

Performance Perfection

Gibson Products Make Their Camping World Debut

By Richard Toca

RVs aren't known for their speed and power—just ask anyone who's ever been stuck behind a Class A as it ambles up a grade or cruises along a one-lane road.

A lot of RVers have decided that a lack of power comes with the territory. Who would expect that a vehicle the size of a small house would have the same power as a sporty coupe? So we grin and bear it.

What most RVers don't realize is there are some things they can—and should—do to improve their rig's engine performance. One of the best options for increasing performance is to add an exhaust system designed to deliver just that.

That's why Camping World



has added Gibson products to its shelves. Gibson is a leading manufacturer of street-legal, high-performance exhaust systems for trucks, SUVs and motorhomes.

MEANINGFUL PERFORMANCE

Power doesn't do any good if it's centered in the wrong place. Gibson delivers its power in the 2,000-to-4,000 rpm range, where your

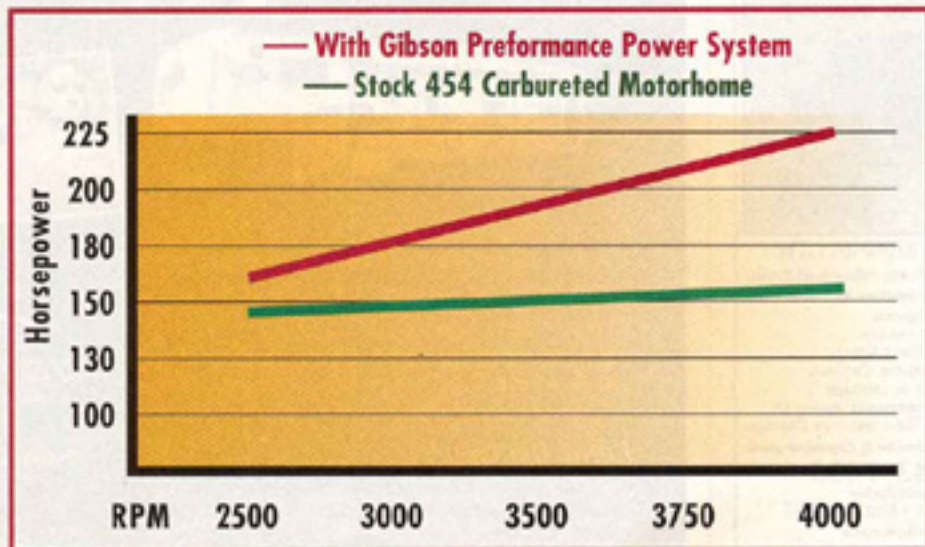
engine spends most of its time. In all, Gibson exhaust systems give an engine up to 25% more horsepower and allow it to produce more torque. You'll get maximum power out of your RV or truck engine for climbing hills, passing other vehicles and towing a dinghy or trailer.

Michael Nguyen, from San Diego, Calif., added Gibson's single swept-side exhaust system to his 2002 Ford Explorer. For towing, the single swept-side exhaust is Gibson's best option. Nguyen found out why the first time he tested the exhaust on the road.

"I'm already seeing a significant gain in horsepower [and] torque," Nguyen says.

Frank Almeida, from San Jose, Calif., had a similar experience. He added a Gibson system to his 3.9-liter 1997 Dakota.

"My wife



As you can see, Gibson can provide as much as 50 additional horsepower & torque gains to the rear wheels.

went for a ride and she said, 'it feels like the truck has more power,'" Almeida says.

Gibson officials say the swept-side system Almeida had installed can add as much as 15% more horsepower to an engine.

"Now I can't get the truck away from her," Almeida says. "Who says women don't notice these things?"

MUFFLER MUSIC

Of course, one of the main reasons drivers look to new exhaust systems is to get a throatier sound from their vehicle's engine.

A lot of muffler systems deliver a good rumble. However, with a lot of them you'll feel that rumble in the driver's seat.

Gibson exhausts give a vehicle big-block sounds at its tailpipe, with no annoying vibration, hiss or rumble in the cab. That's because its muffler case and exhaust tubing are made with thick materials that hold sound in.

"It's a deep, mellow sound without being annoying," Nguyen says.

Gibson uses special "flow tuning" chambers that keep the sound in the system. That way the only place sound can escape is through the exhaust tips.

The split rear system and the dual-sport system are between five and eight decibels louder than any stock muffler system.

Gibson's quietest system is its single swept-side system. While it still delivers a nice, throaty sound outside the cab, inside the vehicle the noise is minimal.

STRONG VALUE

Adding a Gibson performance exhaust system will not compromise your engine's life or void any factory

warranties. And Gibson exhausts are emission-legal in all 50 states.

The products come in aluminized

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and stainless steel and are engineered to ignite the maximum performance of an engine. Those who are experienced do-it-yourselfers

won't have a problem installing many of Gibson's products. However, if you're not sure of the process—or would simply rather not do the work—Camping World's technicians can install any product for you.

Of course, what it all comes down to is price. Gibson exhaust systems and headers are designed to be cost effective. They deliver more performance for the dollar than any other exhaust system.

The point is, you don't have to put up with a motorhome that sags its way up a hill. Try Gibson; we bet you'll like it. 🚐

GIBSON POWER EXHAUST SYSTEMS



Some of Gibson's most popular items are its power exhaust systems, designed to give a motorhome increased climbing and passing power. They're 50-state emission legal and are aluminized and mandrel-bent to last long and stay strong. The exhaust systems also feature:

- Nickel-chrome plated, performance-tuned Tri-Y headers with heavy-duty flanges.
- High-temperature steel "donut" gaskets with extra-thick bevel flanges.
- An aluminized Superflow muffler, which minimizes back pressure and assures cooler operating temperatures.
- A 3.5-inch polished stainless steel exhaust tip.