

Aussie Swag Ultra D

The bushability king.



The Ultra D, leading the pack down the Twins Jeep track.



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The Ultra D is the newest member of the Aussie Swag Ultra family, which previously consisted of the Ultra E (sporting an electric hot water system and generator) and Ultra G (gas hot water system and extra solar panel). The D provides diesel hot water and ducted heating.

Each is designed around your style of camping. The Ultra D and G are for campers who don't want or use generators in their travels, and with ducted heating, the new Ultra D is perfect for high country trips. Nothing, and I mean nothing, will get the missus into a camper trailer quicker than the words, "It has heating, you know."

and fits together. How many camper trailers can you honestly describe with the word 'satisfying'? The way one part of the kitchen flows into another is unique, and by resting against the camper, the space is used much more efficiently (and your legs stay dry in the rain).

Inside the tent, the clean lines and efficient design continue. The end wall zips open so that you can add a kid's room or just let in heaps of light and air. This huge window definitely helps to keep the tent ventilated. Other little touches, like wrapping the tent bows in vinyl, keep the canvas clean and protected. The huge storage drawer under the bed provides space for the whole family's clothes, and

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From the outset, the Ultra D kept the judges murmuring and nodding their heads with the quality of its construction and the standard inclusions. For anyone who has ever spent time in the outback and thought, as we always do, that there must be a better way, a more prepared manner in which to travel, this is it.

The onboard electrics on the Ultra D are second to none. The 315Ah AGM battery storage is class-leading, whilst the 135W solar panel is big enough to actually run a fridge and keep your batteries topped up on the road. The 700W pure sine inverter will power several laptops safely and everything is metered and wired more like something from NASA than a humble Australian builder. However there is little that is humble about the Aussie Swag, other than its diminutive width, which ensures it easily follows your fourbie through the tightest tracks.

Operating the kitchen on the Ultra is like fingering the dials on a German-built camera. As soon as you open it, you notice how satisfyingly everything moves

is fully accessible when the camper is closed — so you can get to everything on the side of the road.

Opening the tent, like most hard floors, is pretty straightforward. We found that packing up the Aussie Swag there was enough room between the mattress and the floor so that you didn't feel like you were wrestling with the canvas to fit everything in. The gas struts on the floor work like they are supposed to, taking the weight at both ends and holding the floor up when packing up.

At 1250kg, the Ultra D isn't the lightest camper, but much of that weight is comprised by the things everyone else has yet to add on to the trailer. **5.1**

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STAR PICK: BUSHABILITY

One of the reasons that Aussie Swag crept ahead in points was the camper's dedication to being self-sufficient in the bush. And that's what this category is all about. It has been tried and tested, which means that when you are using it in the middle of nowhere, everything is where it should be. The capacities, from water to 12V supply, and the ability to keep them topped up, are ample for most outback touring needs. The quality of everything adds to the feeling of security in this camper. Part of bushability is being able to fix something if it breaks, but it's even better if it doesn't break in the first place. More and more campers these days are wising up to the idea that campers should leave the showroom ready to hit the road, but the Ultra has always adhered to this philosophy. With the new Webasto diesel hot water and ducted heating system, it only gets better.

Tare:	1250kg
Suspension:	Independent
Brakes:	Electric
Coupling:	Ozhitch
Water tank:	130L
Battery capacity:	3x105Ah
Price:	\$53,100



The underbed storage drawer is accessible when the camper is closed.



The Ultra's unique fold-back kitchen blew the judges away with its size and quality.

OVERALL SCORE 8.29

	Carlisle	Rob	Stu	Steve	Claire
Offroad Ability	8.0	8.0	7.5	8.0	8.0
Bushability	8.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.5
Family Friendliness	6.0	7.0	7.5	7.0	7.5
Comforts	8.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Value	8.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Overall	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.6