

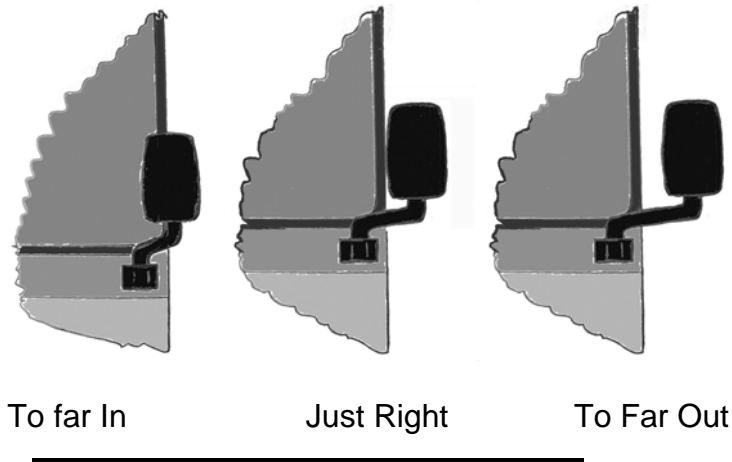
Gordon Grindstaff illustrated his guest column that can be found in the August 2007 issue of RV Lifestyles, Part 1.

SETTING MIRRORS

Approximately 30 percent the hazards that you will encounter while driving will come from the rear so getting the maximum viewing area from your mirrors is very important.

If you have the type of mirrors that are fixed on the side your motorhome that's OK, just set them as detailed below.

If you have the type of mirrors that stick out in front of your motorhome on long arms you need to ensure that the inside edge of the mirror is flush with the side of the coach. Stand in front of your coach and sight down the side. The inside of the mirror head should look like it just touching the side of the coach. Having the mirror flush with the side of the coach gives you the best overall view. On the passenger side you should set the mirror flush with the outside of the awning arms. If the mirror is too far in or out, you are losing valuable viewing area. On some coaches the driver's side mirror is located in such a way that when you have the mirror flush with the side of the coach, the corner post is in the way. If this condition exists consider swinging the arm around to the back so the mirror is visible in the driver's side window. If you notice many of the newer coaches come with the driver's mirror mounted on a short arm on the driver's side.





Set Mirror Looking Level $\frac{1}{4}$ the Way Down

Adjust the flat part of the mirror so you can just see the side of your coach along the inside edge and that you are looking back level about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way from the top of the mirror. You really don't need to see a lot of sky, unless you are driving on a runway.

If the convex, (aka Spot), mirrors are independently adjustable, set them the best you can so you can see out from, horizontally to the ground and alongside the coach. When set properly the convex mirror is the best one to use for general driving and very helpful when maneuvering in tight quarters. If you don't have independently adjustable convex mirrors, consider installing some.