

## Level-Air

*I have been informed that the company that was making these is no longer doing so, but I have decided to keep this article in case someone is able to find a used set.*

I was given the opportunity to evaluate a pair of Level-Air (<http://www.levelair.com>) leveling bags. I had seen them before, but since I had already purchased my Lynx Leveling Blocks (<http://www.lynxlevelers.com>), I didn't feel like spending the extra money on another way to level our trailer.

But after using them (only twice so far), I have to say that they do a very good job and it is a bit easier than using my old blocks.

When using the blocks, we would pull into a space and check to see how far out-of-level we were. If it was more than 1", we'd get out the appropriate number of blocks to get us level.

If only 1 per tire was needed, that was pretty easy...put 1 in front or behind each tire and pull forward or back up until the tire was centered on the block. This could be just a little tricky due to the small size of the blocks.

If 2 blocks were needed, we would make a small pyramid out of 3 blocks to make it easy to get up onto them, but this would require moving the trailer forward or backward and placing the blocks where we thought the tires would end up. Most of the time we would get lucky and the blocks would be in the right place, but not always. Sometimes we would have to pull forward or backward and adjust the position and try again. (When I get a chance, I'll take some pictures of this process.)

With the Level-Air bags, it is much easier!

As before, we pull into a site and check to see how far out-of-level we are. If more than 1", we'd get out the Level-Air's and place them like this...



Then pull forward slowly so that the bag between the tires "fell" down between them as straight as possible. Once centered on them...



I would inflate the rear bag until the trailer was level side-to-side, then inflate the front bag to the same air pressure. All of this is happening with the trailer still hitched up.



Initially I am using a small air tank to inflate them, so I am also using a low-pressure tire gauge (similar to those used for ATV tires, 0-20 psi) to make sure the pressure is the same between the two bags. I will be getting a cordless air compressor soon that has a built in pressure gauge and hopefully this will eliminate the need for the extra pressure gauge.

Once the bags were inflated, I would insert the between-the-tire chock, unhitch the trailer and level it front-to-rear.

Done!

Now some might think that being on air that the trailer will rock or move more than if it were on solid ground or blocks. We would have to say that is not true. We felt no difference between using the Level-Air's or using the Lynx blocks.

Since these are air bags, you need some way of inflating them.

For the more energetic type, you could use a bicycle tire pump or foot pump. I'm not sure how long it might take you to inflate the two bags, I just hope you're in good physical shape.

For the less energetic type (like me), some sort of portable compressor should work just fine. I'm looking at a small cordless compressor so that I don't have to worry about having a long enough DC power cord to reach back to the truck, or a long enough AC power cord to plug in at the campground. (Who needs more power cords!)

One major difference between the Level-Air bags and blocks is that with the bags, there is no more "in between" blocks. You see, the first block would raise the tires 1-1/2". Each additional block would raise it another 1". So if you were out-of-level by 2", you'd end up being 1/2" off-level one way or the other.

With the Level-Air's there is no "in between"! You can get it dead-center level.

No, I'm not getting rid of my Lynx blocks entirely...I still need something under the stabilizer jacks occasionally. But for under the tires, it will be Level-Air's!

