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About Us

Who is the RV Industry Association?

The RV Industry Association is a 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 RVIA members
- Promoting the health and wellbeing of RVIA
- Cultivating a positive RV experience for all customers
- Providing industry information and knowledge
- Fostering continuous improvement of RV products



What is a PMRV?

A PMRV is a single living unit that is primarily designed and completed on a single chassis, mounted on wheels, to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or seasonal use, is certified by the manufacturer as complying with all applicable requirements of ANSI A119.5.

- (a) Has a gross trailer area not exceeding 400 square feet (37.15 square meters) in the setup mode or,
- (b) If having a gross trailer area not exceeding 320 square feet (29.72 square meters) in the setup mode, has a width greater than 8.5 ft (2.59 meters) in the transport mode.

Common PMRV Type



Park Model RV

Members Manufacturer Pledge

As a condition of membership, manufacturers pledge in writing that they will build PMRVs that conform to the ANSI A119.5 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 PMRVs. 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 PMRV 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 construction.

PMRV Seal



Park Model RVs



Standards Enforcement

Several state governments also have established programs that mandate and monitor Standards compliance for PMRVs. These states include: Nebraska and Washington. Additional states by law mandate ANSI A119.5 compliance, but do not maintain an oversight program.

Standards Development

The ANSI A119.5 Standard is developed 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 rigid committee procedures that allow all affected entities a voice in their development. A standards committee for PMRVs has existed since 1970.

ANSI A119.5 Standard for PMRVs

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

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

National Electric Code (NEC)

The provisions of Article 552 cover the PMRV requirements for 120V/240V electrical systems.

Obtain a copy from: nfpacatalog.org