto the tube. PTFE spray can be purchased from any good hardware store or from ourself. Please feel free to contact us to purchase a can of spray.
2. Make sure you check your ramps every month as the ramp covering can hide a multitude of problems. Soft spots can be found by walking up and down the ramp. If any soft spots are found act on this immediately. **THE RAMP COVERING WILL NOT STOP A HORSE PUTTING ITS LEG THROUGH THE RAMP!!!!**
3. When the vehicle is not being used for a while, lift the rubber floor to check there is no oxidisation of the aluminium floor or if a plywood floor and there is no dry rot happening. It is good practice to regularly to lift up floor mats and clean all horses urine and shavings off of the floor and allow the floor to dry before the mats are put back in.
4. Electrical problems, no charging when the mains hook up is plugged in, depending on the type of mains charger used, check the fuse on front of charger or if lower rate charger fuse may be in 12-24v fuse holder or inline fuse.
5. If your water pump won't prime but runs, undo Jubilee clip on water pump marked with an arrow into the pump and prime with a small bottle of water, then refit the pipe back, doing up the jubilee clip to the pump and start up. This is due to the impeller inside the pump running dry. A small amount of water being sucked in to the pump lubricates the impeller and 9 times out of 10 will start the pump drawing water again.
6. It is essential that all tanks and pumps are drained during the winter/frosty months. Generally if the system isn't drained, this will damage the water pipe, joints and the pump. To drain the water system, simply open the drain tap on the water tank, open all taps and leave them open. Run the water pump for 2 to 3 seconds to clear any water left in the pump. Even on water pumps mounted in side the vehicle can be effected by frost damage.

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7. During the winter months, if salt has been put on the roads, it is a good idea to wash along the rub rails, wheel arches, locker edges and hinge areas and also under the wheel arches. This will help to stop the start of corrosion on your paint work. Washing the vehicle every time it has been out on the road can help prevent this. Using a pressure washer at a safe distance away from the paint work can help to clear any salt, grit and grime from and trap areas. Be careful not to use too close as this can cause damage to paintwork and force water in to unwanted areas.
8. It is good practice to check the tyre pressures of all tyres including inner tyres at the rear and spare if fitted with one. All tyres generally have the cold tyre pressures imprinted onto the side wall of the tyre. It is good practice to check and inflate when the tyres are cold. Inflating a warm / hot tyre to a cold tyre pressure can cause tyres to burst whilst driving along.
9. Check tyre walls for any sign of splits or perished areas. A lot of this is caused from horseboxes standing more than they are used.
10. Windows in your horsebox need a small amount of lubricant such as PTFE spray in the sliders and this will make the window slide easier and takes the pressure of the glass when sliding dry. Keep all grass seeds and hay out of the channels.
11. Division bullets – do not pack them with grease. Lubricate them with PTFE spray or Vaseline as these won't attract the dirt and grit. Simply spray on and move the bullet up and down being careful not to damage to roof lining.
12. Always have a general check on your running lights so you don't get caught out in the dark. This includes side lights (vehicle fitted lights and marker lights front, sides and rear), dipped head lights, main beam, indicators, fog lights (front – if fitted and rear) and reverse light.
13. Skirt locker locks need lubrication as they are low to the floor and catch the road film and salt. Vaseline or PTFE spray will do this. Squirt in to the key hole and wipe off excess. Open lock and spray on moving parts or put a small amount of vaseline inside.

PLEASE NOTE:

Whilst Gazeley Horseboxes are pleased to advise how to look after your horsebox during the winter months, we do not except responsibility of any damage caused to your vehicle due to checks or maintenance carried out causing damage or loss of equipment.

If you are unsure how to carry out checks or have any problems with your horsebox, we advise you have your vehicle booked in with one of our dedicated staff to carry out a body service and a free visual health check to get your horsebox ready for the winter.

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