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FOR TODAY'S SMALL RV ENTHUSIAST



## HIGH-WALL CAMPERS BRING MORE COMFORT

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THE NATURAL WAY**

**EASY CAMP GRUB**

**POP NEW FABRIC  
INTO YOUR POP-UP**

# DOCTOR POP UP



## LIFT CABLE REPLACEMENTS?

Dear Doctor Pop UP,

I'm new to your magazine and to pop up camping. I'm loaded with questions that I hope will be answered by your magazine and online. My question now is should the lift cables in my 1985 Coleman Sun Valley be replaced?

RICHARD P., RIVERBEND, NY

*Richard, I'm new here too, but I have your answer: According to Fleetwood Folding Trailers, the four long cable assemblies extending from the main screw shaft to each lifter are stainless steel in order to offset the severe road conditions of salt, chemicals, dirt and so forth. The cables should only require replacing in the event of a failure or extreme stretching (excess weight on the top assembly).*

*The only maintenance that will be necessary to perform to the lift system is an occasional lubrication of the pulleys contained within the lifts and located on the underside of the trailer. This lubrication should only be a silicone spray and used very sparingly as excessive lubrication on the pulleys can result in unsightly stains to the canvas.*

## MUSTY ODOR

Dear Doctor Pop UP,

I have a musty smell in the camper after storing it for the winter. It seems to be in the storage compartments. I've washed them out and left them open to air out but it still has a strong musty odor. What should I do?

ROSS E., NEW HOLLAND, OHIO

*Ross, must and mildew are caused by moisture and can have an unpleasant odor. It doesn't take much moisture to grow mold. Condensation from your breath at night can start a mold growing on your bunkend canvas. Check for evidence of a leak like a pin-sized hole or a loose piece of caulking. Also check your canvas for wear spots or punctures near the problem area. Set up your camper and let it air out after camping trips especially if you camped in the rain. Products used in the home to kill shower mold and mildew work to kill the fungus—just be careful to keep it off of your canvas. After a good airing out, place a product like Damp Rid ([www.damprid.com](http://www.damprid.com) or call 888-DAMPRID) inside the closed camper to absorb any moisture. I keep one in my camper year-round.*

**Got a question about service, repairs and just general maintenance?** Ask Doctor Pop UP for help, he'll has your answer. Send your questions to Doctor Pop UP, c/o Pop UP Times, 262 Cedar Lane Suite M15, Vienna, VA 22180 or E-mail him at [doctorpopup@popuptimes.com](mailto:doctorpopup@popuptimes.com) ■

## PRODUCTS

### DuraSafe's Couple-Mate

We carried the Couple-Mate in our online store several years ago and then lost touch with the vendor who supplied us. Since then we've received quite of few inquiries from readers looking for a new source. We're pleased to have found this product again. It's available from DuraSafe for \$43.99. For more info call 866-544-5615 or online at [www.durasafe-usa.com](http://www.durasafe-usa.com). ■

