

PROPANE		Notes
	<p>Compartment location</p> <p>Locate the propane storage compartment. On many motorhomes, the LP tank is located in a storage bay near the driver's compartment. On travel trailers, the LP tanks are often mounted on the A frame hitch assembly and many fifth wheels have the propane in forward storage bays. Is the storage area free of damage? Are the tanks protected from road debris? Are the tanks in a protective housing with adequate tank tie downs and locking mechanisms?</p>	
	<p>Compartment condition</p> <p>Is the storage compartment or protective housing in good shape? Do the storage doors (if equipped) shut securely? Does the protective cover (if equipped) latch down securely to prevent coming off while driving down the road?</p>	
	<p>Propane bottle condition, number</p> <p>How many propane bottles does your RV have? Are they in good, serviceable condition? Are they clean with minimal rust? Are warning labels clearly visible?</p>	
	<p>OPD valves</p> <p>The National Fire Protection Association, P58, LP Gas Code 1998, requires new LP tanks, 4 to 40 pounds, include an overfill prevention device, OPD. This device can be easily recognized by the triangular shaped handle on the LP tank. This device prevents accidental over-charging of the tank thus avoiding potential catastrophic failure. Check your tank(s) for this valve.</p>	
	<p>Gauges</p> <p>Many motorhomes and some trailers have LP status gauges inside the coach in the convenience panel area. Some units have gauges on the actual LP tanks. Is the RV equipped with LP tank level gauges? Do the tanks have valve level gauges? Are they in good working order?</p>	

	<p>Condition of hoses</p> <p>Check the condition of all the LP hoses and lines. Metal lines should be securely mounted to the RV chassis. Rubber hoses should be clean, pliable and not cracked or show signs of excessive wear. If rubber hoses pass through the RV structure, there should be protective material in the pass-thru to ensure the hose does not chafe and fail from vibration.</p>	
	<p>Emergency shut of valve – hooked to detector</p> <p>Some RV units may have an emergency gas flow shut off valve that is wired to a LP gas detector in the coach. In the event LP gas was detected, the valve should close.</p>	
	<p>Regulators</p> <p>Visually inspect the regulator attached to the LP gas tank(s). Is the regulator clean and damage free? Are the connections to the regulator secure?</p>	
	<p>Tank selection – switch location, operation</p> <p>For RVs with more than a single tank, the unit should be equipped with a tank selector. If applicable to your unit, locate the tank selector. Most often, it is physically located next to one of the tanks. These selectors can be manual, requiring the user to physically select the tank for LP to be drawn from, or automatic, switching to a second tank when the primary is empty. Refer to your RV owner’s manual for instructions on your units LP tank selector. Determine which type you have and learn its appropriate settings and operation.</p>	