

## TravelStar From ANPAC<sup>SM</sup> TRAVEL TIPS

More Americans than ever are touring the country in Recreational Vehicles (RV's). As a member of TravelStar From ANPAC<sup>SM</sup>, we would like to offer you the following safety tips to help you avoid filing a claim as you take to the roads with your family:

- **Refrigerator Fires & Propane Tanks** – Although you may be an avid sports fan, never paint your propane tank with your favorite team's colors. Dark colors will absorb the sun's rays and can cause the tank to overheat and explode. Have your propane tank and connections checked by a certified RV dealer each year.
- **Know the Height of Your TravelStar Vehicle** – Post a sticky note on your dashboard with the height of your Motor Home, Camping Trailer, or Travel Trailer for a quick reminder when pulling up to gas stations, tollbooths, etc., to avoid hitting overhangs.
- **Use Caution When Braking** – Motor Homes use air brakes rather than hydraulic brakes found in most cars. Air brakes have a slight delay when applied – but don't try to overcompensate by applying the brakes too hard. This will cause the Motor Home to make an abrupt stop.
- **Use the Rule of 20 Percent** – A fully loaded TravelStar vehicle will take longer to come to a complete stop than an automobile. To compensate, add 20 percent to your following distance behind another vehicle to help judge if you are following too close or have enough room to merge.
- **Animal Infestation** – When Motor Homes, Camping Trailers, or Travel Trailers sit over the winter months, mice and squirrels may make your leisure vehicle their home by eating through wires and lines. Starting your Motor Home every week may help scare these animals away. Periodically inspect your Camping Trailer or Travel Trailer for damage.
- **Tire Care** – Always check your tire pressure when the tires are cold. Heat generated from driving temporarily increases the air pressure. If you plan to keep your TravelStar vehicle in one place for several days, block and level your TravelStar vehicle to avoid unnecessary stresses that lead to tire wear. Avoid tire products that contain petroleum-based substances, which may create or accelerate deterioration and cracking. Replace your TravelStar vehicle's tires every seven years, even if they have no apparent tread wear.
- **Conduct a Pre-Trip Checklist** – Keep the following checklist in your TravelStar vehicle at all times. When preparing to travel, take a walk around your Motor Home, Camping Trailer, or Travel Trailer and check for the following:
  - ✓ Stove, oven, and heater burners are not lit.
  - ✓ All power, TV, phone, water, and sewer lines are disconnected.
  - ✓ Propane tank has no leaks.
  - ✓ Ground underneath vehicle shows no signs of leaks.
  - ✓ Awnings, steps, and jacks are retracted.
  - ✓ Bay doors are closed and latched.
  - ✓ Tow bar and safety cables are properly connected.
  - ✓ Tires are inflated to the proper pressure and have sufficient tread remaining.
  - ✓ Oil, transmission, and coolant levels are adequate.
  - ✓ Air brakes, parking brake, and tow brakes are functioning properly.

Utilizing the Pre-Trip Checklist and following the tips provided will help keep you and your TravelStar vehicle safe while traveling. At ANPAC<sup>®</sup>, we are committed to providing financial security to you and your family.



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