

experience and really understand the full capabilities of their rigs. Take it easy until you get some experience. Luck can only carry you so far!

Loosen tension of sway bars when maneuvering in and out of camp areas to reduce stiffness in turning. In slick conditions of snow and ice, let up on sway bar adjustments. In extreme cases, two overtightened sway bars could possibly "steer" your tow vehicle into going straight instead of turning in the direction you turn it.

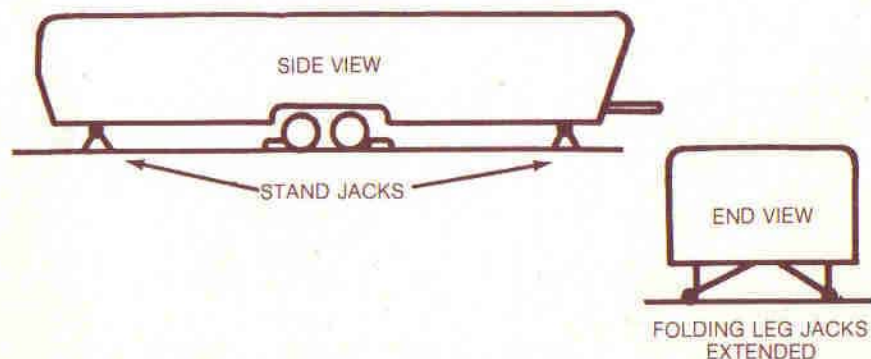
LEVELING AND STABILIZATION

GENERAL

Most RVs require leveling and stabilizing (blocking up) with some kind of jacks for comfortable occupancy. The absorption-type gas operated refrigerator requires good leveling for efficient operation.

It's recommended that soon after taking delivery of your trailer, install two small levels on the front left trailer corner — one on the side and one on the front. Place the bubble refrigerator leveler in the freezer compartment and adjust vehicle until refrigerator is level. Adjust the outside corner levels until they also show level and secure in this position. From then on, use the outside levels to indicate level. Use leveling block(s) for wheels when necessary. After leveling, check that the wheel chocks are tight against tires.

To block trailers in a level position using stand jacks, first level the RV. Lower the hitch jack a couple of crank turns. Set rear stand jacks snugly against frame and then raise the hitch jack a couple of crank turns **plus** another couple of turns. Place the front stand jacks snugly under the frame and then lower the hitch jack a couple of turns. This will equalize pressure on your jacks all the way around and leave the vehicle level.



If you do a lot of traveling and especially if you are stopping for overnight status often, you will appreciate the installation of permanently mounted folding leg jacks which are permanently and solidly mounted underneath and are attached to frame members. By use of a cranking tool, legs are easily extended to the ground without requiring much physical strength. It is best to place short 2" x 4" blocks under each leg for continued stability. Some of these type jacks are so strong that the entire side of an RV can be lifted by cranking the jacks for that side. They are also handy to stabilize the RV in a raised position when changing flats, used in conjunction with a scissors jack.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOT WEATHER OPERATION

When possible, always select a parking site where your RV will be shaded during the hottest part of the day. Awnings over each window, or especially those covering the full length of the RV, are especially helpful in keeping the inside temperature down.

Roof mounted air conditioners are very desirable for very hot climates. One precaution should be kept in mind for their operation, however. For proper operation of any motor, especially those in an air conditioner, it is important that the live voltage not be too low. Low voltage causes motors to run hotter than they should and their life is therefore shortened. The live voltage in many campgrounds is unfortunately not as high as it should be, especially when there is a heavy load on it such as many other air conditioners. The use of an extension cord to supply power to your RV should be avoided for it often causes a drop in your available voltage. Dim lights and a narrowing of your TV picture are indicators of low voltage. It is a good idea to keep a voltmeter plugged into your electrical system. Air conditioners are designed to operate properly between 110 Volts and 120 Volts. Running them at lower voltages will shorten their life.

COLD WEATHER OPERATION

Certainly the most important precaution in cold weather operation is to heed the warning:

DO NOT USE COOK STOVE OR OVEN FOR COMFORT HEATING.

The furnace, water heater and gas refrigerator are all designed to seal the combustion area from the inside of the RV. This is for your safety to prevent asphyxiation from carbon monoxide or depletion of oxygen. If your furnace does not have sufficient capacity to heat your RV comfortably in the climate where you are using it, you should replace it with a larger capacity