

Hidden Beauty

Complete Campsite's new Exodus 14' combines offroad strength with guilty luxury.



★ RATING	
OFFROAD ABILITY	★★★★
BUSHABILITY	★★★★★
SET UP	★★★★★
ELECTRICS/LIGHTING	★★★★★
VALUE FOR MONEY	★★★★
COMFORTS	★★★★★

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New branding comes with a new level of luxury

With Complete Campsite's rebranding from scratch, including a company restructure, the company is again redefining this industry. Their new product offering covers the entire range of sub-caravan RVs – from soft floor campers to hard floors and 'hard tops' in the Exodus range

The camper trailer business is slowly beginning to look a lot like the automobile business. There are lemons, Mercedes and everything in between. What Complete Campsite has done is to apply a little Germanic thinking to everything they do. From the \$26,000 soft floor Jabiru at the bottom of the marque's range to the \$76,680 Exodus 14' we're looking at here, the list of inclusions and features may change considerably, but the underlying quality doesn't.

The Exodus range itself has been around for a long time, but a couple of years ago Complete Campsite set about incorporating and redesigning these hybrid campers. In the process the build quality, list of luxury inclusions and price went up, but people these days don't seem to be worrying as much about 'how much is it' as they are about 'when can I get it?' After all, it was this company that boldly offered the world a \$35,000



Ample outside storage.



A second pump provides river water for endless hot showers.



Solid gear will keep you happy.



If you can't cook it here then you can't cook it anywhere.



The look of luxury - the optional inside kitchen and shower.



The insulated fibreglass shell keeps you cool on hot days.



The dinette's table stows away to provide easy access to the queen size bed.



The beefy components on the Exodus ensure this is a serious offroad camper - not just a rebranded caravan.

soft floor camper only a few years ago, a move that irrevocably changed the family camper trailer landscape.

So what exactly is the new Exodus 14'? Built from the ground up as an offroad tourer, it is designed for the couple who wants to go just as far afield as their trusty soft floor once took them, but with a plethora of luxury features built in.

The Exodus is based on a hot dipped galvanised steel chassis riding on a two tonne independent trailing arm suspension system with coils and twin shockies. Twelve inch electric brakes on 16in wheels, Vehicle Components' DO-35 coupling and a 10in ratcheting jockey wheel complete the beefed up running gear. It isn't a caravan that's been rebranded to hit the offroad market; it is an offroad camper trailer with all the fixin's.

The body is an insulated fibreglass shell, which makes dust management a simple affair. A filtered, pressurised air intake ensures that it won't suck dust in, even on the worst roads. It's the little things that show these guys have actually been camping and know what works and what doesn't. A large boot up front is good for bulky stuff and muddy recovery gear. The Fiamma F45 awning provides quick shade on the side of the road or in camp.

When it comes to cooking, the kitchen is pretty hard to beat on this beast. All stainless steel, it slides out and folds back against the side of the camper, with an additional slide-out bench/ pantry making an I-shape. With plenty of drawers to store smaller bits, the best thing about this setup is the amount of useable bench space you get in seconds. The 80L upright fridge is conveniently located just inside the door, so you can grab a beer inside or out. Also inside, there is a stainless steel sink and optional metho cook top for those really nasty days. Behind the kitchen outside is a good sized, carpet-lined pantry, which is handy for all of your kitchen cupboard stuff.

Onboard supplies are sorted via two 4.5kg gas bottles and a 150L internal water tank with a pump so you can fill it up from the two 22L jerries.

A Webasto diesel hot water system provides hot running water to the interior sink, exterior sink, outside and optional inside shower, and you get ducted heating for those High Country sojourns. You can even run a second pump for creek water, for those long showers. That's a bit of living...

Inside the Exodus, we find that 14' is big enough for a queen size bed, dinette for two, the front kitchen/ storage area and



The 130W solar panel charges the two 100Ah batteries.

even a shower/ toilet inside. If you don't get the shower fitted, there's more seating here instead. The dinette table stows away pretty quickly for bedtime, or if you're lazy

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like me you can just clamber around it.

The window in the roof of the camper has a built-in 12V exhaust fan, which is pretty handy on warm days, although it doesn't get as hot in here as it does under canvas.

With plenty more storage inside in

several large drawers and cupboards, you have room to keep your clothes in order, and best of all, you can get to everything easily while travelling.

SUMMING UP

It should go without saying at this point, but the finish both inside and out on this camper is clean and professional. Good design is always invisible – it is when something doesn't work right that you notice it. Everything about the Exodus range of campers is designed around ease of use and luxury, and it feels like an expensive machine under your hands.

At \$76,680 on road, including the internal shower/ toilet and Honda EU20i generator on a purpose-built slide, this camper has everything you want and a few things you didn't even know you needed. ■

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COMPLETE 12V SYSTEM

A few years ago Complete Campsite upped the game considerably when it came to camper electronics - that philosophy finds its logical end in their flagship product:

- 2 x 100Ah deep cycle batteries – enough for a couple of days without help
- 130W roof-mounted solar panel – charge while you move
- DC-DC 12V charger – if you don't know what this is, turn to page 96
- 25A Ctek battery charger
- 150W pure sine inverter – laptop friendly, plenty of 12V outlets
- LED lighting throughout
- 240V system including three double outlets and one exterior weatherproof outlet
- The 240V system can run off the inverter in the bush

SPECIFICATIONS

**COMPLETE CAMPSITE
EXODUS 14'**

Tare:	TBC
ATM:	TBC
Suspension:	Coils and twin shocks
Brakes:	Electric
Coupling:	DO-35
Price:	\$76,680

Ducted heating keeps you warm in winter.