

## SECTION 7

### CARE AND MAINTENANCE

#### FRAME, EXTRUSIONS AND ALUMINUM SURFACES

Check the condition of the frame regularly. Keep it clean and repaint as necessary, to help avoid rust. It is especially important to keep underbody components clean when driving the recreational vehicle in the winter in areas where road salts are used.

To help avoid surface pitting, clean and wax all extrusions when waxing RV sidewalls. Special aluminum cleaners are available to restore the original luster to aluminum surfaces. Be sure to follow the instructions for use as outlined on the product package.

#### ROOF

Inspection of roof components at least twice a year is very important to make sure seams and seals are not cracked or worn. Proper maintenance of seals is necessary to keep moisture from entering and causing severe damage such as rot, mold or mildew. If you encounter dry, cracked or weathered seals, reseal or replace as necessary. Check with your dealer for the type of caulking required for rubber roofs and correct methods of resealing or replacing. A mild household soap solution and a soft brush can be used to clean a rubber roof.

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**IF YOUR ROOF SHOULD BECOME PUNCTURED OR RIPPED, COVER THE PUNCTURE OR TEAR TO SEAL OUT MOISTURE AND HAVE IT REPAIRED IMMEDIATELY.**

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**USE CAUTION WHEN STORING ITEMS ON THE ROOF. IF A FACTORY INSTALLED ROOF RACK AND/OR LADDER ARE PRESENT, THE ROOF HAS BEEN REINFORCED. IF YOU HAVE AN AFTERMARKET ROOF RACK OR LADDER, USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN ON THE ROOF. CHANCES ARE THAT YOUR ROOF HAS NO REINFORCEMENT AND YOU MAY NEED TO USE BOARDS ACROSS THE ROOF FOR TEMPORARY REINFORCEMENT. (REMEMBER TO REMOVE THE BOARDS WHEN LEAVING THE ROOF AREA.)**

#### LP GAS SYSTEM

To ensure proper operation, have the LP gas system checked frequently for leaks and road damage. The entire system including regulator pressure, should be checked annually or sooner, if you suspect a problem. Have the system checked by a qualified LP gas service technician using proper equipment. The method of checking the system for leaks and LP gas safety precautions can be found in Section 4 of this manual.

**NOTE: LINE PRESSURE FOR LP GAS APPLIANCES SHOULD BE CHECKED AT LEAST EVERY SIX MONTHS. MOST LP GAS SUPPLIERS HAVE EQUIPMENT TO TEST THE LINES. THE CORRECT LINE PRESSURE FOR ALL RV LP GAS APPLIANCES, IS 11 INCHES OF WATER COLUMN PRESSURE.**

#### EXTERIOR LIGHTS

Check the operation of exterior lights often. Check clearance, turn signal, brake and back-up lights to be sure they are working correctly. Replace any cracked, broken or missing light covers to avoid moisture infiltration and possible damage to their electrical system.

**'WARNING' INDICATES A HAZARDOUS SITUATION WHICH, IF NOT AVOIDED, COULD RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.**