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INTRO

...Oi oi oi! Show your true blue colours by buying Australian

IMAGE

140831 Bourke to Eulo_Driving_120.jpg: Aussie manufacturers support local industries and undertake all their testing in local conditions

PULLQUOTE

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END PULLQUOTE

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When you're looking to buy your next motorhome or caravan, Australian manufacturers should be right at the top of your list. Buying Australian also has the advantage of helping keep the local manufacturing industries thriving, by keeping factories, taxes and jobs here in the country.

Australian manufacturers are the only ones who really understand tough Australian conditions, and how quickly they can change from cold mountain conditions to dry and dusty deserts to the salt, sand and wind of the coastlines. Avida RV has been manufacturing motorhomes in Australia for nearly 50 years now, and all the components that go into their RVs have been stringently tested for rough outback roads, so you can be sure they're built to last.

Starting from humble beginnings in a garage, creating a slide-on for an EH Holden ute, Avida is now located in western Sydney in a state-of-the-art facility. This is the place where innovative designers, quality engineers and an experienced production team design, test, and manufacture everything required to bring you your new motorhome or caravan.

All Avida RVs come with a two year or one million kilometre warranty and a five-year structural guarantee, and are backed by a huge network of accredited dealers and service centres right around Australia. They offer aftersales support in insurance, discounts, spare parts and servicing, and they were even the first Australian company to implement a dedicated customer support division to ensure that you're taken care of, no matter where you are.

So, when you're next looking for your dream RV, be sure to consider buying from an Australian manufacturer who truly understands the local environments and the needs of their local customers.

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*****TOP TIP*****

Did you know that Avida's motorhomes and caravans are built using advanced superlight sandwich panel construction techniques? The result is a fully insulated body that's strong enough to stand on!

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MORE INFORMATION

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To hear more about Avida's Aussie-made features, check out this issue's DVD! Have you thought about joining Avida's loyal community of travellers? Visit www.avidarv.com.au today!

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RV PROFILE
LOTUS TROOPER

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TROOPER TOURING

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If it's a rugged, off-road capable caravan that you're looking for, but worry that you'll be forced to compromise on interior comfort and amenity in order to achieve the kind of all-terrain performance required for dependable travel beyond the bitumen, then it's time for you to discover the sturdy sophistication of Lotus Caravans.

Thousands of Australian vanners have already learned for themselves that with Lotus, luxury doesn't have to come at the cost practicality and their newly redesigned Trooper is the very definition of a van engineered from the bottom-up to tick the widest variety of boxes possible. From a carefully constructed and fully insulated frame on top of an off-road chassis to the sprawling comforts of home-style cabin that features genuine leather upholstery, the Trooper will safely lead you to places that other caravans probably couldn't get back from and it will take you there in style.

*****IMAGES AND CAPTIONS*****

IMG_7610: When it comes to comfort, nothing comes close to the pillow-soft luxury of genuine leather. The Trooper's leather-upholstered café-style dinette is designed with contoured benches and fitted with both folding footrests and a headrest extension that allow you to find the perfect angle every time you're in the mood to relax.

IMG_7508: The Trooper's heavy-duty, wraparound stoneguard will help keep important A-frame features, like your van's two 9kg gas bottles, well-protected from flying road debris. Your front-mounted toolbox is made from dent-resistant black chequerplating and equipped with new gen slide gull wing doors for easy access to its massive amount of storage space.

IMG_7522: By using coil springs on an independent wheel system with shock absorbers, the Trooper's Control Rider independent suspension system is tough-as nails and ready for real off-road touring. When paired with the Trooper's off-road engineered chassis and chequerplated aluminium water tanks, you've got an undercarriage configuration prepared for serious all-terrain travel.

IMG_7559: Compressor driven and cleverly installed to fit flush with your kitchen's interior cabinetry, your Novakool fridge/freezer combination uses a positive latch system on its doors so you can travel with peace of mind knowing that fresh foods and cold drinks are secure. Shelves are made from powdercoated wire for durability and Novakool uses CFC-free urethane foam in all cabinets and doors.

IMG_7639: Built off a frame of solid Meranti timber, the Trooper is a fully insulated van with top-quality styrofoam throughout the walls and roof with batts in the fridge. An all new white alloy composite Lucabond cladding, resistant to rust and corrosion, makes up the majority of the Trooper's outer skin while the lower half of the front, rear and sides of the van armoured with an 830mm section of raised black chequerplating.

IMG_7596: The kitchen's Swift combination gas/electric cooker combines a four-burner stove top with the versatile cooking power of an independent oven and griller. The cooker's recessed design allows the lid to fold down and fit seamlessly with your laminate benchtops. It sits right beside a deep bowl; stainless steel sink and the entire cooking area is surrounded by decorative and effective acrylic splashbacks.

IMG_7544: Let the cabin's luxurious linoleum flooring lead you towards the comforts of the Trooper's sophisticated bedroom area. The sleeping configuration features a full queen-size bed fitted with an innerspring mattress surrounded by heaps of storage. Side robes and bulkheads above the bed are great for securing clothes and extra linens while the bed itself can be lifted on gas assisted struts for even more discreet storage.

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(shower/toilet): Lotus is renowned for creating spacious, versatile interiors designed with comfort and function in mind and the bathroom configuration inside the Trooper is no exception. The van features a full rear ensuite where the toilet and shower facilities have been conveniently and comfortably separated for you so you can enjoy the swivel-seat mobility and privacy of a fully-moulded fibreglass shower cubicle independently of one another

*****UNIQUE FEATURES*****

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- WRAPAROUND STONEGUARD
- OFF-ROAD DESIGNED CHASSIS
- GULL WING DOORS ON CHEQUERPLATED TOOL BOX
- NEW WHITE LUCABOND CLADDING
- ACRYLIC CUPBOARD DOORS
- CONTROL RIDER ALL-TERRAIN SUSPENSION

*****INTERNAL FEATURES*****

FRIDGE: NOVAKOOL 12V compressor

SINK: Deep bowl

COOKING EQUIPMENT: Swift gas/electric cooktop + oven

STOVE COVERS: Recessed cooker w. lid

HEATING/COOLING: Aircommand Ibis reverse-cycle

ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM: 24in HD LED TV + Fusion 700 Series stereo

LIGHTING: LED throughout

SMOKE ALARMS: Yes

CABINERY: Ply w. acrylic doors

CUPBOARD LOCK TYPES: Lift lock

LOUNGE: Leather-upholstered café-style dinette

SLEEPING CONFIGURATION: Queen-size innerspring

PRIVACY DOOR: Sliding

BATHROOM CONFIGURATION: Full ensuite

TOILET: Dometic cassette

SHOWER: Moulded fibreglass

WASHING MACHINE: NCE top-loader

FLOORING: Linoleum throughout

WINDOWS: NCE European-style

*****EXTERNAL FEATURES*****

ANTENNA TYPE: Jack antenna
ROOF HATCHES: Midi heki + 2 x 12V Ventline
EXTERNAL TAP: On A-frame
FLY-SCREEN DOOR: Yes
EXTERNAL SHOWER: Yes
FRAME CONSTRUCTION: Meranti timber
INSULATION: Styrofoam in walls/roof, batts in fridge
OUTER SKIN: White alloy composite
CHEQUERPLATING: 830mm black
STONEGUARD: Wraparound
SUSPENSION: Control Rider
WATER TANKS: 2 x 95L + 2 x 62L
WHEELS: 16in
TYRES: General 265 A/T
HITCH: DO35
AWNING: Dometic 8300
BOOT: Tunnel
GAS CYLINDER SIZE: 2 x 9kg
JERRY CAN HOLDERS: Yes
HOT WATER: Gag/electric
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: 12V + 2 x 120A batteries

*****TECHNICAL SPECS*****

MAKE/MODEL: Lotus Trooper
EXTERNAL BODY LENGTH: 5.79m (19ft)
EXTERNAL WIDTH: 2.43m (8ft)
EXTERNAL HEIGHT: 3.2m (10ft 5in)
TARE WEIGHT: 2790kg
BALL WEIGHT: 270kg
ATM: 3500kg
GVM: 3230kg

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RV PROFILE

ELITE RV AUTO-TRAIL FRONTIER SCOUT

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ULTIMATE LUXURY

*****INTRO*****

Enjoy the uncompromising comfort and refined handling of a motorhome that delivers an extremely car-like driving experience

*****IMAGES AND CAPTIONS*****

IMG_0469.jpg: At the rear of the Scout's spacious interior floorplan you find yourself a charming club-style lounge finished in soft, inviting upholstery. More than just a comfortable place to sit and relax, the lounge also easily converts into an accommodating extra bedding area so you can enjoy its elegant seating configuration by day and revel in the practical relaxation of its converted sleep space at night.

IMG_0529.jpg: Every bit as functional and well-appointed as the kitchen in your home, the Scout's mobile cooking configuration features premium appliances and an ergonomic design that makes meal preparation fun and hassle-free. Your four-burner hob is dual powered, with both gas and an electric burner plus individual oven and grill facilities as well. A fully-fitted stainless steel microwave is also included, so you're equipped to prepare a wide variety of menu options for the hungry travellers in your party.

IMG_0447.jpg: With a ten-year body construction integrity warranty, Elite RV is supremely confident in the Scout's ability to perform and stand the test of time against Australia's unique and often harsh conditions. Grade 3 insulation is used throughout the motorhome with laminated wall and floor construction. High gloss GRP panels are used to strengthen the roof and rear sections with their impact-resistance while an aluminium front grille and lower skid plate work to combat the effects of rust and corrosion.

IMG_0463.jpg: One thing is for certain on-board the Auto-Trail Frontier Scout – and that's that you'll always have a comfortable place to sit and relax. For tea time, meal time or just about any time the Scout's cosy central cafe-style dinette is perfect for serving breakfast or just enjoying the views out through its big, bold, beautiful windows. For added stability, the table is fixed to the offside wall.

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CLASSY COCKTAIL CABINET!

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IMG_0556.jpg: Let's face it, at the end of a long day of busy travel, sometimes the only thing you want more than a good night's sleep is a nice stiff drink, and with the Scout's cleverly integrated cocktail cabinet, making it martini time has never been easier. Conveniently located just behind your kitchen's stainless-steel sink, this contoured cabinet opens smoothly on a dedicated set of hinges for simplified access to your favourite spirits and then closes flush when you're finished so as not to take up any unnecessary space.

IMG_0509.jpg: Comfortable beds and lounges are great for once you've settled in for the evening, but where comfort is always going to count the most in a motorhome is here. You're going to be putting in long hours behind the wheel of your Scout, and that's why these two captain's chairs have been fully upholstered and fitted with dual armrests, so finding your perfect comfort level is obtainable. Seat height on these two chairs is also completely adjustable, so if you have to take turns driving, you can still achieve the most manageable position possible.

IMG_0489.jpg: Elite RV makes living easy inside the Auto-Trail Scout thanks to handy inclusions and stunning features like your ensuite's seamless and fully enclosed shower cubicle. This high-quality, moulded fibreglass shower stall features an in-built, high level fold-a-way drying rack for your towels and domestic-style taps and shower head for an authentic shower experience thanks to its variable controls.