

Certified Self Containment

NZ Lifestyle Camping

Summary / Guidelines



For Motor Caravans , Caravans & Camper Vans

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For Interpreting and Applying NZS 5465: 2001 incl. Amendment 2

INTRODUCTION

This guideline has been updated by NZ lifestyle Camping Ltd to help persons completing self containment conversions and as a support tool for Self Containment Testing officers. It covers what is required under the standard and offers some suggestions. It is a guide / interpretation only but can be referenced to as a discussion document if dispute arises. Other persons and organisations may apply different interpretations.

Self Containment is the ability to meet the ablutionary and sanitary needs of the occupants of a motor caravan or caravan, for a minimum of three days, without needing any external services or discharging any dry waste or sewage. All sewage is to be disposed of at a waste dump station or suitable sewerage entry point, which is connected to a sewerage or septic tank system. Dry waste should be carried and disposed of at a suitable rubbish disposal facility. Do not use chemicals in the self-containment system that could affect the operation of the dump station and attached systems.

All Points Camping's Participation in the Certified Self Containment Scheme

NZS 5465:2001 was developed as a way to manage the health risks to individuals and communities in relation to people travelling or living in motorhomes or caravans. It does not and can not cover every class of camper. This guideline publication has been developed and updated in conjunction with the All Points Camping Club of NZ, also known as All Points Camping NZ or All Points Camping, which supports all classes of camper in NZ from tents through to Motorhomers. APCNZ endorses international practices for managing waste, including human and the CSC scheme is a part of that.

APCNZ and NZLC are actively working to support NZ campers, and with local government and other organisations, to ensure fair representation for all campers and fair implementation of the Freedom Camping Act and Self Containment bylaws.

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NZ Lifestyle Camping Ltd (NZLC) is an issuing authority for NZS 5465:2001 recommends and supports the certification of all qualifying vehicles for self containment as a step towards developing a safe and sustainable camping industry throughout NZ.

In managing our national network of testing officers and passing vehicles as certified for self containment we will act fairly and impartially to ensure as many vehicles / vehicle owners are able to meet and exceed the standard requirements.

NZ as a country has a high risk of natural disaster and an increasing level of homelessness. Certified self containment should also be recognised is an opportunity to assist families and individuals to maintain safe and hygienic living conditions for a brief period of time.

To be certified for self containment the vehicle must be of suitable design and fit for the purpose of accommodation.

NZ LIFESTYLE CAMPING POLICY ON VEHICLES SUITABLE FOR CERTIFICATION

Under the Standard the vehicle should come under the definition of being either a Motor Caravan or Caravan to be able to be certified or inspected for self containment.

- To be certified for self containment the vehicle must be of suitable design and fit for the purpose of accommodation.

Definitions:

CARAVAN: Defined under the Standard NZS 5465:2001 as “Any structure designed for human habitation, which is capable of being moved from one place to another, by being towed, or transported on another vehicle.”

NZLC Comment: This definition of a caravan includes slide on type camping units and box type e.g. tiny houses and accommodation type camper trailers, when those structures have been designed for human habitation. The standard is not specific as to the physical structure of the unit and may include canvas or part canvas construction.

MOTOR CARAVAN: Defined under the Standard NZS 5465:2001 as “A motor vehicle which can be used as a place of abode and has facilities for cooking, eating, sleeping and washing and is not a passenger vehicle.”

NZLC Comment: Under the Standard’s definition of a Motor Caravan the vehicle must have facilities for cooking. This could include a portable gas or electric hotplate which may be used inside or outside of the vehicle. ‘Not a passenger vehicle’ has no clear definition or reference to legislation or standards. In fact the NZTA website states: “Passenger vehicles **can** include cars, vans, people-movers and some off-road vehicles.” By the inclusion of the word **can** this means these vehicles **might not** be a passenger vehicle under the NZTA definition.

Excluding all vehicles that carry passengers is NOT in the intent of the standard. If a vehicle has a primary design as a camping / accommodation unit whether by manufacture or modification it may be considered for certified self containment.

The purpose of NZS 5465:2001 is not intended to exclude vehicles from being able to be certified for self containment but to provide a system whereby vehicles can be identified as being able to contain all waste for the number of occupants for a period of 3 days.

Every motor caravan or caravan (including those such as trailer campers, slide on campers and roof top tents) can be certified for self containment where the vehicle has been converted for camping / habitation and has met or exceeded the fresh water and waste requirements under the standard.

There is no official exclusion list of vehicle makes and models that cannot be certified for self containment. A vehicle may have been built or converted for habitation but must be suitably set up for this purpose. A vehicle for certification may have a portable toilet and must have cooking facilities. NZLC is bound by the standard and cannot certify tents for self containment, only the vehicle. In the case of a roof top tent or trailer camper the toilet must be able to be used in the vehicle (with adequate head and elbow room) when required. **This does not mean the toilet must be able to be used in the vehicle at all times as has been widely promoted.**

CERTIFICATE OF SELF CONTAINMENT

Every motor caravan or caravan equipped as per the Standard may be presented for the issue of a self-containment certificate and a warrant of compliance, with appliances installed, that are "fit for purpose" and qualifying as motor-home or caravan.

DISPUTES

Any disputes arising should be resolved by the parties involved in the first instance and referred to NZ Lifestyle Camping if there is no resolution. Notes should be kept of any dispute. A registered plumber, gasfitter or drainlayer has professional responsibility to resolve disputes.

SELF CONTAINMENT WARRANT / WINDOW CARD

Such a warrant card, if granted, shall be affixed to the inside of the left side front window, or the left side of the windscreen so as to be visible from the footpath. It shall clearly state:

- The registration number of the vehicle
- The date of issue
- The issuing authority
- The expiry date
- The maximum number of people which are to be accommodated.



No Warrants shall be valid for more than forty eight (48) months, and must be renewed immediately if any alterations to the self containment set-up are made.

Certificates / warrant cards issued in accordance with the standard will be valid for 48 months.

SELF CONTAINMENT STICKER



This blue square sticker was introduced at the beginning of 2012. It provides Council enforcement officers with a visual tool to immediately verify whether or not a vehicle may be certified self contained. The placement of the sticker is vital for the scheme to work and must be fitted to the lower right hand rear of the vehicle. The blue sticker is not legally required under the standard but is considered an essential part of the scheme.

ISSUING AUTHORITY

Self-containment certificates and warrants are issued by a Self Containment Issuing Authority, i.e. a registered plumber, or any organisation (such as NZ lifestyle Camping and the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.)

SELF CONTAINMENT OFFICERS

Qualified Self-Containment Officers who are a member of an Issuing Authority are eligible to inspect vehicles for self-containment warrants. For a new check your vehicle will need to be checked by any two members suitably qualified as Self-Containment Officers; and for a retest, any one Self-Containment Officer. The exception to this under amendment No.2 allows for an initial inspection by one (1) qualified testing officer who has inspected more than 20 vehicles and inspects more than 10 in a year. (A schedule of inspections must be retained).

To qualify as a new Self-Containment Officer under NZ lifestyle Camping, individuals must be able to demonstrate the ability to correctly interpret, explain and apply the standard, as part of a competency test, correctly maintain documentation and be able to succinctly justify decisions made.

A new testing officer may be notarised as passing the competency test as Self Containment Officer by either an experienced self containment officer (2+ years), a registered plumber, gasfitter or drainlayer, or a person appointed to do so by All Points Camping NZ management. Where a testing officer has been trained / qualified by another organisation that training is recognised and credit given.

NOTE: A Registered plumber can check or recheck a vehicle for self containment by themselves, and be the issuing authority for the certificate/warrant in their own right. If NZ lifestyle Camping is to be the issuing authority for the certificate and the plumber is not a member of the club, the certificate/warrant will be issued by APCNZ as an agent for the plumber under NZ law. Plumbers are required under their registration to comply with the requirements of the standard.

See a listing of Self-Containment Officers on our website
At www.RVkiwi.com and www.nzlifestylecamping.com.

The screenshot displays the website's navigation bar with links: Home, South Island Testing, North Island Testing, and Recommended Camping. The main header area features the NZ Lifestyle Camping logo on the left and a large image of a motorhome parked on a beach with the text 'NZ Self Containment Issuing Authority' overlaid. Below the navigation bar, there are three main content blocks. The left block contains contact information (email: admin@nzlifestylecamping.com, Ph: 0272469778) and a link to find a testing officer. The middle block promotes the 'NZ Camping Club' with a 'Join Now' button and the website 'www.allpointscampingnz.org'. The right block advertises 'LIFESTYLE CAMPING MAGAZINE Issue 5 out now' with a 'Read This Now' button. A footer bar at the bottom contains a link to search for certified vehicles.

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BASIC CSC REQUIREMENTS FOR MOTORCARAVANS

The following covers the 'basic requirements' for self containment in motor caravans & caravans only.
(For full details on Self Containment, purchase the Standard NZS 5465:2001 from Standards NZ, or contact a Self Containment Testing Officer who has a copy of the Standard).

WATER SUPPLY

The motor caravan shall be fitted with a fresh water tank (or multiple tanks / containers). The tank(s) shall hold at least 4 litres per day for each person that the motor caravan will be certified to accommodate for three days. (i.e. a minimum of 12 litres of water per person).

The tank shall be:

1. Made of a material that is inert and opaque, and be capable of storing fresh water indefinitely, while maintaining its potability. A semi-opaque fresh water tank can be used when stored in a dark area.
2. Adequately supported and fastened to the motor caravan so that it does not cause any hazard whilst the vehicle is travelling on the road.
3. Fitted with an inlet of not less than 25 mm diameter (or 12mm diameter if pressure fed), and have a cap or seal to prevent foreign matter entering the tank.
4. If of rigid construction have an air vent of not less than 10 mm, fitted with a device to prevent the entry of any contaminant into the tank.

NZLC Comment: Potable water containers that have been manufactured for this purpose and meet the NZ and Australian standards for the storage of water and or food, can be used for water storage in a motorcaravan or caravan. These containers are considered safe and supplied for the storage of drinking water for emergency purposes and meet or exceed the stated specifications for water storage under NZS 5465:2001. These containers will be stamped with the relevant code.

Portable water containers should be washed out frequently and not kept in direct sunlight as this promotes algal growth.

If water is tainted sterilising tablets and other products can be purchased to remedy this.

WATER RETICULATION

Fresh water reticulation shall be approved food grade dense opaque non-toxic pipe. Clear plastic pipe shall not be used. (Tip: If piping hot water or operating a pressurised system ensure the pipe / tubing is rated accordingly and securely clamped. Hoses and clamps in European caravans should be regularly checked for leakage.) A typical plumbing layout / schematic for a motor caravan is shown on the following page.

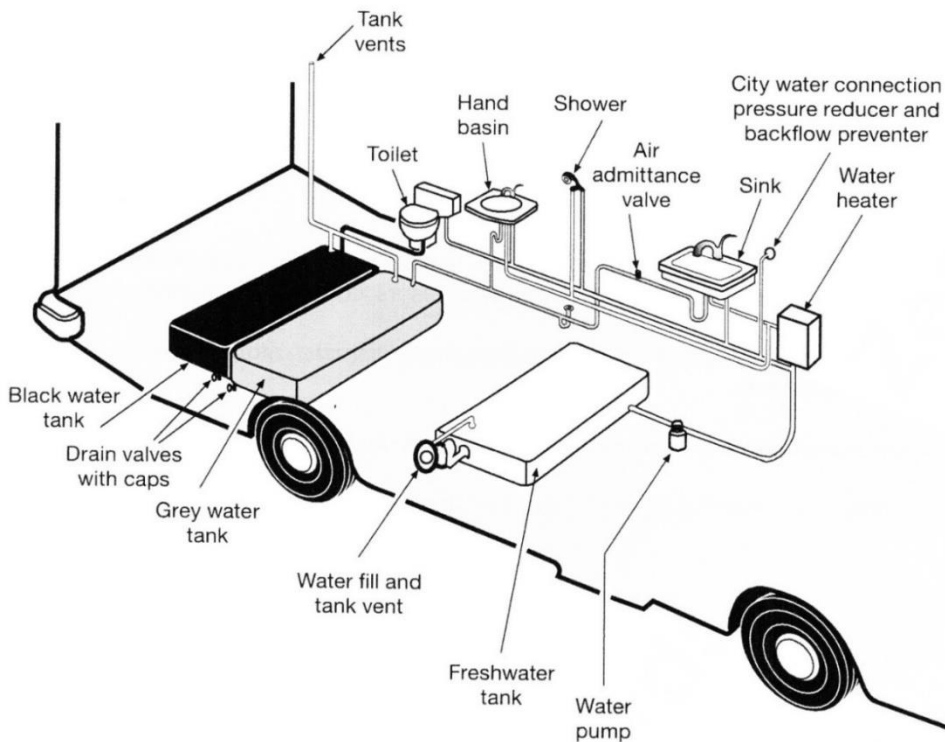
Explanation

1. Clear plastic pipe admits light, which encourages the growth of algae in the pipe. This discolours the water, and has potentially harmful effects on your digestive system.
2. Where a water-heating device such as a gas califont is installed, it is suggested the hot water reticulation should be in 10 mm or std 12mm pipe suitable for hot water. This pipe is easily routed around corners and can be installed in one length from the gas califont to the outlet tap. (The gas califont exhaust shall be expelled to the outside of the vehicle) The flow of water through the 10 mm

pipe is more than adequate, as the gas califont restricts the water flow so that the gas flame will heat the water in the pipe as it passes through the flame.

With storage water heaters an inlet pressure regulator and pressure relief valve will be necessary

Schematic of a fixed tank self containment system.

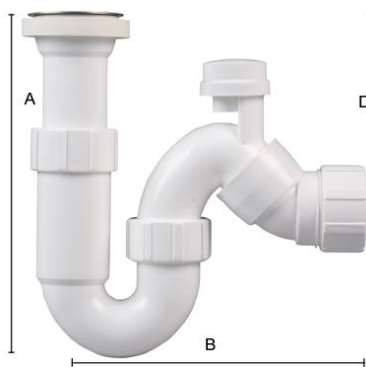


SINK

The motor caravan or caravan shall be equipped with a sink. The sink must be attached to the vehicle. Additional sinks, hand basins and shower are optional. Every sink, hand basin or shower fitted shall be supplied with water from the fresh water tank, in such a way to ensure that there is no back siphoning.

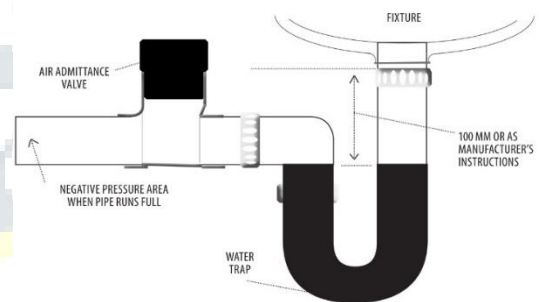
The diameter of the waste pipe from a sink, hand basin, shower tray or other fitting shall not be less than 18 mm .

Note: The standard as written recommends that all waste pipes from sinks, hand basins and shower trays shall have a water seal of not less than 40 mm, fitted close to the outlet of the fitting and no more than 1 m from the fitting. This is in accordance with the NZ building code which does not apply to mobile caravans and motorhomes. This can apply where are unit is set up as a permanent residence.



NZLC Comment: The depth of the water seal and its effectiveness may vary with different diameter waste hose / pipe. A 25mm water seal with a 25 mm pipe (or 19mm to 19mm) is as effective as a 40mm seal with 40mm pipe. European standards and fittings for caravans and motorhome plumbing meet or exceed the NZ

40mm recommendation.



Where the length of pipe exceeds 3 metres it shall not be less than 25 mm diameter and be vented with an air admittance valve of not less than 18mm as shown.

Toilets and Waste Evacuation

PORTABLE TOILET

For the avoidance of doubt, Amendment 2 of the Standard states “a portable toilet shall be readily usable within the vehicle, including sufficient head and elbow room when required, even with the bed made up.” (Required is defined as essential or necessary.) Once this condition has been met, a the portable toilet may be used externally, e.g. within a toilet tent or awning, where it is appropriate and convenient to do so.

Portable toilets are required to be adequately restrained or secured when travelling and have a seal unless it is a Composting model.

PERMANENT TOILET

The standard requires that permanent toilets are to be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or to comply with the sanitary requirements of NZ Building Code. **Please note that the NZBC does not generally apply to moveable vehicles including caravans, converted buses and trailers. There is currently some debate over moveable 'Tiny Homes'.**

Where the toilet is permanently mounted, it shall be connected to the waste tank by a pipe, preferably of flexible material or with a flexible joint. Where an **efficiency flushing** toilet is used and evacuation is by gravity, the pipe or hose shall not be less than 75 mm diameter, and not deviate from the vertical by more than $\pm 30^\circ$.

For marine toilets it should be noted that some have a 32 mm waste outlet opening. As with other types of toilets these must be installed in line with manufacturer's requirements.

Explanation

Toilets shall have sufficient waste holding capacity to provide for the occupants of the motor caravan for a minimum of three days. The waste holding capacity shall be the net capacity after deducting the internal flushing water. The capacity per person per day is 1 litre, e.g. four people for the three day self containment period would require a net total of 12 litres.

The holding capacity of the toilet tank may be including in the calculation of liquid waste storage when calculating the total waste for the vehicle.

The toilet should be able to be used in situ and have adequate space and ventilation to avoid the need for other occupants to vacate the RV during use. Privacy should be considered but is not a requirement of the standard.

Manufacturers instructions should be followed when calculating the waste holding capacity for toilet waste. The minimum capacity allowable under the standard is 1 litre per person per day for self containment. Most users will need more than this. It is recommended to carry a spare cassette if possible.

Minimum 3 day Capacity -	for 2 persons 6 litres + initial charge (1litre) = 7 litres (recommend 9l)
	for 4 persons 12 litres + initial charge (1litre) = 11 litres (recommend 13l)
	for 5 persons 15 litres + initial charge (1litre) = 16 litres (recommend 18l)
	for 6 persons 18 litres + initial charge (1litre) = 19 litres (recommend 20l)

The above are recommended minimums. Every personal situation is different.

A friendly warning. Young children like pressing the flush button. It is very likely, that with children on board, your toilet holding capacity will be severely compromised.

MARINE TOILETS - These shall not draw their flushing water from the drinking water supply.

Explanation: The barrel of a marine toilet pump is used for pumping both the waste to the waste tank, and drawing in the flushing water. It is therefore unavoidable that contamination will travel from the waste to the clean water supply. To use marine toilets in a motor caravan, install a separate tank for flushing water with an air gap between the fresh water supply and the flushing tank water.

COMPOSTING TOILETS

Under amendment No. 2 31/05/17, Defines Composting Toilets as an aerobic processing system to treat human waste by composting. Where any waste water is separated it shall be via a black water tank or a combined grey & black waste tank. Some composting toilets have a removable black water tank that is rated to hold urine for three (3) persons for one (1) day. This would not meet the CSC requirements for three days if the vehicle is certified for more than one (1) person. In such cases there will have to be a small black water tank, of some form or the grey tank becomes a black water tank if the urine is fed into this, to store the extra liquid waste and for the vehicle to meet the standard.

WASTE TANK

The motor caravan or caravan shall be fitted with a waste tank or tanks to receive the wastewater and sewage from all permanently installed fixtures. "The capacity of the waste tank shall not be less than, and preferably larger than, the minimum water supply." **The waste tank can be less volume than the fresh water, as long as it is greater than the minimum size and has a clearly visible, functioning monitor.**

The tank shall have a vent which extends above the lowest appliance and then exits to the exterior of the vehicle. The minimum size for the waste tank is the same as the minimum fresh water capacity (i.e. 24 litres for two people).

Note: If the vehicle has a combined tank for sewage and grey water (becoming a black water tank) the capacity 'Must' be sufficient for both. In the case of a composting toilet requiring discharge of urine into a waste tank this must also be added to the waste capacity eg 1 litre per person per day.

Rollaway/portable tanks can be used as an alternative to fixed tanks. There are many differing opinions on the use and advantages or disadvantages of a roll a way waste tank. Modern rollaway tanks are required to be a sealed unit so the risk of of any spillage is minimal. If staying in facilities with a dump station they are easy to wheel but have considerable weight when emptying. Assistance should be sought / may be required to lift a full tank.

Motor homes and caravans with removable grey water tanks are allowed as long as they are connected with a water tight seal and the pipe that feeds them has a shut-off valve and cap. The tank shall have a vent which extends above the lowest drain / sink fitting. Portable tanks can be heavy, with lifting becoming difficult. 1 litre = 1 kg.

All waste tanks shall be constructed of non-corrodible material. The bottom of the tank shall be shaped so that the contents can be evacuated through a quick acting gate valve. The valve shall not be able to operate from inside the vehicle and the valve shall be fitted with a cap when not in use. **All roll away tanks, fresh and grey water tanks (plus black) must be secured in the caravan or towing vehicle when in motion.**

Waste tank valve, pipe and discharge hose sizes:

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| Grey wastewater | Up to 200 litres 25 mm minimum diameter.
Over 200 litres 32 mm minimum diameter. |
| Black wastewater | Fed from a marine toilet or fed from a standalone macerator pump 32 mm minimum diameter. |
| Waste macerated on evacuation | 18 mm diameter or the size of the macerator pump openings. |
| | All other black water 75 mm minimum diameter. |

Explanation

The sizes stated above are the minimum. To get maximum evacuation of your tank and ensure that you dispose of all solids and paper, you should fit the largest valve and pipe work possible to the lowest point of your tank. This ensures that you evacuate all possible solids. In some cases where maximum flow is not achieved, you will get build up of solids in the tank that will reduce the tank volume. Eventually you will have to remove the tank or cut a hole in it large enough to flush it out.

All waste tanks shall be fitted with a vent of not less than 10 mm, preferably 25 mm, routed above the flood line of the lowest appliance and be vented to the outside of the vehicle. Preferably near the roofline and away from windows and doors. It is recommended that the vent pipe should be matched with the outlet at least 50%. To help quick evacuation of waste a vent pipe with a diameter greater than the 10mm minimum would ensure fast emptying. Where the evacuation of the tank is by a valve and greater than 50mm an air admittance valve shall be fitted in the system unless vent pipe is 50% of diameter of discharge hose & fittings. This is to prevent the water seals being destroyed and/or tanks imploding and to speed up the evacuation of the tank.

Fixed waste and sewage tanks must be adequately supported and fastened to the motor caravan, so as not to cause a hazard whilst the vehicle is in motion.

EVACUATION HOSE

The motor caravan shall be fitted with an evacuation hose. The hose shall be fitted with a seal-able coupling for attaching it to the waste holding tank evacuation valve. The waste hose shall have a minimum length of 3 metres and the diameter shall be no less than the minimum waste tank valve and piping as required by the standard. The hose shall be carried in a separate sealed container if not carried in its own locker.

WASTE WATER TREATMENTS

The chemicals or biological treatments used in a waste or sewage tank should:

1. Deodorise the waste
2. Disintegrate the waste
3. Be biodegradable
4. Eliminate coliform bacteria
5. Prevent foaming at pumping stations
6. Not interfere with the safe operation of a septic tank
7. Not affect component parts of the sanitation system

The manufacturers instructions should be followed when using the treatments.

Explanation: *When putting chemicals into your toilet system (portable toilets and waste tanks) it is important to take into account the amount of waste that you will deposit before emptying the tank. No use putting in the full dosage when you are going to empty the tank when it is half full. All you have done is put in twice as much chemical as is needed. Better to put in half the chemical dosage to start with and top it up if you are going to use the full capacity before disposing of the waste at a dump point.*

REFUSE CONTAINMENT

The motor caravan shall be fitted with a sealable refuse container designed for the purpose and of suitable capacity for the number of occupants. Plastic bags hanging on a hook inside cupboard doors etc are not acceptable.

CARAVAN SELF CONTAINMENT GUIDELINES

TANK OPTIONS

1. Fit and secure fresh and grey tanks under the floor.
2. Portable rollaway tanks, one each for fresh and grey.
3. Install a connected bank of PVC pipes with sealed caps usually the length of the van under the floor.

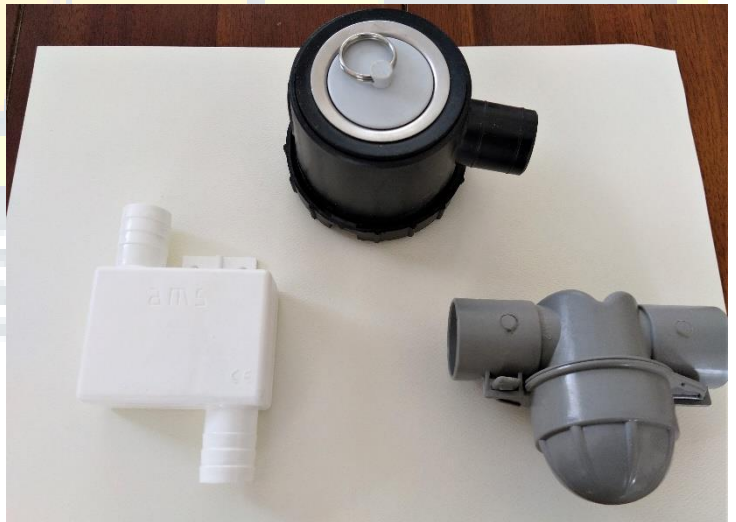
WATER SEAL OPTIONS

1. Standard "s" Bend.
2. HepVo valve available from plumbing stockists – 32 or 40 mm diameter pipe fitting. Can be installed in either vertical or horizontal position. Commonly used in shower waste lines where ground clearance low.
3. A loose loop of flexible tube that forms a suitable water seal.
4. European engineered smell traps /siphons. The sink outlet shown includes a water seal in its design. (When fitting these items an additional S or P trap is not required)



These items can be purchased through many motorhome and caravan service centres / stores.

If you are unable to locate the fittings or pipe you require these can be obtained from NZ Lifestyle Camping Ltd.



WASTE WATER PIPES

There is a large range of flexible hose and pipe available through RV sales centres, plumbing and hardware merchants. A smooth bore product is recommended. Standard sizes are 25, 32 and 40mm for NZ fittings and 19mm for some European campers.

Most plumbing suppliers have a wide range of on/off valves, hose tail connectors, dust caps, sealable couplings, and flexible grey waste hose for those sizes.

NOTE: Flexible hose should not be used in horizontal plumbing waste lines as it may sag unless it is tied to the structure. All water seals must be as close as possible to the sanitary fitting outlet. One metre is maximum allowable from fitting.

WASTE WATER TANK

The waste (grey water) tank(s) must be vented to the outside of the vehicle.

PERMANENT TANKS

These should be fitted where possible as a balanced unit usually secured underfloor in front of and behind the caravan wheels / axle, to keep the caravan balanced and eliminate "speed wobbles", when towing. Be aware of hand brake cables when locating tanks.

This install shows a 76 litre waste tank suspended on swung, sloped, galvanised frame behind the axle on a European caravan. To fit this the spare tyre bracket has been removed and existing mounting holes can be used. Owners should be aware that an install like this when full will add 80kg plus to the weight of the van. GVM limits apply



The grey tank outlet must be fitted with a on/off valve, a sealable coupling and a dust cap. The drain point should be as high as possible from ground level, and not at the extreme front or back of the van-likely to be damaged on undulating ground. Grey tank vent needs a minimum 18mm diameter and must exit to the outside of the caravan. For a "retro" fit, sometimes a vent tube can be installed through the floor and up inside a wardrobe and exit to the outside above the top of the window line through a vent cover. Alternatively bring the hose up into a cupboard and at 150 mm above the height of the lowest sanitary fitting form a gentle loop and take it back down through the floor.

Apart from achieving a rapid emptying flow, if the grey water tank is totally full and you empty the sink, it may backflow into the shower (if installed) or not drain from the sink! This is a visual warning that the grey tank is full!! Many owners install electronic tank monitors as well.

For smaller camping units NZLC has developed a 30litre, low profile waste kit with fittings and evacuation hose. A full portable 25 L waste container is heavy and a fixed unit is recommended.

TANK EVACUATION

For emptying any grey tank venting is required to stop the tank imploding and to ensure rapid flow to flush out all the contents as well.

A minimum 3 metre length hose is required (longer is better) fitted with the correct size hose tail connector to achieve leak free discharge from your on/ off valve into a dump station. The waste hose must be stored in a sealed container when not on the vehicle (preferably in an outside locker). Some owners adapt a piece of larger diameter plastic pipe for this function and fix it across the front or back of the caravan.

Caravan waste water plumbing must include water seals / smell traps, an exit point on/off valve, sealable coupling and dust cap.

ROLLAWAY / PORTABLE TANKS

All rollaway tanks (full or empty) shall be securely fastened when in transit to a standard laid down by transport regulation, including additional cassettes and water containers.

To connect the rollaway to receive waste water, attach a short piece of flexible hose with a hose tail connector at each end and fit it to the on/off valves. When valves are opened, waste can flow into the rollaway. (shown below is a typical grey waste rollaway tank)

When the rollaway is full, turn off the caravan valve and drain the last residues into the rollaway before closing the rollaway valve and locking the dust caps onto the caravan and rollaway. Remember, a full rollaway weighs a kilo per litre so you should get assistance to lift it (20 - 40 Kgs).



The following image shows a complete connection kit available from NZ Lifestyle Camping or that you can easily set up yourself.

Go to www.nzlifestylecamping.com/store or www.nzlifestylecamping.com/projects for more details.

With rollaway or portable tanks the conditions are the same as with a fixed tank regarding amounts of water, waste traps fitted to appliances, rubbish containers, toilet etc. The reason for CSC is to protect the occupants and the environment by ensuring that no waste water flows from the van onto the ground.

To achieve this, all connections between the van and tanks (regardless of whether the tank is fixed or portable) must be leak proof. A waste tank vent to allow air to escape from the tank while filling must be fitted to the height of the lowest appliance, usually the shower. If a 'Hepvo' (rubber veined type of trap) is fitted, then the vent must rise to the height of the next appliance, the sink or basin. All vents must terminate to the outside of the van. The vent can be a clear rigid pipe rising from the tank and clipped to the required height, above the floodline of the shower or sink.



When using a portable tank the van must have a valve at the discharge point of the vehicle, with a cap fitted, when disconnected from the portable tank. The tank should be fitted to the discharge valve with a flexible hose, with all connections leak proof. The length of the hose needs to be as short as practicable to ensure no spillage when disconnecting. If extra caps are purchased they can be modified (drilling a hole), one to take the inlet pipe and the other the vent pipe, allowing the second set of caps to be put on for travel or wheeling to dump point for emptying. Another option is to use BSP 20/25/32 mm threaded connectors (silicone or lock nuts recommended) with screw on caps or camlock fittings to ensure the containers are sealed when removed. These are all available from irrigation stockists or from NZ Lifestyle Camping through the website. Please check the projects page on the website for examples of fittings.

In many cases a gauge is not required (if waste water capacity is equal to or larger than fresh water capacity). Some tanks already have gauges. Tanks can have a float gauge that changes colour as the water level rises, others have a float that rises up out of the tank to indicate water level. A waste tank tank can be a light colour (or semi opaque) that allows the level to be seen or have a clear strip window gauge. When a tank has no gauge the vent can be made from clear pipe to show when the tank is full although this will show it is overful.

The tank must be able to be removed for emptying without spillage. The connecting hose and vent need to be stored in a separate locker or container when not in use to prevent contamination. All portable tanks must be securely stored so they cannot move while the van is in motion.

If an underfloor waste tank is fitted to a caravan and it has a vented front locker a simple option for venting is to run 10 or 12mm tubing from the top of the waste tank under floor and up into the front locker.

SELF CONTAINING EUROPEAN CARAVANS

The purpose of Self Containing is that nothing can spill onto the ground and that smell doesn't enter the living area.

Requirements are that smell traps can be fitted on each waste outlet where the pipes exit under the van. Connection joints to the should be a tight / sealed fit with no leaks. The portable / rollaway tanks must be sealed / capped when removed.

The UK waste plumbing system is called "Push Fit". This system has 27.5 mm pipe that pushes together without glue so is very easy to modify to meet the standards, when completed all joints shall be glued. The three waste outlets need to be connected to one outlet with a tap and caps. The rollaway tank needs the same inlet and a cap plus a vent that has a cap for transporting. A Clear plastic vent acts as a sight glass or monitor.

A short hose connect it all together and a stick on hook hangs the vent up without drilling holes in the side of the van. Converting the outlet to side exit is worth doing so the tap does not drag on the ground if on the rear of the van.

This kit shown in the image contains all that is needed to prepare an English caravan waste system fitted with smell traps for Self Containment



There are variations in the caravans as to where the kitchen and hand basin/ shower are placed. Some of the tandem axle vans the pipes are coming out behind the axle and wheels. Some exit at the rear.

This is a general description but keep in mind that the rollaway tank needs to be vented away from the living area and the vent not under a window. If the outlets are at the rear there is a very strong possibility of wiping them off going over crossings or even the speed humps into parks etc. Waste pipe over 3m must also have an air admittance valve. A good practice is to move them to the driver side and just behind the wheels.

CAMPER VAN CONVERSIONS



For a two person setup, 2 x 25 litre narrow opaque plastic cans, can be used, stored alongside the sink or in a cupboard, removable for ease of filling and emptying.

The tanks need vents.

The fresh tank needs an opaque supply to the sink and a vent. A small fresh water tank could be secured above the sink with a tap to the sink.

The grey water may drain from the sink through a looped hose water trap into the grey water tank. The hose into the tank is to be a water tight fit that is leak proof. A 10mm diameter vent pipe/hose shall be fitted to the waste water tank rising above the height of the sink base or floodline of the shower if fitted and terminating to the exterior.

In most cases a gauge is not required, as you can see the water level in the tank. The tank can be a light colour (opaque) that allows the level to be seen or have a clear strip window gauge. *These opaque portable tanks do become brittle over time and should be checked for cracks.*



The grey water tank must be able to be removed for emptying without spillage. The connecting waste hose and removable vent hose should be stored in a separate locker, container or sealed plastic bag to avoid cross contamination. The exception to this is where the hose and connectors remain attached to the vehicle for subsequent reconnection of the waste tank. All portable tanks must be securely stored so they cannot move while the van is in motion. There be a sealed container for rubbish.

The campervan shall be equipped with a toilet that is adequately restrained or secured when travelling. The toilet shall be readily usable within the vehicle including sufficient head and elbow room at all times, even with the bed made up. Once this has been ascertained / certified as being practicable the toilet may then be used in a toilet tent or awning. The capacity of the toilet is 1 litre per person per day.



With creative thinking solutions can be found for most problems. The image to the left is not ideal but if there is sufficient head and elbow room meets the requirements.



Slide on Campers and Utility Based Campers - also applies to roof top campers.

Where All the requirements the standard have been met these units can be certified.

Amendment 2 of the standard requires that the toilet must be able to be used inside the vehicle with the bed made up. Once these conditions have been met the toilet can be used outside.

When separate from the vehicle the unit would be considered a caravan under the definition of the standard.

When the accommodation / self contained unit is attached to a vehicle it is considered to be part of the vehicle as with a canopy.

The CSC window card /warrant will be linked to the registration of the vehicle to which it is attached. If the base vehicle is changed we consider a recheck would be required to ensure documentation is correct.



NZ Lifestyle Camping - Guideline Comment

This document is a guideline based on interpretation of NZS 5465:2001 and has been developed collaboratiely using accumulated knowledge. It is a resource for testing officers and installers. It is a collaborative document and will be added to and amended as required. We welcome your contributions of tips and tricks or links to other resources.

The guideline relates solely to ' Certified' Self Containment. A camper or other temporary abode might still be self contained but not meet the requirements of the standard and therefore not receive documentation. Certified Self Containment is not a legal requirement in itself but is used as a tool by local authorities to help manage campers and camping locations / facilities.

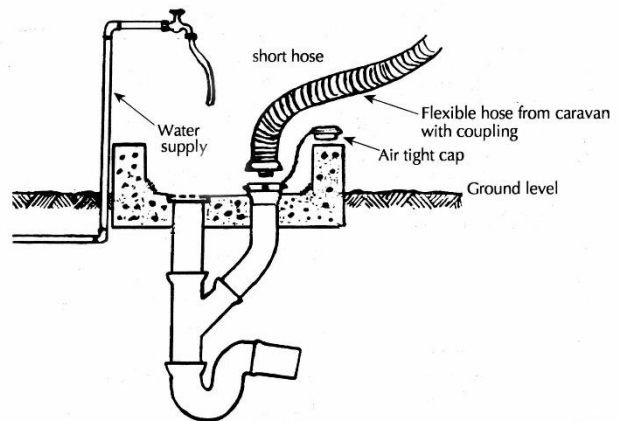
Our initial guidelines do not provide suggestions for trailer campers and we will be seeking comment from the industry and owners of such vehicles. We are concerned at an anomaly in the wording of Amendment No. 2 which states *"a portable toilet shall be readily usable within the vehicle, including sufficient head and elbow room when required, even with the bed made up"*. The placement of the phrase 'when required' in this sentence and interpretation of it's legal meaning has an effect on the application of this clause of the standard and when certifying a vehicle.

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Appendix.

DUMP POINT SCHEMATIC

This diagram shows a schematic of a typical dump point (do not use these drawings as design material). Obtain NZS 5465:2001 *NZ Standard for the Self-Containment of Caravans and Motor Caravans* for full details and specifications.



7 Principles of Leave No Trace

1. Plan ahead and prepare
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces
3. Dispose of waste properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Minimize campfire impact
6. Respect wildlife
7. Be considerate of other visitors

