

EVALUATION AND COMPARISON CHECKLIST

PART 1 OF 2

EVALUATION: YOUR CONSIDERATIONS WHEN PURCHASING A NEW CARAVAN

INTENDED TOW VEHICLE

Make _____

Model _____

Year _____

Maximum tow rating (kg) _____

Maximum ball-load rating (kg) _____

GVM (kg) _____

GCM (kg) _____

Rear axle (kg) _____

REQUIREMENTS AND PREFERENCES

What is your budget? \$ _____

When do you need it? _____

Number of berths _____

Required payload capacity (kg) _____

(payload = ATM rating minus Tare mass)

*Do you really need to carry this much equipment and water?
Remember, water is included in the 'load', not in the Tare mass.

Maximum overall dimensions (m):

Length _____

Width _____

Height _____

Maximum ball-loading
when the van is fully loaded
in a typical manner (kg) _____

ATM rating (kg) _____

GTM rating (kg) _____

Axles **Single or Tandem**

Suspension **Solid Axle or Independent**

Springs **Leaf or Coil**

Are shock absorbers required? ☐

(essential for coil-spring suspensions)

Wheels:

Brand _____

Model _____

Material _____

Size _____

Tyres:

Brand _____

Type _____

Size _____

Chassis and A-frame:

Construction _____

Materials _____

Grade _____

Dimensions _____

Water tanks:

Number _____

Capacities _____

Location _____

Clearance and protection _____

REQUIREMENTS AND PREFERENCES - CONTINUED

Gas cylinders:

Number _____

Capacities _____

Location _____

Layout details: _____

Can the dealer/manufacture provide a dimensioned drawing showing location of the bed, table, chairs, benches, appliances, storage, etc?

Features:

Shower _____

Toilet _____

Other _____

Appliances:

Stove _____

Fridge _____

Microwave _____

Hot water system _____

TV/audio _____

Air-conditioner _____

Other _____

Protection/safety:

Fire extinguisher _____

Alarms _____

Smoke detector _____

CO detector _____

Alarm _____

GPS tracking _____

Awning(s):

Brand _____

Material _____

Size _____

Is an electric brake controller required? ☐

Are extended mirrors required? ☐

Is a weight distribution system and/or other towing aid required? ☐

Spare wheel(s) and tyre(s):

Number _____

Location _____

A suitable approved jack, with legal jacking points, must be provided. Are they? ☐

Battery:

Number _____

Type _____

Size _____

Capacity _____

Location _____

Solar panels and controller _____

Battery charger _____

Other specific requirements _____

Other specific preferences _____

PART 2 OF 2:

COMPARISON OF VARIOUS MAKES AND MODELS

*Use this sheet to compare your preferred features and requirements with your notes in Part 1

Make _____

Model _____

Dealer _____

Price \$ _____

ATM rating (kg) _____

GTM rating (kg) _____

Tare mass (kg) _____

*Is the Tare mass the actual measured mass of the empty caravan as it leaves the supplier, fitted with everything that was stated on the sales contract?

Payload capacity (kg) _____

Ball-loading at Tare mass (kg) _____

Overall Length (m) _____

Width (m) _____

Height (m) _____

Number of berths _____

Axles **Single or Tandem**

Suspension **Solid Axle or Independent**

If tandem-axle, is the suspension system load-sharing? _____

If non-load-sharing, ask to see written proof of the 120 per cent Safety Factor Compliance

Springs **Leaf or Coil**

Are shock absorbers required? ☐

Wheels:

Brand _____

Material _____

Size _____

Tyres:

Brand _____

Model _____

Size _____

Chassis and A-Frame

Materials _____

Grade _____

Dimensions _____

Corrosion protection _____

Is written proof of ADR 62 / VSB1 compliance available? ☐

Water tanks:

Number _____

Capacities _____

Location _____

Clearance and protection _____

Gas cylinders:

Number _____

Capacities _____

Location _____

Features:

Shower _____

Toilet _____

Other _____

Appliances:

Stove _____

Fridge _____

Microwave _____

Hot-water system _____

TV/audio _____

Air-conditioner _____

Other _____

Protection/safety:

Fire extinguisher _____

Smoke-detector/alarm _____

CO-detector/alarm _____

Alarm _____

GPS tracking _____

Awning:

Brand _____

Material _____

Size _____

Is a weight-distribution system and/or other
towing aids required?

Spare wheel(s) and tyre(s):

Number _____

Location _____

Suitable approved jack with legal jacking
points provided?

Batteries:

Number _____

Type _____

Size _____

Capacity _____

Location _____

Solar panels and controller _____

Capacity of solar panels
and controller _____

Battery charger _____

Other equipment fitted _____

RATINGS

Component rating

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Size

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Mechanical design

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Construction

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Styling

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Internal layout

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Features

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Appliances

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Accessories

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Colours

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

X Factor

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Overall rating _____

Price \$ _____