

How To Guide

2016 RS Adventurous



HOW TO: De-Winterizing

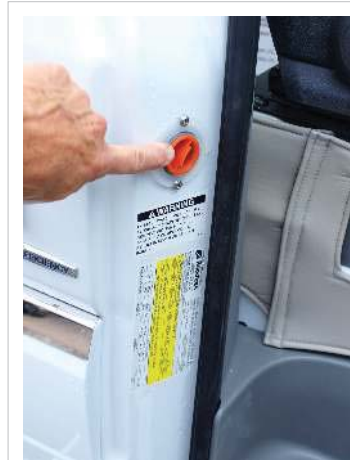
If you winterized only for a short time (less than a week) you can skip to the second step.

First step

You will need 2 gallons of water and 1 cup of fresh bleach. (Bleach loses its potency over time; always start with bleach that is less than 6 months old.)



Fresh water tank drain, under passenger front door step



Gravity fill on front passenger door post

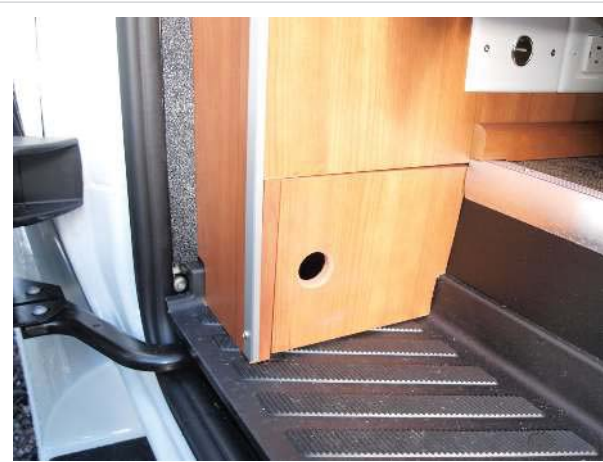
1. Check to be sure the fresh water tank drain valve is closed, then add the water/bleach mixture to the fresh water tank through the gravity fill.
2. This is a good time to get some stuff for spring cleaning of your Roadtrek, so drive around for an hour. Let it sit for a couple more hours.
3. Open the fresh water tank drain valve and let the bleach/water mixture drain to ground. This can take 10 minutes or more.

This kills any bacteria in the tanks 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 bleach.

- Fill the fresh water tank approximately 1/2 full, adding a cup of chlorine bleach halfway through the filling process.
- 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, bathroom, 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. The city water valve is behind an access panel at the bottom of the back of the bathroom, to the left of the side door opening. Close the city water valve by turning the handle across the water line.



Wood panel to access city water valve,
on left of side door entrance



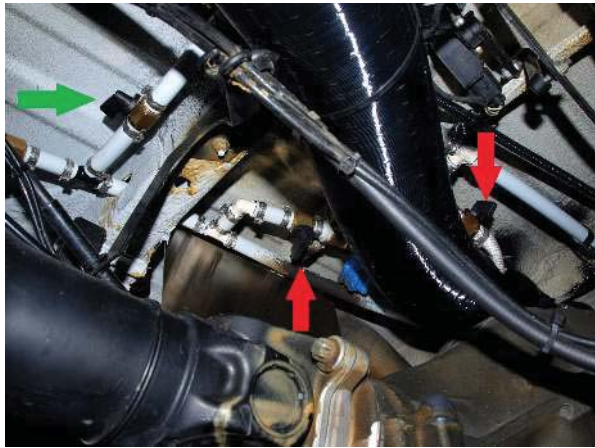
City water valve in closed position
(handle across line)



If your RS Adventurous has the Webasto diesel-powered hot water system instead of the standard Suburban propane water heater, perform the following, otherwise skip to the next step.

- Locate the Webasto diesel-fueled hot water unit underneath the vehicle. It is immediately behind the center of the rear axle (the differential). Look at the front face of the unit, nearest the differential. Look for two water lines going into the Webasto unit. Just before these water lines go into the unit there is a valve on each of these lines. Turn both valves so that the black handles are parallel to the lines (pointing toward the front of the Roadtrek - see photo below).

The third valve is on a short length of water line connecting the other two lines. Turn this valve so that the black handle is across the short water line (pointing upward - see photo below). There may be valves forward of the short transverse line with the third valve on it - do not change the position of these valves.



Webasto line valves in bypass position



Webasto line valves in normal operating position



If your RS Adventurous has the standard Suburban propane-powered hot water heater, perform the following step, owners with Webasto systems skip to the next step.

- 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 so that the handles all point toward the left.



Anode rod location



Water heater valves 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, fill with clean water, and run all faucets for 2-3 minutes each. To help get rid of the residual chlorine smell, pour a cup of vinegar into the fresh water tank, fill, let sit for a few hours, run the faucets for a minute or so apiece, drain the tank to ground, and refill with fresh water.