

# REAR CAMERA MONITOR

## All Motorhomes

Turn up the **volume** on your motorhome rear camera monitor **while driving down the road!** Don't limit its use to backing into a campsite. The resulting awareness of normal sounds and sensitivity to new sounds offers you needed warnings.

Road noises will be picked up by your sound monitor. The sound of a large truck engine as the rig starts to pass you on the interstate highway can alert you to its presence and warn you to steer to the right of your lane, allowing it more room. This is certainly better than being startled when your peripheral vision picks up the truck close beside your driver's seat.

Being able to hear from a point right above the hitch has other important benefits. Dragging safety cables from your towed vehicle can make sounds that caution you to stop before disaster strikes. Disintegrating hitches that connect the towed vehicle make snapping or popping sounds as they come apart under pressure. If you drag your hitch when moving from a sharp incline to a level road, the sounds associated with that drag will help you decide if there is a need to check for damage. When one of your dual rear tires loses air slowly and begins to flap, you will hear a noticeable increase in the volume of racket from the camera monitor. Finally, you have a better than even chance of hearing a flat tire as it begins to flap on your towed vehicle.

## Rear Engine Motorhomes

Keeping the volume up on the rear camera can help you better monitor your rear engine motorhome as it travels down the road, allowing you to become accustomed to the normal sounds of your engine at idle, moderate speed, and hard hill climbing. These sounds are not heard without the rear monitor volume in use. Your awareness is an additional safety factor when an abnormal sound occurs and you take appropriate action based on it.

A pulley that begins squawking under the strain of the serpentine belt is not normally noticeable from the driver's seat. The camera sound monitor makes noticeable this early indication of future bearing failure. Even if you change drive belts every five years as preventative maintenance you can still throw a belt. The monitor offers the possibility of hearing it as it whacks around the engine. Too much vibrating at idle from your fan belt tensioner may warn you that it needs to be replaced as well.

## The Challenge

Set the volume so that it is not intrusive, but can clearly be heard by the driver. Being aware of normal and abnormal motorhome sounds is critical and having an ear at the back of the motorhome is a big boost to safety.