

THE HOW TO GUIDE FOR FIRST TIMERS

Taking to caravanning for the first time? We show you how to hitch up, pitch up and power up...



HOW TO... hitch up

- 1 With the caravan's handbrake on, get your driver to reverse the car slowly up to the hitch – use a raised finger to indicate the position of the hitch head relative to the towball.
- 2 With the towball directly beneath the hitch, lift the handle on top of the caravan's hitch head and wind the jockey leg down until the hitch engages cleanly onto the towball.
- 3 Raise the jockey leg and secure tightly with the neighbouring clamp – remove it if you need extra clearance.
- 4 Insert the 12N (black) plug into the black socket on your car. Fit the 12S (grey) into the grey socket, if fitted.



HOW TO... pitch up

- 1 Check out your proposed pitch, watching out for things like overhead tree branches, large ruts, and so on. Then, reverse your outfit into position.
 - 2 Apply the van's handbrake, unplug the 12N (black) and 12S (grey) plugs from the car, lift the handle on top of the caravan hitch and wind the jockey leg up until it clears the car's towball. Disconnect the breakaway cable.
 - 3 Level off the caravan with jockey leg.
 - 4 Wind down all four legs (steadies) using the winch provided – not a wheelbrace.
- NB** Don't try to level the van using these legs, as you may distort the chassis.



HOW TO... power up

OK, so you've towed your caravan safely to your chosen park. You've found your pitch – it's in a good position – and you've set your steadies so the caravan remains stable. The next thing to do is connect up to the mains electrics – *with care*.

- 1 It is important to connect the caravan to the mains by plugging your hook-up lead into the caravan first.
- 2 Only then should you hook the lead into the mains point on your pitch.
- 3 Switch on the power inside the caravan, using its control panel...
- 4...but don't forget to switch the mains on first at the battery charger.



HOW TO... make it habitable

- 1 Plug your water pump into the side of the caravan. Open the taps to release trapped air. Cover the bottom of the cassette holding tank with toilet fluid. Fill the header tank with a solution of water and flushing agent.
- 2 Turn on the gas using the switch on top of the regulator. Feed gas through the system via the cooker or fire, constantly attempting ignition. *Do not allow the gas to flow unignited.*
- 3 Switch on the water heater using the control inside the caravan.
- 4 Position waste water tanks under the waste outlets on the caravan and connect them with flexible hosing.

