

## Two for the Road

I hate cleaning up, whether it's the kitchen, my office space or the RV. So when someone tells me a product is going to make a cleaning job easier, I just naturally look for something else to do. Whoever coined the phrase "Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow" had me and my cleaning habits in mind.

But being the conscientious soul that I am, I couldn't just let the cans of Protect All sit around. The president of the company had caught me in a weak moment and, like a fool, I had said, "Sure, send me some and I'll test it." So I was honorbound, you see.

The cleaner comes in a 13.5-ounce aerosol can. (You can also buy it in gallon jugs if you've got a big job like scrubbing down a 747.) The instructions are simple. Just spray Protect All on the surface to be cleaned and then wipe it off with a dry cloth. You're supposed to give the surface another buffing with a clean cloth, but I ran out of ambition before the second cloth was applied. After all, enough is enough when it come to cleaning.

To test any cleaning material, you really should have a dirty surface. My wife found one for me. We were to take delivery of a new Jayco fifth wheel in a couple of days and the old trailer was to be delivered to a local dealer to sell for us. To say that the old trailer was a good candidate for the test is like saying that Jim Baker should have seen a shrink. A year's road grime dimmed the surface and black streaks added their vertical accents. Assorted bugs from last summer were still plastered to the front of the trailer where they had made their ritual sacrifices to the aluminum gods of Elkhart.

Screwing up my courage to the sticking point, as a fellow named Coleridge would have said, I sprayed Protect All on the rear of the trailer and reached for a remnant of a bath towel. A couple of swipes and I couldn't believe my eyes. Just like watching a good illusionist, the grime was disappearing. No scrubbing, no swearing, just gentle wiping. I sprayed some more of the surface. Again, the magic. In a couple of minutes the back of the trailer was clean. Checking to make sure no one was watching—after all, I didn't want to ruin my image—I moved around the corner and started down one side. Same results. The black streaks vanished and the grime was just...gone.

I won't lie and say that cleaning the trailer was as exciting as watching the sunset from a scenic overlook in the Smokies, but it definitely beat watching grass grow. Cleaning the whole outside of a 24-foot trailer took about 30 minutes. When I stepped back to view the results, the aluminum gleamed. And the surface had the feel of being freshly waxed. A hornet would have had to hunt for a different trailer if it wanted to practice sidewall landings.

Protect All lives up to its word on cleaning all surfaces of your RV, except cloth fabrics. Countertops, leather—real and imitation—rubber tires, chrome, wood, all metals, even glass comes clean. If you've ever used other cleaners on glass, you know that they often leave a sort of greasy residue that streaks. Not Protect All. No streaks. Water just runs off Protect All-cleaned glass. Wood and plastic surfaces look like they've just received hours of careful waxing.

Two cans of Protect All—enough for all but the very largest RV—cost around \$20. To order, call Champions Choice Protect All at (800) 322-4491, or go online at [www.protectall.com](http://www.protectall.com) or write to 1910 E. Via Burton St., Anaheim, California 92806-1215. Mention my name and they may gift wrap it for you. Then again, they may not.