

**GO - TAG-A-LONG  
OWNER'S GUIDE-BOOK**

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*It is important that you thoroughly read this guide book. If there are any questions please consult your dealer as all Go-Tag-A-Longs are sold thru dealers only and must be serviced out completely by the dealer before delivery to the consumer.*

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*Any specifications or information listed here are subject to change without notice.*

Notice

Very Important

Dealer - Driver - Owner

Check Wheel Lugs

1. First trip check wheel lugs at start, 50, 150, 300 miles.
2. After first trip check wheel lugs periodically.
3. Following winter storage always check before beginning a trip.
4. Following excessive braking always inspect the wheel lugs.

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## *Very Important Steps To Take Before Hooking Up To Your Car.*

### *1. Gas*

*After turning on the gas (bottle gas) be sure and check all lines on the stove, heater, gas light and fittings to be sure there are no leaks. Never check with a match or lighted flame. Always check with soapy water or bubble making solution.*

*Trailers with oven stoves come equipped with a constant pilot light on the oven burner only. This should be lit whenever gas is turned on. If you are not using the oven for prolonged periods and do not want the pilot on, remove the oven control knob and turn off the Red screw. Some ovens have a pilot shut-off valve. Do not try lighting the oven without lighting the pilot first. Then you may turn on the oven control in a few seconds, the pilot light warms the thermo-couple and your oven is in service. Upon shutting off the oven control, the oven will stay lit for a couple of seconds. Your oven will not work without the pilot being lit. The top burners must be lit with a lighter. Some models have a pilot. If so, you may use the pilot or shut the pilot valve off.*

#### *Gas Heater With Manual Control*

*Gas supply must be turned on. Rotate control dial to "Off" and wait 5 minutes. Rotate dial to pilot position, depress red pilot button and light pilot burner. Hold in on pilot button until pilot stays lit. After pilot is lit, rotate dial to "On". For complete shut down, rotate dial to "Off".*

#### *Gas Heater With Unitrol Or Thermostatic Control*

*Gas supply must be turned on. Turn gas control in off position, wait 5 minutes. Rotate control dial to Pilot, depress red button and light burner. After pilot starts burning wait 1 minute and rotate dial to "On". Adjust thermostat or*

temperature control to desired position. If more heat is desired turn temperature control dial to a higher number.

### Gas Light

To ready this for use remove the globe from the gas light and tie the mantle with the drawstring. Cut the remainder of the string off or it will puncture the mantle. Next, put a match to the mantle and it will flame up and go out. When it is through burning, turn the gas valve on and light the mantle again. This time, through the bottom hole in the globe. Do Not Touch The Mantle Again After It Has Been Burned For The First Time. After lighting, adjust the air valve on the back of the housing to obtain the brightest burning point. Replacement mantles are available from travel trailer dealers or supply houses. Either Coleman or Bernz-O-Matic mantles may be used in an emergency.

### 2. Pressure Water Tank

It is best to test the tank with air. Only use approximately 65 pounds pressure. If you do not hear any hissing sounds or better yet, use a pressure gauge and if the line holds the air, you then release the air by turning one of the faucets when all the air is out. Close the faucet so that when you start to put water in through your hose connection, you will compress the air that was left in the tank. You should carry a tire pump with you so that you may pump air in the tank after you have used some water. Or you may stop at a gas station and put in approximately 65 pounds of air. (A little note.) When nothing comes out of the faucet, you are out of air. If only air comes out of the faucet, you are out of water. It is possible to fill the water tank with a bucket if you are out where there is no hose connection. Remove the large threaded part on the outside part of your tank, pour in the water and fill not more than 80% as you must screw

this part on again, tight, and then you must pump some air into it, as it is the air that forces the water through the line. See section on how to prepare your trailer for winter storage.

### 3. Connect Your Car To The Trailer

Make sure your brakes are working, try your running lights and right and left turn signals. We try to keep a standard color:

Brakes	---	Blue
Ground	---	White
Left Turn	---	Red
Right Turn	---	Brown
Running Lights	---	Green
Dome Lights	---	Black

You will note that the brake and brake ground are a heavier gauge wire. The lights, left and right turn are grounded through the frame.

It is very important to remember that the 12 volt electrical system is grounded to the frame of the trailer. When connecting to the car, the hitch ball must be free of excess grease or rust in order to provide the proper ground for the running lights and turn signals. A very slight amount of grease may be applied to the hitch ball for a smoother operation. A few drops of oil on the mechanism of the coupler may ease its operation.

### Tires

Some manufacturers recommend 35 pound pressure but we like to use 45. Tires should be checked before each trip. It is a good idea to have a tire gauge with you and check the tires frequently. To change a tire, you should have a hydraulic jack. Some scissor or screw jacks will work but never use a bumper jack.

#### 4. Ice Box and Gas-Electric Refrigerators

With the ice box there is no problem but to get ice. It is a good idea to cool the box a day or two before filling it with ice for your vacation. This can be done by freezing water in several half gallon milk cartons. It is possible to use this idea for your weekend vacations also.

The Gas-Electric refrigerator must set level to freeze properly when parked. To light the gas refrigerator is the same as lighting the heater or oven. The pilot must be lit for it to operate. You set the freeze control to suit you. If the pilot goes out or is blown out, there is a 100% shut-off and you must light the pilot before the refrigerator will start functioning again. To operate the electric part, you must be plugged into 110 volt and turn the gas off. The shut off is in the front section as shown on the chart on the back side of the panel you removed. You must then turn the control that regulates the electric element. There is no compressor, just a heating element. In other words, instead of heating the circulating gas by gas, it is heated by electric. The bottom panel below the door should be in place. Keep all roof vents, and windows closed when traveling with the refrigerator in operation. Dust and lint will accumulate under the refrigerator and clog the burner jets resulting in poor or no operation of the unit. Dirt in the burner is characterized by poor operation or no operation of the unit, gassy smells and the flame burning in wispy blue or yellow licks. The flame should burn with the outer ring and the inner shoots of blue flame. Try not to park your trailer with the refrigerator on the sunny side.

In real hot, humid weather it is possible that the gas refrigerator will cycle. This means it will freeze for about 12 hours and then defrost somewhat for the next 12 hours.

This occurs very seldom. You may help this some by removing the access door or mount a small 12 volt or 110 volt fan to remove the hot air from the back of the refrigerator. Check the roof and side vents to see if you are getting the proper circulation. When storing the trailer for any length of time, clean the refrigerator with soda water and leave the door open. Be sure the unit is turned off.

#### 5. Hitch and Equalizing Bars

There are two recommended types of hitches. One is the axle hitch which can be put on with 4 U bolts. It is the easiest to install and can be moved from one car to another. There is no welding on your car.

The other is the frame hitch which is welded to the frame of your car and is permanent but will tow and ride better.

With either hitch the equalizing bar can be adjusted to give you a level riding car and trailer. You may even load the trunk of your car with your needs and this hitch will raise the rear of your car.

#### 6. Brake Control

We recommend an automatic brake control. When properly mounted it will brake your trailer a shade ahead of your car. It also has a manual control handle. There are times when you may want to drag the trailer a little without putting on the car brakes. This is very important to know. When something as a large truck or bus passes you, the air pressure will have a tendency to push the trailer. A strong tail wind will also do this. So after some experience in towing your trailer you will learn to control this condition with the manual part of your brake control.



## 7. Side View Mirrors

These are a must and are available through your dealer or supply house. You need the type that can be extended so that you can see the sides of the trailer. There are several fine brands and models on the market.

## 8. Sewer Hose, Water Hose and Electric Cord

Before starting on your trip you must have a sewer hose if you have a holding tank. There is a 10 ft. compressable drain hose that will fit in your 7 ft. hose bumper. Make sure you have the necessary fittings such as elbows and hose clamps. There will be times when you cannot use your drain hose because the sewer connection is not available. You then will have to use your holding tank which holds 15 gallons or more. You should be able to flush the toilet with about 1 quart of water which will give you 30 to 60 flushings depending on how you use the water. It is a good idea to empty the holding tank before it gets too full. This can be done by stopping at a place where they have a dumping station or try to stay overnight in a park that has sewer connections. Never, at anytime, under any condition, should the contents of this tank be emptied beside a roadway, in a river or stream, or directly upon the ground without suitable preparation. When using the stool run a small amount of water into it first. Be sure the holding tank drain valve is closed before using or flushing the stool unless you are hooked direct to a sewer connection. After every weekend or long vacation trip the tank should be drained before storing. After emptying the tank, flush it out by running water into the stool and quickly flushing it. To combat odors from the tank add some TST septic tank cleaner or pine oil. Lestoil or Mr. Clean are also good substitutes.

### Water Hose

Water hose should be of a good quality, tasteless rubber and not less than 25 ft. It is a very good idea to have an extra 50 ft. if you plan to do much traveling as there will be times that the water connection will not be too handy.

### Electric Cord

You should have at least 25 ft. of electric cord and, as with your water hose, an extra 50 ft. comes in very handy.

## 9. You Are Now Ready To Travel

Make sure you have collision insurance on your trailer. Your car insurance should cover the liability but will not cover the collision. Consult your insurance agent and dealer. Don't forget your trailer license plate. When loading the trailer keep as much weight forward as possible. By overloading the rear end, it may lighten the hitch enough to cause the trailer to sway and pitch. You need at least 10% of the weight of the trailer on the hitch ball for proper traction. If you are loaded properly and your hitch is installed correctly you will be able to tow your trailer at the legal speed without any sidesway or dipping. You also must be prepared for stopping overnight and parking. The use of four aluminum stabilizer jacks is recommended. You need at least 3 pieces of 2 x 6 boards; one about 1 ft long, one about 1 ft 6 inches long, and one 2 ft long for leveling purposes. The easiest way to level your trailer is to get your wheels setting level and this is the purpose of the 3 pieces of board. Once you get the trailer leveled sideways then the length way is simple. Always carry a small level with you. Set it on the floor and turn it lengthways and then lower or raise the trailer by using the front jack.

Once you are leveled sideways and lengthways, set your jacks under the frame of your trailer, one under each corner of your frame and snug them up tight. Caution! Never place the jacks on the underfloor or side walls as this will damage your trailer. Never use a bumper jack. Place your stabilizer jacks so they bear on the steel frame.

### To Back Your Trailer Into A Spot

If you want the trailer to back to the right, turn your steering wheel counter-clockwise. If you want to back to the left, turn your steering wheel clockwise. It may be a good idea to practice a little on a large parking lot, ball-field or playground (when no children are around).

### 10. Where To Stay

There are Publications that list places to stay; State Parks, Commercial Parks, and Camp Sites. The Woodall's Directory is generally used. The M H M A book of overnight parks is good. Most trailer dealers have these books for sale. The AAA is also helpful. Information on parks and attractions can be had from each state by writing to the various park commissions and Chambers of Commerce.

### 11. Wheel Bearings

The wheel bearings should be greased after about 5000 miles or every spring before the traveling season. If on a long extended trip it is a good idea to have the bearings greased every 10,000 miles after the 5000 mile greasing. This is done the same as greasing the bearings in the front wheels of your car.

## 12. Care Of Roof

At least once a year go over the seams and around the vent caps and ventilators with Kool Seal or Alumination which can be purchased from a trailer dealer. You may want to finish the whole roof at once and then about every other year. If you do a lot of traveling the roof should be inspected after any extended trip, especially if you have been on rough roads.

## 13. Care of Exterior

The exterior is prefinished aluminum and can be cleaned with Lestoil or other detergent. Any good car cleaner may be used. Then it may be waxed the same as your car.

## 14. Care of Interior

The walls and ceiling may be cleaned with a damp cloth. Murphy's Oil Soap makes a good cleaner. The floor may be waxed with a good floor wax. Keep the floor free of sand as the grit will mar the tile.

## 15. Don't Forget These Items Before Starting Out

1. Sewer hose and connection
2. Water hose
3. Electric cord
4. Leveling jacks
5. Gas Bottles filled
6. Water tank filled and pressured
7. Extra gas mantles for gas light
8. License plate
9. Proper insurance on the trailer
10. Car and trailer registration
11. A spare wheel and tire ( a good policy)
12. A hydraulic jack
13. 3 pieces of 2 x 6 boards

## 16. Check Before Take Off

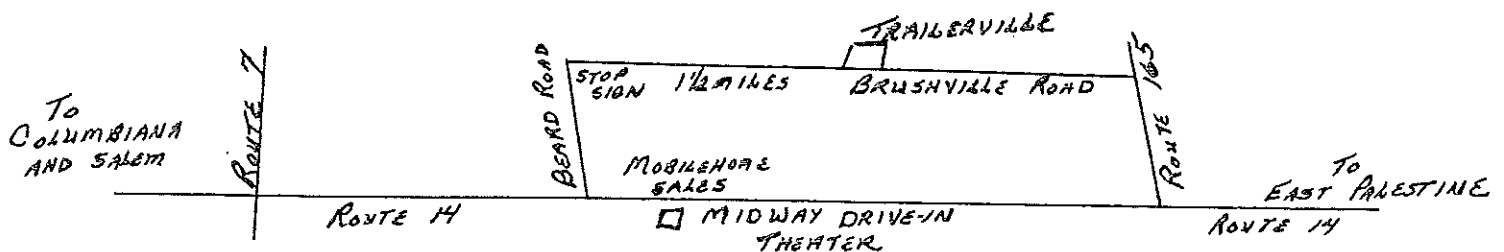
1. Hitch coupler on correct and tight?
2. Wheel lugs tight?
3. Tires checked for air pressure?
4. Running and directional lights working?
5. Brakes working?
6. Safety chains secured?
7. Break-a-way connected?
8. Door step up, windows closed, vents closed?
9. All cupboard doors closed?
10. Pin in place in refrigerator door?
11. Holding tank valve closed and dust cap on?
12. Caster wheel from coupler stem removed?

## 17. Winter Storage

Be sure and drain all the water and blow out your water lines with 80 or 90 pounds air pressure. This can be done by going to a gas station and setting the pressure gauge to at least 80 pounds. Then go into the trailer and open one water valve at a time. Let the air out of each water outlet until there is no moisture. Remove all of the food stuffs. Clean the refrigerator and leave the door open. Close your gas bottle valves. If the trailer will set on its tires, run it up on planks to keep them off the ground. Remove the hubcaps as they will become rusty. A coat of wax will keep them like new. After setting out all winter the outside may become dirty and if your detergent does not clean it like new, your dealer can recommend a good cleaner.

## Go-Tag-A-Long Trailerville

Trailerville is an ideal 87 acre campsite available for camping and parking to all Go-Tag-A-Long owners. It is located just off Ohio route 14 at Unity, Ohio near the Ohio-Pennsylvania border. Though easily accessible, its gentle rolling terrain surrounding a peaceful 20 acre lake provide an atmosphere of complete removal from the everyday noisy rush of today's way of life. There is ample space for camping with facilities or really roughing it, whichever you prefer. Go-Tag-A-Long owners also have their own national club, Tagaliers. Tagaliers offer much to add to your trailering enjoyment and the opportunity of meeting many new friends and participating in exciting new experiences. Camping fees at Trailerville are \$1.00 per day per trailer for Tagaliers and \$2.00 per day for Go-Tag-A-Long owners who are not members. All monies taken in are channeled directly into further improvements to make your leisure time more enjoyable.



MEMORANDUM

Your Go-Tag-A-Long Personal Record

Model \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Purchased May 1971

From Whom Purchased Peter Trails Sales  
Burlington, VT.

License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Color \_\_\_\_\_

Tires - - Make \_\_\_\_\_

Pressure \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_

Heater - Make \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Range - Make \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Refrigerator or Ice Box

Make \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Water Heater Make \_\_\_\_\_

For information on Go-Tag-A-Long Trailerville, your own private camp ground, and Tagaliers, your nationwide club, send this bottom section only to:

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