

Things to consider when purchasing a camper

What sort of camping do you intend to do?

- Do you plan on frequent, overnight stays, or do you hope to stay in one spot for days or weeks at a time?
- Do you hope to visit caravan parks, or venture out into more secluded locations? Or both?
- Where do you like to camp? Dry and dusty, lush and tropical, back-yard stays at your mates?
- Do you plan to camp on your own, with your partner, with children?

How are you going to get there?

- What sort of vehicle are you going to be towing your camper with?
- What are your vehicle's capabilities?
- Do you need brakes? Do you have any brake preferences?

How much space do you require?

- What are your sleeping arrangements? If camping with others, do you need separate "rooms"?
- Can more "room" be added (or removed) as your needs change?
- Do you require an ensuite for toilet, shower, etc?

How much effort and time do you want to, or are you willing to, spend setting up and packing up?

- How long does the main tent take to set up?
- How long does the annexe or awning take to set up?
- Can you erect or pack up the camper on your own if required (e.g. in an emergency)?

What creature comforts do you require?

- What can't you live without?
- What can you live without?
- What do you already have?

What is your budget?

- Do you want everything done for you, so that you can pack your clothes and food and get going tomorrow?
- Is there something you can or will forego with the option of adding later, to save some money on the initial purchase?
- If you're handy, perhaps there are modifications or additions you wish to make yourself?

What kind of kitchen do you want?

- Is the kitchen removable?
- Is the kitchen accessible without erecting the tent?
- Does the kitchen have enough bench and storage space?
- Do you need a fridge?
- Where would you like your fridge to be stored?

Who is it made by and what is it made with?

- Is it Australian Made (not Australian Assembled)?
- Is it made with Australian Materials?
- What are the specifications?
- Are you comparing apples with apples?

What sort of canvas is used?

- What is the thickness of the canvas in comparable terms (gsm)?
- Is the canvas Australian made (manufactured, treated and packed)?
- What is the life expectancy of the canvas?
- What colour options do you have?

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How is the tent constructed?

- How many windows are included? How many do you want?
- Where are the windows located? Do they allow for maximum ventilation?
- How many doors do you want?
- Do the doors come with mesh?
- Is the mesh of high quality?
- What sort of thread is used?
- Is the canvas double stitched, and reinforced at stress points?
- Is it guaranteed to be water proof?
- What is the weight of the floor, in comparable terms (gsm)?

How is the trailer constructed?

- What are the standard inclusions?
- What sort of suspension does it have?
- How is the drawbar constructed?
- Where is the water tank located? Does it allow enough clearance for off-road use?
- Do you want hard floor or soft floor? Why?
- Is your trailer custom built to your specification, or mass-produced?
- Can modifications be made after-market? Will the manufacturer do these for you or do you need to go elsewhere?

Does the bed suit your needs?

- Is it easy to get up into bed?
- What direction is the bed facing? Do you have to climb over your partner to get in and out of bed?
- What sort of mattress is included? Is there a choice?
- Is the mattress of high quality, and does it come with a warranty or guarantee?
- Is the mattress comfortable?
- How does the manufacturer deal with the issue of condensation?

What experience does the manufacturer have?

- Have they been around long?
- How long have they been manufacturing Camper trailers?
- Will they still be around in a couple of years?
- Will they customise a package to suit you and your requirements?
- Does their product have a good reputation?
- Does their product have good re-sale?
- Do they back their product with a warranty?
- How easy are they to reach?
- What is their service like, are they easy to deal with?
- What if something goes wrong?
- What if something goes wrong and you're interstate?

These points are merely a starting point for things to consider and what to look for in a Camper's construction. We would love to talk to you about your requirements and show you why ours is best – please feel free to stop by, email or call.