

## 1953 Siver Streak Clipper

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Seller: [jondar555](#) ( 109 ★ )

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**Mileage:** --

**Location:** Fresno, CA

## Vehicle Information

**VIN:** --  
**Vehicle title:** Not available  
**Condition:** Used

## Features

<b>Type:</b>	Travel trailer	<b>Slide outs:</b>	None	<b>Water capacity:</b>	None gallons
<b>Length:</b>	25 feet	<b>Sleeping capacity:</b>	4	<b>Air conditioners:</b>	None
<b>Fuel type:</b>	--	<b>Awnings:</b>	None	<b>Leveling jacks included:</b>	No
<b>Dry weight:</b>	3000 lbs				

## Description (revised)

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#### Vehicle Description

## Silver Streak Clipper 1953 #25 / 01097

You don't need me to tell you that this is one rare and beautiful trailer. I intended to keep it for myself, but (sob!) I need the money. I've gone over this trailer with a fine-toothed comb to find every imperfection, and then document it for you with photo's and notes. **So bid with confidence** as this is not your usual 'as is' crap shoot with misleading or 'missing' pictures.... there will be no nasty surprises when you pick it up. Please inspect all photos carefully and read the embedded notes.

Length 25' 4". Coach 23'. Width 7'6" Height 8' 9"

### Skin

The shell is perfect. There are no dents, scratches, dings,... nothing. This I find amazing. Polishing exaggerates imperfections and even the best restorers would prefer not to avoid the tricky work of replacing panels. Look at the pictures.... everything is dead straight and true.

The two access hatches have been messily caulked closed, so could be opened up. Piano hinges on both. One of the 4 side running lights has a broken lens, all others (inc. rear lights) have good lenses. The non-suicide door is all straight and true. Shuts with a nice click. There is a screen door, which also work perfectly. No sign of any damage, the hinges and rivets are all tight and original.

### Windows

Would you believe that all 18 windows panes are perfect! O.K. I lied, one has a small crack (see picture). All 14 opening windows are perfect, hinges, latches. They all open, hold, close, and lock. There are no screens. There are 3 roof vents, no covers.

In 1953 Silver Streak decided to abandon those distinctive round 'Rocketeer' windows as they were dated, and occupants were dieing from heat as they didn't open, and also there wasn't much of a view from those

portholes. The 1953 windows opened, allowing a decent cross breeze and their curved shape provides a wide 180degree panoramic view.

### **Hitch and Wheels**

The 2" hitch works fine, locks down. The safety chains are opened out (see pic). The jack works well. No electrical connect plug, but wiring harness looks viable. Propane reducer/regulator untested. Propane tank two-way switch, untested. Tires have 4mm tread and slight cracking on sidewalls. Axle and springs look fine. The electrical brakes are untested. The bearings stay cool. I pulled this trailer hundreds of miles recently, with my 2wd half ton Ford Ranger, with no weight distribution, ( and no functioning trailer brakes...shhh!). It trailed perfectly and I wouldn't hesitate to do it again... see delivery options.

### **Underneath**

The bellypan needs replacing in places. The two semicircular sections at each end, and a section over the axle are made of aluminum and have lasted well and need not be replaced. Between these three sections are two straight section made of sheet metal, these need replacing . Why sheet metal and not aluminum was used I don't know. See the pics. There is a patch of aluminum rot / oxidisation under the LHS (left hand side) access door and RHS front alum. bellypan Again see pics. The central spine circular tube is straight and the cross members are sound although they have some surface rust. Insulation has fallen out in places.

### **Interior**

Soft spots here and there and a hole in the floor by the door indicate that the floor needs replacing. No surprise for a 55 year old trailer. hopefully the new floor will be good for another 55 years.

The kitchen sink and aluminum cabinet (two drawers) are in great undamaged state. No dents scratches etc. there are 2 (match head size) chips in the double enamel sink. Note the very pretty fan shape design in the alum. sheet on the drawer fronts and cabinet doors.

The 4 burner stove/oven has not been tested but is in good shape, needs cleaning, oven door glass intact. There is a extractor vent fan, untested.

The shower stall is made entirely of aluminum sheet, as is the sink pedestal and shower drain pan / floor. No dents etc. Frosted glass in door. Full length piano hinge. Cute ten inch round enamel sink with no chips but removable rust stain. Aqua Magic 4 toilet is discolored but the trap opens and springs shut. No blackwater tank, for that matter no blue or gray tanks either. The input plumbing is orig. copper pipes. Output plumbing (traps and drains) are 2" PVC, working but not original.

The Cupboards have some veneer peeling as does the drawer fronts to the rear of the stove. The two rear doors have full length piano hinges. All close and open with ease and have handles although most need a magnetic latch or something.

The trailer, according to the registration plate, was last registered in June 2002. There is no pink slip, but I will provide a bill of sale.

I can deliver up to 300 miles from Fresno, maybe more, (I actually like driving at 55). Typically, I'd deliver to L.A. or S.F. for \$350.

Thanks for your interest. As I said, look at the pictures closely and ask as many questions as you wish. I promise you will not be disappointed with this trailer. **Knowledge is power so bid with confidence**

**Reserve has been set at \$2000.**

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On May-05-08 at 18:22:37 PDT, seller added the following information:

In response to the query on the RHS cupboards/cabinets/closets being original, I looked closely and am happy to report they are original. The aluminum structure, the inside aluminum shelves, the aluminum end walls, the rivets and hinges all match the shower closet.

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On May-08-08 at 22:55:49 PDT, seller added the following information:

Dear jondar555,

For clarification: the stove is untested, right? Have you tested the plumbing (kitchen and bathroom)? What is the status of the waste storage, and water storage tank? And have you tested the electrical system? Thank you!

Good questions. You think you've looked at, then mentioned, even photographed everything, then someone asks you to "clarify". The short answer is..... Yes,No,None,and none, No.

Normally I'm not that negative, but let me state that what you're really buying here is a shell (inner and outer) with original cabinets, and not a functioning piece of camping equipment. In my defense (again) its the most perfect shell you'll ever find. If you're gonna spend 500+ hours fixing up an old trailer, then fix up a really classic one, (and then DON'T sell it.)

I like classic old trailers (myself) because the police bother you less when you're boondocking.

Admittedly, they do make nice cigar cabanas and pool bars but one must voluntarily live in one full time to fully understand the value of having installed the afore queried systems yourself,.....IMHO

Sorry, got carried away. The stove has an electrical clock also untested. The copper 3/8ths pipe in the input side of shower, kit. sink, and shower is there and is orig. albeit untested, its been there 55 years and there are no water stains so I'm betting it's good. There are no tanks of any color. I'm obliged to admit the electrical system is also in the same untested state, There aren't any candle wax drippings on the floor, if that helps. Thanks for the great questions, sincerely, Jon

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### Questions from other members

- Q:** Nice trailer, hope the snipes come in soon it's too far for me. Tell me how to do a "oldest first" search, I can't figure that out. Th...[more](#) Answered on May-09-08
- A:** Ha! Come on the snipes, I'm sick of \$2000. Search Ebay motors > other vehicles and trailers > RV's and campers > Towable RV's...[more](#)
- Q:** Please tell me the exact overall length and width (for storage considerations). From your experience, is it difficult to obtain a new title for these...[more](#) Answered on May-09-08
- A:** The overall length is 25' 4". The width is given as 7'6" in the ads from 1953, although I measured it at 7'4". I probably didn't...[more](#)

**Q:** Assuming the trailer is paid in full, can you store it for one or two months for a fee? Thanks again: wdel

Answered on May-09-08

**A:** I'm pretty sure we could work something out. Jon

**Q:** do you know the weight of her?

Answered on May-08-08

**A:** Close under 3000. Although don't quote me.

**Q:** Is the wood on the inside (cabinet doors and so on) original? I have never seen this on a SilverStreak.

Answered on May-05-08

**A:** I'm sorry but I don't know for sure. At a guess I'd say yes, because they look professionally made. I'll have a much closer look, and get...[more](#)

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