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Welcome to your "Little Castle on Wheels".

Your new VENTURE camper has been designed to provide years of luxurious camping enjoyment, while requiring only occasional maintenance and servicing.

We at VENTURE want you to enjoy your new purchase to its fullest potential in the months and years ahead. To insure complete warranty coverage of all equipment, we suggest that you fill in and mail all warranty registration cards within 10 days of the purchase date. We also suggest that before each trip you (1) read all owners manuals and pamphiets thoroughly; (2) obtain up-to-date road maps and a campground directory for areas you intend to travel through and camp in; and (3) know and obey all motor vehicle laws in each state you travel through.

In thanking you for your purchase, we wish you many years of happy, carefree traveling and camping in your "Little Castle on Wheels."





Because VENTURE is a leading manufacturer in the leisure and recreation business, we are vitally concerned about pollution which threatens the future enjoyment of camping. Our waterways and recreational facilities of today are showing the symptoms of increasingly careless usage and improper disposal of waste materials. Everyone concerned with camping — manufacturers and owners alike — should acknowledge the problem and accept responsibility to protect our natural resources.

Working together, each in our own way, we can preserve the natural beauty of our recreational resources for enjoyment in the years and generations to come.

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Traveling Preparation

LOADING

Use the following typical computation to figure the ACTUAL CARGO LOAD and the WEIGHT ADDED values. Both the WEIGHT ADDED and any weight added **DURING** the trip should be distributed in accordance with the percentages given on the appropriate model floor plan.

After reading the information given with the floor plan of your model, use the COMPUTATION FORM to figure the load for your trips.

EXPLANATION OF TERMS:

RATED CARGO LOAD — This load represents the total weight which may be added to the camper by the user with all options installed.

OPTIONS NOT INSTALLED (by factory or dealer) — The RATED CARGO LOAD is figured with all options installed. Any weight of options that were **NOT INSTALLED** by the factory or dealer can be added to the RATED CARGO LOAD.

ACTUAL CARGO LOAD — This is the actual maximum total weight that can be added to the camper by the user at any time. **Never exceed this figure**.

WEIGHT ADDED — This is the weight which the user has loaded into the camper before the trip.

FIGURE E — This is the weight which may be added by the user **DURING** the trip.

WARNING:

Do not exceed the ACTUAL CARGO LOAD figure. IMPROPER LOADING (OVERLOADING OR INCORRECT WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION) MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO AXLE SYSTEM AND POOR TOWING CHARACTERISTICS.

COMPUTATION FORM

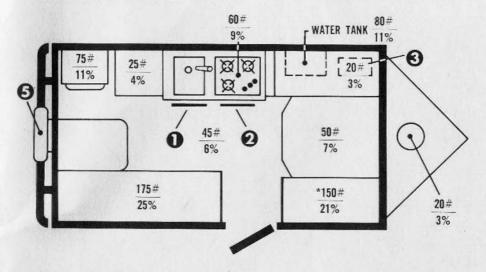
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4. Canopy	
5. Add-A-Room, Screen Enclosure	
6. Boat with Boat Rack (Note: Boat Rack weighs 17 lb.	357 lbs.
7. Sporting a. Golf Cubs Equipment: b. Fishing Equipment	18 lhs
	lbs.
8. Groceries	
9. Clothing	<u>82</u> lbs.
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1. Tools	35 lbs
2. Folding Chairs	
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COMPUTATION FORM

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STEP 1 — Enter RATED CARGO LOAD. (See appropriate floor plan lbs. on the following pages for pertinent figure.) STEP 2 - List and sub-total below the OPTIONS that were NOT IN-STALLED on your camper. (See your floor plan page for options available on your model. Enter only those NOT INSTALLED.) 5. _____lbs. _____lbs. 2._____lbs. 6. _____lbs. _lbs. _____lbs. Ibs. B sub-total lbs. STEP 3 — Add A & B to get ACTUAL CARGO LOAD figure STEP 4 - List and sub-total below the WEIGHT ADDED items. These are items you take on every trip. Judgment of weight may be improved by weighing each item before loading the camper the first several trips. (Distribute them in the camper by the percentages indicated on the appropriate floor plan.) 2. L.P. Gas in one full L.P. Gas Bottle..... 4. Canopy 5. Add-A-Room, Screen Enclosure 7. Sporting Equipment: b. _____ 9. Clothing 10. Dishes 11. Tools 12. ____ 13. ___ 14. _ 15. _____ _lbs. 16. _ D sub-total lbs. STEP 5 - Subtract D from C to get figure E, the weight which may be safely added DURING the trip. (Distribute in the camper by the percentages indicated on the appropriate floor plan.) lbs.



*Explanation of Figures

1. 150# represents the maximum weight which may be be distributed in that particular area.
 2. 21% represents the percentage of "Cargo Weight To Be Added" that may be distributed in that particular area.

FACTORY OR DEALER INSTALLED OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- L.P. Gas Heater 35 lbs.
 Refrigerator 41 lbs.
 - Privacy Curtains 3 lbs.

SPECIFICATIONS

HITCH — Class II, Weight Carrying Type. BALL SIZE — 2".

TIRE SIZE / PLY / INFLATION (PSI) — 6.50 x13 / 6 / 36.

DIMENSIONS CLOSED FOR TRAVELING — Length 16'8", Width 6'11", Height 4'7".

RATED CARGO LOAD — 700 LBS. (with all options installed)

This load represents the total weight which may be added to the camper by the user. It could include such items as L.P. Gas, water in the supply tank, clothing, groceries, dishes, tools, sports equipment, boat, canopy, Add-A-Room, and screen enclosure. Judgement of weight may be improved by weighing each item before loading the camper the first several trips. Total these items in Step 4 of the Computation Form.

NOTE: Water contained in the 10 gallon water tank weighs 80 lbs. / L.P. Gas contained in a single 20 lb. gas bottle weighs 19 lbs. / The canopy weighs 24 lbs. / The Add-A-Room weighs 36 lbs. / The screen enclosure weighs 15 lbs.

CAUTION: Weight of boat not to exceed 400 lbs.

LOADED CAMPER WEIGHT

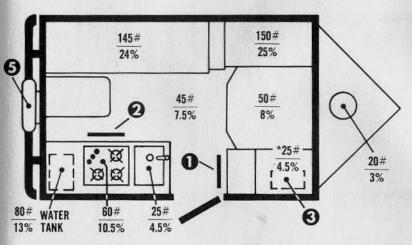
(Gross Vehicle Weight Rating - GVWR) - 2,645 LBS.

This weight consists of camper weight plus all options and RATED CARGO LOAD.

NOTE: The weight of optional equipment not being used may be added to the RATED CARGO LOAD using Step 2 of the Computation Form.

GROSS AXLE WEIGHT RATING (GAWR) - 2,460 LBS.

Gross axle weight is the capacity of the axle system (axle, springs, wheels and tires) at the ground.



*Explanation of Figures

25# represents the maximum weight which may be distributed in that particular area.
 4.5% represents the percentage of "Cargo Weight To Be Added" that may be distributed in that particular area.

FACTORY OR DEALER INSTALLED OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

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0	L.P. Gas Heater 35 lbs.	0	Privacy Curtains	3 lbs.
0	Refrigerator 41 lbs.	0	Spare Tire w/Wheel & Cover .	29 lbs.
0	Battery w/Accessories 50 lbs.	0	7" Hydraulic Brakes	25 lbs.

SPECIFICATIONS

HITCH — Class II, Weight Carrying Type. BALL SIZE — 2".

TIRE SIZE / PLY / INFLATION (PSI) — 5.30 x 12 / 6 / 80.

DIMENSIONS CLOSED FOR TRAVELING — Length 14'4", Width 6'11", Height 4'6".

RATED CARGO LOAD — 600 LBS. (with all options installed)

This load represents the total weight which may be added to the camper by the user. It could include such items as L.P. Gas, water in the supply tank, clothing, groceries, dishes, tools, sports equipment, boat, canopy, Add-A-Room, and screen enclosure. Judgement of weight may be improved by weighing each item before loading the camper the first several trips. Total these items in Step 4 of the Computation Form.

NOTE: Water contained in the 10 gallon water tank weighs 80 lbs. / L.P. Gas contained in a single 20 lb. gas bottle weighs 19 lbs. / The canopy weighs 23 lbs. / The Add-A-Room weighs 32 lbs. / The screen enclosure weighs 14 lbs.

CAUTION: Weight of boat not to exceed 400 lbs.

LOADED CAMPER WEIGHT

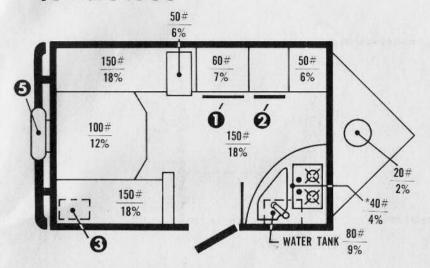
(Gross Vehicle Weight Rating - GVWR) - 2,325 LBS.

This weight consists of camper weight plus all options and RATED CARGO LOAD.

NOTE: The weight of optional equipment not being used may be added to the RATED CARGO LOAD using Step 2 of the Computation Form.

GROSS AXLE WEIGHT RATING (GAWR) - 2,100 LBS.

Gross axle weight is the capacity of the axle system (axle, springs. wheels and tires) at the ground.



*Explanation of Figures

40# represents the maximum weight which may be distributed in that particular area.
 4% represents the percentage of "Cargo Weight To Be Added" that may be distributed in that particular area.

FACTORY OR DEALER INSTALLED OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

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0	Refrigerator 41 lbs	s. 0	Spare Tire w/Wheel & Cover . :	29 lbs.
0	Battery w/Accessories 50 lbs	s. 0	10" Hydraulic Brakes	25 lbs.

SPECIFICATIONS

HITCH — Class II, Weight Carrying Type. BALL SIZE — 2".

TIRE SIZE / PLY / INFLATION (PSI) — 6.50 x 13 / 6 / 36.

DIMENSIONS CLOSED FOR TRAVELING
— Length 14'4", Width 6'11",
Height 4'9".

RATED CARGO LOAD — 850 LBS. (with all options installed)

This load represents the total weight which may be added to the camper by the user. It could include such items as L.P. Gas, water in the supply tank, clothing, groceries, dishes, tools, sports equipment, boat, canopy, Add-A-Room, and screen enclosure. Judgement of weight may be improved by weighing each item before loading the camper the first several trips. Total these items in Step 4 of the Computation Form.

NOTE: Water contained in the 10 gallon water tank weighs 80 lbs. / L.P. Gas contained in a single 20 lb. gas bottle weighs 19 lbs. / The canopy weighs 23 lbs. / The Add-A-Room weighs 32 lbs. / The screen enclosure weighs 14 lbs.

CAUTION: Weight of boat not to exceed 400 lbs.

LOADED CAMPER WEIGHT

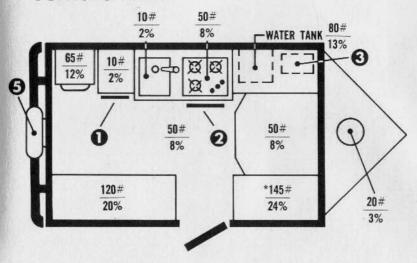
(Gross Vehicle Weight Rating - GVWR) — 2,600 LBS.

This weight consists of camper weight plus all options and RATED CARGO LOAD.

NOTE: The weight of optional equipment not being used may be added to the RATED CARGO LOAD using Step 2 of the Computation Form.

GROSS AXLE WEIGHT RATING (GAWR) — 2,460 LBS.

Gross axle weight is the capacity of the axle system (axle, springs. wheels and tires) at the ground.



*Explanation of Figures

1. 145# represents the maximum weight which may be distributed in that particular area.
 2. 24% represents the percentage of "Cargo Weight To Be Added" that may be distributed in that particular area.

FACTORY OR DEALER INSTALLED OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

	L.P. Gas Heater 3				
Ø	Refrigerator	41 lbs.	0	Spare Tire w/Wheel & Cover . :	29 lbs.
0	Battery w/Accessories 5	50 lbs.	0	7" Hydraulic Brakes	25 lbs.

SPECIFICATIONS

HITCH — Class II, Weight Carrying Type.
BALL SIZE — 2".
TIRE SIZE / PLY / INFLATION (PSI) —

TIRE SIZE / PLY / INFLATION (PSI) — 5.30 x 12 / 6 / 80.

DIMENSIONS CLOSED FOR TRAVELING — Length 14'4", Width 6'11", Height 4'6".

RATED CARGO LOAD — 600 LBS. (with all options installed)

This load represents the total weight which may be added to the camper by the user. It could include such items as L.P. Gas, water in the supply tank, clothing, groceries, dishes, tools, sports equipment, boat, canopy, Add-A-Room, and screen enclosure. Judgement of weight may be improved by weighing each item before loading the camper the first several trips. Total these items in Step 4 of the Computation Form.

NOTE: Water contained in the 10 gallon water tank weighs 80 lbs. / L.P. Gas contained in a single 20 lb. gas bottle weighs 19 lbs. / The canopy weighs 23 lbs. / The Add-A-Room weighs 32 lbs. / The screen enclosure weighs 14 lbs.

CAUTION: Weight of boat not to exceed 400 lbs.

LOADED CAMPER WEIGHT

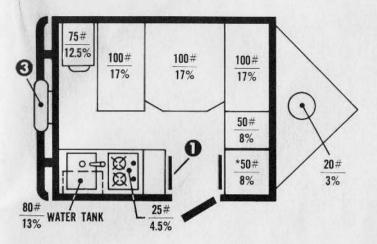
(Gross Vehicle Weight Rating - GVWR) - 2,290 LBS.

This weight consists of camper weight plus all options and RATED CARGO LOAD.

NOTE: The weight of optional equipment not being used may be added to the RATED CARGO LOAD using Step 2 of the Computation Form.

GROSS AXLE WEIGHT RATING (GAWR) - 2,100 LBS.

Gross axle weight is the capacity of the axle system (axle, springs, wheels and tires) at the ground.



*Explanation of Figures

50# represents the maximum weight which may be distributed in that particular area.
 8% represents the percentage of "Cargo Weight To Be Added" that may be distributed in that particular area.

FACTORY OR DEALER INSTALLED OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

SPECIFICATIONS

HITCH — Class II, Weight Carrying Type. BALL SIZE — 2".

TIRE SIZE / PLY / INFLATION (PSI) — 5.30 x 12 / 6 / 80.

DIMENSIONS CLOSED FOR TRAVELING — Length 12'4", Width 6'11", Height 4'6".

RATED CARGO LOAD — 600 LBS. (with all options installed)

This load represents the total weight which may be added to the camper by the user. It could include such items as L.P. Gas, water in the supply tank, clothing, groceries, dishes, tools, sports equipment, boat, canopy, Add-A-Room, and screen enclosure. Judgement of weight may be improved by weighing each item before loading the camper the first several trips. Total these items in Step 4 of the Computation Form.

NOTE: Water contained in the 10 gallon water tank weighs 80 lbs. / L.P. Gas contained in a single 20 lb. gas bottle weighs 19 lbs. / The canopy weighs 20 lbs. / The Add-A-Room weighs 30 lbs. / The screen enclosure weighs 13 lbs.

CAUTION: Weight of boat not to exceed 400 lbs.

LOADED CAMPER WEIGHT

(Gross Vehicle Weight Rating - GVWR — 2,095 LBS.

This weight consists of camper weight plus all options and RATED CARGO LOAD.

NOTE: The weight of optional equipment not being used may be added to the RATED CARGO LOAD using Step 2 of the Computation Form.

GROSS AXLE WEIGHT RATING (GAWR) - 1,800 LBS.

Gross axle weight is the capacity of the axle system (axle, springs, wheels and tires) at the ground.

SUGGESTED TRAVELING MAINTENANCE KIT

This list is merely a suggestion as to what should be packed into the camper before traveling. It may be varied to suit particular needs.

 Tool box with an assortment of common hand tools, along with a clutch head screw driver. This screw driver may be obtained from the VENTURE dealer or most automotive supply stores (photo 1).



Photo 1

- 2. One 2" x 4" x 6" board for each stabilizing jack.
- 3. One 2" x 12" x 12" board for the front jack wheel.
- 4. Short-handled shovel to dig shallow hole to lower wheel.
- 5. Two 25' long water hoses and a "Y" type water fitting.
- 6. Bucket.
- 7. Portable lantern or flashlight.
- 8. Spare fuses and light bulbs.
- Highway safety kit which should include flares, reflectors, fire extinguisher and first aid kit. This kit is available from most dealers.

FILLING WATER TANK

See instructions in SET UP INSTRUCTIONS section, STEP 19 B, (page 19).

HITCHING

Front Jack and Dolly Wheel

Raise camper coupler over towing vehicle hitch ball by cranking front jack clockwise. Position coupler onto hitch ball by cranking jack counter-clockwise. Turn dolly wheel clockwise so that its dimple is aligned with the groove in the jack leg (photo 2). Remove wheel and pull off the jack stand. Raise the jack stand as far as possible.

Coupler

Push coupler lever down until it locks in place. Adjust nut on underside of coupler so that the bracket is snug with the hitch ball (photo 3).



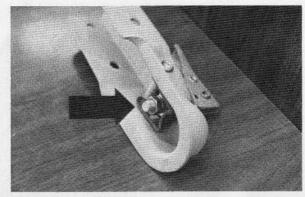


Photo 2

Photo 3

Safety Chains

Attach the two safety chains from the camper tongue to the eye bolts of the hitch platform. These chains must cross under the tongue. They should have enough slack to permit turning of the camper and the towing vehicle.

Break-away Lever Chain and Brakes (Standard on MODEL 1280 and optional on all others.)

Pass break-away lever chain, which is connected to the coupler's break-away lever, through eye bolt located on the coupler, and attach it to the towing vehicle's hitch (photo 4). NOTE: This breakaway feature must not be used as a parking brake.

CAUTION:

BEFORE TOWING CAMPER, CHECK TO SEE IF:

- A. Break-away chain is installed properly.
- B. Break-away lever is in the full "released" position. When towing, check position of lever periodically,
- C. Jack stand is raised properly.

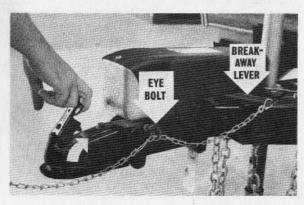


Photo 4

Electrical System

See the DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION OF SYSTEMS section — TOWING VEHICLE AND CAMPER ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS, for electrical hook up instructions (page 27).

Driving Tips

PULLING

- 1. Move into traffic in low gear and accelerate gradually. Do not rush through the gear sequence (manual transmission).
- Stay in the right lane as much as possible. Allow the right-of-way to faster vehicles.
- 3. Before passing a slower vehicle, be certain that you have enough highway space ahead and speed to complete the maneuver. Signal all lane changes. Allow enough room between you and the vehicle you passed before returning to the right lane.
- 4. When turning, swing wide of curb. The camper will turn closer to the curb than the towing vehicle.
- 5. Shift to a lower gear when either ascending or descending a hill or steep grade.
- Avoid sudden stops. Read the owners manual of your towing vehicle for the proper stopping technique.

BACKING

 Place hand at the bottom of the steering wheel. Move the wheel in the direction you want camper to go.

Set Up Instructions

- CAUTION: If a boat is being transported, remove it from roof carrier before raising roof.
- Reinstall dolly wheel on the front jack leg. Align dimple located inside collar of the wheel mounting bracket with groove in the jack leg. Slide collar over leg. When dimple is in line with slotted hole in leg, turn collar counter-clockwise (photo 2).

3. Release coupler from the hitch ball by appropriate method.

A. With hydraulic brakes: lift coupler release lever and pull it toward the camper (photo 4).

B. Without brakes: unlatch the trigger catch and pull the release lever toward the towing vehicle (photo 5).

Position camper in desired location. When on soft ground, place a board under the front lack wheel.



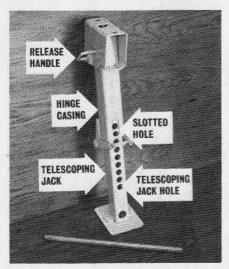
Photo 5

- 4. Release four corner roof latches by pulling lever down. Remove latch from striker.
- 5. Install canopy as outlined in the OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT section (Page 21).
- 6. Raise roof to required height. First, insert winch handle through 'A" frame, or tongue, and connect to winch shaft. Next, move ratchet lever fully up and crank handle clockwise until yellow mark on cable is in line with indicator on winch casing. After roof is raised, remove handle and store.

CAUTION:

Roof must be raised to required height before positioning stabilizing jacks.

- 7. Crank front jack counter-clockwise several turns to lower the tongue. Position adjustable stabilizing jacks (located under the camper floor frame at both rear corners of all models, and also at the front corners of MODEL 1280) using the following procedure.
 - A. Pull release handle and swing hinge casing down (photo 6).
 - B. Release the telescoping jack by depressing the quick release lever (photo 6 and 7).
 - C. If jack needs to be lengthened (to level camper), insert rod through the hinge casing's slotted hole; into one of the telescoping jack's round holes (photo 6); through quick release lever round hole (photo 7); and push down. Remove rod and store.



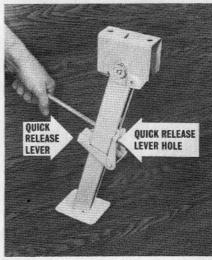


Photo 6

Photo 7

8. Tilt front of door step upward and hook it onto the chassis frame under the door (photo 8).



Photo 8

9. Install canopy supports as outlined in OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT section (page 21).

10. Set up end bunks as follows:

MODEL 860

- A. Assemble four 2-piece end bunk support rods. Rods are stored under the end bunk mattresses. The longer rods are to be used at the front and the shorter ones at the back of the camper. Insert upper portion of rod flange into bracket located on the top edge of the body (photo 9). Next, insert the lower portion of the rod into its holder, frame slots in the front (photo 10) and brackets in the rear (photo 11).
- B. Slide bunk out of camper onto supports.
- C. Place the canvas end over end bunks and stretch elastic cord over the thimble located on the support rods (photo 9).
- D. Inside camper, insert lock pin into each bunk slide (photo 12).
- E. Extend the bunk support bows on each end so that the canvas is taut.

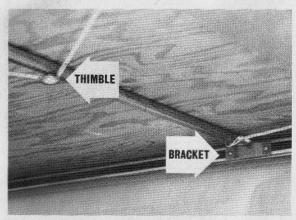
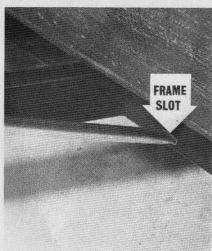


Photo 9



BRACKET

Photo 10

Photo 11

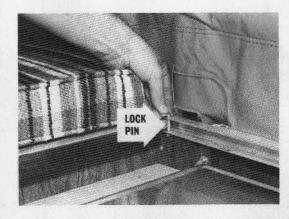


Photo 12

All Other Models

- A. Slide bunk out of camper.
- B. Install each end bunk support rod by first inserting one of its flanges into the bracket located under the end bunk (photo 13). Next, insert the other end of rod into its holder, frame slots on the front (photo 10) and brackets on the rear (photo 11).
- C. Inside the camper, place the canvas ends over each bunk end and stretch elastic cord over to, and hook to, the thimble located under the bunk overhang (photo 13).
- Extend the bunk support bows on each end so that the canvas is taut.

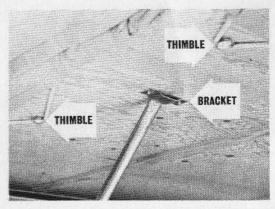


Photo 13

- 11. Lower the upper door frame from the traveling position under the roof and secure it in the door opening with twist locks. It may be necessary to apply slight upward pressure on the screen door assembly so that hasp of door slips over the twist locks. Press the doorway canvas sidewall flaps to the door frame.
- Install Add-A-Room or screen enclosure, whichever is applicable, as outlined in the OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT section (page 22).

13. Raise wardrobe closet.

MODELS 1280 and 1060 only

Lift closet with handle and swing support leg down to the floor in the locked position.

MODEL 1066

Lift closet and fasten latch lock.

MODEL 860

Lift closet with handle and secure with hinged wooden support leg.

14. Raise kitchen counter.

MODELS 1080 and 1060 only

Raise door on front of kitchen counter and unfasten retainer hook from lower eye bolt (photo 14). Grasp each end of the counter top and rotate it out and up (photos 15 and 16). Fasten retainer hook to the upper eye bolt (photo 14).

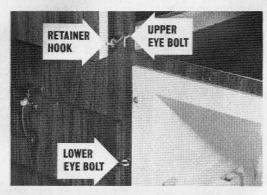


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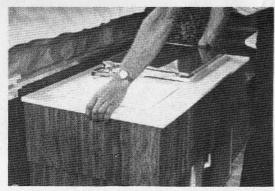


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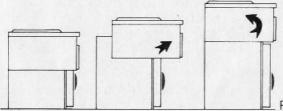


Photo 16

MODEL 860

Grasp each end of the counter top and rotate it out and up (photos 15 and 16). Position both wooden support legs (one at each end) under kitchen counter (photo 17).



Photo 17

- 15. MODEL 1066 kitchen console: Swing console unit out so that it latches in place.
- 16. Dinette table/bed:

Insert table extrusion into the upper wall extrusion and unfold support leg. To unfold leg, pull it toward the wall and swing it down to the locked position. Slide table to either side to make entry into the dinette seats easier. Lower the dinette table to the seats to form a bed platform using the following procedure.

- Fold support leg by pulling it towards the floor. Swing it up to the locked position.
- B. Remove table extrusion from the upper wall extrusion.
- C. Insert the table extrusion into the lower wall extrusion.
- D. Place the table on the support ledges of the dinette seats.
- E. Place seat/back cushions on the table.
- 17. MODEL 1080 rear table:

Insert table extrusion into the upper wall extrusion and unfold support leg. To unfold leg, pull it toward the wall and swing it down to the locked position. Remove table before traveling or setting up gaucho sleeping platform.

- **18.** All models are equipped with clear vinyl windows and screen material sewn into the canvas walls. Windows may be unzipped for ventilation. Insert curtain hooks into roof extrusion.
- 19. Fresh water system:

 Fresh water may be supplied to the sink from one of two sources, either a 10 gal. water tank or city water hook-up.

Fixtures for both sources are located adjacent to each other on the same side of the camper and are labeled.

A. City water: Fasten a water hose from city water hook-up to the fresh water fixture (photo 18). To obtain water, turn faucet handle counter-clockwise. When using city water hook-up the water tank is by-passed.

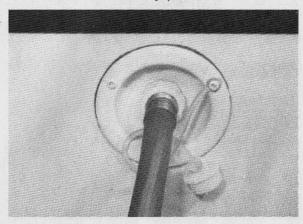


Photo 18

B. Water tank: Use a water hose or bucket to fill water tank. Fill the water tank through the fresh water fixture (photo 19). To draw water from the supply tank turn the faucet handle counter-clockwise (approximately five complete revolutions) and pump.

NOTE:

Drain water tank after returning from a trip. When outside temperature is below freezing, precautions must be taken to quard against water tank damage.

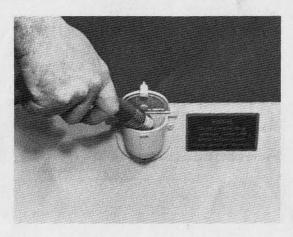


Photo 19

20. Sink drain:

Most campgrounds have a septic service available for the removal of sink water. Connect hose to sink drain fixture (photo 20) and then to the park septic service.

NOTE:

The cap for this fixture must be securely in place before towing camper.

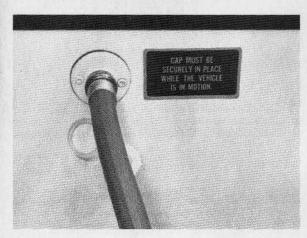


Photo 20

Optional Equipment

BOAT RACK

Position boat on top of carrier cross bars with bow facing toward the front of the camper. Secure boat with webbing and buckles.

CAUTION:

Do not place a boat weighing more than 400 lbs. on the camper roof. Always remove boat before raising roof.

CANOPY

Before installing canopy on camper, check each end of extrusion slot for sharp burrs. Remove burrs and sharp edges with a rat tail file. The canopy may be damaged if this corrective action is not followed.

Spread out canopy with rope seam lying along right side of camper. Insert end of rope seam into extrusion slot. Pull entire seam into position (photo 21). Fasten canopy snaps to roof side panel snap studs (photo 22). Secure ties to telescoping lifters.

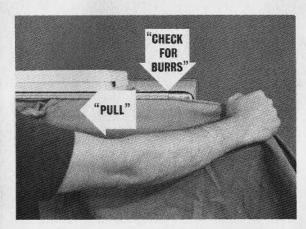


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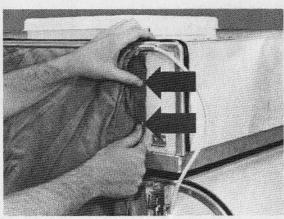


Photo 22

Canopy Supports

Insert pin of each support into canopy eyelets. Extend supports so that the center pole is approximately four inches higher than the corners. Secure poles with stakes and rope.

ADD-A-ROOM

Spread the Add-A-Room enclosure under the canopy and reposition the supports on canvas floor. Fasten floor panel flap and side panel to the camper. Wrap each Add-A-Room flap around telescoping lifter posts and fasten with snaps. Fasten the canopy snaps (one at each end) to the Add-A-Room (photo 23). Zip Add-A-Room and canopy flaps together.

CAUTION:

MODELS 1080 and 860 only: DO NOT USE HEATER WHEN ADD-A-ROOM IS INSTALLED.

SCREEN ENCLOSURE

Spread the screen enclosure under the canopy. Fasten the enclosure's lower rear panel and both side panels to the camper. Wrap end flap of screen enclosure around camper telescoping lifter post and fasten together with snaps. Fasten the canopy snaps (one on each end) to the screen enclosure. Zip screen enclosure and canopy flaps together.

NOTE:

To release fasteners, place fingers as close to the dot on the cap as possible and pry apart (photo 24).



Photo 23

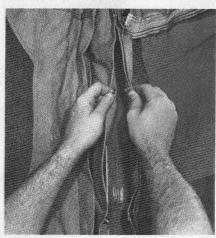


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AUTOMATIC CHANGEOVER VALVE

(obtainable from VENTURE dealer)

The automatic changeover valve is located in the L.P. Gas line between the two gas bottles and the pressure regulator. Open both bottle supply valves. Turn indicator knob fully in either direction so that it points at a tank. When this first bottle is nearly empty an indicator flag, which is part of the changeover valve, will change from white to red. At the same time the automatic changeover valve will switch to the second bottle. Remove and refill the first bottle following procedures and precautions outlined in the DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION OF SYSTEMS section, (page 29). Turn indicator knob so that it points at the second bottle. Observe indicator flag at least once a day to reduce the possibility of running completely out of gas.

ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR

Follow the electric refrigerator manufacturer's owners manual for operation and maintenance. The electric refrigerator may be powered by one of three sources, 110 Volt shoreline, towing vehicle battery, or 12 Volt battery. The DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION OF SYSTEMS section contains further information covering the 110 Volt and towing vehicle battery sources.

The 12 Volt battery is supplied by the dealer. It is located inside the camper, under the outside breather port (photo 25), enclosed in a protective case (photo 26). **DO NOT** bend the hose which runs from the case to the port. Provisions have been made so that this battery may be recharged by the towing vehicle. In order to take advantage of this feature, slight modifications will have to be made to the towing vehicle's wiring system.

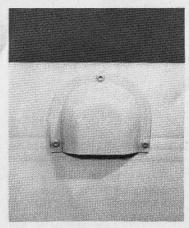


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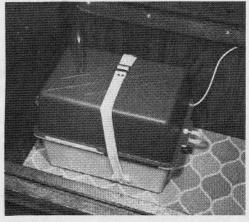


Photo 26

Take Down Instructions

INSIDE CAMPER

- 1. Load trailer as outlined in TRAVELING PREPARATION section.
- 2. Close windows and curtains.
- 3. Lower dinette table to the bed position.
- MODEL 1080 only: remove the rear table from the wall extrusion and place it on the floor.
- Lower counter top and wardrobe closet to the traveling position. Secure counter top with retainer hook.
- 6. Lock the faucet pump handle in the down position.
- 7. Detach the canvas sidewall flaps from the door frame and swing upper door to the roof and secure in place with twist locks.
- 8. Lower end bunk support bows by depressing lock levers on each end of poles.

NOTE:

Bows must be fully down to prevent damage to the canvas when roof is lowered.

MODEL 860 only: withdraw lock pin from each bunk slide and store in bracket.

OUTSIDE CAMPER

10. Remove bunk support rods and push in end bunks using the following procedure.

MODEL 860 only

- Unhook all elastic cords of canvas ends from thimbles located on the end bunk support rods.
- B. Slide end bunks into the camper.
- C. Remove the end bunk support rods and store them under the end bunk mattress. Wrap rod ends so that sharp ends will not damage the mattress cover.

All Other Models

- Unhook all elastic cords of canvas ends from thimbles located under end bunks.
- B. Remove the end bunk support rods and store them under the end bunk mattress. Wrap rod ends so that sharp ends will not damage the mattress cover.
- C. Slide end bunks into the camper.

11. Remove door step and secure it to the tongue (photo 27).

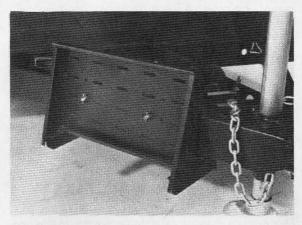


Photo 27

- If canopy is used, remove its support stakes.
- 13. Fold stabilizing jacks under camper as follows:
 - Depress quick release lever and slide telescoping jack into the hinge casing.
 - B. Swing hinge casing up until it engages with the release handle.

CAUTION:

STABILIZING JACKS MUST BE RAISED BEFORE ROOF IS LOWERED.

- **14.** MODEL 1066 kitchen console only: depress release catch located on the bottom of the console. Swing the console inside the camper.
- 15. Turn winch crank and lower the roof within 6" to 8" of the top of camper body. Push the overhanging canvas into the camper. Lower the roof again to within three inches and again push the overhanging canvas into the camper.
- 16. Lower roof to body and fasten the four corner roof latches.
- 17. If canopy is used, remove it from roof extrusion.

NOTE:

Latch tension may be varied by turning nut on latch bolt; however, water and/or dust will leak into camper if latches are too tight.

 See HITCHING instructions outlined in the TRAVELING PREPARATION section (page 10).

Description and Operation of Systems

BULB NUMBERS

Clearance, Identification and Side
Marker lights — No. 1895 automotive
Tail and Turn lights —
No. 1157 automotive
12V Interior lights —
No. 1141 automotive
Swingout Kitchen light —
MODEL 1066
No. 194 automotive

PIGTAIL WIRING CODE

6 Prong Plug

White-ground

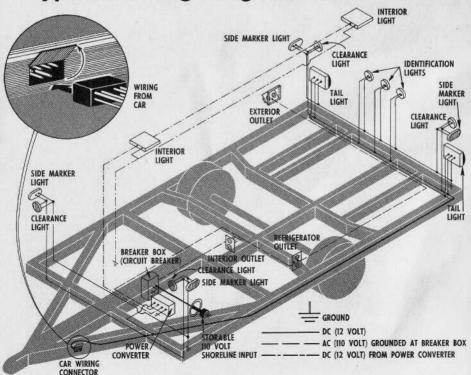
Green-tail, clearance, identification and side marker lights

Red-left turn signal

Brown-right turn signal

Blue-accessory wire Yellow-interior 12V light

Typical Wiring Diagram (AC and DC)



TOWING VEHICLE AND CAMPER ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

Camper running lights (clearance, identification, side marker, tail, brake and turn) and interior lights are operated by the towing vehicle's 12 Volt battery. Plug towing vehicle pigtail into the socket located in the camper hitch tongue (see Typical Wiring Diagram).

NOTE:

Pigtail and towing vehicle wires may be connected using special clips which are available through VENTURE. These clips will eliminate the need for stripping the wire and taping the connections. The wire must not drag on the ground when the vehicle and camper turn.

110 VOLT SHORELINE INPUT

(see Typical Wiring Diagram)

110 Volts are supplied through a power supply cord, which is stored in the trunk, from an external source. The cord has a standard 3-pronged plug which will be found under a protective lid (photo 28).

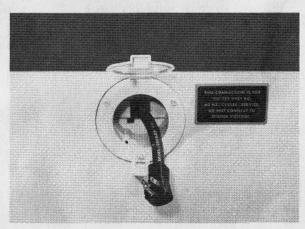
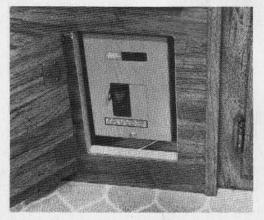


Photo 28

One circuit is provided for operation of interior and exterior receptacles and the optional electric refrigerator (see the OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT section for further information concerning the ELEC- TRIC REFRIGERATOR). This circuit is protected by a circuit breaker (photo 29). Either overloading a circuit or operating a defective appliance will cause the breaker to trip.



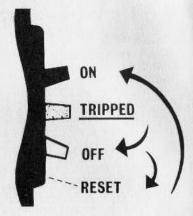


Photo 29

Photo 30

To reset tripped breaker (photo 30):

- A. Turn "OFF" all appliances, lights, etc.
- B. Flip breaker switch past the "OFF" position to the "RESET" position.
- C. Flip switch to the "ON" position.

POWER CONVERTER

The power converter changes 100 Volts Alternating Current (A.C.) shoreline input to 12 Volts Direct Current (D.C.) output for operation of the interior lights. Output lines are protected by a 3 amp. automotive type fuse located below the three position converter switch in a press-to-release holder (photo 31). Fuse size for your model is marked on the front of the button. Any additional 12 Volt appliance should not exceed 3 amp. maximum draw.

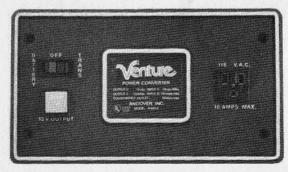


Photo 31

The three positions of the converter switch are:

A. "OFF" — When camper is being prepared for either towing or storage.

- B. "TRANS" When 110 Volts shoreline input is desired.
- C. "BATTERY" When power from the towing vehicle's battery is desired.

L.P. GAS SYSTEM

The L.P. (Liquid Petroleum) Gas system provides fuel for operation of the stove and optional furnace.

When bottle is empty, close the supply valve and unfasten regulator. Refill the empty bottle at an L.P. Gas supply station. Turn off stove and furnace before opening valve of refilled bottle. Follow manufacturer's instructions carefully when lighting appliances.

WARNING:

- A. NEVER SMOKE OR IGNITE AN OPEN FLAME EITHER INSIDE THE CAMPER OR NEAR IT WHILE BOTTLE IS BEING REFILLED.
- B. USE A LEAK DETECTOR KIT OR SOAPY WATER SOLUTION WHEN CHECKING FOR A LEAK. NEVER USE AN OPEN FLAME.
- C. THE STOVE AND FURNACE MUST BE TURNED OFF TO AVOID AN EXPLOSION BEFORE OPENING VALVE OF REFILLED BOTTLE.

SANITIZING WATER SYSTEM

On a new unit or one that has not been used for a period of time, or one that may have become contaminated, the following procedure should be followed to assure complete sanitation of fresh water.

- Prepare a chlorine solution using one gallon of water and ¼ cup of Clorox or Purex household bleach (5% sodium hypochlorite solution). Pour solution into tank.
- 2. Open faucet and fill tank with fresh water. Allow water to stand in tank for approximately three hours.
- 3. After waiting 3 hours, drain tank and flush tank with potable (drinking) water.
- 4. To remove any excessive chlorine residue, taste or odor, prepare a solution of one quart vinegar to five gallons water and allow this solution to agitate in tank by vehicle motion for several days.
- 5. Drain tank and again flush with potable water.

Care and Maintenance

RUNNING GEAR

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you check the following items before your first trip and after driving the first 200 miles:

- A. Tires must be inflated to recommended pressure as indicated either on tire or in the tire manufacturer's instruction booklet.
- B. Wheel bolts must be tightened to a torque of 85 to 95 ft. lbs.
- C. Lubricate wheel bearings with automotive-type grease.
- D. Tighten axle/spring U-bolt lock nuts.

For safe trailering, re-check items every 1000 miles or twice a season.

GENERAL TIRE CONDITION

Dealers are required by Federal regulations to submit tire information to consumers.

Check tire air pressure; under-inflated tires can cause sway and over-inflation can create a bouncy rough ride. Both conditions will cause problems such as excessive tire wear and blowouts.

CHANGING TIRES

 Place a scissors jack under the frame close to the wheel which is to be changed. DO NOT use a bumper jack because the side panels may be damaged.

NOTE:

Position stud at 12 o'clock before removing or installing 13" tire. This will allow tire to slide free easily.

2. Tighten wheel bolts to a torque of 85 to 95 ft. lbs. Check bolt torque after traveling 25 miles.

WHEEL BEARINGS

Wheel bearings should be checked often for lubrication. A good grade of wheel bearing grease should be used for packing. Check rims and hubs for road damage, as a bent or damaged wheel will create an uneven tire rotation and could bring about the loss of a wheel.

BRAKES

See manufacturer's instruction manual for care and maintenance.

WINCH

The winch has been fully lubricated at the factory. We recommend that gears and hub shaft be greased and the drive shaft be oiled for continued peak performance and increased life.

TELESCOPING LIFTER SYSTEM

(U.S. Patent No. 3314715)

The telescoping lifter cables and pulleys should be lubricated with a good grade of light oil in the fall and spring. They must be lubricated again in the winter, if camper is used during that season.

Also lubricate the pulleys on the underside of the trailer. The stainless steel lifters should be sprayed with a silicone lubricant to prevent any friction. Oil or graphite lubricants may stain the canvas

and are not recommended.

Lifter adjustment can be made at the yoke (on the underside of the camper floor). The lifter will move 2 inches for each 1 inch change at the yoke. All four corners can be adjusted simultaneously by turning the main winch cable eve bolt locking nut at the voke.

The proper lifter adjustment should be approximately 42 inches between the bottom of the roof side panel and the top of the body.

CANVAS

Set up and spray camper with hose to precondition canvas. Allow canvas to dry and spray again. A piece of wax may be used to seal a leaky seam as well as waterproofing and lubricating zippers.

Many substances such as tree sap, bird droppings, etc., may destroy the canvas water repellency; therefore, remove with water and scrub brush. We recommend warm, soapy water (mild detergent) to remove stubborn stains. Rinse area thoroughly with cool water and allow to dry completely. If the canvas loses its repellency, apply a thin coat of water repellent solution. Work this solution into the canvas pores with a brush.

Water repellent solution may be obtained from VENTURE dealers.

Moisture, which may form on the inside of the bunk ends, may be controlled by opening the roof ventilator and the bunk end windows. When using stove inside camper, leave door or roof ventilator open.

The canvas sidewalls are attached to the roof and body by special aluminum extrusions. Use a wooden block and mallet to tighten extrusions. When it becomes necessary to remove the canvas from the camper, simply unscrew the clutch head screws which hold the canvas in the roof and body extrusions.

WHITE VINYL

The white vinyl bunk ends may be cleaned in the same manner as the canvas. Automobile convertible top cleaners may be used to remove stains. Follow cleaner manufacturer's instructions.

Do not allow sun to dry moisture (rain or dew) into vinyl. Moisture combined with dust and dirt will result in a stain which will be almost impossible to remove.

Leaky seams can be sealed with Calabana sealer (available from VENTURE dealers).

STAINED WOOD SURFACES

All prefinished wood areas can be cleaned with a good household furniture wax or polish. Scuffs and scratches may be covered with a matching color putty stick or hidden with a commercial wax and stain mixture. **DO NOT** use water.

Dinette seat storage compartment lids and any other stained wood trim may be sanded and restained as necessary. This maintenance will keep the wood looking new and eliminate the necessity of any major refinishing for several years.

PAINTED ALUMINUM SIDING

The siding should be cleaned with mild soap and water, and then rinsed thoroughly. **DO NOT** use an abrasive material on the surface as this would damage the finish. A good non-abrasive liquid or paste wax will help preserve the finish. **DO NOT** wash or wax while the exterior is hot from the sun.

UPHOLSTERY AND CUSHION COVERS

The cushion covers are made of high quality fabric, backed with latex for stability. If cleaning becomes necessary, use a foam-type upholstery cleaner. **DO NOT** remove covers from cushions. **DO NOT** dry-clean or wash by hand or machine.

DRAPES

All drapery material may either be dry-cleaned or washed with a mild detergent. When washing be sure to stretch out and anchor them before they dry; shrinkage may occur if this precaution is not followed.

FLOOR COVERING

The vinyl floor covering should be cleaned with clear water and a mild detergent. An occasional waxing will prolong the beauty of the floor covering.

APPLIANCES

Operating, maintenance and service instructions for the stove, furnace and electric refrigerator are included in the owner's packet. Read each one carefully and store together in a convenient location. Again note that all service warranties must be validated by filling in and mailing registration cards to each manufacturer.

ICE BOX

Place ice in top tray. Check water drain tube, which is between the ice tray and outside the camper, for kinks, and clear if necessary.

ICE BOX/ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR

Use mild liquid cleaner and water to clean the inside of either the ice box or electric refrigerator.

Storage

- Pour one of the following solutions into the sink drain to prevent freezing:
 - A. 60% Gylcerol, by weight in water. Use undiluted.
 - B. 22% Magnesium Chloride, by weight in water. Use undiluted.
 - C. Any recommended plastic pipe anti-freeze.
- 2. Drain water from water tank by using exterior drain (photo 32).

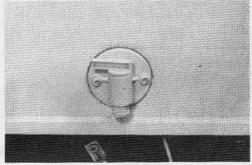


Photo 32

- Complete lubrication of the winch lifter system and cable, as described in the CARE AND MAINTENANCE section, should be completed before long periods of storage to prevent rust or corrosion from damaging moving parts.
- 4. Remove canvas cushions and store inside home. If trailer is covered with plastic or canvas, the door and/or roof vent should be opened to provide adequate ventilation so that moisture will evaporate.
- Sweep snow off the roof as soon as possible. DO NOT allow snow to accumulate.
- Jack camper off of the ground to prevent flat spots from developing on tires and wheel bearings. The camper should be slanted from front to rear so that water may drain off roof.
- During storage periods, remove food from the ice box or electric refrigerator. Prop open ice box or refrigerator door.

Warranty Repairs

Your new camper is the result of VENTURE's dedication to provide a product that will assure years of camping enjoyment. This dedication is extended through the design, engineering and manufacturing as well as customer service and repairs. Should a problem develop with your new VENTURE as a result of workmanship or materials, we want it corrected and back in service just as much and just as quickly as you do.

The first place to seek correction of a warranty problem is always at the dealership where you bought the camper. Over 300 VENTURE camping trailer dealers across the United States and Canada are authorized to perform warranty repairs to your satisfaction.

More serious problems may require servicing and repair beyond the facilities of the dealership. Every VENTURE dealer is backed by one of thirty-three wholesale distributors listed on the following pages. Each distributor maintains parts inventories, service facilities, and factory-trained personnel to assure the availability of warranty repair to VENTURE owners anywhere in the U.S. and Canada.

Distributor facilities are equipped to handle only major warranty repair and should not be contacted for routine servicing and maintenance. These services can best be handled by your VENTURE dealer.

VENTURE, too, is committed to satisfying any warranty problem which may occur. At our factories we have complete service facilities and personnel to back our dealer and distributor organization.

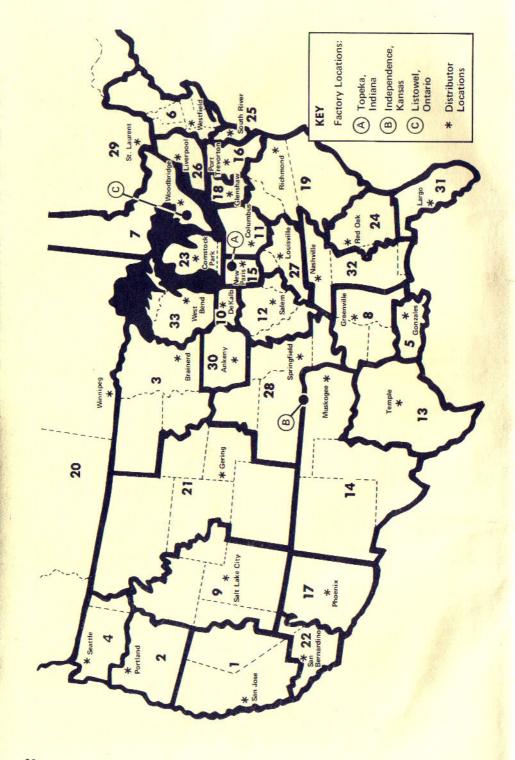
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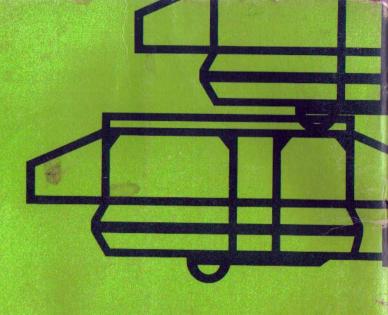
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- 2. THE BEEBE COMPANY 16075 Southwest Upper Boones Ferry Road Portland, Oregon 97223 Phone: (503) 639-8896
- BRAINERD RECREATIONAL DIST. P.O. Box 311 Brainerd, Minnesota 56401 Phone: (218) 829-8738
- THE BRYANT CORPORATION 740 N. Northlake Way P.O. Box 1572 Seattle, Washington 98103 Phone: (206) 632-3474
- C & M DISTRIBUTORS Box 1256 Gonzales, Louisiana 70737 Phone: (504) 644-2838
- CAMFOUR, INC. Westfield Industrial Park Westfield, Massachusetts 01085 Phone: (413) 568-3371

- R.R. 3 Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada Phone: (416) 893-1757
- 8. THE F. & J. DISTRIBUTORS Highway 82 West P.O. Box 5636 Greenville, Mississippi 38701 Phone: (601) 335-9228
- 9. GENERAL IMPLEMENT DISTRIBUTORS, INC. 2955 West 21st South Salt Lake City, Utah 84107 Phone: (801) 487-6237
- 10. GRIFFIN SALES COMPANY, INC. 205 S. Industrial Drive P.O. Box 21 DeKalb, Illinois 60115 Phone: (815) 758-0689
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- 17. KIRK'S MARINE INC. 418 E. Van Buren Phoenix, Arizona 85004 Phone: (602) 254-2111
- 18. KLEBER BROTHERS Route 8 Glenshaw, Pennsylvania 15116 Phone: (412) 486-2000
- 19. LEISURE TIME DIST., INC. 2318 Deepwater Terminal Rd. Richmond, Virginia 23224 Phone: (703) 231-4441
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- 7. JOAN & BILL CHARBONEAU LTD. 21. MASEK AUTO SUPPLY CO., INC. 1310 Broadway Gering, Nebraska 69341 Phone: (308) 436-2500
 - 22. METROPOLITAN MARINE 124 South "F" Street P.O. Box 2816 San Bernardino, California 92406 Phone: (714) 889-0181
 - 23. MICHIGAN MARINE DIST. CO. 5657 Alpine Avenue N.W. Comstock Park, Michigan 49321 Phone: (616) 363-7771
 - 24. MODERN APPLIANCE & MARINE 4875 Rockhill Road Red Oak, Georgia 30272 Phone: (404) 767-2759
 - 25. NEW JERSEY STARCRAFT DIST. Herman Street Box 387 South River, New Jersey 08882 Phone: (201) 257-3653
 - 26. NEW YORK STARCRAFT BOAT DIST. Vine Street Liverpool, New York 13088 Phone: (315) 457-3972
 - 27. OHIO VALLEY MARINE 1221 W. Main Street P.O. Box 1496 Louisville, Kentucky 40201 Phone: (502) 584-7225
 - 28. OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL DIST. 440 E. Tampa Street P.O. Box 1247 S.S.S. Springfield, Missouri 65806 Phone: (417) 862-2771
 - 29. QUEBEC STARCRAFT DIST., INC. 943 Montee de Liesse St. Laurent 377, Quebec, Canada Phone: (514) 735-4627
 - 30. RALPH'S DISTRIBUTING CO. 2100 Delaware Ankeny Industrial Park Ankeny, Iowa 50021 Phone: (515) 964-4269
 - 31. SEACOAST MARINE ENTERPRISES INC. 7501 124th Avenue North Largo, Florida 33540 Phone: (813) 531-0818
 - 32. BILL VOORHEES COMPANY 700 8th Avenue South Nashville, Tennessee 37203 Phone: (615) 242-4481
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WARRANTY

This warranty applies only to the original registered owner of a VENTURE camping trailer and is valid only if the registration card is returned within 30 days after original purchase.

All registered VENTURE camping trailers are warranted for a period of 12 months from the date of purchase against defects in materials and workmanship.

During the warranty period, VENTURE will repair any defect in the structure of the product. Repairs can be made at any one of our franchised servicing centers located throughout the United States and Canada.

The franchised servicing center reserves the option to return the product to the nearest VENTURE factory for the repairs. In this case, there will be a minimum handling charge involved.

The judgment of our factory trained experts is final as to the extent of liability. Any repair made as a result of an accident, neglect, alteration, or abuse will be made at a charge to the owner.

OTHER THAN AS HEREIN STATED VENTURE MAKES NO WAR-BANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY AND THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THE DESCRIPTION ON THE FACE HEREOF.

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