



Bus vs RV

Post By: mfarrell805

Hi all, thanks for letting me join this forum. I am totally new to either bus conversion or RV ownership, and thought this site would help me begin my journey of education. Any and all advice is much appreciated. My very first question is: Are bus conversions superior to an already finished RV? I am leaning towards the bus because I will be towing a vehicle, and I need the storage capacity for a garage full of home building tools. My thoughts are the bus is more durable and has larger cargo capacity. We are selling our house here in sunny Southern California and looking for adventure while we are still young enough to enjoy it!

Thanks in advance; budget is \$200,000. Thanks in advance.

Post by: Mike in GA

I know no one who opted for a bus over an RV and regretted it. The bus will be more durable (all things being equal), have more carrying capacity, and will be much safer. That being said, you can find a lemon in the used bus market as easily as you can in the used RV market.

Number one rule - have it inspected by a qualified bus mechanic.

Post by: Jim Blackwood

With that budget you can buy an excellent and up to date bus conversion with everything already done. There are also some very nice pusher diesel RV rigs in that price range of very high quality. Maybe the best question might be how long you intend to own it?

Post by: luvrbus

After owning buses for 30+ years Eagle, MCI's and Prevost I opted for a higher end RV, but with a lot

research I knew what I was looking for and found it in Texas a 2008 with 35,000 total miles, three open bays and all the bells and whistles, 20,000 lbs. towing capacity and 600 HP (now 650) Cummins engine and I love it. The (amount you are budgeting) is about what I paid and I have no regrets on my part so far. LOL don't buy any RV thinking of it as an investment. They are not.

Post by: TomC

If you are carrying lots of tools, consider a truck conversion. Much easier to work on-and any truck place will work on them. Your carrying capacity will be higher. Course, ride quality won't be as good, but I think that's minor.

Post by: DoubleEagle

It's no contest whatsoever, a solid bus conversion, truck conversion, or high-end RV (which mimics a bus) far exceeds a traditional stick and staple RV. There is no need to spend (your budgeted amount), there are many good conversions for sale that cost half that, or less. Save your money for upgrades and maintenance costs. The newer the conversion you get, the more depreciation you will suffer. The best value is to buy a conversion that is basically ready to go directly from the experienced owner that put a lot of time and money into it.

If you want to waste money, buy something from a dealer that does not know the details and history of the conversion. Above all, check out many brands and models, and go for the one that suits you layout wise, and is aesthetically appealing to you. Since you have little experience, you had best seek the aid of people who are familiar with the conversion you want to check out. There are hundreds of details to inspect in any candidate, and there are some sellers out there that will cheat you, if you let them. Run your choices through this forum, and you will get many good opinions.

Post by: chessie4905

Any work on a coach will cost ten times what a regular RV costs. Many places don't work on bus conversions. Both will depreciate tremendously. A bus conversion has more going for it with years and time compared to an RV. You need to drive both before making a decision. You need to be able to do a good bit of work yourself to enjoy having a conversion.

