

# SENSIBLY DIFFERENT.

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## *Owner's Manual*



This company was founded on the concept that camping should be easy, practical, and most importantly...enjoyable. In 1983, we pioneered the first solid wall, collapsible, "A frame" camper, and every year since we have refined and developed it into a dependable product that will provide you with many years of outdoor pleasures. We say this with confidence because the same employees that build your campers use our prototype campers to do field research and testing. This helps advance the Aliner development in both functionality and ease.

Although imitators can copy our original designs, nobody can duplicate the knowledge and experience that goes into building every Aliner camper. Our skilled assemblers use only the finest products and the newest lightweight technologies. We also carefully select dealerships that will provide you with courteous, convenient, and knowledgeable services.

Along with your purchase of an Aliner, you also receive unparalleled customer support. Not many manufacturers can boast that they allow owners to call in with questions, comments, part orders, or just to receive help on periodic maintenance. We are here to provide you with a service that can take any apprehension out of that long awaited cross country sightseeing trip.

A lot of things have changed since our first Aliner in 1983, but the founding concept and our ongoing commitment to provide you with the finest solid wall "A frame" camper remains unchanged. We are just as proud of our campers now as we were then and we thank you for purchasing our product.

The Aliner Team

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## **1) IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

**PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW ALL RELATED OPERATIONAL MANUALS AND THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS OWNER MANUAL BEFORE USE.**

**THIS OWNER'S MANUAL IS INTENDED TO ACT AS A GENERAL GUIDE FOR OPERATION. THIS MANUAL IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE AND MAY/MAY NOT INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CAMPER.**

**ALWAYS REFER TO THE SPECIFIC MANUFACTURER'S OWNER, OPERATIONS, AND SAFETY MANUAL FOR OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT WHICH INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, FURNACES, REFRIGERATORS, WATER HEATERS, COOKTOPS, AND DETECTORS.**

**SAVE ALL INSTRUCTIONS.**

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## 2) Chassis

### **\*\*NOTE\*\***

MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE SHOULD ONLY BE PERFORMED BY A QUALIFIED MECHANIC. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OR THE TOOLS TO SAFELY COMPLETE MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR DEALER. WE ASSUME NO LIABILITY FOR INJURIES OR DAMAGES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF IRRESPONSIBLE, UNAUTHORIZED SERVICING.

### **Tires/ Air Pressure**

Air pressure is the most important factor determining tire life and under inflation is the number one cause of trailer tire failure.

Maintain recommended air pressure listed on the tire sidewall, and periodically inspect both tires for tread wear and damage from road hazards.

All tires must be identical in size for the tires to properly manage the weight of the trailer.

Our recommended maximum towing speed is 65 mph.

The mileage expectation of a trailer tire is 5,000 to 12,000 miles.

It is suggested that trailer tires be replaced after three to four years of service regardless of tread depth or tire appearance.

#### **Maintenance**

- Clean the tires using mild soap and water.
- Do not use tire-care products containing alcohol or petroleum distillates.
- Inspect the tires for any cuts, snags, bulges or punctures

### **Tire Sizes**

#### **Standard Axle**

ST 205/75R 14

5 on 4.5 pattern

#### **Off Road Axle**

LT235/75R 15

5 on 4.5 pattern

It is important to maintain proper wheel mounting torque on your lug nuts. When possible, use a torque wrench to prevent loose wheels and broken studs. Start all nuts by hand to prevent cross threading. Tighten the lug nuts in stages. First, tighten to 20-25 ft. /lb., then to 50-60 ft. /lb., and finally to 85-90 ft. /lb.

**Check lug nut torque before the first use, and after 25 and 75 miles. Check periodically thereafter.**

*Aluminum rims* can use either 13/16" or 3/4" lug nuts, dependent on style.

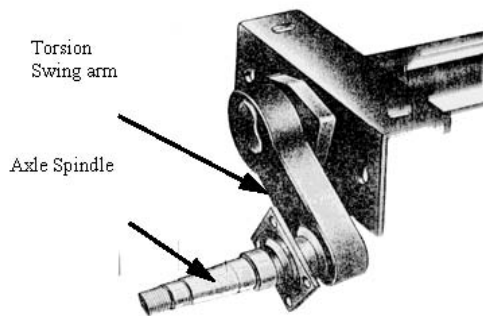
## Tightening Sequence



## Axle

**\*\*Follow all safety and specific operating instructions supplied by the Axle manufacturer.\*\***

The rubber torsion axle which offers greater dampening than conventional spring suspensions and allows each tire to move independently. This feature gives a smoother ride and improved tracking and cornering over rough road conditions.



## Axle Sizes:

Standard Axle for Classic, LXE, Ranger 10, Ranger 12, Scout, Scout Lite  
Dexter Torflex with 10" electric brakes **+22 1/2 degree start angle**  
3000#

Standard Axle for Expedition, Family, Family Scout  
Dexter Torflex with 10" electric brakes and **+22 1/2 degree start angle**  
3500#

Off Road Axle for Classic, LXE, Ranger 12, Scout, Titanium 10, Titanium 12  
Dexter Torflex with 10" electric brakes and **+45 degree start angle**  
3000#

Off Road Axle with 3" lift kit for Expedition, Family, Family Scout  
Dexter Torflex with 10" electric brakes and **+22 1/2 degree start angle**  
3500#

## Electric Brakes

The electric brakes on your camper are similar to the brakes on your towing vehicle, with the exception that the camper's brakes are electromagnetic, while your towing vehicle's brakes are hydraulic. When the brakes in the towing vehicle are activated, your controller determines how hard they are being pressed, and sends the appropriate current through the hitch wire to the brake assembly. As you depress the brake pedal, the controller sends more current to the electromagnet, and the brake shoes press harder into the brake drums, forcing the wheel to resist rotation. Releasing the brake pedal decreases the current to the brake assembly, allowing the wheel to spin freely.

The brakes will need an initial manual adjustment after the first 200 miles. The brakes should be inspected every 3000 miles.

Contact your dealer unless you have the tools and experience to do a brake inspection, adjustment, and replacement.

### Brake Adjustment:

- Elevate the camper by positioning jacks under the frame 12" to 20" behind the axle. Use the jack stands under the frame to support the camper any time it is elevated.
- NEVER PLACE THE JACKS UNDER THE FLOOR OR USE THE STABILIZERS TO ELEVATE THE CAMPER.
- Do not remove the wheels or hub/drum assembly.
- Locate the adjusting slot at the bottom of the backing plate.
- While spinning the wheel, use a blade screwdriver to rotate the star wheel until there is a heavy brake drag.
- Loosen until the wheel turns freely.
- Repeat adjustment steps for the other wheel.
- Never adjust just one brake.

### Brake Inspection:

The brake linings and magnets are subject to wear and require inspection every 6,000 miles or annually. Replacement is necessary if the linings are worn (to within 1/16" or less), contaminated with grease or oil, or abnormally scored or gouged. It is important to replace all linings (both wheels) at the same time to maintain even braking action across the axle. Annually inspect the wires under the trailer and on the axle for broken insulation or faulty connections. Repair or replace as necessary.

### Bearing Inspection:

Wash all grease and oil from the bearing and cone using a suitable solvent. Dry the bearing with a clean, lint free cloth and completely inspect each roller. Replace the bearing cone and cup if there are any signs of pitting, wear, or corrosion. Repeat the inspection procedure for the inner bearing cone.

**\*\* ALWAYS REPLACE THE BEARING CONE AND CUP AS A PAIR.**

**\*\*NOTE\*\***

DO NOT MIX LITHIUM, CALCIUM, SODIUM, OR BARIUM COMPLEX GREASES DUE TO POTENTIAL COMPATIBILITY PROBLEMS. WHEN CHANGING FROM ONE TYPE OF GREASE TO ANOTHER, IT IS NECESSARY TO INSURE THAT ALL OF THE OLD GREASE HAS BEEN REMOVED.

### Bearing Lubrication:

Proper adjustment and adequate lubrication of the bearings are essential to the longevity and performance of your trailer axle. The bearings should be lubricated every 6000 miles or 6 months.

**Procedure:**

- Pop off center cap.
- Remove the rubber plug from grease cap.
- Insert grease gun on the grease zerk.
- Pump until new grease begins to appear.
- Replace rubber plug.
- Re-Install center cap.

**Frame**

The main frame members are 2.0" x 4.0" 11 gauge box channel steel. The Expedition has the larger 2.0" x 5" 11 gauge box channel steel main frame.

All frames have been powder coated rather than using conventional liquid paint to produce a high specification coating which is relatively harder and more abrasion resistant. The powder coating process also emits near zero volatile organic compounds (VOC), gives the ability to apply a much thicker coat without running, and produces less hazardous waste during production.

No normal maintenance is required, but if the welds or scratches need attention, first remove any rust, dirt, or grease and coat with gloss black touch up paint.

**Coupler**

Your high quality coupler should need no adjusting or maintenance other than periodic oiling to ensure smooth operation. All models use a coupler that receives a 2" ball.

Set the hitch height of the tow vehicle so that the trailer is being pulled in a horizontal position. The height listed below is the optimal height after the tongue weight is resting on the hitch. Trailers must be towed as level as possible for proper handling and weight distribution.

**Standard Axle with 14" Tires**

Set ball height ~21" from ground to top of ball.

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**Off Road Axle with 15" Tires**

Set ball height ~23" from ground to top of ball.



### Attaching the Trailer to the Tow Vehicle

Position the receiver over the ball, and lift the tab handle of the hitch upward as you lower the jack. After the ball is seated, allow the handle to return back down parallel to the frame. It will click, indicating that it has locked onto the ball. Attach the safety chains, insert the camper plug into the towing vehicle receptacle, and test the signal lighting. Raise the jack as far as it will go by turning the crank handle clockwise. Remove the castor wheel by removing locking pin and sliding the wheel assembly downward.  
\*\* Do not tow the vehicle with the front jack in the lowered position or with the wheel attached.

### **Stabilizers**

Trailers are equipped with two front and two rear low-profile, lightweight stabilizer jacks. The high strength design allows for increased load stabilization and fine leveling. Each stabilizer has a corrosion-resistant finish.

Included is one rust inhibitive, zinc-plated  $\frac{3}{4}$ " speed crank handle for quick response of both the up and down movement.

Oil the jacks periodically to ensure smooth operation.

Never use the stabilizers to raise the camper tires off the ground.

Always raise the stabilizers completely before travel.

### **Step**

Standard Axle models come with a single slide out 7.25" drop step. The 20" tread is perforated and equipped with anti-slip safety strip for added traction.

The Expedition and Off Road models have a double step with the above features.

Always stow the step /steps before travel.

### **3) Main Camper Assembly**

#### **Floor**

One solid piece of vinyl flooring covers the seamless PerforMax 500 wooden floor. PerforMax 500 is specifically engineered to withstand outdoor elements by using waterproof resins in the wood and also by laminating an Ovation overlay on the exterior side of the wood for even more moisture resistance.

The Ovation overlay is thermally bonded and is highly resistant to scratches and abrasions. However, if damage does occur, it can be repaired easily by using one of the following methods:

*Loctite Metal/ Concrete Epoxy*, available at hardware stores. This product is dark gray and dries very quickly.

*Bondo Metal Filler*, available at automotive stores. This product is red in color and dries quickly.

Both products bond well to the PerforMax floor and are resistant to moisture, heat and cold and can be painted with an oil based primer.

#### **Sidewalls**

The sidewalls, the hinged "A" walls, and the front and rear roof are made from a composite material known as foam core lamination. At our factory, we laminate 2.7 millimeter "superlite" paneling, 1" polystyrene foam, and 1.30 millimeter fiberglass together with a urethane adhesive. The lamination is then placed in a vacuum press. The resulting solid core product is lightweight, extremely strong, and thermally insulated. This rigid 1 1/8" material also eliminates the weight and wall thickness of the stud and bracing method. The exposed edges of the walls and roof are capped with anodized aluminum extrusions. Exterior flanges, covers, vents, and baggage doors are affixed to the outside walls with silicone and screws before finishing with a sealing bead of silicone around the perimeter.

#### **Extrusions**

All of the aluminum extrusions on the camper are anodized to resist weathering. This process deliberately oxidizes the surface of the aluminum to form a protective film that is impervious to corrosion under normal conditions.

#### **Seals**

All models contain varying sizes and shapes of both rubber and foam seals. These seals should be inspected regularly for tears, rips, or deterioration. If seals need replaced, a kit is available from Aliner or from your local dealership.

#### **Lights**

There are two separate lighting systems in your camper. The convenience lights require power from the converter, battery, or the battery of the towing vehicle. The trailer signal lights receive power from the towing vehicle's brakes, turn signals, running lights, and reverse lights. You should test the trailer and towing vehicle lighting systems before every outing.

#### **Fire Extinguisher**

Your camper is equipped with a fire extinguisher for your safety. Please follow the instructions on the fire extinguisher for testing and operation.

## **Skylights**

The skylights are made of tinted polycarbonate. Compared to glass, polycarbonate is lighter, less fragile, and shatter resistant. Periodic inspection should be done to ensure the silicone caulking around the skylight is intact with both the roof and the skylight.

General cleaning: Blow off dust, clean with water and mild soap solution

Annual cleaning: Use a cleaner specific for polycarbonate. We recommend NOVUS Plastic Clean & Shine No. 1, NOVUS Fine Scratch Remover No. 2 & NOVUS Heavy Scratch Remover No. 3. For further information on NOVUS Polish, visit their website [www.novuspolish.com](http://www.novuspolish.com).

Do not use ammonia or abrasive polishes. Do not use gas or petroleum. Do not use auto polish unless taking out deep scratch. Do not use Rain X.

## **Fan-tastic Vent**

This roof vent features a fan to evacuate the hot air that collects inside the roof peak. Best results can be achieved by opening a window on the shaded side of the camper. The roof vent must be open approximately 3" before the motor will operate. Always lower and lock the vent in the down position before travel.

## 4) Standard Electrical Features

### Converter

**\*\*Follow all safety and specific operating instructions supplied by Converter manufacturer.\*\***

The converter changes standard household electrical power into 12 volt dc, the type of electrical power necessary for the operation of RV appliances and recharging RV batteries. There are three modes of operation that the converter automatically senses and then self-adjusts.

Absorption / Normal mode: Nominal battery charge and supplies power to appliances.

Bulk / Charge mode: fast battery charge and supplies power to appliances.

Float / Trickle Charge mode: supplies a slight trickle charge to maintain battery charge during storage.

Please follow converter manual for operation and safety instructions.

Do not block the small, automatic cooling fan on the converter.

### Auxiliary Battery

**TO AVOID CONVERTER DAMAGE DO NOT REVERSE THE BATTERY POLARITY!**

Caution: RV Batteries contain sulfuric acid. Handle with care.

An auxiliary battery enables you to operate 12-volt dc appliances without draining your tow vehicle battery or plugging your converter into a 120volt AC receptacle. Lights, heater fans, water pumps, roof fans, radios, and cigarette lighter receptacles can run on the auxiliary battery power. Air conditioners, microwave ovens, and standard outlets operate exclusively on 120 volts AC and therefore cannot run from auxiliary battery power.

Use a deep cycle battery because its design gives maximum performance between recharging without damaging the battery.

Note: A deep cycle battery will take longer to recharge as compared to a regular automotive battery.

Secure the lugs and two wires that has the 20-amp in line fuse to the batteries positive terminal.

The lugs on the remaining three white wires connect to the batteries negative terminal.

**\*\* Do not reverse the polarity of the battery and 12 volt wires as damage can occur to the converter and wiring system \*\***

If there is an electrical problem, first check the 20-amp fuse at the battery then check the fuses located in the converter.

Do not replace battery fuses with anything other than a 20-amp fuse.

In cold weather, store the battery in a location where the temperature remains above freezing. Do not charge or store your battery in the camper unless it is in its proper enclosure.

### **Ground Fault Circuit Interrupt (GFCI)**

In accordance with RVIA standards as well as the NEC, your camper is equipped with a ground fault circuit interrupt (GFCI). The GFCI receptacle is a safety device designed to protect against shock hazards.

Test the GFCI monthly by pressing the test button on the outlet. After testing, press the reset button to restore power to the receptacle and the branch circuits.

If you lose power to your outlets, check the GFCI to see if it needs reset. If the GFCI will not reset, check to see if a breaker on the converter or campground supply has tripped.

## 5) LP (Liquid Petroleum) System

### \*\* NOTE\*\*

THE FURNACE, REFRIGERATOR, STOVE, AND WATER HEATER BURN LP (LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM) GAS DURING OPERATION. LP GAS IS A VERY RELIABLE, CONVENIENT, AND AFFORDABLE FUEL. HOWEVER, THIS GAS IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS WHEN SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ARE IGNORED.

### LP Gas Tanks

To remove the tanks (or bottles) for filling, turn the tank valves off. Make a note of the regulator vent position. Disconnect the hose or fitting to the tank valve. Loosen the wing nut(s) under the mounting bracket and lift the hold down rod(s) out of the way. To transport or store the tank, install the plastic plug into the valve body. This prevents dust, dirt, and moisture from collecting in the valve. This plug also protects the threads. After filling the tanks, fasten them securely to the mounting bracket using the wing nut(s) and hold down rod(s).

### Checking for Leaks

A hissing sound, condensation, or LP odor may indicate a ruptured gas line, in which case you should turn the tank valve off immediately and have the system serviced by an authorized service center.

Before checking for leaks, make sure all LP gas appliances are turned off. Put out all flames and sources of sparks.

Turn the tank valve on and generously apply a mild soap and water solution to each connection. Bubbles will appear if there is a leak. If it leaks at a fitting, simply tightening the fitting may stop the leak.

**Caution: Do not over tighten the fitting as they may crack.**

If the leak continues even after tightening, replace the fittings. Leaks around the seals or vents of the regulator will require replacing the regulator.

After testing for leaks, purge the air in the gas lines by opening a valve until you detect the odor of LP gas. Allow enough time for the gas to dissipate before lighting any appliances. Periodically inspect the tanks for dents, cracks, and corrosion. Inspect the mounting hardware and hoses for signs of wear, and replace if necessary.

Always keep the valve on the tank closed when not in use or when traveling.

Never fill a tank over 80%.

Never test for leaks with a flame, or use products containing ammonia or chlorine to test for leaks.

Do not store your tank in an enclosed place with extreme temperature changes.

If necessary, you may repaint your tank.

### LP Detector

\*\* Follow all safety and specific operating instructions supplied by Detector manufacturer. \*\*

LP gas is heavier than air so your detector is mounted near floor level. This device runs continuously from the 12 volt source. Current consumption is low (typically 10 mA), and will not drain your battery during normal use. However, if the camper is not going to be used for long periods, you can temporarily remove the in line fuse located near the battery to avoid unnecessarily draining.

\*\* BE SURE TO REPLACE THE FUSE BEFORE USING THE CAMPER. \*\*

## **Atwood LP and CO Detector Model LPCO**

When power is applied, allow three to 6 minutes for stabilization. After which, the power LED will be lit indicating gas concentrations are being continuously monitored. If unsafe levels of LP or CO are detected in the air, the corresponding LED will be lit and an audible alarm will sound. If the air levels fall to within normal concentrations, the detector will reset itself to the normal power mode.

If a fault has been detected in the unit, the corresponding LED will flash every second and a “chirp” will be emitted every 40 seconds until the fault is cleared.

If the alarm sounds, press the “Test / Reset” button and move to fresh air. Follow all other procedures as indicated in the manufacturer’s instructions.

The detector should be tested weekly during use. The Test / Reset button will sound the alarm twice, with 4 beeps in one second followed by 5 seconds of silence. This will test normal functions of the detector.

The detector is sensitive to other products, so to avoid false triggering, do not store damp articles or use any chemicals, cleaning agents near it.

If low voltage is detected, the alarm will display a steady red LED. In this mode, the detector is non functional until power is restored in excess of 10 volts.

For more detailed information, please consult the manufacturer’s instructions.

## **Stove**

**\*\* Follow all safety and specific operating instructions supplied by Stove manufacturer. \*\***

**\*\* NEVER OPERATE THE STOVE FOR COMFORT HEATING! BEFORE LIGHTING THE STOVE, OPEN A WINDOW AND A ROOF VENT. \*\***

Failure to observe these rules may result in potentially dangerous levels of carbon monoxide inside the camper.

Your camper has been equipped with either a built in counter cook top or a two burner indoor/outdoor cook top.

### **Atwood manual lighting instructions:**

Make sure LP gas is on at the shutoff valve.

Press burner control inwards and turn counter-clockwise.

Immediately light the burner by holding a match or hand held spark igniter near the burner ports.

Extinguishing instructions:

Turn the appropriate burner knob clockwise to off.

### **SMEV lighting instructions:**

Make sure LP gas is on at the shutoff valve.

Press in knob and turn to “ignite” position.

Keep the knob pressed in and push the ignition button.

Once the burner has remained lit, turn the knob to the desired flame.

Extinguishing instructions:

Turn the appropriate burner knob clockwise to off.

## **Indoor / Outdoor Stove instructions:**

**\*\* Follow all safety and specific operating instructions supplied by stove manufacturer. \*\***

For units equipped with the indoor/outdoor stove or grill:

**\*\* Do not operate indoor / outdoor stove or grill with optional awning erect. \*\***

An extruded aluminum bracket, which holds the cook top or grill, is mounted on the rear door side of the camper. Tilt the front of the grill up as you attach the rear pin into this bracket. Lower the grill down slowly until the bracket supports the weight.

The flexible propane hose is then attached to a quick connect adapter located under the camper directly below the grill. The quick connect has a security feature which will only allow the disconnection of the hose if the valve lever is turned perpendicular to the hose. This would place the valve in the off position.

When used inside the camper, follow all instructions for operating cook top indoors.

The quick connect is located under the front driver side bunk or in some models under the sink area. The quick connect has a security feature which will only allow the disconnection of the hose if the valve lever is turned perpendicular to the hose. This would place the valve in the off position.

## **Water Heater**

**\*\* Follow all safety and specific operating instructions supplied by Water Heater manufacturer. \*\***

## **Suburban SW6D**

The water heater operates on LP with a 12 volt igniter. Do not attempt to light by hand!

If the burner does not light immediately, the system will attempt two more times before ignition lock out. If a lock out occurs, turn rocker switch to "off", wait five seconds, and reattempt. The ignition system may take several tries depending on the amount of air in the LP lines.

To operate:

Open the valve on the LP tank.

Make sure the water heater is full of water before lighting.

Push the water heater rocker switch to the on position at the master control panel.

The LED will light if there is a fault with the component.

The 6 gallon water tank is protected by an anode which helps absorb the corrosive action of hot water and minerals. The rod will deteriorate under normal use and should be inspected and replaced as necessary.

Drain the water heater when not in use by turning the water drain valve located under the camper directly below the water heater. The water will evacuate via gravity. Releasing the handle on the pressure relief valve located on the hot water tank will assist in water flow.

## **Caution**

**Water heater is capable of heating water that can cause serious burns. The thermostat is not adjustable and is set to maintain water temperature of 135 degrees. Water temperatures over 125 degrees can cause serious burns.**



## **Furnace**

\*\* Follow all safety and specific operating instructions supplied by Furnace manufacturer. \*\*

The 16,000 BTU electronic ignition furnace operates on LP gas for its fuel source but also needs 12 volt electric to operate the blower. Do not attempt to light by hand!

## **Dometic Hydro Flame**

\*\* Follow all safety and specific operating instructions supplied by Refrigerator manufacturer. \*\*

## **Refrigerator (1.9cu.ft. and 3.0 cu.ft.)**

\*\* Follow all safety and specific operating instructions supplied by Refrigerator manufacturer. \*\*

## **6) Water System**

The water system is operated by two different methods.

The first method of use is done by hooking a potable water hose directly to the city water port on the outside of the camper. The city water port has a screen to keep debris from entering the interior lines. The screen and washer can be removed for cleaning.

After connecting the water hose and turning the water on, the lines and hot water tank will fill. Slowly open the sink faucet to allow air to escape from the lines.

The onboard pump does not need to be turned on if using this water system method.

The second method of operation is using the fresh water holding tank. The water tank is filled using the fresh water access port located to the right of the city water port. Insert a hose into the port and fill the 11 gallon tank. When full, turn on the water pump using the switch located on the master appliance control panel. This will operate the 12 volt demand pump and push water into the lines and also the hot water tank. The pump will shut off after 45 PSI pressure is reached and run again if the pressure drops. Slowly open the sink faucet to allow air to escape from the lines. The DSI Hot water tank will hold 6 gallons of water, so the fresh water tank will need to be refilled afterwards.

The sink faucet and outside shower will operate on either water system.  
Do not operate the demand pump without water.

The gray water from the sink runs directly to the drain valve located on the driver side by the wheel well. The 1 ½ "drain cap can be unscrewed by hand for allowing the gray water to drain into a bucket. A hose adapter can be added to the drain if required by the campground.

Be sure to re-secure the drain cap before travel.

### **Water Heater**

See the LP (Liquid Petroleum) System

### **Cassette Toilet Operation:**

See specific manual supplied.

### **Water System Maintenance**

- \* Sanitize the water system before the first use, as well as before and after storage.
- \* Winterize all water system components before exposure to freezing temperatures.

Failure to follow proper winterizing procedures can result in cracked pumps, faucets, and other plumbing hardware problems which will not be covered under the warranty policy.

After the camping season and before the first freeze of the winter, it is important that you winterize your

Aliner. All water should be drained from the fresh water and hot water tanks, the water lines, outside shower, drains, toilets (if applicable).

To winterize the water system:

Removed the cap under the floor below the water tank and allow all water to drain out.

Open the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " screw-off cap located under the camper and allow water to drain from the lines and hot water tank. This water drain is placed at the lowest point in the system. Elevating the front of the camper, opening the sink and shower faucets, and opening the pressure relief valve on the hot water system will assist in draining.

Remove the anode rod from the hot water tank and replace it with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch drain plug.

Open the 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  gray water drain cap and allow remaining water to drain.

After all water is drained, the lines can be either blown out using compressed air or refilled with special nontoxic RV antifreeze available from your dealer.

Locate the bypass valve on the bottom of the water connection on the rear of the water heater inside the trailer and turn it off.

Add roughly two gallons of RV antifreeze to the potable water tank and use the water pump to pump the antifreeze through all of the water connections. Let at least a cup of antifreeze go down each drain to protect the traps. Finally drain any remaining antifreeze from the tank and be sure that the water heater is drained and left open.

In the spring, after the last frost, you must drain all the antifreeze from the system and sanitize the entire water system. Fill the tank full of water and run the pump to pump fresh water through the entire system. After all the antifreeze has been flushed out, use household bleach to sanitize the system.

All potable water systems (water suitable for drinking) should be sanitized before and after storage. Also, sanitize water systems with new equipment, or systems that have been subjected to contamination. Sanitizing disinfects the water system and helps to provide safe, clean water.

Multiply the potable water tank gallon capacity by .13 for a four hour treatment, or by .26 for a one hour treatment. This will give the liquid ounces of common household bleach required for disinfecting the water system.

Add the proper amount of bleach to a container with water and mix.

Pour the solution into the water tank and fill the tank with potable water. Turn on the electric pump and open all faucets including showers. Shut off the faucets when you smell chlorine. Allow the proper treatment time (as determined in step 1) before draining the tank and refilling with potable water.

**\*\* PURGE THE PLUMBING OF ALL BLEACH SOLUTION. \*\***

The sanitizing procedure outlined above is in conformance with the approved procedures of RVIA ANSI A119.2 and the U.S. Public Health Service.

**Other Storage notes:**

**Keep tongue elevated.**

**Remove battery.**

**Remove LP tanks for storage.**

## 7) Preparing to Go

The Aliner line of products has been designed for use in virtually all environments; however some conditions may require extra caution or care to prevent damaging your camper.

Some owners use their campers in extremely cold temperatures. The insulated walls are perfectly suited for this type of use, however the extreme temperature differences from inside and outside the camper can cause condensation, particularly on aluminum. This moisture can freeze between the seals and the extrusions and thus damage the seals if the camper walls or roof is lowered while still frozen.

We recommend that if using your camper under these conditions, you should spray the weather-stripping and extrusions with silicone spray or Rain X. These products will help prevent the seals from freezing to the extrusions.

The clearance produced from the optional Off Road axle makes it more suited for rough terrain travel; however damage from collision with trees, underbrush, rocks, and other objects is not covered under warranty.

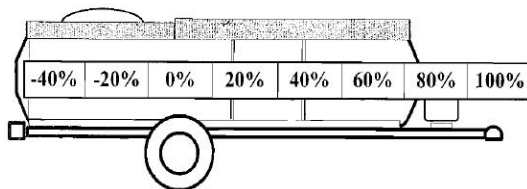
Your camper features solid wall construction which makes it far more tolerant of windy conditions than tent campers; however we do not recommend setting up the Aliner in high winds. The hinged panels can be damaged during set up, and there is also an increased risk of personal injury under these circumstances.

### Balance the Load

Loading improperly can adversely affect handling while towing. Try to distribute your camping gear so the hitch weight is 10-20 % of the gross vehicle weight. (*TOTAL WEIGHT OF THE LOADED CAMPER*)

The diagram below shows how the position of objects will affect the hitch weight. For instance if 50 lbs. of camping gear were loaded into the front of the camper, the hitch weight would increase by about 30 lbs. (50 lbs. x 60%=30 lbs.)

Ideally, whenever possible the heaviest objects should be stored near the axle, directly over the frame members.



### Balance Across the Axle

Handling can also be affected by grossly uneven loading across the axle. Most of the appliances are mounted on the sink side of the camper, so stowing a proportionate amount of your camping gear at the door side helps to equalize the weight across the axle. Failure to balance the load will promote uneven tread wear.

## Attaching the Trailer to the Tow Vehicle

Position the receiver over the ball, and lift the tab handle of the hitch upward as you lower the jack. After the ball is seated, allow the handle to return back down parallel to the frame. It will click, indicating that it has locked onto the ball. Attach the safety chains, insert the camper plug into the towing vehicle receptacle, and test the signal lighting. Raise the jack as far as it will go by turning the crank handle counter clockwise. Remove the castor wheel by removing locking pin and sliding the wheel assembly downward. The locking pin can be inserted into the hitch locking mechanism for storage and added security.

**\*\*** Do not tow the vehicle with the front jack in the lowered position or with the wheel attached.

## Hooking up the Break-Away Switch:

The break-away switch is an additional security feature that engages the trailers brakes should the trailer become disconnected from the tow vehicle.

Note: the trailer must have an auxiliary battery connected for the break away to function.

Connect the cable from the break away switch to the tow vehicle. We suggest a secure area such as where the safety chains are connected to the tow vehicle.

The break away cable should have enough slack when connected to enable movement and turning.



## 8) Arriving at Camp

Position your camper so it is level front to back and side to side. If adjustment is necessary, use leveling boards under the wheels and raise or lower the tongue jack.

Lower the front and rear stabilizers.

Do not use the front and rear stabilizers to level the camper. The stabilizers should be lowered into position after the camper is leveled. The pads of the stabilizers should be firmly on the ground, but not to the point of raising the camper.

Position wheel chocking if needed.

Lower the step(s).

### Raising the Roof

The maintenance-free lift system consists of four large springs designed to balance the weight of the roofs, two steel hinges at the pivoting ends of the roof, and shock cords at the top of the roofs which help prevent the roofs from overextending.

Undo the roof latches on both sides of the camper. The roofs will spring up slightly.

Lift the back roof. The roofs will elevate with little effort and lock into place.

Open the bottom door and lift the top door as you step into the camper. Carefully lift the door side "A", making sure not to hit the top door extrusion on the roof extrusion. Lock the "A" into position using the "A" latches on the front and rear angles.

Raise the sink side "A" and lock into position using the forward and rear "A" latches.

**\*\* ALWAYS LATCH THE WALLS IN PLACE \*\***

Align the top door over the bottom door and latch the door halves together using the sash lock.

### High Wind Kit:

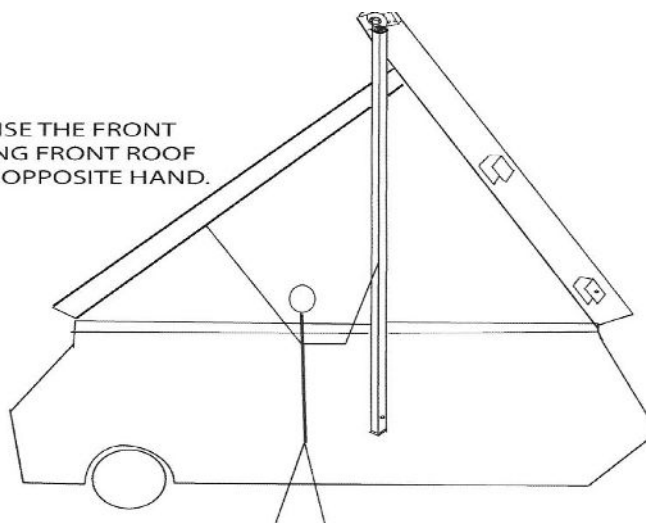
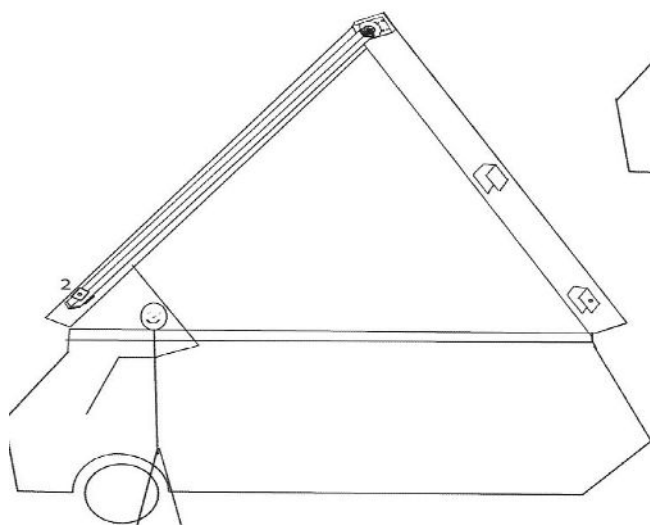
The high wind kit is an optional device which adds additional protection when camping in high winds.

**WARNING:** Caution must be used even with the high wind kit in storm conditions. Common sense and good judgment should be the guide as to when the unit can be safely opened in unfavorable weather.

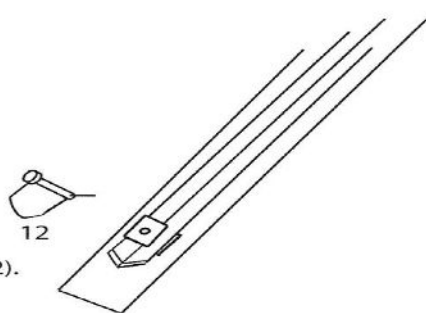
We do not define high wind limitations because there are too many variables. Proximity to buildings, other RV's, and landscape can alter the wind speed drastically. The physical condition of the person setting up the camper is also a factor. As a general rule of thumb, if you would be nervous to ride a bicycle because of wind, or believe you would have trouble holding a large sheet of plywood, then you should exercise caution setting up or closing the camper. When possible, point the front of the camper into the wind.

## High Wind Lift Assist Option

WITH BAR PERPENDICULAR TO GROUND, RAISE THE FRONT ROOF BY PUSHING UPWARD AND BY HOLDING FRONT ROOF IN POSITION, PUSH UP ON REAR ROOF WITH OPPOSITE HAND. DO NOT BEND BAR OUTWARD.



AFTER ROOFS ARE UPRIGHT, SWING BAR TO REAR SIDE AND PLACE IN C BRACKET LONG (ITEM 2).



LOCK BAR IN PLACE USING LOCK PIN (ITEM 12).  
REPEAT ON DRIVERS SIDE.

TO TAKE DOWN, REPEAT STEPS IN REVERSE.

**Connect Utilities:**

Fill fresh water holding tank by inserting a clean hose into the large capped opening at the water fill compartment, located on the driver side of the camper.

Connect hose to city water connection at same water fill location.

Slowly open sink faucet to bleed out any air in the lines. If only using fresh water holding tank and not city water, the pump switch located on the master control panel must be turned on. Do not operate the pump unless there are at least 1 ½ inches of water in the potable water holding tank. The pump is not necessary and should not be turned on if using the city water connection.

Access the electrical shore power cord on the driver's side of the camper and plug into the campground's 30 amp outlet. An adapter can be used to plug directly into a standard household 15 or 20 amp outlet.

Turn on propane using the valves on the LP tank(s) located on the front of the camper. On units equipped with dual propane tanks, the regulator will automatically switch from an empty cylinder to the full one as long as both valves are open.

Attach the optional outdoor grill to the mounting bracket on the door side of the camper using the interlocking tabs. The flexible propane hose can then be attached by using the quick connect located on the underside of the camper, below the mounting bracket. The valve handle must be in the off position for the hose to connect and disconnect. The valve position is perpendicular to the line in the "off" position and parallel to the line in the "on" position.

When using the indoor/ outdoor grill inside, position stove on a flat counter and attach the flexible LP line to the quick connect located either inside the front driver bunk or behind the access door under the sink, dependent on your model.

If the campground requires a hose drain, plumbing adapters can be purchased to reduce the 1 ½ inch opening to fit a standard water hose.

There is a 75 ohm coaxial TV connector located on the outer driver side which will fit standard cable connectors. A connector is located on the interior as well for convenient television plug in.



**VersaDine Positioning:**

See illustration:



## 9) Breaking Camp:

### Lowering the Roof

Before lowering the roof:

Make sure the interior lights are turned off.  
All flames are extinguished.  
All vents and skylights are closed and locked.  
Back rest seat cushions are down.  
Windows are closed.  
The sink faucet is lowered down to the towing position.  
Remove any objects from the countertops.

Starting with the door side "A", disengage the rear "A" latch. Then disengage the rear sink side "A" latch, followed by the front sink side "A" latch.  
Carefully lower the "A" until it stops in the horizontal position by resting on the door side countertop.

\*\* Models without a door side counter will have a collapsible leg on the "A" wall which must be locked in position before lowering the wall. \*\*

At the door side "A", uncouple the top half of the door from the bottom half, unlock the door handle, and open the top half of the Dutch door completely. Disengage the front "A" latch.  
Maintain pressure on the wall until you are positioned just inside the door. Carefully lower the "A" as you simultaneously go through the upper door opening. Do not scrape the top of the door on the roof extrusion. Rest the "A" wall carefully in the horizontal position on top of the sink side wall.  
Exit the camper and close the top and bottom door.  
Grasp the rear roof and tug downward to collapse the roofs. Keep hands behind the black seal as the roofs collapse upon one another. Buckle the roof latches.  
As you buckle the roof latches, observe the rubber roof gasket and the front roof extrusion. The gasket should compress about 1/8".  
If needed, adjust the roof latches by rotating the buckle clockwise to tighten.

### Before Leaving:

Disconnect all campground utilities.  
Raise all the stabilizers.  
Raise the step(s).  
Attach to tow vehicle hitch and lock into position.  
Attach safety chains.  
Attach 12 volt pigtail cord to tow vehicle.  
Raise the front jack completely.  
Remove the front castor wheel.  
Remove wheel chocking.

## 10) Care and Cleaning

The exterior of the camper can be cleaned with mild soap and water.

Do not pressure wash.

We recommend dry cleaning the curtains, fabric, and cushion upholstery when needed

The skylights and vents should be cleaned with mild soap and water. Use only a cleaning agent safe for polycarbonates.

A soft lined cover can be used to shield the camper when in storage. Additional protection, such as a soft towel should be used to protect the skylights from abrasions.

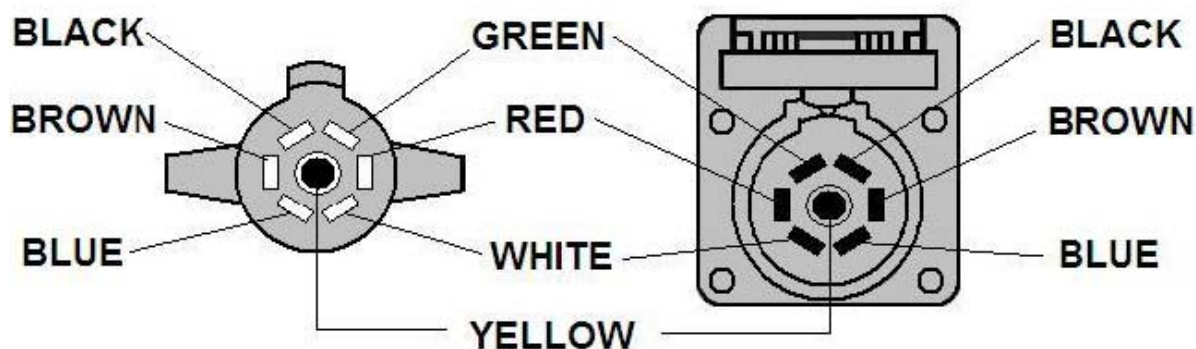
Optional Soft Dormer:

DO NOT CLEAN THE TENTING MATERIAL WITH SOAP AND WATER OR OTHER DETERGENTS. USE WOOLITE OR DREFT ONLY. USE OF OTHER DETERGENTS CAN REMOVE THE WATERPROOFING MATERIAL.:

NOTE: IF THE UNIT IS STORED OUTSIDE, THE FRONT OF THE TRAILER SHOULD BE ELEVATED WITH THE TONGUE JACK. THIS WILL ALLOW SNOW OR WATER TO RUN FROM THE FRONT OFF THE BACK OF THE TRAILER.

# 7-WAY CONNECTOR DIAGRAM

## 7-WAY MOLDED TRAILER/SEALED CAR CONNECTOR & CABLE



### TRAILER END

As viewed from front  
face of 7-way connector  
with molded on cable.

### CAR END

As viewed from front  
face of 7-way connector  
with sealed cable.

## 7 - WAY WIRING INDEX

| Wire Color & Gage | Molded Trailer/Sealed<br>Car Connector Terminal |
|-------------------|---|
| White / 10 guage  | Common Ground                                   |
| Blue / 12 guage   | Electric Brake                                  |
| Green / 14 guage  | Tail & License                                  |
| Black / 10 guage  | Battery Charge                                  |
| Red / 14 guage    | Left Stop & Turn                                |
| Brown / 14 guage  | Right Stop & Turn                               |
| Yellow / 14 guage | Center Auxiliary                                |

## NEW RECREATIONAL VEHICLE LIMITED WARRANTY

**Warranty Coverage:** Details of this warranty apply to the following brands produced by Columbia Northwest; Aliner, and T.R.E. Columbia Northwest Inc. will make repairs to defects in workmanship or materials, free of charge for one year from the retail purchase date. Because of design changes and improvements, we reserve the right to substitute parts, materials or components with ones of equal value and quality. This warranty applies only to the original retail purchaser of a new product from an authorized Columbia Northwest Dealer.

The owner is responsible to maintain the camper in accordance with the instructions provided in the owner's manual. Failure to follow proper procedures and seasonal maintenance schedules may void your warranty.

**Warranty Services:** To obtain warranty services, contact an authorized Columbia Northwest Dealer or an approved service center. For locations of our approved representatives call the factory Customer Service Department at (724) 237-5227. If your warranty is not registered, you will be asked to provide a sales receipt to document the date and location of purchase.

### **Excluded from Coverage:**

- Equipment or parts warranted by the original manufacturer separately; to include tires, axles, frames, all appliances and converters.
- Damages resulting from misuse, abuse, collision, improper repairs, overloading, neglect and improper maintenance.
- Damages resulting from alteration, or installation of additional equipment without proper authorization to the electrical, gas, plumbing or structural systems.
- Normal wear, fading, or deterioration of fabrics, flooring and other materials.
- Normal wear of metal parts including weathering, discoloration, surface corrosion of unpainted surfaces, and minor cosmetic blemishes occurring from normal use.
- Any product used outside of its intended customary purpose.
- Any unregistered product not normally used in the United States of America or Canada.
- Any product used as a rental.
- Any promises made by any person beyond those stated in this warranty.
- Condensation on any window or other parts or any other results of condensation.

Columbia Northwest Inc. shall not be liable for incidental or consequential damages, such as expenses for transportation, lodging, damage to personal property, loss of personal property, loss of use of your product, inconvenience or loss of income.

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

**Legal Procedures:** In addition to the provisions of this warranty, the retail purchaser has available the legal remedies provided by the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act and any applicable State statutes.

**Implied warranties, including any warranty of merchantability or fitness of a product for a particular purpose, are limited in duration to the term of this written warranty.** Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state. Columbia Northwest Inc. warrants this recreational vehicle to be in accordance with the provisions of chapter 74-169, Florida Statutes, for a period of (12) months.

We want you to be satisfied with your new camper. For further help or information contact the factory. Columbia Northwest, Inc. 1297 Kecksburg Road, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666 by Phone: (724) 237-5227 Fax: (724) 423-8485, or the contact us link on our website, [www.aliner.com](http://www.aliner.com).

## Maintenance Log

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## Change of Ownership Notification

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If you are the second or subsequent owner of this folding trailer, it is important that you notify Columbia Northwest, Inc. of your name, address and the Serial Number of you trailer. This information is vital for Columbia Northwest, Inc. to maintain up-to-date records of current ownership. Please complete the form below, clip it and mail it to:

**Columbia Northwest, Inc.  
1297 Kecksburg Road  
Mount Pleasant, PA 15666**

#### Model Information:

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

**New Owner Information:** Purchase Date \_\_\_\_\_

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