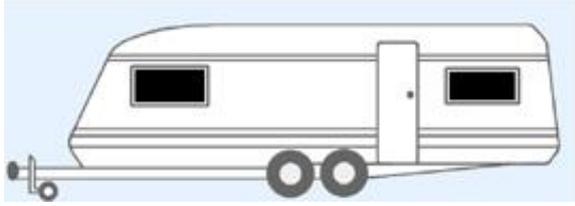


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A caravan cover is the perfect protection

We all know that the great British weather is, at best, rather unpredictable, and owners of caravan are well aware of the potential impact this can have on their holiday.

But when you're not on holiday, what exactly might the weather be doing to your holiday home on wheels?

A good option is to consider a caravan cover, and these have come a long way over the years in design, effectiveness and ease of use. No longer do they just provide a convenient way of ensuring existing moisture is trapped inside your caravan; neither are they made of tough, unwieldy material that damages your caravan bodywork.

Modern covers are manufactured to a much higher quality level nowadays, both in terms of construction to allow internal moisture to escape, preventing fabric penetration by either water or particulates, and even offer UV resistance for paint protection (and reduce internal fixture fading and warping from bright sun through the windows!) to avoid fading during the heat of the summer, which can also be as damaging as the wind and rain. Many also help prevent filth and mould from building up on your caravan bodywork, as seen on occasions by the deposits of Saharan sand and dust that sometimes arrive in the UK.

For those without the luxury of under-cover storage, a caravan cover is the best way to protect your investment when not in use.

When you choose a cover, ensure it has air-breathable qualities, as this contributes to preventing water vapour from being trapped as well as preserving your paintwork.

When not in use, and if stored outside, bird droppings are one of the single biggest problems. A caravan roof is very attractive for birds wanting to take a break, and if those birds make a deposit while relaxing, that can cause havoc with your paintwork, bit from the damaging effect of paint contracting and hardening around the droppings, to the abrasions left after you remove it.

A caravan cover simply eliminates the bird-dropping problem.

Things to bear in mind

You need to consider purchasing your cover from a caravan accessory specialist. It goes without saying that you will need to have your make and model number with you, together with the correct measurements – including any external fittings and fittings (e.g. bike mounts) that are not removable.

You can often find specific covers made for certain models of caravans, and these are worth the extra investment. Most should have adjustment straps to ensure the correct fit, especially if they are

designated as “Universal” fitting. Some covers have a zip near the door to save you having to remove it altogether in order to gain access to your caravan.

Some useful ‘nice to have’ cover features to bear in mind:

- Waterproof, breathable material – most covers should be water resistant. Higher quality covers are three-layer breathable to allow moisture escape and mould reduction
- UV protection – helps to prevent fading and discolouration both inside and out
- Non-abrasive - helps to reduce scratches to paintwork and windows
- Corner zips - makes fitting easier and provides easy access to caravan interior when in place
- Quick release fittings - these offer easy fitting and removal
- Lightweight material – easier to handle
- Storage bag –very useful for storage when not in use