

Here is a question I saw on the forum the other day - Is it normal for the water pump to kick on after 4 or 5 hours?

We have a 2014 Airstream and went camping a couple of weeks ago. I noticed that the water pump would randomly kick on about every 4 to 6 hours for just a second or two. It was cold and we were running the furnace as well as the water heater full time to help prevent freezing. Is this normal or do you think there is a tiny leak somewhere? I have not noticed any drips of water anywhere and I have checked all the plumbing that I could see, but all appears to be good. Any thoughts or suggestions?

First of all it's wise to turn off pump when you leave the trailer and maybe even consider leaving it off at night for a quiet rest. The pump will kick on periodically to stay pressurized and 4-6 hour cycling would not indicate a major leak but it would be prudent to monitor it. It could actually be losing pressure through a loose fitting or a faucet not completely closed or even leakage back through the check valves of the pump. Any small loss of water over time would activate the pump. The expansion and contraction with the water heater operating could cause, overtime, the pump to cycle.