

TOUGH OFF-ROAD

We took the XTrail Camper Trailers Navigator into the scrub to see how this off-roader handles the rough stuff

1 The well-laid-out design and quality workmanship is a real testament to XTrail Camper Trailers' research, development and manufacturing abilities. Which makes this a real go-anywhere camper trailer.

2 A 12V battery system with a Projecta seven-stage charger fitted for lighting and running a fridge. It charges, maintains and reconditions your battery for a longer battery life span.

The charger can also be used as step-down power source from 240V to 12V. The system also includes the tried and tested Projecta Pure Sine Wave Inverter so you can get 240V in the middle of nowhere to power the kid's Nintendo DS or iPod!

3 The live gas bottle and a second water tap are in a sealed and secure area to the back of the camper trailer. All hose connections are clamped with quality hose clamps that are sure to stay tight for the intended use of the camper trailer.

4 The stainless steel kitchen with the Smev stove is easy use, clean, and is very durable – similar to a commercial kitchen. Some very practical inclusions are the foldout bench next to the stove used as a prep table, the slide-out drawers and storage under the sink, plus the 12V light above the sink.

5 The well-designed stone guard prevents damage from loose projectiles. The tucked-away spare tyre located on top of the drawbar is out of the way and easily accessible.

6 The tent is user-friendly with poles in situ negating the need to remember where everything goes. The 2.7m-high clearance promotes better temperature control, while all the doors and windows have flyscreen mesh. The steps up to the main bed have a non-slip rubber surface included as an additional safety feature.

7 The fully enclosed main tent comes with front and rear doors, internal and external window flaps along with a 10cm bucket PVC floor.

The bucket floor of the main tent keeps all the gear dry, while the annex provides room for extras and additional living area. An added bonus is the inclusion of weather strips above the doors and windows, channelling rainwater away from the openings.

8 spring independent suspension and trailing arms provide an extremely smooth ride on-road as well as being designed to handle corrugations in off-road situations. In addition, a huge 108L stainless steel water tank is fitted, providing clean and fresh drinking water for all your camping needs. It's tough, compact and tucked out of the way.

9 The Navigator boasts additional storage for two more gas bottles. The slide-out jerry can holders forward of the gas bottles are well protected and can slide out from both sides, which makes for easy access and protects them from theft and stone chip damage. The optional stainless steel gull-wing storage box at the front on top of the drawbar is durable and functional, making it perfect for fitting the fridge, with the triangle lid allowing for greater clearance to access the bulkier items.

10 Water tank filler and 12V outlet in a handy and accessible location on the rear of the trailer. The filler has a standard Nylex-type connection for easy refilling, and the 12V connection is in the perfect place to enable the use of an air compressor, camp light or any other 12V accessory.



XTrail prides itself on the quality of its finished product. XTrail designs, fabricates and builds all its camper trailers from scratch in-house and backs it up with a three-year structural warranty. From the A-grade welds and the 500mm chassis clearance, to coil-sprung independent suspension and brakes, XTrail has built a trailer that will go anywhere.

With safety being paramount, XTrail installs electric brakes on every unit as well as having a mechanical over-ride backup, plus the handbrake, as there's nothing worse than having brake failure as you negotiate a swollen creek crossing or crawl down a steep rutted track in the middle of nowhere.

There are two main reasons why the Navigator is so popular in the very competitive camper trailer market. Firstly, the coil-sprung independent suspension provides an extremely smooth ride on-road as well as being designed to handle cor-

rugations in off-road situations, so that you get a camper trailer that will go almost anywhere.

Secondly, the quality of the XTrail campers' other features such as the stainless steel kitchen, stove and water tank allow for a practical, hygienic and easily maintained camper trailer. These features are so good that around 20 other camper trailer manufacturers use them in their own trailers.

As Sam Liu, the owner of XTrail, says, "This is about the best compliment a company can have. XTrail Camper Trailers are continually refining our products by carrying out field tests with our employees and volunteer owners of XTrail camper trailers. Every suggestion and recommendation made is noted and discussed by our production team, and with this real-world testing feedback, we have been able to improve the XTrail camper trailer for Australia's rugged outback conditions."



XTRAIL NAVIGATOR AT A GLANCE



Model: XTrail Navigator

Cost: Standard \$19,800. Tested: \$20,800

Hard/Soft Floor: Soft floor

Dimensions: 4600mm x 1800mm x 1500mm

Sleeps: 6-8

Tare Weight: 900kg

GVM/ ATM: 1400kg

Towball Download: 100kg

Chassis Construction: 75mm x 50mm with a 100mm x 50mm drawbar

Body Construction: 75mm x 50mm

Body Coating: Two-pack paint

Coupling: Polyblock Off-road coupling

Suspension: Trail Arm coil spring

independent suspension

Wheels: 15in steel rim

Tyres: 31x10.5 R15

Brakes: 10in electric brake and handbrake with mechanical over-ride backup

Canvas weight: 13oz double coated

Tent features: 9ft or 12ft tent with fully enclosed annex, front and rear doors, internal and external window flaps, 10cm fold-up main tent PVC floor, 2.7m-high clearance, promoting better temperature control, all doors and windows with mesh, bed drop opening, heavy-duty zippers

Storage Space: 2300L approximately

Water Tank: 108L stainless steel

Kitchen: Stainless steel with SMEV two-burner insert stove, DC pump water system, double drawers, sink

Bedding: 80mm high-density foam mattress

Interior Accessories: Carpet lining inside trailer compartment, toolbox and side compartment

Electrical: 12V system with two outlets, lighting in trailer compartment, toolbox and kitchen, 240V inlet and outlet, 600W pure sine waver inverter, 10A seven-stage charger, optional Anderson plug for charging battery during travel

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