

How To Guide

2016 170 Versatile



HOW TO: De-Winterizing

If you winterized only for a short time (less than a week) you can skip to the second step.

First step

You will need 2 gallons of water and a cup of fresh bleach. (Bleach loses its potency over time; always start with bleach that is less than 6 months old.)

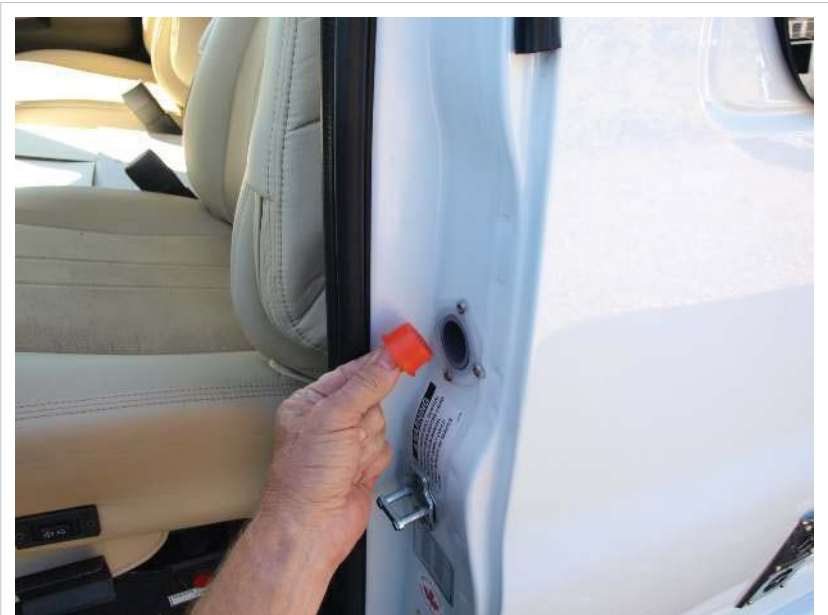
1. Mix up two gallons of water and one cup of chlorine bleach. Add to the fresh water tank gravity fill in the driver's door post.
2. This is a good time to get some stuff for spring cleaning of your Roadtrek, so drive around for an hour. Let it sit for a couple more hours.
3. Open the fresh water tank drain valve under the driver's door and drain the fresh water tank.

This kills any bacteria in the tank before you distribute them through the entire water system.

Second step

You will need a good supply of fresh water and a cup of chlorine

- Fill the fresh water tank approximately 1/2 full, adding a cup of chlorine bleach halfway through the filling process.



Fresh water fill in driver's door post



Fresh tank drain under driver's door



City water valve, in small compartment in front of driver's side rear tire

- Turn on the water pump, and circulate the dilute bleach solution through the entire system. The water heater is still winterized. Run water out of all three faucets (galley, washroom, and outside shower), hot and cold, until you smell chlorine. With the water pump on, open the city water valve and let the pump push water through the fill line for a minute or so by turning the black plastic handle horizontally. Close the city water valve by turning the handle back to the vertical position.
- Pull the anode rod out of the water heater and flush out the water heater tank with a hose. Install the new anode rod using Teflon tape on the threads, and close the pressure relief valve. Take the system out of water heater bypass mode by turning the three valves on the lines in front of the water heater 90 degrees so that the handles all point horizontally (see photo).



Anode rod location



Water heater bypass in normal position - green arrow means valve is open; red means shut

- Open the galley sink, move the handle in the hot water direction, and run the water pump until water flows from hot water tap at sink and you smell chlorine. The water heater holds six gallons, so it will take a while for it to fill up.
- Allow the system to sit overnight.
- Drain the fresh water tank completely, then fill it with clean water, and run all faucets for 2-3 minutes each. You will need to run the hot water more than the cold to flush the hot water heater tank. Run the toilet a bit, too. To help get rid of the residual chlorine smell, pour a half cup of vinegar into the fresh water tank, fill, let sit for a few hours, drain, and refill with fresh water.