

Trailer Polishing

PROBLEM: We are in the process of purchasing a 64 Globetrotter, 19 feet long. The exterior just needs to be stripped and polished, but we are thinking of painting it silver. We have heard that if you get it polished, it takes quite a bit of work to maintain like polishing every 6 months. We are not able to do that so thought about painting it silver. We know it would not look the same but would at least look better than now. Is this something that we should or should not do?

ANSWER: Polishing costs about \$100 (and up) per foot, including stripping. You will have to get it polished at least once per year to keep the shiny finish. If you cannot do this yourselves, this is quite an expensive upkeep item for a vintage unit. I have seen a number of painted units that look quite nice. They usually use automotive paints, which are long lasting and easily kept looking nice with just washing and maybe an occasional wax job (just like the tow vehicle). The editor of Airstream Life had one done and could give you lots of tips on this:

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