

Using Your Bus in Cold Weather



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As a follow up to my article on winter driving in the December 2017 issue of Bus Conversion Magazine, here are more details on dealing with cold wintery weather in the bus.

Some use our buses for skiing or other winter activities. Most others, as snowbirds, have to drive through cold weather to get south in the fall, or after the New Year, and on the return trip in late winter or spring. It is not uncommon to have below freezing temperatures when passing through the northern states. Driving through those temperatures at 60 miles an hour can be quite miserable if the coach is not properly equipped. Staying overnight in cold temperatures can be equally as bad if not adequately prepared.

If you travel long enough in the bus, even if you don't intend to drive in winter conditions, you will encounter cold weather sooner or later. And being prepared will make it much easier. Being comfortable in a warm coach is important. Keeping the plumbing from freezing is crucial and keeping all the systems working reliably is necessary to be able to keep the bus moving.

Some people drive through the cold parts with the plumbing winterized with antifreeze, until they get to warmer weather farther south. They also winterize be-

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