



## SUFFOLK CENTRE

### TIPS AND IDEAS



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**Bulk Head mounted Gas Regulator** – all caravans manufactured from September 2003 incorporate the new 30mbar gas regulator fitted to the gas locker bulkhead. As you may have already read, problems regarding gumming up/blocking of the regulator have been experienced by a number of owners, and this has been attributed to an oily fluid from within the rubber gas hose connecting the gas cylinder to the regulator.

The “Practical” article published in the July 2007 Caravan Club magazine featured on the problem and steps that could be taken to avoid it happening. In the article it stated that the regulator position should always be above the level of the valve on the gas bottle and to ensure that the connecting hose has a fall back to the cylinder and not a drop into the regulator. The vertical position of the regulator makes this difficult to totally achieve and as the article suggested the solution is to fit a 90° elbow to the top of the regulator to gain height for the hose connection and so allow it to fall back to the cylinder.

Elbows suitable for fitting to the Truma regulator should be available via your dealer but if you have difficulty sourcing one (as I did) then they are available from [www.leisureshopdirect.com](http://www.leisureshopdirect.com) (telephone 0845 4300325) for £8 approx including postage.

I understand Avondale Caravans use a different regulator that hasn't shown problems and all 2008 model year vans produced during the later half of 2007 should incorporate the elbow as standard.

Happy Caravanning – Chris Sanderson