

## AN OWNER'S OPINION

For this review, we went out with John Whale. He is the owner of the Aussie Swag camper featured, and we asked his opinion of it.

**Q: How long have you owned your Aussie Swag camper trailer?**

A: We purchased the trailer in November 2007.

**Q: Where have you taken it?**

A: We live in Sydney and have towed it to South West Rocks, Barrington Tops camping next to the head of the Manning, Wagga Wagga and Pretty Beach National Park camping ground.

**Q: What made you choose this trailer over the others available?**

A: We have two small children and wanted the luxury of a fully contained, easy-to-set-up camper trailer. Easy set-up dictated one of the top-of-the-line campers with flip-over top. We can have the sleeping section up and open in less than five minutes. The kitchen and fridge design was what attracted us to the Aussie Swag. It just makes so much sense the way it is designed, and it allows much more usable room in the front canvas section compared to the others.

**Q: Have you had any problems with the trailer?**

A: The Anderson plug connecting the solar panel to the trailer wiring loom was loosely crimped, but this was quickly fixed. Other than that, the trailer has behaved wonderfully.

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

A: We purchased the optional pushbike rack, which is fitted to the front of the trailer's tow arm. The addition of this option moves the rock deflector forward on the A-frame approximately 6in. Our 100 Series has twin spare-wheel carriers holding 33in Coopers. When the trailer is fully articulated on the hitch, the tyres rub against the trailer's rock deflector. Apart from this small design issue (which wouldn't affect the average towing vehicle), we cannot fault the trailer.

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

A: We would definitely recommend this trailer to anyone wanting to spend this amount of money. [The team] went out of their way to help us through the purchase process, ordering options best suited to our needs and the subsequent build of the trailer. They kept us informed of their progress, and have been very responsive following our purchase when we have called to ask operational questions etc. The trailer suits two young children perfectly and has plenty of space in the attached kids' room. The kitchen and fridge assemblies are so usable, and my wife cooks us meals as if we were at home. The huge amount of storage space in both the kitchen and the body of the unit allows us to take everything we need to have a more-than-comfortable extended trip away every time.



A 12V/240V hot-water shower and tap for the kitchen are also standard fare and, courtesy of the 130L water tank, it will keep you clean and hydrated for a long time. A shower room with two windows and air vent also provide ample privacy.

Even though the Aussie Swag campers are luxurious, there is no compromise on off-road ability. The fully independent trailing arm suspension is designed to provide plenty of flex for a trailer and help slide over obstacles too big to roll over.

The springs and shocks are from Pedders suspension, which means that any problems can be fixed almost anywhere. The Treg

off-road hitch also provides plenty of flexibility. The spare wheel is tucked up under the body of the camper, which may prove to be its only off-road deficiency if it is caught up. Electronic off-road brakes are also standard.

The list of optional extras is rather short for this model, but that is mostly due to the long list of standard ones. The options include annex upgrades, boat loader, spare parts bag, bike racks and upgrades to the electronics system.

Can you imagine how jolly the swagman would be if he had to carry this one on his back? I wonder how many jumbucks he could fit in there! ■

