



2010 43QGP Allegro Bus

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83 – D - FYI – REASONS TO CLEAN YOUR RV'S WHEELS AND TIRES.

To me, the first and biggest reason to take proper care of the wheels and tires is to extend the life of the tire which extends the time before you will need to purchase new tires for your coach.

At approximately \$800.00 for the Michelin 295/80R22.5 LRH tires, times 8 tires the tire replacement cost numbers get above \$ 6,000 real quick.

I understand there are many reasons for coach owners to avoid the extremes I go to with my RV maintenance, the time involved, costs for performing maintenance, knowledge of how to perform the maintenance, tools to perform the maintenance and physical ability to perform the maintenance.

Most of those I cannot help other owners with, however in a few cases I can explain how to go about performing some of the maintenance.

As shown in a previous photo of the inside of one of the steel drive wheels on our coach, now look at the same wheel after it has been cleaned the tire has been cleaned and 303 protectant has been applied to the tire. The below photo is the inside steel dual wheel on our coach.

To perform maintenance on three axles, eight tires, wheels and brake foundations took a week's labor removing, cleaning and re-installing. The same maintenance next year will not take nearly as long to complete.





This is the opposite side of the same wheel during the paint removal process. A rotary steel wire brush attached to a battery powered drill was used for paint removal. After the paint had been removed layers of 303 Protectant were applied until the rubber quit adsorbing the protectant, most tires that had not previously had 303 applied took six to eight layers before the protectant quit being adsorbed. The wheel/tire below is the inside of the outside dual tire, the mate to the steel wheel shown above.

