

Who is the RV Industry Association?

We are the national trade association representing manufacturers and component suppliers producing approximately 98% of all RVs manufactured in the United States. Our mission is to promote and protect our members and the RV Industry by:

- Growing and expanding the RV Market
- Pursuing a favorable business environment for our members
- Promoting the health and wellbeing of the RV industry
- Cultivating a positive RV experience for all consumers
- Providing industry information and knowledge
- Fostering continuous improvement of RV products

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RV INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

RV Standards

Standards Compliance & Inspection Program

What is an RV?

An RV is a vehicular-type unit primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or seasonal use that either has its own motor power or is mounted on, or towed by, another vehicle. The basic entities are travel trailers, fifth wheel travel trailers, folding camping trailers, truck campers and motorhomes.

Common RV Type

Travel Trailer



Type A Motorhome



Fifth Wheel Travel Trailer



Type B Motorhome



Folding Camping Trailer



Type C Motorhome



Truck Camper



Members Manufacturer Pledge

As a condition of membership, manufacturers pledge in writing that they will build RVs that conform to the NFPA 1192 Standard and agree to comply with regular, unannounced inspections. Failure to comply with this pledge may result in association membership being revoked, or the manufacturer being subject to disciplinary action following due process.

Inspection Program

The RV Industry Association's standards inspection program is one of the organizations signature industry initiatives and its greatest member benefit. The Standards Department maintains a professional team of full-time inspectors that promote the enhancement of safety by monitoring adherence to the standards adopted by the Board of Directors for the construction of RVs. The team conducts more than 2,000 unannounced inspections of member company RV manufacturing plants annually and is committed to providing educational resources and hands-on training to manufacturer members to support their commitment to comply with these adopted codes and standards.

Value of the Seal

As a condition of membership, every RV produced by a member manufacturer must display the Association's seal. This seal communicates the manufacturers' pledge to meet the Association's membership conditions, which includes being subject to regular, periodic compliance audits by standards inspectors who monitor and provide education on more than 500 requirements impacting electrical, plumbing, heating, fire & life safety systems and vehicular requirements.

Gold Seal



Motorhomes

Silver Seal



Travel Trailers & Fifth Wheels

White Seal



Truck Campers & Folding Campers

Standards Enforcement

Several state governments also have established programs that mandate and monitor Standards compliance for RVs. These states include: Nebraska and Washington. Additional states by law mandate NFPA 1192 compliance, but do not maintain an oversight program.

Standards Development

The NFPA 1192 Standard is developed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) under American National Standard Institute (ANSI) process. ANSI is a non-profit association that establishes procedures and guidelines to create recognized minimum safety standards for products used by both consumers and industry. ANSI sanctions standards that have been created following accredited procedures that allow all affected entities a voice in their development. A standards committee for RVs has existed since 1970.

NFPA 1192 Standard for RVs

This standard covers the fuel systems and equipment, fire and life safety provisions, plumbing systems, and vehicular requirements.

Obtain a copy from: **my.rvia.org/store**

ANSI/RVIA LV Standard

This standard covers Low-Voltage (LV) electrical systems and devices up to 60 volts nominal or less.

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National Electric Code (NEC)

The provisions of Article 551 cover the RV requirements for 120V/240V electrical systems.

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