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Got a motorhome, campervan or caravan? Want to know how to care for your domestic leisure battery, how to charge it, maintain it and generally keep it going, especially in winter? Or worried about it losing or not holding charge? Here's everything you need to know about your motorhome leisure battery.

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Let's be honest- most new motorhomers or campervanners don't really think about their batteries until they have a problem. Either the power goes, or the battery isn't holding a charge or they arrive at their motorhome or camper after winter to find everything is flat and there's no way to fix it.

If that's you, don't worry- you're not alone. But a basic level of battery maintenance is important to keep your leisure batteries healthy and happy for their lifespan- and make that life span as long as it can be. Your motorhoming will also be much easier if you understand what your leisure battery is there for and how you can help it!

It can also help on your yearly motorhome habitation check (or if you do your own) if you have a basic understanding of how it all works.

So, let's start at the beginning and go over some basics.

If you have a motorhome or campervan, you've probably got both an engine starter battery (the one which starts your vehicle and is commonly found in the engine bay) and a leisure or domestic battery.

The motorhome leisure battery is usually NOT in the engine, and is found somewhere in the camper habitation area. Ours is under the driver seat, but on our last van it was under the floor near the oven. Check your motorhome manual if you're not sure.

In this post, we're going to be focussing just on the leisure battery, so you shouldn't need to go anywhere near the engine bay! We'll be talking about the basics of leisure batteries, how to choose one, how to care and maintain them (especially in winter!) and what to do if they are losing charge, won't charge or seem to be completely dead.

Don't worry- this post isn't for experienced electricians. You don't need to understand amp hours, volts or 'deep-cycle' in order to care for your motorhome batteries. And no maths is required (ok, a teeny tiny bit might be- but I promise you can do it.)



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