The 10 Steps at a Glance

Keep this page where you'll see it. Each step lists what to finish before moving on and the form that goes with it.

Step	Finish this before moving on	Form
1. Define your RV life	A first-year plan with three needs and three compromises	RV-01-A
2. Choose the right kind of RV	A shortlist of two or three types that survived the rule-out list	RV-02-A
3. Build your ownership budget	A purchase limit, ongoing costs, and a repair reserve	RV-03-A
4. Shop, inspect, and take delivery	An independent inspection and a recorded, hands-on orientation	RV-04-A, RV-04-B
5. Learn your rig	Recorded dimensions and weight limits, and a loaded weigh-in	RV-05-A
6. Equip for your first outing	Only what your rig and first trip require	RV-06-A
7. Plan and practice	A short shakedown trip close to home	RV-07-A
8. Arrive, camp, and depart	Your own arrival and departure checklists, used every time	RV-08-A, RV-08-B
9. Handle problems and maintain the RV	A list of whom to call, and a maintenance record	RV-09-A
10. Find your rhythm	A review of each trip and a plan for the next manageable one	RV-10-A

Your rig's manual wins. When this guide and the manual or label for your equipment disagree, follow the manual, and ask someone qualified when neither is clear.