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Is a Central Coast trailer everything you need?

THE COMPLETE PACKAGE

PRODUCT REVIEW
The Complete Campsite Off-Road Utrru



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Having a place for everything and everything in its place is one of the biggest attractions of off-road camper trailers. That's especially so for those of us who like a few more creature comforts and are travelling for an extended amount of time with the family. Having an easy and convenient camping set-up could be what keeps you coming back for more.

The Complete Campsite guys on the Central Coast of NSW have been building off-road trailers since the early '90s and have even won an award or two for their efforts. They have a fairly large range of on and off-road campers that cater for dirt bikers all the way through to full family tourers.

We are reviewing the 2008 Uluru Off-Road model. One thing that Complete does well is make use of all the available space for convenient storage. The body comes all the way out to the wheels, which maximises interior dimensions.

Access to the trailer via the rear swing-away tailgate is standard fare, and there are large side access doors so you can get to your gear no matter where it is. The toolbox welded to the drawbar also has holders for three jerry

cans, and six separate cupboards are fully sealed and lockable.

Structurally, the Off-Road model's chassis is a little lighter than other campers we have looked at. It measures only 40x40x3mm. The Extreme 4X4 model's chassis is heavier duty, though.

Complete has incorporated an extra-long drawbar into the camper, which makes for easy reversing. The downside is the relatively heavy tow-ball download. The Hyland style off-road coupling is great because it fits onto a standard 50mm tow ball and still allows the freedom of movement needed off road.

The suspension is the basic but proven eight-leaf pack, and this is perfect for carrying heavy loads. The disc brakes are controlled mechanically, so you don't have to install an electronic brake controller, and 225x70 all-terrain tyres come standard, as well as a vertically mounted spare.

The Complete Campsites have a fairly extensive electrical system that caters for both 12V and 24V needs. One 100Ah deep-cycle batteries powers a 300W inverter, a whole bunch of 12V outlets and six 240V outlets.

The kitchen slides out from the back of the camper and can be accessed whether the canopy is



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AN OWNER'S OPINION



It's hard to review a camper trailer in the short amount of time we get to go over them, so we tracked down Michael from Somersby NSW. He owns a Complete Campsite camper, so we asked him what he thought about it.

Q: How long have you owned your Complete Campsite camper trailer?

A: We bought the camper in January 2007.

Q: Where have you taken it?

A: We haven't ventured too far from home, but it has been to Barrington Tops, Wombeyan Caves Kiama and Tumut, all in NSW.

Q: What do you like most about the trailer?

A: There are heaps of storage options and space, which is very handy. I love the full-size bed and the Nomad feature, which gives us standing space at the end of the bed. It is also very easy to pack up and put away.

Q: Have you had any problems with the trailer?

A: On our trip to Wombeyan Caves, one of the gas struts came off. Grant was very helpful, though, and it was fixed straight away.

Q: Are there any things you don't like about the trailer?

A: We don't use the kitchen so it is a bit of a waste of space for us. If we were to make any changes, it would be to convert that into more efficient storage space.

Q: Would you recommend this trailer to someone else? Why or why not?

A: Most certainly! Before we committed to purchasing the camper, Grant and the team listened to everything we wanted and was happy to customise the trailer to our requirements. It was also a great reassurance that they use the campers themselves and are familiar with what they can and can't do.



Set up couldn't be easier

set up or packed away. Manufactured from stainless steel, all of the drawers have been powder-coated. A three-burner MSEV gas stove, stainless benchtops and additional slide-out space make it a very convenient kitchen.

A Bushman fridge/freezer on a slide next to the fridge is welcome, but it obstructs the bench space when pulled out.

The standard canopy is almost 4x3m and is manufactured from 14.8oz Australian-made canvas, and the one-piece PVC floor is fully sealed. A 2.5m annex also provides plenty of shade. The canopy supports are all galvanised steel that are bent from a single piece, and these use gas struts for easy erection.

The six large windows and door have heavy-duty mesh to keep out the bugs, and the bed is a queen-sized, 6in-thick high-density foam mattress on a carpet-lined bed base. A 7in innerspring mattress is also available as an optional extra.

Both the trailer and canopy have plenty of options that can be added on. Everything from boat and bike racks, solar panels and larger canopies. Grant and Jodie are also able to tailor a custom package to your needs.

For those of you after a camper with plenty of space and heaps of options, check out The Complete Campsite range. The friendly service and experience is hard to beat. ■■■



COMPLETE CAMPSITE AT A GLANCE ↓

COST: \$27,950	AXLE: 45mm square
TARE: 950kg	TENT CONSTRUCTION: 14.8oz Australian-made canvas
TOW-BALL DOWNLOAD: 120kg	SUSPENSION: Eight leaf rebound springs
CHASSIS: 40x40x3mm galvanised steel	TYRE SIZE: 225/70 All Terrains
DRAWER BAR: 100x50x3mm galvanised steel	COUPLING: Hyland off-road



The Nomad feature is very convenient



Careful attention has been paid to the electrical system

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