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# Volkswagen

## Campmobile Instruction Booklet



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welcome you to the rapidly growing fraternity of Volkswagen Campmobile owners; and the friendship of Australians discovering the wonder, the relaxation and sheer joy offered by the great open spaces of our country.

As you will discover, your Campmobile is a wonderfully versatile vehicle. A mobile camper that will enable you to take off and just go about...anywhere you like... whenever you like...with the least fuss...the least planning...and the least cost...and get the most fun out of it all...and when you're not camping, your Campmobile becomes a commuter, a shopper or school bus.

Only a foot or so longer than the beetle, the Campmobile is easy to manoeuvre and park. And has twice as much room as the average station wagon.

This operator's manual will help you understand all the features of your Campmobile and assist you to get the maximum satisfaction and enjoyment from its use.

Please read it carefully.

## **Models**

Campmobile: Adventurer, Wanderer.

Contents: Introduction, The Campmobile conversion, General, Individual items and their use, Camping hints.

During the last decade we Australians have once again taken to the bush, this time in an endeavour to "get away from it all".

In doing so, the Australian campers and caravaners have developed many types and styles of vehicles. Not the least of these developments has been the Volkswagen Campmobile. It is now the fastest growing vehicle in this field of 'pleasure and leisure' transport.

The ideas, layouts and functional requirements of the most practical outdoor man or the most sophisticated family have all been adequately catered for.

Your VW Campmobile is based on the world famous Volkswagen Kombi Van, to which is added basic furniture components all of which are manufactured by master craftsmen, using heavy grade, durable, glued and screwed double sided dia-ply.

**The Campmobile programme offers one basic furniture and design concept with two roof styles.**



**The main pieces of furniture are:—**

**Campmobile Adventurer Basic**

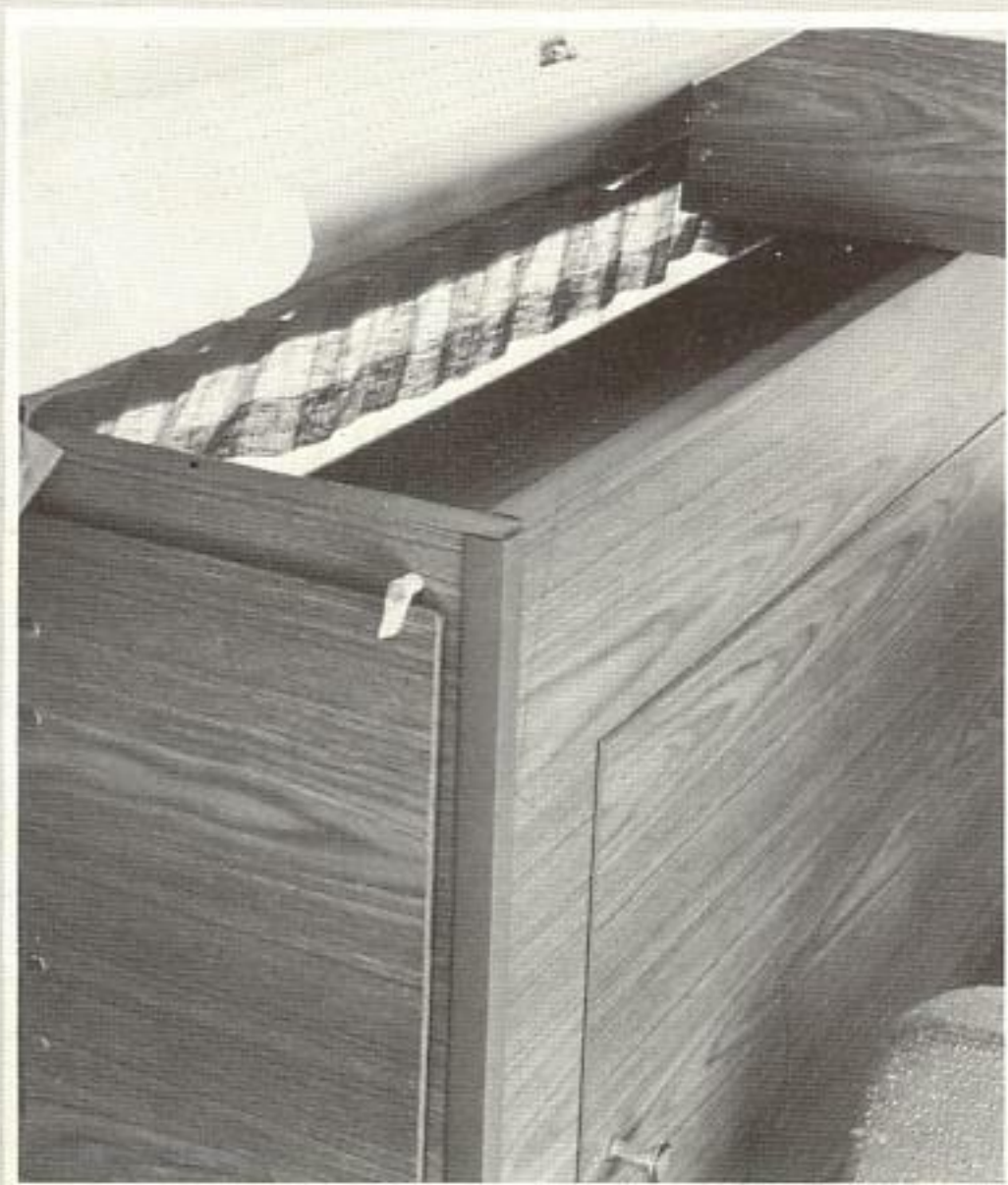
1. Rear double seat/bed with underneath storage;
2. Below window level sink and hand pump;
3. Large clothing wardrobe behind driver's seat;
4. Side cupboard and shelf;
5. Top cupboard at roof level;

The side and rear panels of the vehicle are fully lined with bright Bangkok teak ply. The headlining material is a specially prepared nylex product which is completely washable. A fire extinguisher is easily located in case of an emergency.

The floor is a 6 ply board covered in heavy duty, colour co-ordinated vinyl and is most likely to be the same material as your kitchen or laundry floor at home — it will wear as well.

The washable coloured curtains match the vehicle and interior tonings. They operate on an aluminium track. When you unfasten them and slide them around the vehicle at night they give complete privacy.

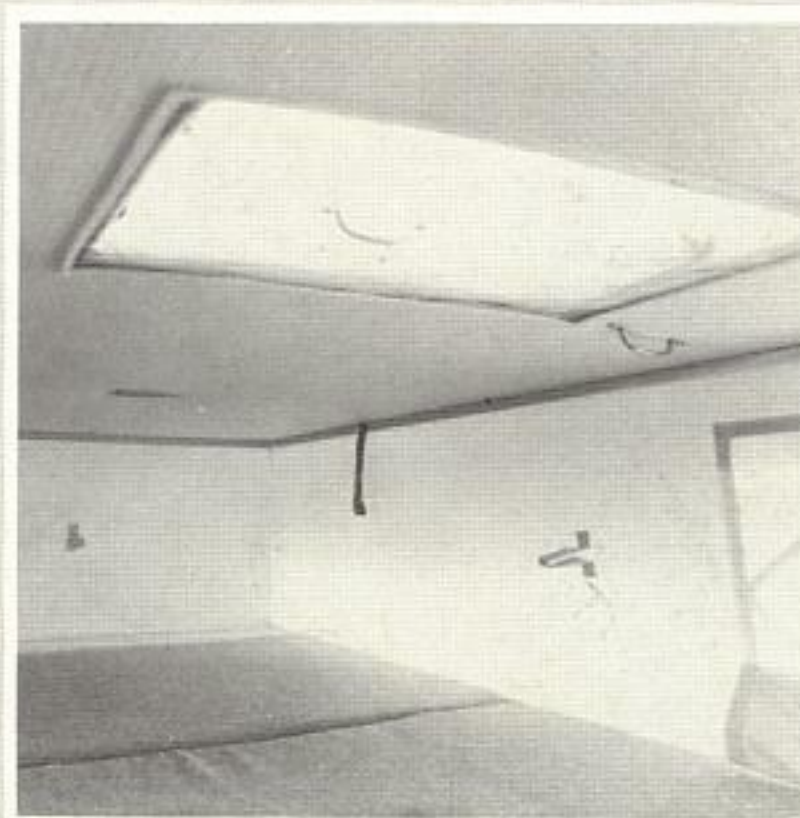




A 12 Volt low drain transistorised fluorescent light caters for all interior after dark lighting and is located above the sink unit.

The most popular Campmobile conversion includes the "E" low profile elevating roof. When locked down it only adds 3" to the overall height of the vehicle and when extended allows 7' of standing room within the vehicle.

Manufactured from sturdy, durable fibreglass and lined with nylex to match the vehicle, it includes easy lift mechanism and a fully waterproofed sleeve with screen ventilation and skylight. When the roof is elevated, the extension provides sleeping accommodation for two with vinyl covered mattresses and a dome reading lamp is provided.



**Here's How:**

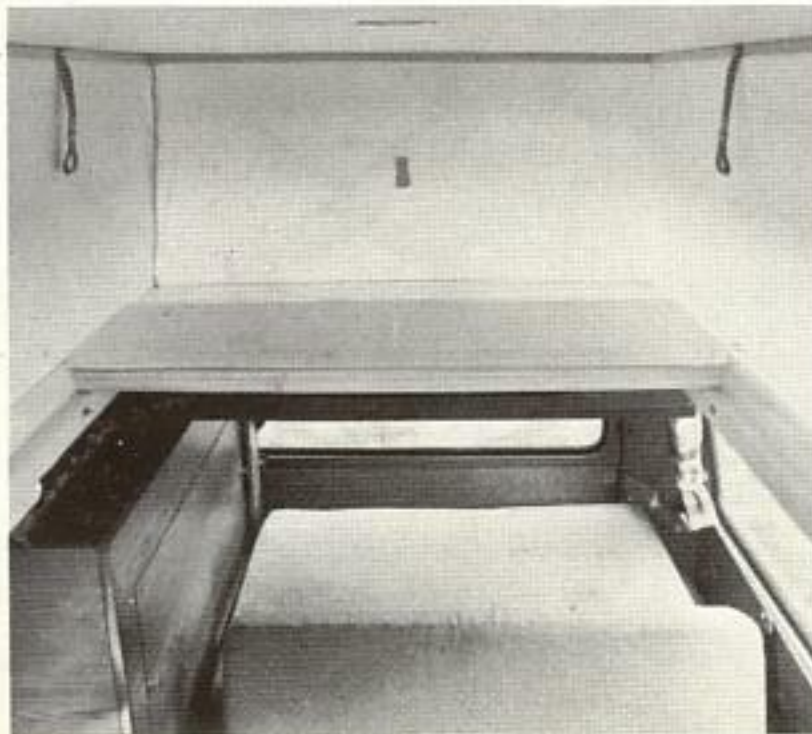
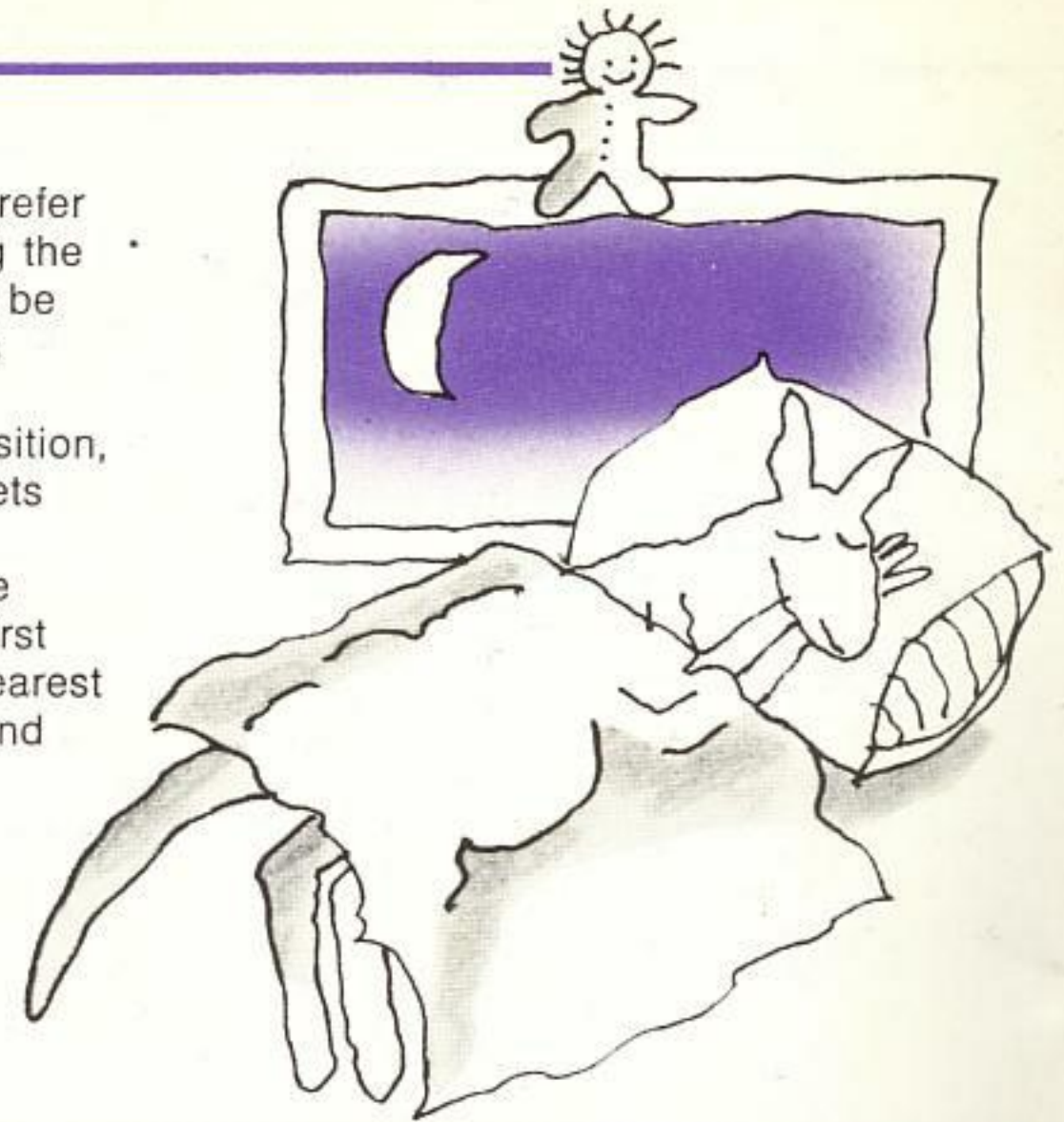
Facing the front of the vehicle, unlatch the four side support straps—remember "lift the dot". Whilst still holding the two centremost handles push the roof lightly upwards and away from you. The roof will raise by itself and you can control its rate of ascent with the handles.

An opaque hatch centrally located in the roof provides general ventilation as well as an escape for cooking fumes. It has its own insect screen fitted as standard. Side ventilators provide fresh air.

One of the biggest advantages of the elevating roof remains hidden—until you need it—double sleeping accommodation 'upstairs'.

When it's bedding down time, you will find that the children prefer the "bed in the roof". By facing the rear of the vehicle this bed can be pulled out to whatever length is required.

With cushion mattresses in position, children, sleeping bags, blankets and pillows can all be hoisted aloft. When you wish to fold the bed back, do so by lifting the first and second sections (those nearest you) onto the top of the third and so on.



We mentioned earlier that there are a number of individual furniture components, which have been combined to make up your Campmobile. Here is a detailed description of them.

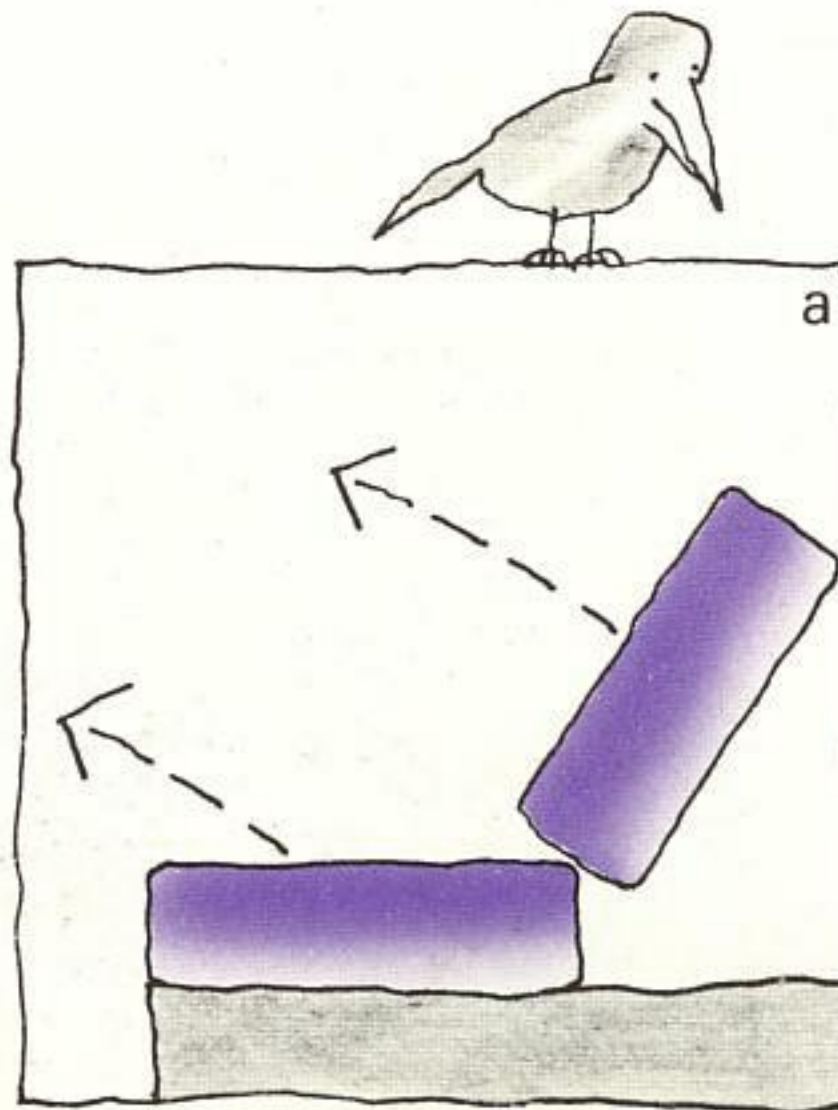
### The main rear seat/folding double bed.

Ample comfort and ease of action are the outstanding features of this unit whether in the upright position or in the reclining sleeping position. Seating two adults comfortably during travel, this seat converts to a full size double bed in seconds.

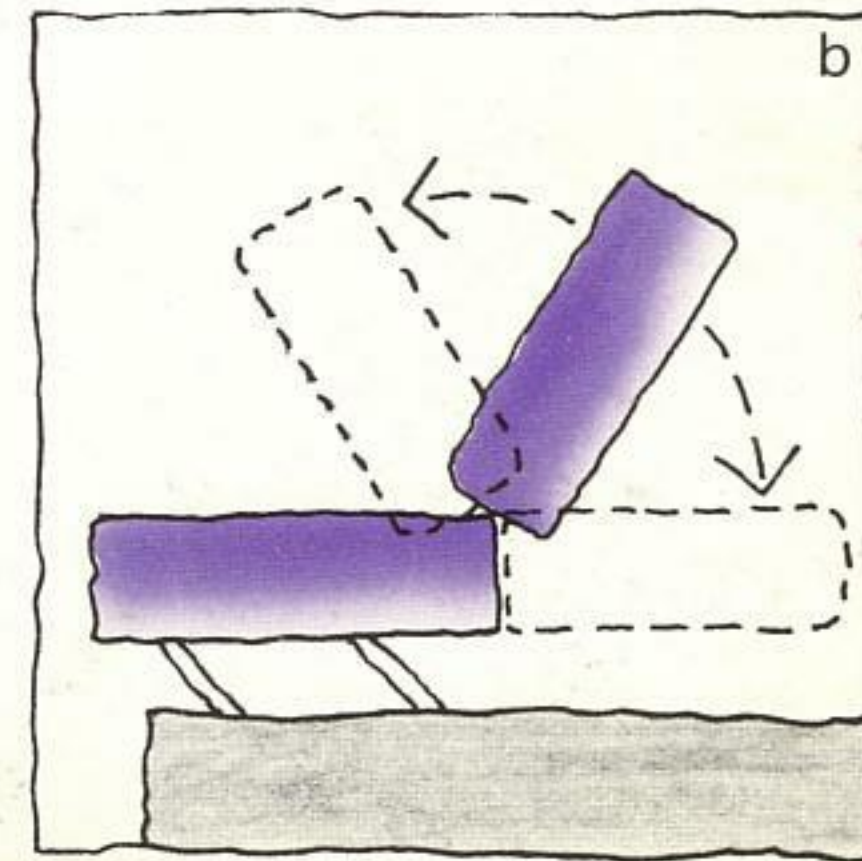


### To convert seat to bed (Diagrams a & b)

1. Facing the rear of the vehicle from the living compartment, pull the two seat lock buttons out and place your hands as widely apart as comfortable under the lower leading edge of the seat.
2. Lift and pull towards you evenly with both hands. Tilt the backrest of the seat towards you until the first "click" is heard. Then the backrest will lay right down and from the bed. Minor lining up may be required.



To convert back to a seat the reverse procedure should apply. Lift the backrest up until the first "click" is heard. The backrest is now locked in place. Now ease the seat base back to the original position. (If the backrest is tilted too far forward it will lock and then unlock again; if this happens just lay back and then carefully raise again to the first "click").

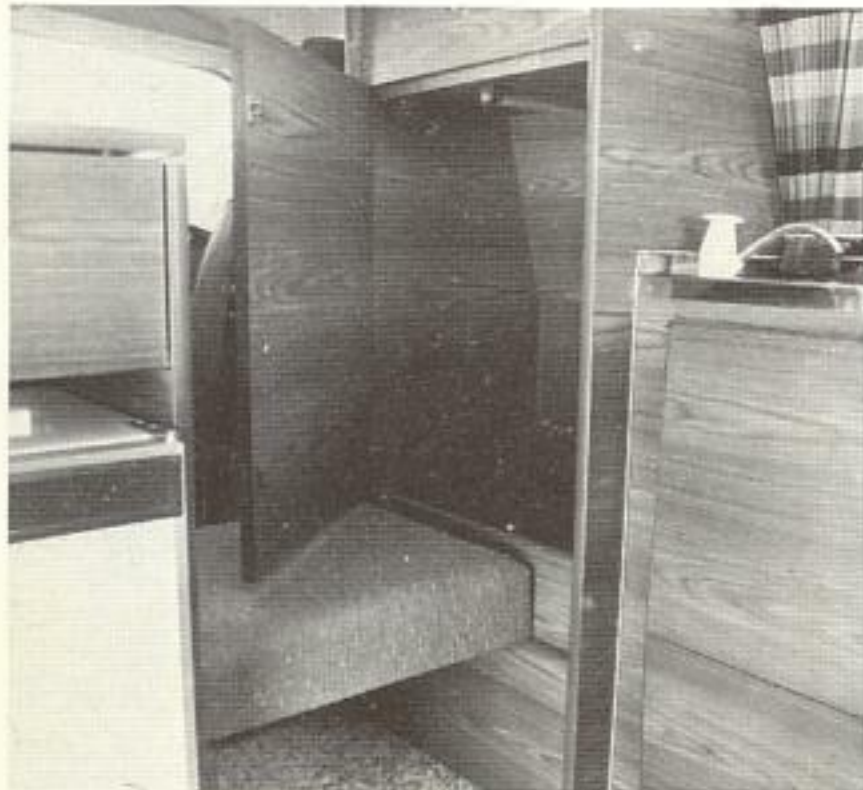




The convertible seat/bed is fitted with safety belts and has durable washable vinyl mattresses and safety seat locks. The unit incorporates a large storage compartment underneath ideal for blankets and sleeping bags (loose). Sleeping bags are the most practical bedding to make up and use. However, if you wish to use sheets and blankets, corner tapes (similar to those used to keep electric blankets evenly positioned) will certainly prevent any annoying movement.

### Service Suggestion:

Due to continual use, the bed action may become loose. Periodically the four nuts on the supporting arms should be tightened.



### The main Wardrobe and Sink Unit

This unit is situated directly behind the driver's seat and incorporates ample hanging and storage space ideal for stowing shoes, while providing a compartmentised cutlery drawer at the top of the wardrobe. The stainless steel sink is located between the front and rear wardrobes with a 5 gallon water storage tank underneath. A lift/flap table covers the water storage unit. The rear sliding door cupboard reveals the remainder of the hanging space and storage area.

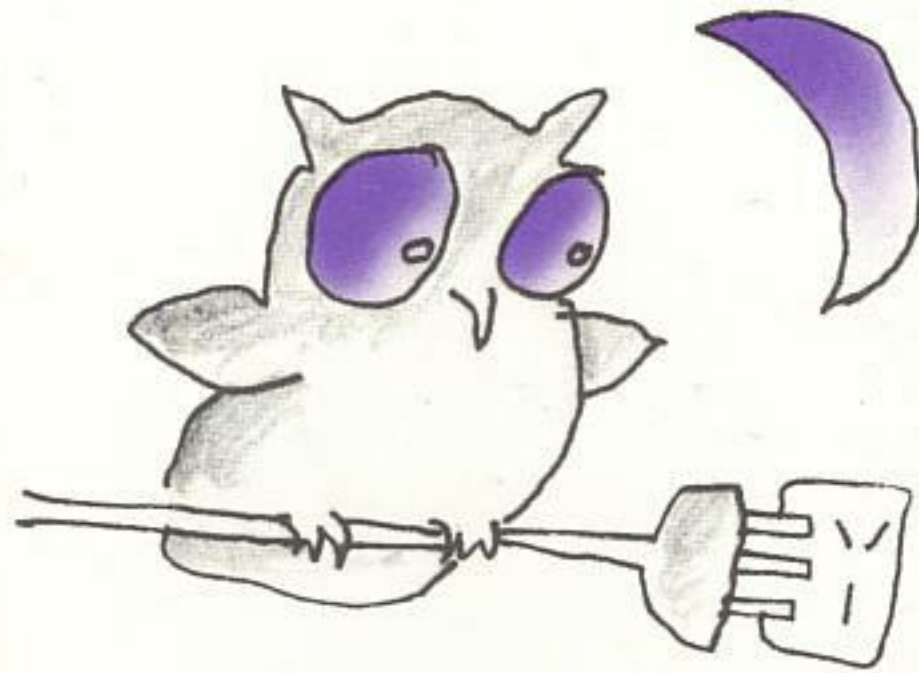
This hanging space in the Campmobile is ideally suited to skirts, slacks and slacksuits for women and sporting clothes for men. It is wise to use coat hangers on your trip. Not only do they fit better in the hanging space provided but they can also be readily adjusted to hang from any suitable branches at the campsite.



## 240 Volt power point

Most well-organised Caravan Parks and Camping grounds have 240 volt mains power available for their Campers' use. When you pull into one of these parks it's quite simple to couple these facilities with any 240 volt equipment you may have on board, e.g. whilst staying overnight to save the drain you will want to convert the refrigerator to 240 volt electric power or you may wish to use your portable TV set. This option

consists of an external input plug (for connection to the mains) and an internal output switch — Simply connect. Each van carries the approval of the State Electricity Authority.



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Kangaroo Bar and Spare Wheel Relocation have been fitted for your safety and convenience. These items are sturdily mounted and include a wheel padlock and vinyl cover for the spare wheel.



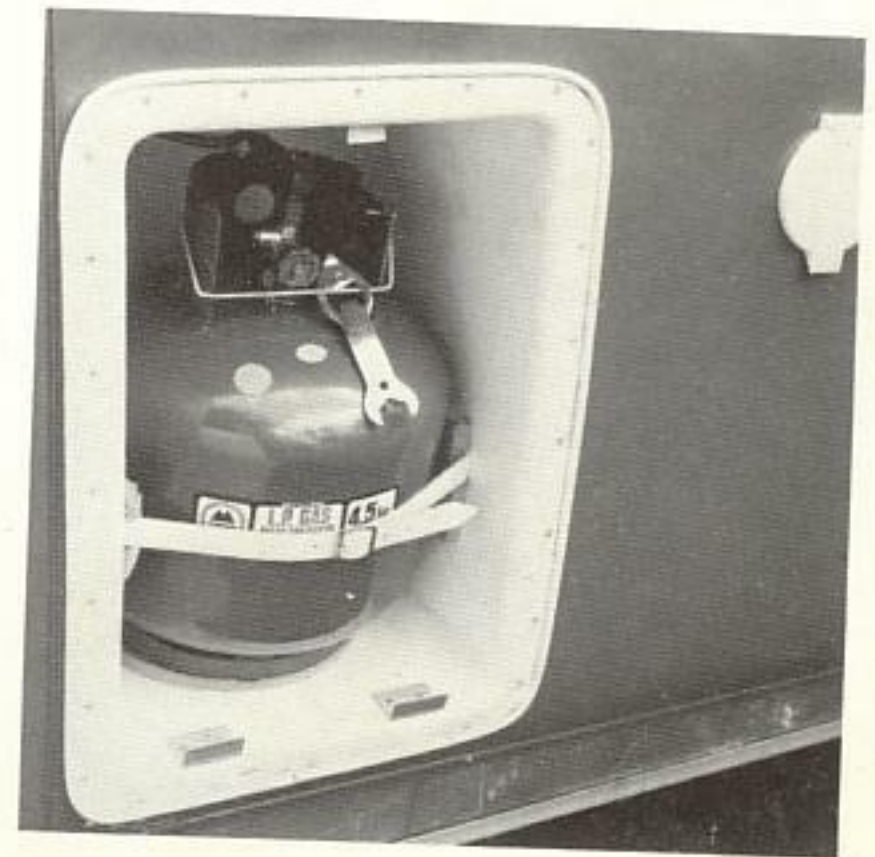
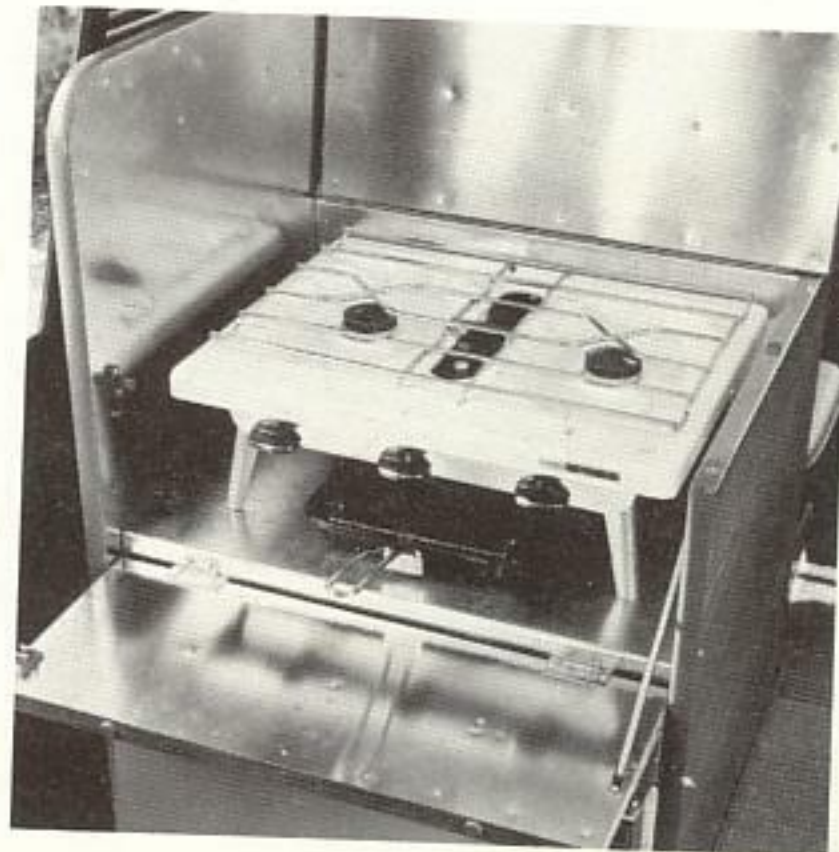


For those who require more than the basic Adventurer features, the Campmobile "Traveller Package" features:—

1. Utility Cabinet — An attractively finished cabinet is located behind the passenger's seat directly inside the sliding door. This houses both the refrigerator and stove.
2. Refrigerator — An eye catching 2 cubic foot Electrolux refrigerator fits into the utility cabinet and can be connected to operate on 240V/12V or gas power.
3. Gas Cooker — This attractively designed low pressure stove has

twin burners and a griller and is protected by safety surround metal plates.

4. Gas Power Pack — Comprised of flow through ventilation by means of screened louvred windows and a vented floor under the refrigerator. An exterior housed 10 lb. cylinder provides adequate gas for the operation of the refrigerator and stove in those out of the way places. All this equipment has been designed for "your" protection and meets the authoritative safety requirements as well as giving you a direct and efficient power source.



5. Additional Seat — A comfortable "utility" seat is located between the refrigerator cabinet and the wardrobe. Ideal for use at meal times or when you stop for a rest after that long, hot drive. Can be removed at any time to allow clear access to the driving cabin.

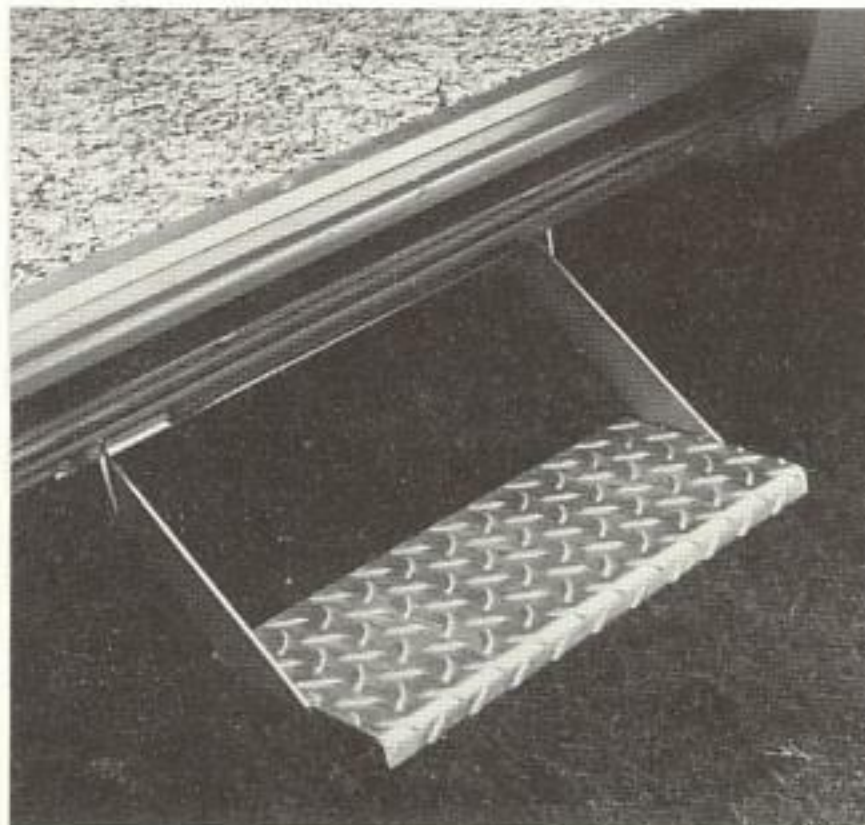
6. Retractable Step — For your convenience and ease of entry, a step is located under the body adjacent to the sliding door.



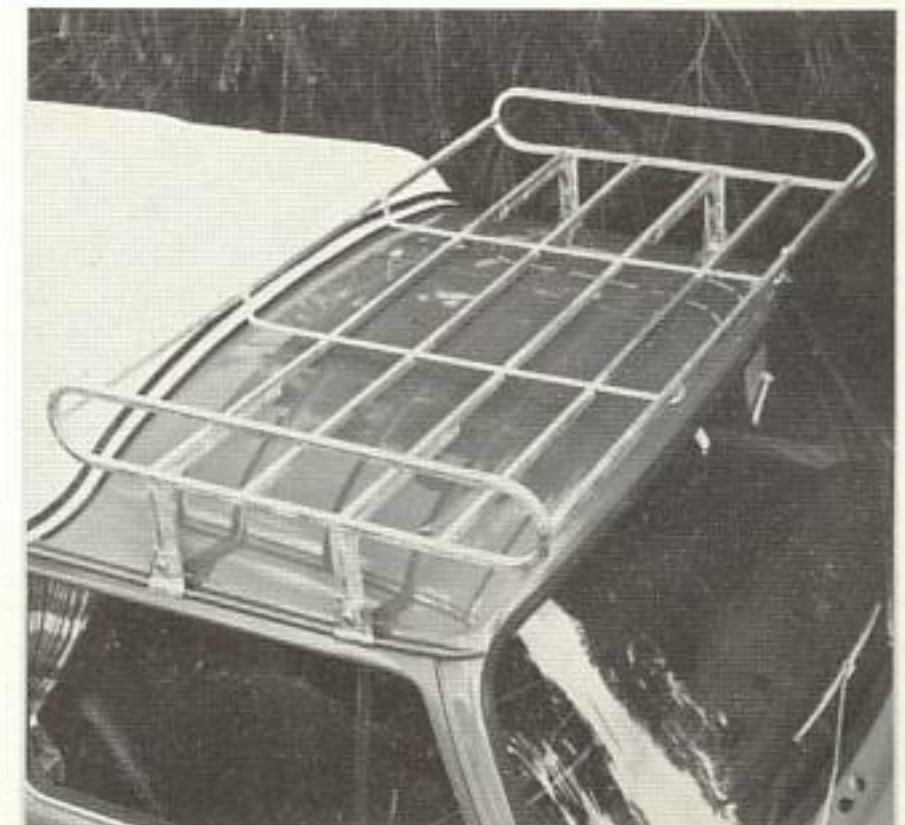
7. Pack Rack — A large 5' x 3' luggage rack is fitted to the front of the elevating roof and is ideal for those cumbersome articles that are often needed on your holidays.

#### Stove

The manufacturers of this equipment have supplied their instruction leaflet which accompanies this handbook. Their warranty cards should be filled out and posted as soon as you have taken delivery of your vehicle. Ask your dealer to assist.



It is advisable to use medium size saucepans and frying pans. Pans that are too large or carelessly placed will transfer heat to the surrounding surfaces and scorching could occur. The 10 lb. gas cylinder is housed in an exterior panel with locking cover plate and is located on the driver's side directly below the sink unit. To remove the cylinder for refilling purposes, simply remove the cover plate and unscrew the connection hose (left hand thread).



**Operation of the  
Refrigerator and Stove  
Gas/Electric 12/240 volt  
Refrigerator:**

This refrigerator is the Electrolux RAM23 model. It is ideal for all your short local trips, your medium distance interstate visits or your round-Australia adventure, and is standard equipment in the Adventurer and Wanderer Models. (Excl'd. Basic Adventurer.)

The Electrolux Warranty Card comes with the vehicle: your Dealer will post it for you at delivery time.

As mentioned earlier, Electrolux have also accompanied this handbook with their detailed instructions for use — Please read them carefully.

**Remember**

It is important for the refrigerator to be level at all times during operation — if not the refrigerant will not circulate and overheating will occur. So be careful positioning of the vehicle — using a spirit level (or a glass of water on the fridge/stove cabinet) adjust the position of the vehicle until perfectly level.

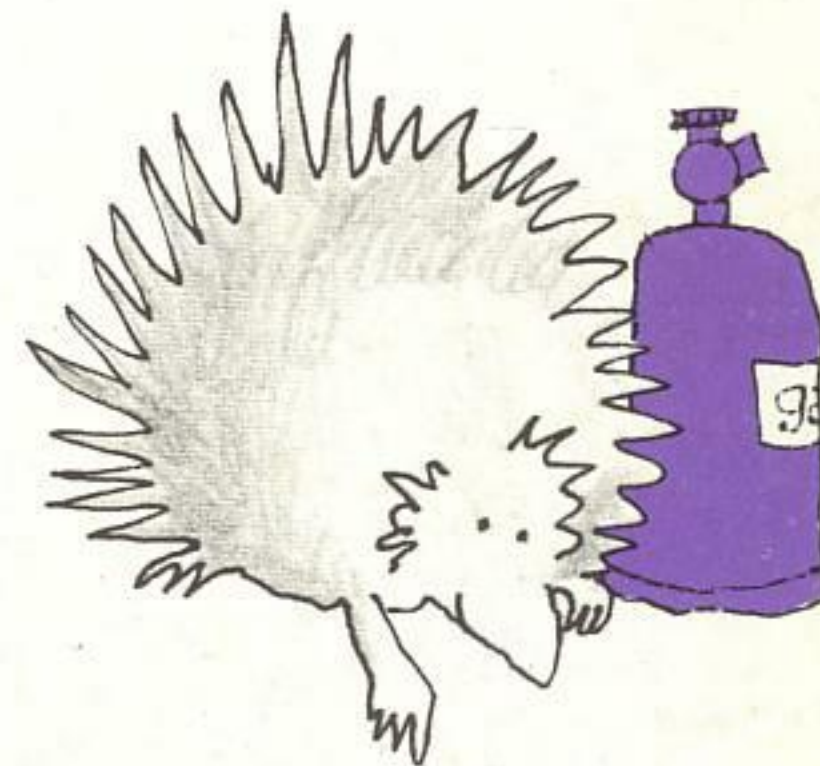
When any cooking is completed it is important to turn off the cylinder control valve and allow the gas left in the hose to burn away before closing the valves on the stove. Leaving gas in the hose can cause outlet valve blockage.

**WE CAUTION YOU TO:**

Never operate stove without full cross ventilation. Never leave cooking unattended — especially with children present. After use, always close gas valves at storage bottle first and then appliance. Check connections frequently; leakage is dangerous — investigate any suspicious gas 'smells' immediately. Never block the safety vent in the floor beneath the refrigerator.

Never interfere with standard fittings. All repairs or modifications should be undertaken by qualified gas fitters only.

Don't search for gas leaks by striking a match. Use a soapy water test around the suspected area.



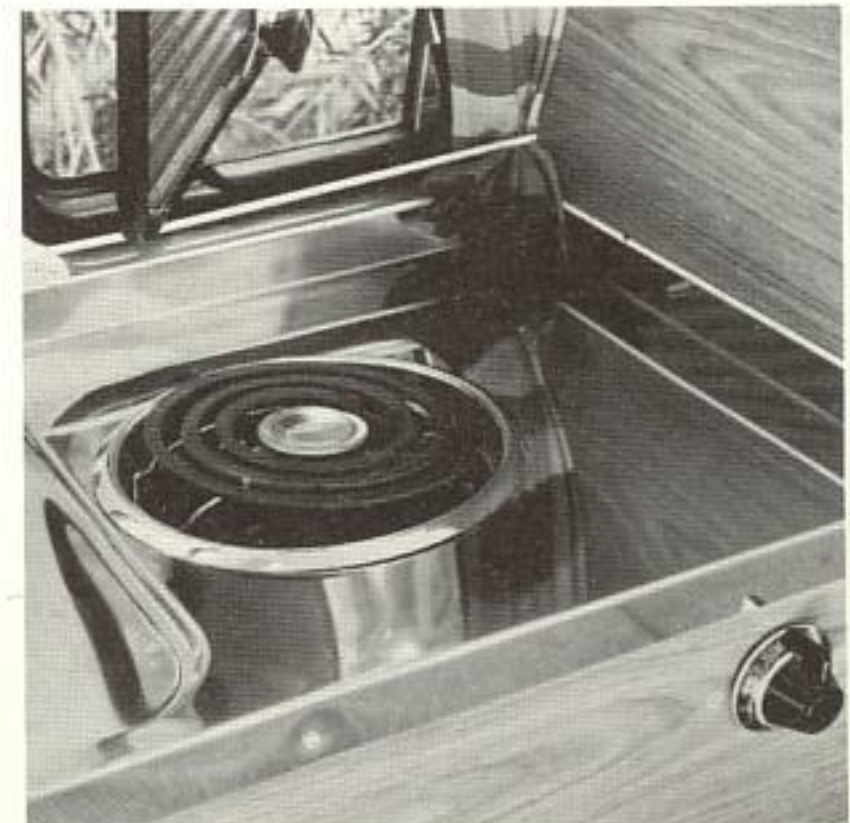
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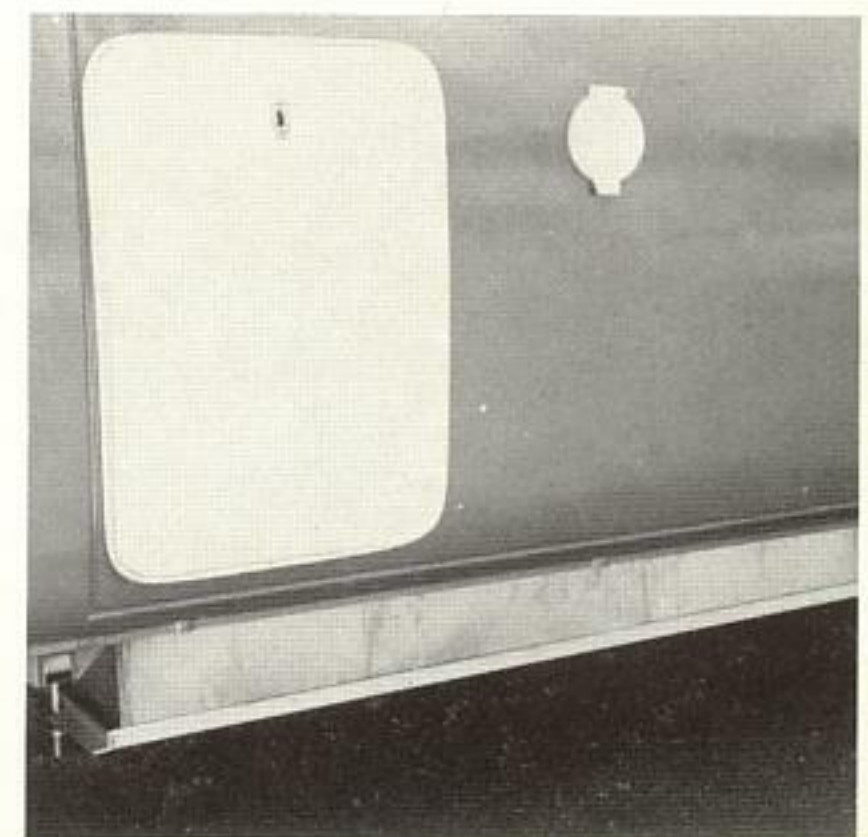
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For those who require even greater sophistication and comfort in their Campmobiles, the Campmobile "Deluxe Package" is available. Incorporating the features of the Basic Adventurer and the Traveller Package, the Deluxe Package offers those extra facilities and furnishings for your ease and pleasure.

1. A stainless steel sink with drain board and incorporating a 240 volt electric hot plate to quickly boil the billy and save your gas power for those out of the way places.
2. An extra 240 Volt power point located above the hot plate incorporating a safety warning indicator light has been added for your convenience. Whilst staying overnight in a caravan park, you may wish to convert the refrigerator to 240 Volt power to save the drain on your gas pack or you may desire to watch T.V. The extra power point will enable you to use all your electrical appliances when needed.



3. An additional 12 Volt fluorescent light is located under the rear cupboard. Ideal for those who like to read at night, while enjoying the comforts of their specially equipped motoring home.
4. The rear seat/double bed is covered with a hard wearing, polypropylene backed cloth as are the side walls to give you that extra degree of comfort and finish.
5. An additional fold down exterior table with bottle rack is attached to the side of the utility cabinet for your convenience when lounging outside the Campmobile.
6. A large, under floor 10 gallon water tank is fitted should you want to get away off the beaten track.



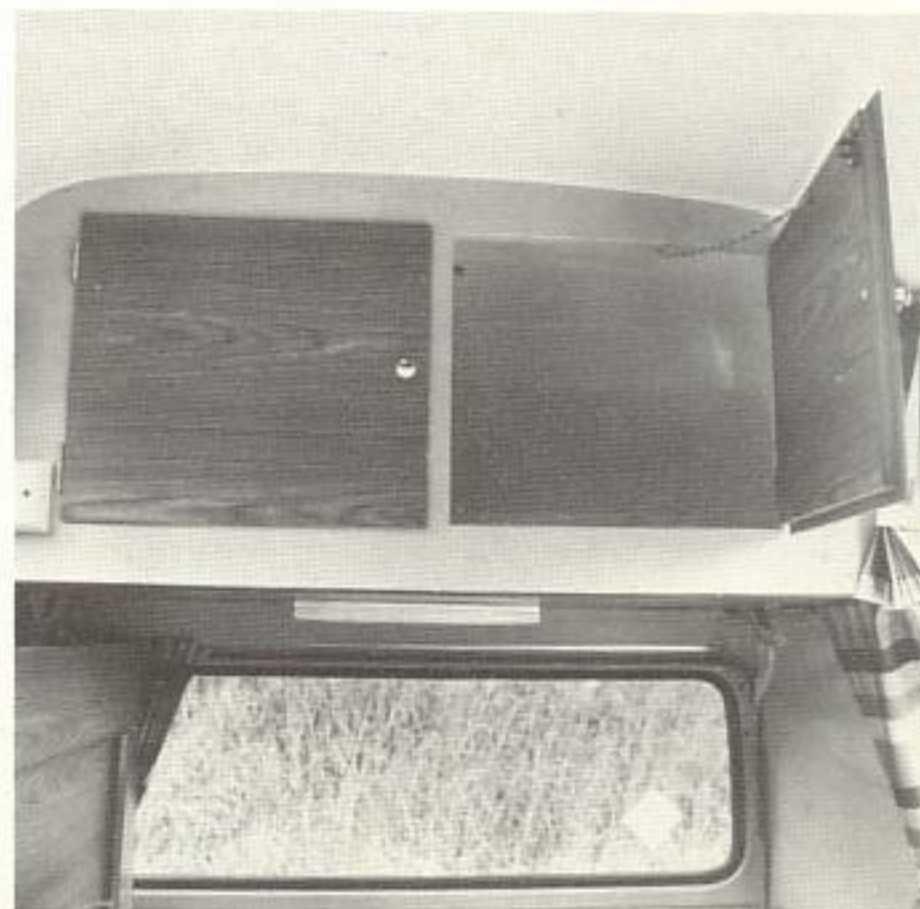


## The Campmobile Wanderer

Features fixed fibreglass roof giving 5' 10" of standing room. Louvred windows in the roof open for fresh air and are screened against insects.

Inclusive of the features of the Adventurer, the Wanderer has additional cupboard storage in the front and rear of the roof to house those large or cumbersome items such as sleeping bags or blankets.

All the Deluxe features are available on the Wanderer Deluxe conversion. The Pack Rack is not applicable to this conversion, while the vehicle can only accommodate 2 people; both due to the Wanderer's fixed fibreglass roof style.





Campmobile Options that are available:—

### **ABC 3 Campmobile Tent**

This is a freestanding 10' x 7' Brella Continental Duck Tent.

One person can erect it in under 10 minutes. It features spring loaded frames, an outdoor vinyl ground sheet and meshed ventilation with a large curtained 5' x 2' transparent window. It has two full length zippered entrances and is joined to the vehicle by a connection annex flap. (It is the ideal second room.)

### **How to erect your VW Campmobile Annex**

1. Assemble spring loaded frame, the place approximately 12" from the edge of the van. You may find it easy only to erect the uprights at half height until you have placed the annex in position.
2. Layout annex on ground — inside down.
3. Undo door zip of annex.
4. Place annex over frame with van doorway entrance nearest van (erect uprights to full height).
5. Lay out floor, ensuring annex frame legs are inside the 4 floor corners.
6. "Dress" mud flap under floor.
7. Ensure all zippers are fastened.
8. Slide on plastic extrusions to rope track, for clip on attachment to guttering of your campmobile.
9. Peg out "O" rings on four corners of your annex, ensuring annex is taut.
10. Peg remaining "O" rings around annex and partition to campmobile.
11. NOTE:—Six guy ropes are available for extra stability in high winds and operating instructions are supplied with tent.

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## ABC 10 Mosquito Net Set

### Mosquito Net Set

In the out-of-the-way places you go in the Campmobile, you may not always be completely alone. Keep the mosquitoes and other insects out by using this option. The mosquito net covers passenger's side window as well as the main sliding door entrance. It is quickly attached by smoothing the edge of the net against the base fibre already adhered to the window surround. To remove simply lift one corner and draw away. To cover the main entrance simply tension the spring type runner in the curtain track — (which has been pinched for this purpose) and allow to hang. The netting should be rolled when not in use.

**Caution:** Mosquito netting is very flimsy and it should not be attached to the door area at cooking time! A gust of wind could carry it into contact with the flame.

## ABC 13 Screened Sliding Window

For additional ventilation, the window above the dining table is replaced by a split, screened sliding window manufactured in durable aluminium. Ask your dealer to fit other accessories that are readily available to make your holiday away from home a memorable and comfortable excursion wherever you may choose to take your Volkswagen Motel.

## Camping Hints

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As you move all over Australia you will learn to recognise the do's and don'ts of Volkswagen camping — We did and here are a few:

1. Complete one operation in the Campmobile at a time. It is much more fun for all if everyone is up, the beds made and sleeping gear stowed away before breakfast is made. In the same way, wash and dry and put away the dishes before retiring for the night or moving off in the morning. This keeps the interior neat and tidy at all times and you're always ready for lunch or ready for bed.

2. When you wish to lower the the elevating roof use only the centre pair of handles. With even pressure, pull down the roof about half-way. The roof will remain in this position unheld — this will enable you to pull in any of the sleeves which otherwise may foul in the lifting mechanism. Remember if you lower the roof without either the sliding door or driver's door open: the air inside the vehicle can't escape and this

forces the sleeve outwards and possibly into the danger area. So open the door and the roof will lower with a minimum of fuss.





3. Although camping under trees provides shade and protection from the wind, you should select your tree carefully. Remember large gum trees are notorious for falling limbs particularly in windy weather. Smaller lower-branched trees could catch the roof if you happen to forget to lower it before driving off.
4. When you go 'outback' remember it's wise not to camp in dry creek beds. They may not stay dry overnight. Flash floods are not uncommon in outback areas and midnight swims are not always pleasant.
5. When travelling any distance in outback Australia always carry plenty of water — your VW camper won't need it but if unexpectedly stranded — you might. Also if lost in the outback don't panic, remain calm, and stay with the vehicle. If you have told people when you intend reaching your destination, they will always come looking if you haven't arrived on time.
6. If you are setting up camp in a strong wind — park the vehicle running parallel to the wind direction, this lessens the wind tension on the raised roof.

7. A plastic bucket is a handy piece of camping equipment. It can be used for gathering fresh water or collecting used dish water from the sink outlet. This saves the campside area becoming muddy. Perhaps you will discover other hints. We would enjoy hearing from you.

If you do, please write to:

Volkswagen Australia Pty Limited,  
Campmobile Technical Service,  
National Sales Office, P.O. Box 127,  
NORTH RYDE, NSW, 2113.

These days, wherever you drive you are almost sure to see other 'Campmobiles' on the move. These families are very likely to share common interests with you. When on the road give them a wave; or if you share the same campsite say a friendly "hello". You will make many new friends and be able to exchange information of handy camping hints, good camping locations and so on.

You'll soon discover that mobile camping is a new way of really living.

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