

THOMSON Caravans

OWNER'S GUIDE

T-LINE THOMSON
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T-LINE

Foreword

A great deal of thought, effort and materials of excellent quality have gone into the construction of your Thomson Caravan, and it is hoped that the information contained in this folder will assist you to obtain the best service and greatest enjoyment from your investment. Thomson "T-LINE" caravans have the benefit of over 50 years' experience in their manufacture and, although there is very little required by specialised maintenance, it is thought that some hints will be useful. However, you should not hesitate to contact the Dealer from whom you purchased your caravan if additional service is required. He is your link with the Manufacturer.

MANUFACTURERS' WARRANTY

The dealer from whom you purchased your Thomson Caravan will draw your attention to the application card which is supplied with your caravan. He, or you, should complete this card and return it to the manufacturers within seven days of purchase so that your ownership can be registered and the guarantee certificate issued to you. Please be sure that the correct serial number of your caravan is quoted on this card (see below).

CARAVAN SERIAL NUMBERS

The caravan serial number must be quoted in correspondence with dealers or the factory. It appears stamped on a plate attached to THE SIDE of the chassis extension which forms the tow pole at the front of the caravan. On no account should this plate be removed.

TYRE PRESSURES

Care should be taken to maintain the pressure as follows :

Size—5.20 × 10 (Mini-Glen)	....	....	....	30 lbs.
5.20 × 13 (Glen)	....	....	....	30 „
5.90 × 13 (Glendale, Glennevis and Glenelg)	....	....	....	32 „
6.40 × 15 (Glenalmond and Glenmore)	....	....	....	34 „
6.70 × 15 (Gleneagle)	....	....	....	34 „

The stability of your caravan can be seriously upset by incorrect pressures, and it may be found advantageous to increase the pressure in the rear tyres of your car by about 2-4 lbs. when towing.

TOWING COUPLING

Thomson caravans are equipped with BRADLEY DOUBLELOCK or B & B BETA couplings. These couplings embody various safety devices and will give trouble-free service with minimum attention. Greasing through the nipples provided should be done every 500 miles or three months, whichever is the sooner. Before setting out ENSURE that your coupling is correctly attached to the tow ball and that the safety lock has properly seated. Since 1963, Thomson "T-LINE" models are supplied with 50 mm. tow ball and couplings. The use of 50 mm. tow ball with 2" coupling MUST BE AVOIDED. The 50 mm. tow ball is so marked and the coupling has a similar mark cast into the casing.

WHEEL NUTS

Before any journey ensure that wheel nuts are fully tight. This is especially important during the first 500 miles of the life of the caravan.

GREASING POINTS

Grease nipples are fitted to each end of the road springs on earlier models—one at the forward end and two at the rear on the shackle plates. Rubery Owen Torsion Bar Suspension requires the same treatment, but the grease nipples are situated on the axle tube, two at each side facing down to the rear. These should be attended to at 1,500 mile or three month intervals.

B & B Chassis employ a divided axle system of coil springs with shock absorbers and maintenance should be carried out in accordance with the instructions in the Manufacturers' leaflet.

HUBS

After removal of the wheel embellisher, the greasing of the hubs can be carried out by removing the hub grease cap. This is the large cup which is screwed or pressed into the centre of the hub. The cup should be filled flush with its rim and replaced. This should be carried out at 1,500 mile or three-month intervals.

BRAKES

Thomson caravans are equipped with two types of brake—GIRLING or LOCKHEED—operated by cable or rod through the towing coupling. Adjusters for the GIRLING system are square end nuts located at the top of the backplates above the axle. In the LOCKHEED system the adjusters are inside the drum, accessible through the holes in the face of the drum. In both cases the method is similar, viz. :—

1. Secure the opposite wheel by chocks.
2. Release parking brake lever.
3. Raise wheel off ground.
4. Tighten adjuster in clockwise direction until wheel is locked. Release adjuster until wheel revolves freely. A similar operation to the other wheel completes the adjustment.

NOTE : Due to " bedding down " of linings and linkage, this operation is recommended after the first 250 miles travel.

OILING

Attention to any other working parts with a light machine oil will improve their performance and preserve their condition, e.g. :

Road Springs (if fitted) : A coating of penetrating oil at 500 miles.

Corner Leg : Screw threads, joints and bearing surfaces.

Jockey Wheel : Shaft and brackets.

Door : Hinges and locks.

Parking Brake Handle : Pivots and pawl.

Brake Cable (if fitted) : Turnbuckle and pulley.

Brake Rod Linkage : All moving joints.

GAS SYSTEM

Is dealt with in a separate handbook issued by the butane gas distributors obtainable from your dealer. If a leakage is suspected, **DO NOT** seek it with a naked flame. Turn off the cylinder valve and seek assistance from a qualified dealer. Any discoloration of the gas fittings or adjacent panelling can usually be attributed to a wrong adjustment of the air control. Users therefore are recommended to have maximum air intake on all fittings.

ON THE MOVE

Remember!—the law places a maximum speed restriction on even the best balanced outfit. In some continental countries much higher speeds are permitted and Thomson caravans are designed to take advantage of high-speed touring conditions. Tyre pressures are dealt with elsewhere, but at sustained high speed the pressure may build up and care should be exercised to ensure maximum pressure is not exceeded in particularly warm conditions. The balance of the caravan should always be heavy to the tow pole and, as a general rule, the nose weight should be not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. for models up to 14', nor less than 1 cwt. for larger models.

When on the move, remember the increased length and width of your outfit, use a wing mirror on **EACH SIDE** and allow following traffic to overtake whenever it is safe to do so.

ON THE SITE

CORNER LEGS operated by wheel brace are fitted to all Thomson caravans and these are designed to stabilise the caravan. They are not intended to be used to lift the caravan and, if it is necessary to lift the caravan, a separate screw jack should be used under the road spring or drop arm close to and behind the axle. Use the telescopic jockey wheel to lift the coupling clear of the tow ball and, thereafter, to level the caravan. Wind the corner legs down until all are in light contact with the ground then a further full turn of the brace should give the required pressure. If the surface is loose or soft, a 2"-3" thickness of hardwood below the feet of the legs will be useful.

Before moving off—and remember it will be easier to move downhill, so park accordingly—ensure :

1. All loose equipment is securely stowed. (Remember the table and toilet.)
2. All cupboard and locker doors are closed.
3. The heavy equipment is stowed over the axle. (See "On the Move.")
4. Gas cylinder control valve is "OFF".
5. Roof Vent stays are perpendicular. (This locks the vent in a "Closed" position.) With scissors type stays the wing nuts should be tightened.
6. All windows closed and outer door locked.
7. Raise all corner legs.
8. Raise nose of caravan with telescopic jockey wheel above level of tow ball and reverse car below coupling.
9. Couple up, ensure safety lock in position and retract jockey wheel in its bracket.

10. Release parking brake and check reversing lock "off".
11. Connect lights.
12. Anything left behind ?

ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR

Every Thomson "T-LINE" caravan is equipped with full road lighting and number plate, and an electrical connector for the car is supplied as standard equipment. The wiring of the connector on the car should be done in accordance with the diagram supplied with the connector. Thus full illumination by side and tail, stop and direction Indicator lights is available.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Bodywork is finished with a synthetic hot lacquer and if "touching in" is required, suitable material can be had on application to your dealer. It is essential that the aluminium panelling of the body and roof be protected from the atmosphere and if any damage occurs to the paint surface, the metal then revealed should be coated as soon as possible. Likewise the steelwork of the chassis. The life of the paintwork will vary according to atmospheric conditions, but with reasonable care, can be expected to be five to seven years. The owner is therefore recommended occasionally to clean and polish his caravan. A very mild solution of a branded detergent (e.g. "Teepol") in warm water is best for washing and fresh clean water should immediately be used to rinse off any dirt or solution which may remain. *Harsh detergents or washing powders must not be used.* Thereafter, a complete polish of the dried bodywork with a proprietary car polish (e.g. "Autobrite") will give a satisfactory result. Thomson caravans produced since 1963 have been equipped with windows having anodised aluminium frames and such windows carry an identification label when the caravan leaves the factory. These window frames must not be cleaned with abrasives or steel wool. Interior woodwork will respond to a domestic silicone-base furniture polish and interior walls to a light wash with warm soapy water.

LAYING-UP

It will be appreciated that your interest will be best served if the caravan is stored under cover when not in service during the winter. Dry covered space with fresh air circulation is best but, if this is not possible, PLEASE DO NOT COVER the body of the caravan with a sheet or envelope as dampness may then be trapped inside. During storage, you should remove the upholstery and furnishings and store these in a dry atmosphere. Sink and cooker should be thoroughly cleaned and all foodstuffs and perishables removed from storage lockers.

In extreme cold, the contents of the gas cylinder and pipes may freeze and, in any case, the control tap should be closed.

A light application of petroleum jelly or grease will preserve the bright metal work outside, and the coupling/jockey wheel assembly should be greased and covered to exclude dust and rain.

The tyres must be protected from direct sunlight and pressures maintained as recommended—if it is not possible to take the weight of the caravan off the tyres. Leave parking brake "OFF".

Every opportunity should be taken to "air" the interior in suitable weather.

In your own interest, please remember that the industry usually faces its busiest period immediately prior to the opening of the season, e.g. early MARCH. Any servicing should be arranged well in advance and preferably during months of October-January.

LOUVRED WINDOWS

When fitted (principally to Gleneagle and Glendale models) these windows give draught-free ventilation and are properly adjusted. However, during the life of the caravan, further adjustment might be required and this can be done quite simply. The operating lever is located on the right of the window and this lever is mounted on a control block which is attached to the frame by two screws. When these screws are loosened the control block will move upwards and downwards and this movement will increase or decrease the tension on the glass slats. When the desired tension has been obtained, the control block screws should be retightened. Care must be taken to ensure that excessive tension is not applied to the slats and, therefore, only a very slight adjustment of the control block will normally be required.

The names and addresses of Thomson Dealers are listed as follows. They will be pleased to have the opportunity to be of service, especially in cases of emergency.

Aberdeenshire	Balgownie Caravans, Ellon Road, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen.
Ayrshire	Burnhouse Caravans, Burnhouse, By Beith.
Berkshire	Colin's Caravans of Berks. Ltd. Bath Rd. Aldermaston, Nr. Reading.
	Dumb Bell Caravans, Reform Road, Maidenhead.
Buckinghamshire	Caravan Services Limited, London Road, High Wycombe.
Bedfordshire	Southern Caravan Distributors Limited, Pavenham, Bedford.
	Luton Caravan Centre, Wingate Road, Luton.
	Checkpoint Caravan Centre, Souldrop.
Cumberland	Border Caravans (Carlisle) Limited, Moorville, Carlisle.
Cambridgeshire	Cambridge Caravans Limited, 264 Newmarket Road, Cambridge.
Cheshire	Crabtree Caravans Limited, Chester Road, Oakmere, Nr. Northwich.
	Stockport Caravan Centre, 311/319 Buxton Road, Great Moor, Stockport.
	Caravan Supply North Western, Crewe Road, Wheelock, Sandbach.
Cornwall	Martins Caravan Co. (Cornwall) Ltd., Laneast, Launceston.
	Geoffrey Beesley Caravans, The Caravan Centre, Scorrier, Redruth.
Carmarthenshire	Ennis Caravans Limited, Cross Hands, Llanelly.
Dorset	Chambers of Dorchester, London Road, Dorchester.
Devon	Martins Caravan Co. (Exeter) Ltd., Countess Weir House, Exeter.
	Ashburn Caravan Sales Limited, Chuley Works, Ashburton.
Denbighshire	Abbeyford Caravans, Pensarn, Abergele, Denbigh.
Derbyshire	Spondon Caravan Centre, Cross Roads, Spondon, Nr. Derby.
Dumfriesshire	Border Caravans (Dumfries) Ltd., Balmoral Road, Dumfries.
Co. Durham	Elite Caravans Limited, Tindale Crescent, Bishop Auckland.
Essex	Greens (Caravans) Ltd., The Caravan Centre, High Street, Epping.
	David Kenny (Essex) Ltd., Southend Arterial Road, Cranham, Upminster.
	The Hall Caravan Centre, Dunmow Road, Takeley.

Flintshire	Lloyds Caravans Limited, Tanlan Hall, Talacre.
Gloucestershire	Becketts Caravans Ltd., A38 Roundabout, Bristol Road, Gloucester.
Glamorgan	Howell Caravans Limited, 509 Newport Road, Cardiff.
Hampshire	Hants & Dorset Caravan Service Ltd., London Road, Purbrook, Portsmouth.
	Green Pennant Caravans Ltd., 123 Somerford Road, Christchurch.
	Southampton Caravan Centre, 23-27 Millbrook Road, Southampton.
Herefordshire	Wyeland Caravans, Belmont Road, Hereford.
Hertfordshire	Cow Roast Service Station, London Road, New Ground, Nr. Tring.
	London Caravan Co. Ltd., Stirling Corner, Barnet-By-Pass, Elstree.
Inverness-shire	Balgownie Caravans, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness.
Kent	Maidstone Caravan Co. Ltd., Harrietsham, near Maidstone.
	Otterham (Caravans) Limited, 333 High Street, Rainham.
	Aldington Caravans & Boats Limited, Aldington, Ashford.
	Arthur Fitt Caravans, Sweechbridge Road, Herne Bay.
Lancashire	Bolton & Sons, Page Moss Lane, Huyton, Liverpool.
	Burlingham Caravans, Garstang By-Pass, Garstang, Nr. Preston.
	Mayfair Caravans Limited, Gregory Street, Hollinwood, Oldham.
	M. G. Caravan Co. Ltd., Burnley Road, Todmorden.
 Lanarkshire	Thomson Caravans Ltd., 1565 Cumbernauld Road, Millerston, Glasgow.
Lincolnshire	Lindsey Caravans, Spilsby Road, Horncastle.
Leicestershire	Times Caravans Limited, The Rushes, Loughborough.
	Leicester Caravan Centre, 479/489 Aylestone Road, Leicester.
Monmouthshire	Arthur Alsop Limited, Corporation Road, Newport.
Morayshire	Balgownie Caravans, Nairn Road, Forres.
Midlothian	Thomson Caravans Ltd., Groathill Road South, Craigleith, Edinburgh.
Middlesex	Venture Caravans, 27-31 Court Parade, East Lane, Wembley.
Northants	Surrey Car & Caravan Co. Ltd., Waldegrave Road, Teddington.
	Whiteley & Creasy Limited, Lincoln Road, Werrington, Peterborough.
	Whiteley & Creasy Limited, Blisworth.
Norfolk	Venture Caravans, St. Leonards Road, Northampton.
	H. John Mallett Limited, Hardwick Road, King's Lynn.
Northumberland	Norwich Caravans (City Centre), Ber Street, Norwich.
	Wood & Storey (Caravans) Ltd., Central Garage, Forest Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Nottinghamshire	Midland Counties Caravan Co. Ltd., Castle Boulevard, Nottingham.
Oxfordshire	Summertown Quality Caravans, 285 Banbury Road, Oxford.
Perthshire	Perthshire Caravan Co. Ltd., Middlebank, Errol.
Roxburghshire	Rodger Fish & Son Ltd., Horse Market, Kelso.
Staffordshire	Gailey Caravan Co. Ltd., Gailey, Nr. Stafford.
	North Staffs Caravans, Newcastle Road, Trentvale.
Stirlingshire	Overland Caravans, Carronvale Service Station, Main Street, Larbert.
Suffolk	Falcon Caravans, Kesgrave, Ipswich.
Surrey	Mid-Surrey Caravan Co. (Guildford) Ltd. London Road, Burpham.
	Mid-Surrey Caravan Co. Ltd. Portsmouth Road, Hindhead.
	Rural Caravans Limited, Brighton Road, Salfords, Redhill.
	Anthony Bruton Caravans, Station Road, Egham.
Shropshire	M. R. Pascall Ltd. Oakengates, Shropshire.
Somerset	Walford Caravan Distributors Ltd., Walford Cross, nr. Taunton.
Sussex	Anthony Bruton Caravans, Warninglid.
	Covells Caravans, Hurst Green.
Tees-side	Longlands Caravans (Middlesbrough) Ltd. Longlands Road, Middlesbrough.
Ulster	Orchard Caravans Ltd Knocknagoney, Strandtown, Belfast 4

Warwickshire

'Caravans' Birmingham, Walsall Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham 20.

A. J. Bayliss & Son Ltd. The Meriden Caravan Centre, Meriden, Coventry.

West Lothian Worcestershire

Warley Caravan Centre, 309 Hagley Road West, Birmingham 32. Knowepark Caravans, Stoneyburn, By Blackburn.

Evesham Vale Caravans Limited, Harvington, Evesham.

Becketts of Bromsgrove Ltd. Worcester Road, Upton, Warren, Bromsgrove.

Wiltshire

Lakeside Caravan Co. Ltd., Latton, Nr. Cricklade.

Green Pennant Caravans Limited, Riverbourne, London Road, Salisbury.

Yorkshire

Cara-Cars Limited, The Caravan Centre, Ilkley.

Yorkshire Caravans of Bawtry Ltd., Doncaster Road, Bawtry.

Caravans (Hull), Craven Street, Holderness Road, Hull.

Harrogate Caravan Distributors Ltd., Spacey Houses, Pannal, Harrogate.

Wandahome Limited, Great North Road, Knottingley.

Wilson Caravans (Bradford) Ltd., Furnace Road, Oakenshaw.

Stafford & Co. (Caravans) Ltd., Bus Terminal, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield.

Caravan Investments Limited, 326 Middlewood Road, Sheffield 6. Ebor Caravans, Harton Garage, Malton Road, Flaxton, York.

Belgium

Caravanes Huart, 21 Avenue de la Faiencerie, Jemappes.

Canada

Thomson-York Limited, 10 Kelfield Street, Rexdale 604, Ontario.

Denmark

Campi Import, Fredericiavej 44, Vejle.

Finland

Helsingin Moottoriliike, Runeberginkatu, Helsinki.

France

S.F.C.O., 62 Rue des Plantes, 91 Montgeron.

Holland

Caravan Import Ooms, N.V., Huis ter Lucht 1, Maasland.

Norway

Torleiv S. Corneliussen A/S, Bygdoy Alle 23, Oslo.

Sweden

Caravan i Karlstad, A.B., Box 5012, Karlstad.

Switzerland

Centre Specialise de la Caravane, 1032 Romanel/Lausanne.

Vintage Chart

1946-47

17' 6" Kelvin, 14' 6" Endrick.

1948-49

17' 6" Kelvin Star, 13' Avon, 8' 6" Swift.

1950

18' Deveron, 13' 6" Almond, 8' 6" Dart.

1951-52

22' Braemar, 17' 6" Clyde, 14' Almond,

10' 6" Carron.

1953

22' Solway, 17' 6" Annan, 14' Almond,

10' 6" Carron.

1954-55

22' Solway, 14' Almond.

1956

22' Solway, 16' Forth, 14' 6" Almond V and

VII, 11' 6" Leven.

1957-58

22' Solway, 22' Glendevon, 16' Gleneagle,

14' 6" Glenalmond, 11' 6" Glendale.

1959

18' 6" Glenrosa, 16' 6" Gleneagle, Glen-

almond III and IV, Glendale, Glen 10'.

1960

30' Great Glen, Glenrosa, Gleneagle,

Glenalmond III and IV, Glendale, Glen.

1961

30' Great Glen, Glenrosa, Gleneagle,

Glenalmond, Glendale, Glen.

1962

Glenrosa, Gleneagle, Glenalmond 15',

Glendale Two and Four, Glen.

1963-64-65

"T-Line" range: Glen, Glendale Two

and Four, Glenelg, Glenalmond and Glen-

eagle.

1963-64

"T-Line" range: Glen, Glendale 2.B and

4.B., Glenelg, Glenalmond and Gleneagle.

1965-66

"T-Line": Glen, Glendale 2.B., Glen-

nevis, Glenelg, Glenalmond, Glenmore

and Gleneagle.

1967

"T-Line" as in 1966 and Mini-Glen 2.B

and 4.B.

1968

"T-Line" as in 1967 and Glengarry.

1969

"T-Line" range: Mini Glen 2 berth,

Glen, Glendale, Glennevis, Glenelg, Glen-

almond 7, Glenmore, Gleneagle.

1970

As for 1969 plus Glen 2 Berth.