

2026 · FIFTH WHEEL

Alliance Avenue All-Access

23ML

FIFTH WHEEL · REAR KITCHEN · MID LIVING · ONE SLIDE

LENGTH

27' 11"

DRY WEIGHT

8,270 lb

GVWR

10,995 lb

ADVERTISED NEW

\$57K-\$65K



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The 60-Second Read

THE SHORT VERSION

A well-built, well-equipped couple's fifth wheel that tows heavier than its length suggests. Buy it for the build and the kitchen. Check your truck's payload before you fall in love.

AT A GLANCE

NORMAL	Build, on paper. Composite walls and floor, aluminum frame, PVC roof	NORMAL	Layout. Full rear kitchen, real pantry, walk-around bed
WATCH IT	Towing. Loaded pin weight will test most half-tons	WATCH IT	Value. Priced above its class; book value sits under asking
WATCH IT	Owner track record. Thin. The floorplan only arrived for 2025	NORMAL	Recalls. None found naming the 2026 23ML. Run the VIN anyway

Who it fits

- + Couples or solo travelers who want fifth-wheel comfort in under 28 feet
- + Cooks. The kitchen wraps the whole back wall
- + Campers who mostly use hookups (big waste tanks, small solar)
- + Three-quarter-ton truck owners, or half-ton owners with real payload to spare

Top three strengths

- How it's built.** Composite wall and floor panels on an aluminum frame, so there is less wood in the places water damage usually starts.
- Tank capacity.** 106 gallons gray and 53 black. That is 36% to 77% more gray capacity than the three campers it competes with.
- Easy to service.** A shutoff valve at each plumbing fixture, color-coded and numbered wiring, and slide and awning switches in the pass-through.

Who should skip it

- Families. It sleeps three
- Half-ton owners whose door sticker shows less than about 2,250 lb of payload
- Boondockers counting on the factory solar to run the camper
- Budget shoppers. Fifth wheels this size sticker roughly \$10,000 or more below it

Top three watch-outs

- Weight.** 8,270 lb dry and 10,995 lb GVWR. That is 525 to 1,385 lb heavier, empty, than its three closest competitors.
- The published numbers moved.** Early listings show 7,700 lb dry and 12' 2" tall. Current ones show 8,270 lb and 13' 2". Trust the label on the unit, not the brochure.
- Price against book.** New ones are advertised at \$56,995 to \$64,995. J.D. Power's average retail for the same camper is \$51,450.

What this report is. This is a research file, not a road test. It is built from the manufacturer's published specs, federal recall records, J.D. Power book values, current for-sale listings, one independent review, and owner reports. Sources are on the last page. Squatch's Take is opinion and is labeled that way.

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TOWING

Can Your Truck Handle It?

What the weights on the last page mean once the camper is hitched.

DRY WEIGHT	GVWR	CARGO CAPACITY	PIN WEIGHT, DRY
8,270	10,995	2,725	1,200
lb, empty, before options	lb, the most it may weigh	lb for water, propane, gear	lb, 14.5% of dry weight

EMPTY CAMPER · 8,270 LB

ROOM FOR CARGO · 2,725 LB

This camper is often pitched as half-ton friendly. On tow rating alone, it can be. Plenty of half-ton trucks are rated to pull 11,000 lb. Tow rating is rarely what stops you, though. **Payload** is, and payload is where a fifth wheel puts its weight.

A fifth wheel carries roughly 15% to 25% of its weight on the pin, straight down into the truck bed. The brochure’s 1,200 lb is the pin weight of an empty camper with no options, no propane, no water and none of your stuff. That works out to 14.5% of dry weight, which is on the light side, so the math here uses 15% to 20%.

THE PAYLOAD MATH

Loaded pin weight, 15% to 20% of 10,995 lb

1,650 to 2,200 lb

Fifth-wheel hitch sitting in the bed

about 200 lb

People and gear riding in the truck

about 400 lb

Payload your truck needs

2,250 to 2,800 lb

An estimate. Your own number comes from a scale and your truck’s door-jamb sticker.

What that means

Most half-ton crew cabs show somewhere around 1,400 to 2,000 lb of payload on the door-jamb sticker. Loaded for a real trip, this camper wants more than that.

A three-quarter-ton truck handles it comfortably. A half-ton with a heavy-payload package can work if you travel light and weigh the rig. A typical half-ton will be over its payload rating.

WHAT WATER WEIGHS IN THIS CAMPER

Full fresh tank (48 gal)	400 lb
Full gray tanks (106 gal)	880 lb
Full black tank (53 gal)	440 lb

Water is the heaviest thing you carry. Travel with the waste tanks empty whenever you can.

FROM BEHIND THE DESK

Alliance’s own brochure says its limited warranty does not cover damage to the camper or the tow vehicle that results from tow vehicle selection. Matching the truck to the trailer is on you. It is the first thing a salesperson should ask about and the one thing you should never take their word on.

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THE THREE-LIGHT CHECK

Known Issues and Recalls

NORMAL

WATCH IT

CHECK FIRST

Check first = settle it before you buy.

The recall record

- NORMAL

2026 23ML

No recall found

My search on October 10, 2026 turned up no NHTSA recall naming the 2026 Avenue 23ML. That is a search result, not a guarantee. Run the VIN.
- WATCH IT

25V-218

Wrong weight label, 2025 23ML

April 2025. 152 units of the 2025 23ML may carry a federal label with the wrong empty weight and cargo capacity. The fix is a corrected label. If you are shopping a used 2025, confirm it was done.
- WATCH IT

24V-303

Inverter breaker, 2024 Avenue

April 2024. About 235 Avenues from 2024 had the inverter circuit on a 30-amp breaker where a 20-amp belonged, a fire risk. The 23ML did not exist yet, but it tells you where to look.

Two 2026 Alliance recalls cover Paradigm and Valor models only (battery heating pads, 26V-324; suspension shock bolts, 26V-337). Neither names the Avenue.

What to check on any 23ML

- CHECK FIRST

The weight label

The published weights changed and one model year was recalled for bad labels. Read the label on the unit and use those numbers for your truck math.
- CHECK FIRST

Open recalls by VIN

Enter the 17-digit VIN at nhtsa.gov/recalls before you sign. It takes one minute.



This page keeps going in the full report

The full page lists 7 things to check on this camper. 3 of them you settle before you buy.

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Every Field Report has the same 16 sections, built for the exact camper you ask about.



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