

Moho Life Tips. Moho-bits 🇬🇧		Read in conjunction with the Moho-bits Website.		Nov 25
Camping Etiquette.	Motorhome Camping: In the public's eyes you represent the whole of the motorhoming community. So, never leave a mess and always try to leave the area tidier than before. Also, be considerate to others, as any complaints will usually end up with the local council or operator - ending up with site closure more often than not. Spend some money locally and make sure the locals know who's spending it! Support CAMpRA.....it is the future!			
Vehicle				
1	Whatever internal security you have, always draw the blinds (so thieves can't come tooled-up).			
2	Wash your own roof (if you are able). This will give you advance warning of any joint problems.			
3	Park with a slope to prevent roof puddling.			
4	Camping in winter, select 'air recirculation' in the cab. This stops cold draughts from the dash vents.			
5	Never take a road that has grass down the middle!			
6	Always carry snowsocks in winter (they are lightweight, easy to use and really work!).			
7	Always have more than one security device.			
8	Take your spare wheel off once a year and oil the mechanism. Check the pressure regularly.			
9	Check that jack and brace kit are right for your vehicle and practice how to use them. Try fitting the towing eye.			
10	Cold starting a diesel engine - always wait until the glowplug light has gone out. (This might save your airbag ECU).			
11	Always give your vehicle a 20 mile run every 2 weeks (this keeps the vehicle aired and running freely).			
12	Give your A/C a 10 min run every trip (it will last longer as this lubricate the seals).			
13	Always have a jump starter pack onboard for emergencies.			
14	Steep hill starts - set off on full lock. This reduces the stress on the clutch and drive components.			
15	Carry a comprehensive set of spares (See Moho-bits website).			
16	Lock the cab doors with the seatbelts for extra security when camping (See Moho-bits website for details)			
17	Jumpstarting vehicle to vehicle can cause very costly damage if done wrong. Never make/brake a connection with engines on.			
18	Never buy a vehicle without a spare wheel (the substitute inflator kits are not viable).			
19	Check the tyre valves. Make sure they are metal (the rubber type will not stand the higher pressures involved.)			
20	Tyre Pressures: Ignore the vehicle doorplate. Weigh each axle and consult the Tyre manufacturers data.			
21	Ducato. The heated rear screen button activates the heated wing mirrors.			
22	Ducato. The filler tube on the washer bottle extends. Special filler funnel available from Moho-bits.			
23	In an emergency it is possible to connect the leisure battery to the vehicle battery using jump leads, to start the engine.			
24	Ducatos can suffer from bad earths. This can manifest itself with poor starting (amongst many other things). Fix a jump lead to the negative on the battery to a new earth point on the body. If this fixes the problem fit a new earth strap.			
25	A lot of recovery companies have a 3.5t limit. Heavier vehicles will need special cover.			
26	Ducato: The jack/brace/towing eye are usually under the cab passenger seat.			
27	The Ducato 2.3L cambelt should be changed after 5 years regardless of the mileage.			
28	Breakdown cover: Some companies will not handle vehicles above 3.5t. Some will not recover you if you don't have a return ferry booked.			
29	Insurance: Some companies insist the named driver gets the vehicle home in the event of the main driver being incapacitated (could be a big problem if overseas and the wife is not a confident driver).			
Camping				
1	Don't camp under trees (sap, rain, nuts, falling branches, lightning).			
2	Never camp in service areas. Especially in Europe. A magnet for dodgy characters.			
3	Never leave your awning out unattended (a gust of wind can be very costly).			
4	Secluded camping - leave a big dog bowl outside the hab door.			
5	<b>Never empty your toilet down a 'manhole'.</b> Some are surface water only and go to the nearest water course.			
6	Soft ground requires boards to spread the load. This stops the tyres from sinking.			
7	Take a 2kw fan heater in winter as backup in case your boiler packs up.			
8.	Respect peoples space. Don't park right next to someone if there are other places to camp.			
9.	There is no good time to use a generator if you are near other campers!			
10.	Leave the place cleaner than when you found it. <b>Leave no trace.</b>			
11.	Fill up your tank with water as soon as you get on a site. It is easy to forget and set up camp before you realise!			
12.	Off-Grid Camping. Never outstay your welcome. After a day or so give someone else a chance. Arrive late and leave early. Don't give the impression that you are taking over by scattering your stuff all over the place and erecting perimeter fences.			
13.	<b>Never drain grey water in a public area – it's illegal.</b> If you wouldn't drain it onto your drive, don't drain it onto the land. Even though it is only soapy water, the public don't know this and could be suspicious and alarmed.			
14.	Always spend your first night camped near the dealers (not far to go if something goes wrong or you've forgotten something).			
15.	Write-up all your trips in a travel diary (It helps you remember back to that 'special' camp/place).			
16	Carry a spare cap for the toilet cassette. The toilet will be out of action if you lose the cap.			
Habitation				
1	If the water isn't draining away from the sink, tamp the plug hole with your hand (this shifts any airlock)			
2	Always <b>turn the pump off</b> when away from the vehicle (if a leak occurs the pump will not stop pumping until the tank is empty)			
3	Never leave any phones etc on charge while you are out (fire hazard).			
4	Bad egg smell inside can be either waste tank smell or cooked habitation battery. A musty smell indicates damp..			
5	Isolate all batteries during layup.			
6	A multimeter can easily diagnose most onboard electrical problems. Pack one and make yourself familiar with it.			
7	Familiarise yourself with all the moho systems. If you can fix simple stuff it might save your holiday.			
8	Fit Hatch-Latches to your rooflights (to prevent them blowing off).			
9	Fit a smoke alarm and a reputable Carbon Monoxide alarm. Sleep with some ventilation.			
10	Get in the habit of draining the water down after each trip. Sterilise the system twice a year.			
11	Leave all the compartments open during layup (prevention of mould). Fit Add-Vents (See Moho-bits website).			
12	Don't fit your top fridge cover in winter if you are running on gas. (it might melt).			
13	Lock the habitation door with a Hab-Lock for extra security when camping (See Moho-bits website).			
14	EHU: Only use the cable fully unwound (fire risk). Unplug from bollard first before handling (electrocution risk).			
15	Fit sealing kits to Heki rooflights. This keeps the heat in and the noise out.			
16	Leave the toilet cassette slide flap open during lay-up. They can stick shut..			
17	Smelly waste water tank: Fit some push-fit water traps in the pipes under the van. No more smells.			
18	The habitation 'service' does not actually service your gas appliances! Get your gas equipment serviced by a gas approved eng.			
19	Always fit your gas regulator higher than the gas bottle outlet. This stops residue flowing down the pipe and gumming it up.			
20	If your 3 way fridge is struggling to keep temperature - try running it on gas and keep the vents on the shady side of the van.			
21	To avoid smelly leaks into the cassette compartment, always use your cassette toilet with the flap open.			
22	Store the vehicle with a slope to the roof in order to avoid puddling.			
General				
1	Always park with your wheels within the white lines in a carpark (overhangs don't count). Park with consideration for others.			
2.	Many private APNR carparks <b>only allow 5mins</b> to park and pay. Any longer and you are 'fined' <b>£100</b> .			
3.	Parking on a steep hill - In addition to the handbrake, put some lock onto the steering and leave it in gear.			
4.	Getting locked out is very stressful.....especially if you left the kettle on! <b>Hide a spare key</b> somewhere on the <b>moho</b> .			
5.	Coachbuilt construction vehicles can be very noisy to drive (Compared with a panel van conversion).			
6.	Always <b>carry a towrope</b> and shackles. This works for both towing and being towed.			
7.	New motorhomers should always camp at a proper campsite until they have the knowledge/etiquette to do off-grid stuff.			
8.	Always park end-on to a view. Don't hog it all so others can't see.			
9.	Always park in an end bay on a carpark. Otherwise if it fills up, you could become trapped.			
Buying				
1.	<b>Buy locally.</b> Moho's can have a lot of teething problems. Warranty work usually can only be <b>done through the initial dealer</b> .			
2.	Make sure it has enough payload..... <b>at least 500kg* (2 people)</b> . The manufacturers figures can be very misleading.			
3.	<b>*Before buying (new or used), get the dealer to weigh the vehicle</b> as part of the deal.			
4.	Try before you buy. Test drive. Rent the moho and make sure you are happy with the drive and the layout.			
5.	<b>Negotiate any equipment and extras</b> in with the deal (servicing, spare wheel, gas bottle, EHU, a tank of fuel, seat covers etc).			
5.	<b>Don't go mad</b> and buy accessories you might not need. Establish your camping requirements over your first few outings.			
6.	Always buy the lightest version of any equipment (Chairs, table, crockery etc). It might cost more but it will help your payload.			
7.	Video the dealer handover (There is an awful lot to remember).			
8.	Make sure you have a <b>damp test carried out before buying</b> . This is critical with a coachbuilt moho. Above 20% is suspicious.			
9.	Try to buy at the end of the season (Prices tend to be lower). Try to sell at the beginning of the season.			
10	Always spend your first night camped near the dealers (not far to go if something goes wrong or you've forgotten something).			