

BEST ROUGH ROAD CAMPER TRAILER



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This Cub is an interesting cross between a caravan and a camper trailer, with the ability to go where a caravan can't, and with less weight over the back-end of the tow vehicle it'll save you at the bowser too.



Built utilising the Spacevan body size, the Cub Drover is a real off-road option for camper devotees. The design allows an enormous amount of room when set up, yet is compact and easily manoeuvred through the scrub. Whack a boat rack on top and you've got a real getaway fishing and camping rig.



CUB SPACEVAN DROVER

As you can see in the pictures, the Cub Drover Space Van isn't your average camper trailer. It's a combination of caravan and camper trailer, the result being you get camper trailer size with caravan practicality. And that's why it's the winner of our first ever camper trailer award.

This type of unit is just the sort of camper trailer that'll appeal to mums and dads everywhere; it's easy to set up and pack away, has the convenience of regular caravan-sized fridge and permanent bed and stove inside, as well as an exterior barbie, etc. It offers a touch of class when you're out in the back of beyond. And because of the towing weight (1110-1140kg) it can be hauled by even the most compact of SUVs.

At the time we tested (June/July 2009), Allan Whiting said: "Fitted with independent trailing arm/coil spring suspension, it [Space Van] rode beautifully over potholed sections of the Wombeyan Caves Road and followed neatly in the towing vehicle's tracks... As a home on wheels the Drover Space Van justified its 35-grand price tag."

The other finalists are all excellent examples of



the camper trailer builders art, but the AC+RV judging panel felt it was the Drover that ticked all of the boxes: Price, packaging, and performance – the Drover Space Van's got the lot.

So, for first timers and old hands alike, the Space Van is the ultimate cross-over camper trailer. With one of these hooked onto the back of your fourby, you'll never have to rough it again.