



Sand sailor

Desert Edge's Outback Deluxe applies the company's sea legs to a land-lubbing tourer.



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The bloke in charge of designing and building Desert Edge camper trailers is true a boatie at heart. Working with Quintrex, Stacer and Savage for years, Stuart Morgan was developing a love for campers the whole time, building them in his backyard, for his own adventuring. Each time he would design a new one from scratch to suit his needs, and it is this education that comes to the fore in Desert Edge's designs, coupled with the company's skill working with steel and alloy.

The Outback Deluxe is the most well equipped trailer to come out of the Desert Edge factory thus far. It is designed to be a proper touring hard floor, with everything you need. There's even a fold-over alloy boat rack on top, although you have to unload the tinny to set up camp.

Built on a steel chassis with an alloy body bolted on, the Outback's skeleton is designed to withstand the rigours of heavy corrugations and the worst that beach driving can throw at it. With its standard independent trailing arm coil suspension, the Deluxe offers complete survival against the elements. Weighing 900kg empty, it is relatively light for a hard



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

floor, but would definitely tow, loaded up, best behind a real 4WD. With an ATM of 1400kg, there's a massive 500kg payload, which is probably more than you could pack into this camper. Sixteen inch mag wheels complete the running gear.

The kitchen is a slide-out unit on the nearside which swings around to sit flush against the trailer's side. A fold-out bench ensures there's enough room to work here and prep food next to the stainless sink and two-burner cook top. Self-supporting, the best thing about this type of kitchen is with the awning extended, you're more effectively sheltered than when standing and cooking at the edge of the awning. Water comes from a 90L onboard tank.

240V in/ outlets are here by the kitchen, with a bendable light for cooking. Nearby, in the huge toolbox on the A-frame, is a fridge slide that can hold the optional 80L Engel easily. With this nestled up to the long kitchen, cooking is much easier, and everything fits under the awning.

There is still room in the other side of the toolbox for a generator, portable toilet, etc., and another nose cone up front for lighter things like extra canvas. There are two jerry can holders and two gas bottle holders up front too, behind a quality stone guard. The jockey wheel is the fold-up type, with an offroad Hyland coupling.

A rear-fold hard floor camper, the new Outback Deluxe features an electronic winch (not photographed), which makes opening and closing the camper a breeze for anyone. The tent is made from decent canvas and sits well, with good stitching and attention to detail throughout.

SUMMING UP

The finish on the Outback is the best I've seen from Desert Edge, which is still young as far as camper manufacturers go, but old in boat manufacturing. Seeing that quality come across is exciting – it means you can get tested methods in a range of campers not yet demanding the same

costs of similar, more established lines.

The Outback Deluxe is \$27,297, which includes everything but the fridge. For that money, you can literally get straight into the bush with no worries, mate. ■

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There are some great ideas on this hard floor that make living in the bush that little bit easier.

SPECIFICATIONS

Desert Edge OUTBACK OFF ROAD

Tare:	900kg
ATM:	1400kg
Suspension:.....	Independent coil
Brakes:	Electric drum
Coupling:	Hyland
Price:\$27,297 on road