

# THE EAGLE HAS LANDED

Opulent amenities abound in this American Coach



**It comes in eight floorplans ranging from 40 to 45 feet.** Its name implies flight, and while it seems large enough inside to land a small plane, you won't want to, because the American Eagle is replete with some of the finest finery you can find in a motorhome.

American Coach is known for building high-end motorhomes, and when the time came to name this latest offering, Eagle seemed to be the perfect fit. This coach is about as close as you can get to flying along the nation's great interstate highway system.

Stepping up into the cockpit, my eyes were drawn to the tasteful decorative wood window treatments, solid wood-face framed cabinetry and moldings. But the first thing that caught my eye was under my feet — a polished porcelain tile floor, highlighted with décor accents at entry, galley and bathroom, reflecting the “Creme Bruleé” tones and designer fabrics found in this example. The Eagle typifies majestic touring — and those are just the “general” amenities.

I especially savored the six-way leather seats with heat, power lumbar and adjustable arms, and noticed that the passenger has the added benefit of an electric footrest to help relax as the miles glide by. The driver will appreciate the low-profile automotive-style dash that includes back-lit gauges and a Navion R5000 “infotainment” center — a multifunctional system that includes AM/FM/CD player with an MP3 port, along with engine monitoring and rear-vision cameras, all in one.

Entering the living section, I found facing slides with a Flexsteel leather sofa bed with an air mattress and the galley in the curbside and an additional leather sleeper sofa and the dinette situated in the streetside slide. The Sony 32-inch LCD HDTV and Bose Lifestyle 18 home entertainment system rides up front centered over the driver's compartment for easy viewing from either of the plush leather sofas.

And what would a sumptuous coach be without a gourmet galley? Although I'm no chef, I could see putting the Eagle's amidships kitchen to good use, as it comes standard with solid-

surface galley top, range and sink covers, silverware tray, solid-surface double-bowl sink and a porcelain tile and Venetian-accent glass backsplash.

And of course, all of these amenities would be incomplete without state-of-the-art appliances. The galley has a Norcold 12-cubic-foot four-door refrigerator, GE Advantium convection microwave oven and a recessed two-burner cooktop.

Moving rearward, the American Eagle 45E shown here features one of the new floorplan trends emerging in the longer high-end coaches — it's a one bedroom, two-bath model. At the rear of the main entertaining area, there is a small lav with toilet and washbasin located across from the refrigerator and pantry that will no doubt prove very convenient for guests. However, the 45E also includes a spa-worthy glass-enclosed shower with skylight, polished solid-surface countertop with solid-surface sink and residential faucet, porcelain tile and Venetian-accent glass backsplash and LED floor lights in the rear of the coach.

Once in the bedroom I didn't want to leave, because it felt like home. I could envision spending quality time with the Sony 26-inch LCD HDTV, Bose 3-2-1 home theater system and DIRECTV HD digital satellite receiver. The “master retreat” also features a queen-size bed with ample access to either side, recessed bedroom ceiling fan, solid-wood-framed headboard with padded fabric accent and solid-surface nightstand countertops. An overhead cabinet above the bed and a full-length dresser/wardrobe provide additional storage and Masland carpeting adds an additional touch of comfort underfoot.

With all of its grandiose amenities, I expected the American Eagle to come with a butler that would even do my laundry. However, it doesn't, and I'd have to do my own. Thankfully, the coach comes standard with a washer and dryer. ♦

## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>CHASSIS:</b> LIBERTY	<b>FRESHWATER CAP:</b> 120 GAL
<b>ENGINE:</b> CUMMINS ISM, 500 HP	<b>BLACK-WATER CAP:</b> 60 GAL
<b>WHEELBASE:</b> 304"	<b>GRAY-WATER CAP:</b> 100 GAL
<b>EXT LENGTH:</b> 44' 11½"	<b>LP-GAS CAP:</b> 38 GAL
<b>EXT WIDTH:</b> 8' 6"	<b>GVWR:</b> 44,600 LBS
<b>EXT HEIGHT:</b> 13' 1½"	<b>MSRP:</b> \$486,640

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