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CHAPTER 1:

Why invest in a cover?

- ❑ You have a large investment in your motor home, travel trailer, fifth-wheel or other RV. Unless you are a full timer, it may sit for weeks, maybe even months, exposed to elements including dirt, dust, snow, rain, bird droppings, tree sap, etc., etc.... you get the picture.
- ❑ Especially harmful to the paint job of your RV are the sun's ultraviolet rays. The UV rays can not only damage the exterior paint job they can also cause vinyl, rubber and leather cracking on the interior. Unless you are one of those extremely lucky individuals that have a permanent garage that can house your RV you will have to rely on protection from an RV cover.
- ❑ The least expensive protection for your coach comes from an RV cover. While there are different cover designs and materials available, the most important considerations are ease of use and quality. It is important to find an RV cover that is easy to handle yet strong and durable. A cover does you no good if it is seldom used because it is too hard to take off or put on.

- ❑ Custom-fit covers made for a particular RV provide better protection than universal or ready-fit covers because they follow the shape and specific dimensions of your RV. Custom-fit covers will not move around in the wind as much as universal covers. It is important when choosing a size of cover that you make provisions for air conditioners, mirrors, spare tire covers and other appendages on your coach. Most of the new covers allow for a few of these appendages but if you have all of them you may want to get one size up in size, you will want your cover to fit snug on your RV but not tight as if it was shrink wrapped.
- ❑ An important consideration in choosing a cover is what material the cover is made of. We will be comparing several different types of covers, materials, weight of the cover, climate conditions and warranty in the next chapter. High quality covers are made of "breathable" materials allowing moisture to escape your coach. There are different covers made for specific climate conditions and this should be a big factor in which cover you choose to purchase. RV covers will be water resistant and will provide protection against UV radiation.





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- ❑ Another area that can be harmed if stored for long periods of time is your tires. It is critical that RV tires are protected from the harmful UV rays and also the ozone. Tires stored for months are more prone to cracking, especially in the sidewall area, which can lead to blowouts. Tire damage can be greatly reduced by using protective coverings. Tire covers are important to use if you are going to be wintering in a warm climate and staying in one spot for several months with no travel.



CHAPTER 2:

Universal Fit Covers by ADCO



DuPont Tyvek RV Covers:

- Available in Gray or White
- For Intense Sunshine, Intense Moisture and Intense UV Rays
- Specially effective in dusty environments
- Prevents most liquid, dirt, dust and UV from penetrating to RV
- Completely Breathable
- All models come with standard with passenger-side Zipper Entry Doors
- 2 Year Warranty





Designer RV Covers:

- Zipper Entry Panel
- Breathable 3 Layers of fabric on top and side panels
- Clinching system to remove slack
- Reinforced corners to reduce wear
- Highly resistant top panel
- Attached straps and buckles hold cover in place
- Elasticized front and rear corners for a snug fit
- Ladder cap
- Storage bag
- 2 Year Manufacturers Replacement Warranty
- High sun exposure, high moisture and/or snow
- Weighted strap and buckle assist
- Vents to prevent billowing
- Long term storage





SFS AquaShed RV Covers:

- Ideal for climates with intense moisture and some sunshine
- Prevents most liquid from penetrating RV's surface
- Complete breathability
- Strap and buckle attachments prevent billowing
- Reinforced elasticized corners
- Bunny-eared cinching system for fabric control
- Good for Northern or Mid-Western states, not Southern States
- 2 year warranty



CHAPTER 3:

Custom Fit Covers ADCO



DuPont Tyvek Custom Fit RV Covers:

- For Climates with intense Sun/Rain/Snow
- ADCO is the only manufacturer using this fabric
- Especially effective in dusty environments
- A Zipper Entry Door
- Storage bag included
- Full 1-piece tops and triple seams for durability
- Four Year Warranty





Sunbrella Custom Fit RV Covers:

- Made with top-of-the-line fabric
- For use in the most intense of climates
- Complete Breathability
- Sun, Wind or rain will not fade the color
- Most durable fabric made so far
- 5 year Warranty



CHAPTER 4:

Covers by Camco



UltraGuard RV Covers:

- Recommended for cold, snowy regions
- Triple Layer SFS Fabric on top for maximum resistance to moisture
- Heavy duty polypropylene fabric on sides
- Tough interlocking seams
- Integrated zippers for easy access to doors
- Vented design for maximum breathability
- Self-adjusting hold down strap system hold cover securely to prevent flapping
- Storage bag included
- 2 year warranty





UltraShield RV Covers:

- Recommended for warm, sunny regions
- Lightest cover in the industry
- Complete Breathability
- Vented flaps reduce wind lofting and inside moisture
- Tear resistant
- Storage bag included
- Integrated zippers for easy access to doors
- Woven material allows cover to slide on easily
- 3 year warranty



CHAPTER 5:

RV Cover Application Chart

ADCO:

DuPont Tyvek RV Covers:

- Folding Trailer
- Hi-Lo Trailer

Designer Tyvek RV Covers:

- Class A
- Class C
- Travel Trailer
- 5th Wheel
- Toy Hauler

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- Folding Trailer
- Hi-Lo Trailer
- Class A
- Class B
- Class C
- Travel Trailer
- 5th Wheel
- Toy Hauler
- Horse Trailer
- Truck Camper



Tire damage can be greatly reduced by using protective coverings.

RV Cover Application Chart cont..

Camco:

UltraGuard RV Covers:

- Class A
- Class C
- Travel Trailer
- 5th Wheel
- Toy Hauler

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- Class A
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- Travel Trailer
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CHAPTER 6:

Installation Overview

- ❑ Now that you have all the information you need about RV Covers and have purchased one it is time to put your cover on. Before we begin it is safe to say that this is a two to three person job. Three people being the best, one to go up on the roof or a ladder and two on each side, if you are doing it with two it is manageable. You should allow yourself an hour the first time and after you have conquered the feat a few times than you should be able to do it in less than 30 minutes.
- ✓ Take your cover out of the box and establish the front of the cover.
- ✓ Loosen the cover a bit (this makes it easier for the person who is on top to unravel)
- ✓ Take the cover to the top of your Trailer either by going up the ladder and walking on the roof or placing a ladder at the front of your coach.
- ✓ Place the front of the cover at the front and start unraveling and dropping the sides down to the people on either side, this is where three people eases the process until you get it all unfolded, if you have two one can go from side to side. (Also if you are using a ladder and have to move it take an object that can hold the cover in place on the top so it does not shift while you are moving the ladder)

RV's Go Under "Cover"

- ✓ Now that the cover is unraveled and coming down the sides of your travel start by pulling it down in the back and then the front making sure to cover and be mindful of all your appendages.
- ✓ You can easily take it from here with two people. Start from the front with one person on each side and throw the straps underneath the trailer to the person on the other side. Secure the straps and tighten to your liking. Make sure they are tight but again not too tight.
- ✓ When you get around to the back of your trailer you can cinch it with the rope if your cover came with a rope, or you can pull it down taut in the back if it is a form fitting cover
- ✓ One very important step when taking your cover off, the manner in which you fold it and store it in for the next covering is what dictates how easily it will go back on. Keep that in mind as you are taking it off!

I hope you have gained some useful knowledge from this book and Happy Covering!



Check out the
selection of RV
Covers at
MakariosRV.com

