

Owner's Manual.

Go-Pods

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Congratulations on the purchase of your new GOING Go-Pod™. This manual is intended as a guide and with due care, your Go-Pod should give you many years of enjoyment.

The handbook will enable you to get the best from your Go-Pod, with information and tips to help you along the way. Information booklets covering your Go-Pod's appliances are provided separately. Please refer to them for the safe and correct operating procedures before using any appliances, as failure to follow instructions could result in damage to equipment and possible safety risks.

Passengers are forbidden to ride in a caravan at any time and avoid unsuitable terrain that might cause damage.

Periodic maintenance is recommended to ensure correct operation of your Go-Pod and the staff at the Red Lion Caravan Centre Ltd will be able to advise on this and arrange your maintenance checks as required. Always quote your Go-Pod's Chassis / Vehicle Identification Number, (VIN #), which can be found on the square drawbar at the front of your caravan. Your insurers may request this information too and it is sometimes also referred to as the chassis number.

We continuously strive to improve the Go-Pod's features and so, the information provided is intended as a general guide, which is correct at the time of publication. We do however reserve the right amend the specifications of the Go-Pod at any time and without prior notice. Further information, tips and advice can be found online at <u>www.Go-Pods.co.uk</u>. We recommend watching the instructional videos and reading through the FAQ's page & blog posts.

The following suppliers provide a direct aftersales service, if necessary please contact them directly:

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Driving Licences & Towing Law

The Go-Pods weight is below the 3500Kg restriction limit and can therefore be towed by drivers who have passed their test either before or after 1 January 1997. There is no need for any additional driving test and you do not need to inform your car insurance provider.

Driving Mirrors

The Law requires that drivers of the towing vehicles have adequate view to the rear. With the Go-Pod, most vehicle's existing side mirrors allow for a good view along the entire side of the caravan and extension mirrors are not therefore required. However if in doubt, mirror extensions should be employed.

Hitching

Hitching & unhitching instructions will be shown to you when you collect your Go-Pod. To review these techniques please visit the Videos page at <u>www.Go-Pods.co.uk</u> and view the appropriate walk-through video. Always remember to use the red breakaway cable, as this is a legal requirement and always check your caravan's driving lights before setting off.

Ventilation and Condensation

Your Go-Pods ventilation points are as specified by European Standards and should not be blocked or obstructed. Air circulation is important to your caravan and will help reduce effects of moisture generated from cooking, washing, breathing etc. Ventilation can be further increased as required by;

- 1. Ensuring the main vents are in the open position.
- 2. By opening the window catches and re-securing them in the second notch.
- 3. By unzipping the vents on your pop-tops skirt.
- 4. At times when cooking or kettles produce heavy steam, ventilation should be increased via windows or door.

Under no circumstances should the caravan's ventilation be covered, blocked or tampered with in any way. This includes the vents in the cupboards and the small round drop vents under the seats. Regular inadequate ventilation may cause damage to the surface of your Go-Pods inner skin. If noticed, condensation should be dried immediately with a soft cloth and ventilation increased accordingly.

The front and rear rubber window seals have small channels that will collect condensation and prevent it running further. If the channels overflow, it is recommended you increase the ventilation. Should any overnight condensation become evident, it's advisable to dry this each day.

Damp Reading	Guidance:
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Reading	Action
0 - 15%	Normal.
16 - 30%	Continue to monitor, re-check at next annual service.
30% +	Further inspection recommended.

General External Care

Your Go-Pod is designed to be low maintenance & is produced with a durable, one-piece GRP shell. Due to the nature of the manufacturing process some small anomalies such as bumps or ripples are inevitable. This is the individual fingerprint of every Go-Pod and such areas are not considered faults nor are they detrimental to the performance of your caravan. The Go-Pod's shell design eliminates seams and thus the risk of seam leaks.

Normal caravan cleaning products can be used on your Go-Pod. Please lower your pop-top during washing. Windows should be cleaned with care, using a soft cloth to prevent scratches.

Please keep the door hinges, front box hinges and stabiliser legs etc adequately lubricated.

Do not wash your Go-Pod with a power washer, jet spray or similar. Your Go-Pod is designed to be waterproof in normal weather conditions and even normal pressure hoses, can drive water through the door or pop-top's over lapping defences. If this occurs, no harm will result if you dry away any resulting drips with a cloth afterwards.

It is very important not to allow water to enter the side air vents. Although doing this will not affect your Go-Pods structural integrity, it can damage the inner skin from behind, causing it to bubble and mark. Should you experience damage to the inner walls from condensation or due to water entering the vents it can be easily repaired but is not be covered by your warranty.

Go-Tarp Canopy

The optional Go-Tarp canopy comes complete with an awning bead, ready attached to one edge. In use, the awning bead slides into the awning rail located on the roof, above the door. There is no set method to erecting your Go-Tarp and this versatile canopy allows for a variety of configurations. It's advisable to experiment with the poles and guy ropes in various positions to see which way best suits your purpose. Please dry your Go-Tarp prior to storing for extended periods, as this will reduce the risk of mildew building up.

Tyres and Spare Wheel

Standard R13 car tyres are fitted to your Go-Pod. The correct pressure for them is 35 psi. If replacement is necessary, radial and cross ply tyres should never be mixed. It is dangerous and can cause handling issues. Fit only tyres of identical specification on each side. A full spare tyre, (where fitted), is stored beneath the rear of your caravan, below the door. This can be accessed by unscrewing a central securing nut. Please take due care as you lower it. The Go-Pod can be jacked with a standard car jack from under the axle, behind the wheel that is to be removed. A wheel change video can be found on the video section of www.Go-Pods.co.uk.

Stabiliser Legs

Due to its short overall length, your Go-Pod needs just two wind down stabiliser legs at the rear. These are operated manually with the winder handle provided. Please take care not to chip the shell with the winder during the process. The legs should be wound down firmly enough to prevent bouncing when inside of the caravan but without over straining them. Both legs must be fully raised before attempting to hitch, unhitch or tow your caravan.

Should the stabiliser legs become stiff to wind, apply some clear grease the screw thread and wind fully up and down to disperse the lubricant.

Рор-Тор

The pop-top should be in the down position and fully secured with the six straps inside before towing. To operate the pop-top, release the six leather straps inside, (that are secured with press-studs), take hold of both handles simultaneously then raise gently and equally in an upwards direction. To close the pop-top, gently pull down on both handles simultaneously, ensuring that the fabric is pulled inside as you do. Failure to do this could result in damage to the fabric skirt, if it becomes trapped in the scissor action of the roof mechanism.

Lowering the pop-top will help to keep the Go-Pod warm especially during evenings in cooler seasons. It's also recommended to you lower the pop-top in bad weather conditions and this will prevent water entering the cabin and maintain your Go-Pods integrity.

The Go-Pods pop-top has two vents with bug mesh on either side, which can be unzipped for additional ventilation. The pop-top skirt is extremely durable but replacements are available if required. If necessary, the pop-top mechanism can be lubricated with a little clear grease as required.

Please ensure the skirt fabric is dry before leaving the Go-Pod for an extended period. This will avoid mildew developing.

General Internal Features & Care

The carpet runner can be removed & vacuum cleaned, while the flooring beneath can be swept or mopped. Avoid drenching the floor during cleaning. Replacement carpet runners are available on request – colours may vary according to stock.

The wood surfaces in your Go-Pod can be cleaned with any suitable furniture polish while the internal walls can be gently wiped with a soft damp cloth if necessary.

The kitchen cabinet doors are opened by pushing the handle's button inwards, it will then spring out to open the cupboard. To secure the cupboard, push the knob back in.

Windows

Both side windows are double glazed and secured by locks in three places. The latches are released by pressing in the centre button to unlock them. One of two types of window stay may be fitted to your Go-Pod. One version is a friction-based design, where the window will hold at the desired position and can simply be pulled open & closed. Alternatively the *click* version may be fitted, with which you will detect a subtle 'click' at set positions when opening. The window will stay open when stopping at one of these clicks. To close using the click version, first fully open the window then pull shut gently. Secure the windows closed, using the three locks. Side windows come complete with both fly screen and blackout roller blinds that can be either interlocked or operated separately. Care should be taken not to force the blinds and to keep them aligned properly with their runners during use.

Your porthole style door window has a roller blind attached. Gentle operation is recommended. Should the door's roller blind fail to retract fully, it can be easily re-set by simply extending it to full length, then while holding the bottom slightly away from the door, gently allow the blind to retract in a controlled manner.

Electrics

Your Go-Pod comes with an L85, (85aH), leisure battery. This will power the lights, water pump and TV when you are using your Go-Pod without electric hook up. Your Dometic fridge, (as with all caravan fridges), will not operate on 12V alone, as it draws too much power from the battery. Please refer to the 'fridge' section below for more details.

Your on-board battery can be charged in three ways: When on electric hook up, with the charging switch on the control panel set to 'ON'. When you are driving via the Go-Pods 13 pin Euro plug. Via the optional 70w or 100w solar panel. A walk-through video covering the 'electric control panel' can be found on the Video page of our website. Please visit www.Go-Pods.co.uk

When not on electric hook up, your on-board 12V battery will power your caravan's low voltage LED lights, the tap and the TV. The 240V sockets and fridge will not operate however. The battery life depends on the amount of power used of course and the power indicator bars can be checked on the control panel to review the power level. If you intend to use your Go-Pod off of mains hook up regularly, then the addition of a solar panel is recommended.

Two 3 pin 240V sockets are supplied as standard with your Go-Pod and additional sockets can be added if required. These sockets only work when your caravan is plugged in to mains electric hook up.

The tap has an electric pump that is activated as the tap is turned on. Before operation, the blue Whale water pipe should be fitted to the water socket on the exterior of the van, with the other end submerged in a suitable water supply. The switch on the control panel must be set to the 'ON' position before it will work. Avoid running the pump dry.

Gas Cooker

There is a two-burner gas stove – please refer to the operating instructions of the appliance.

The gas bottle is located in the cupboard under the sink, unless the optional front box has been ordered. The gas is turned on & off by twisting the tap at the top of the bottle. The bottle size is 3.9 Kg and it is recommended to turn the gas off after use or when storing your Go-Pod. Please ensure that the vent in the gas cupboard is not covered.

Preparing The Bed

The seating area of your Go-Pods transforms in to a comfortable king size bed. Remove the table top and pole and store away under the seat or on the floor. Pull the bed slats out from the seat base at the end of the aisle. Take care to pull the slats equally to their fullest extent.

Remove the two cushioned seat backrests and place them in the gap over the slats. Finally, place the thin bolster cushion in the remaining gap to complete the bed. A video is available on the Video page of the website for guidance if required.

Dometic Fridge

The fridge installed in your Go-Pod is a versatile and high quality appliance. Its top opening feature has the benefit of not having to open in to the standing area. A brief overview follows but please refer appliance's manual for full instruction. Your fridge will operate on 240V mains hook up and the temperature can be adjusted via the dial on the top of the unit. If set to maximum, the unit will begin to freeze the contents as long as the ambient temperature is not excessive. Turning the dial down will make the unit operate as a fridge. The fridge is not plumbed for gas operation as there is inadequate space to fit a flue it and no flue saves compromising the one-piece shell of your Go-Pod. While towing, the fridge will draw enough power from the car to maintain it's starting temperature, if hooked up to your tow vehicle via the standard 13 pin Euro plug. If camping off of hook up, then the fridge does not operate, as 12V battery power is insufficient to power the unit. This is the same with all caravan fridges. However, the unit still offers an extremely effective cool box and cold contents will remain chilled for some time. Should you experience any function issues with your fridge please refer to the websites Blog section for tips. If problems persist, please contact Dometic direct.

TV / DVD

The flat screen TV / DVD by will operate on both 12V or 240V power supplies. For convenience, the TV is always plugged in to the 12V supply, as even when on camping on hook up, the leisure battery is automatically charged from the mains power. Please consult the TV's manual for the correct tuning and operating instructions. You might also like to review the quick guide on the website's Blog page.

Accessories & Optional Extras

Many accessories are self-explanatory of course but here follows some notes ascertaining to certain items.

Front Box: Fitted to the front of your Go-Pod and lockable. If requested, your gas bottle can be sited & plumbed inside of the front box. Alternatively, the box is provided as a useful extra storage compartment.

Gas Bottle: We can supply and fit your 3.9Kg Propane Calor Gas bottle on request.

Solar Panels: Two sizes are available – 70W or 100W. The larger 100W panel trickle charges the on-board leisure battery faster than the smaller 70W panel. Panels are secured to the outer surface of your pop-top and wired, (via a controller), to the battery. There are no controls and the whole charging process is automatic. Panels are affixed to the roof with adhesive applied in strategic spots. Total adhesive coverage is purposely avoided to allow for expansion & removal / replacement of the panel if necessary. If small gaps between the panel and the roof are visible, please note that this is perfectly correct.

Dual Fuel Blown Air Heating: If camping off hook up, please ensure your gas bottle is turned on prior to activating your heating system. Please refer to the walk through video on the website for an overview and read the user manual. Please note that there may be some short delay for the airflow to become warm, while the heater fires up and starts operating at temperature. Do not cover the inlet or outlet vents for the heating when in operation. Take care not to crush the air pipes that run through the front under-seat storage area.

Warning: Heating your Go-Pod should be achieved using a recommended method only. Do not use the gas hob, (either directly or indirectly), to heat your caravan. Avoid fan heaters and other devises that could be accidentally knocked over, covered and cause fire risk.

External 240V Socket: As the name suggests, this socket will only work when on mains electric hook up.

External Gas Socket: If you have ordered an external gas socket, this will be plumbed to your on-board gas bottle and will allow you to run gas appliances outside of your Go-Pod. The male connector for you gas socket will be supplied too.

Microwave Oven: The optional microwave oven is located inside of the cupboard, beneath the gas stove. It can be operated in situ but the cupboard door must remain open during use. If ordered, one of your two standard 240V sockets will be fitted within the cupboard for the power supply. Please unplug the microwave when not in use to prevent involuntary activation. The microwave will only operate when your Go-Pod is on electric hook up. Please consult the appliance's operating manual prior to use. The make/model of the microwave may vary depending on availability.

Motor Movers: Your motor mover requires special expertise during fitting which should only be carried out in our workshops, by our experienced fitters who have developed a special technique for this micro tourer.

Important: Third party fitting of motor movers will void your warranty and could damage your caravan.

Please refer to the video section of the website for Quick-Start Guide. It is important to ensure that the jockey wheel is not over-extended when operating the mover, as this will put unnecessary strain and leverage on the jockey wheel assembly and could result in damage. Avoid the jockey wheel becoming restrained, restricted or encountering immovable obstructions when using the mover. We recommend adding an inflatable jockey wheel.

Warranty: Details of your 12 month warranty can be downloaded at https://www.go-pods.co.uk/downloads.html

Insurance: We recommend you insure your Go-Pod on a 'new for old' basis. As micro-tourers are sometimes considered as specialist caravans by some insurers, we have identified suitable insurance companies who offer competitive rates and invited them to review the Go-Pod. These companies are therefore familiar with the Go-Pod model and can offer a professional service. Further advice on insuring your Go-Pod can be found on the website at <u>www.Go-Pods.co.uk</u> from the 'More' dropdown menu. The manufacturer of your caravan is **GOING** and the model is **GO-POD**. The chassis number / VIN number can be found on a plate located on the square drawbar at the front.

Winterising:

Your Go-Pod is well insulated and with a little heating can be comfortably used all year round. However, should you wish to store it away for the winter, here are a few basic guidelines to consider.

- \checkmark A sheltered position under cover is a beneficial place to store you Go-Pod.
- ✓ A pre-storing clean is recommended and over-wintering waxes are available for additional protection.
- ✓ Check tyre pressures 35psi & consider turning the wheels every 8 weeks to help avoid the rubber degradation.
- ✓ Your pop-top skirt should be thoroughly dry.
- \checkmark Remember to apply your security devices and check that the windows and pop-top are secured.
- \checkmark Protect your 13 pin tow plug from the weather. An application of WD40 is a good idea.
- \checkmark Put the handbrake to the off position. Chock block the wheels either side to prevent rolling.
- ✓ Apply a little grease to moving mechanical parts or linkages. Avoid getting grease on the brakes.
- ✓ Check the interior is free of any item that may rot or attract vermin. It's a good idea to clean & wipe the interior.
- \checkmark Ensure the wall vents are fully open.
- \checkmark You may consider adding moisture traps inside the Go-Pod too.
- \checkmark Leave the fridge door open to allow air to circulate.
- \checkmark Turn off the gas supply securely.
- \checkmark Ensure the water pipes are drained & free of water to prevent freezing damage.
- ✓ Empty the toilet and leave dry, (do not re-charge), again to prevent freezing damage.
- \checkmark Roller and spring blinds are best left open, so as not gradually weaken their springs.
- ✓ Lightly lubricate the door hinges with WD40 or similar. Wipe away excess overspray & drips.
- \checkmark Turn switches to the OFF position on the control panel.
- ✓ Your battery can remain connected. Charge periodically if a solar panel is not fitted.
- ✓ If you have a solar panel fitted, a cover such as the approved Go-Pod cover will allow it to operate through the winter and keep your leisure battery trickle charged and in peak condition.

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