

# Best Dirt Road Caravan

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## Royal Flair Micron

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**PRICE WHEN TESTED: \$30,000**  
(plus ORC)

In a world of musclebound dirt-road vans and big 4x4s, it's nice to see Royal Flair offering some good off-road performance in a small package. This neat little rear-door unit features galvanised sheetmetal underbody protection, a Trigg coupling, G&S independent suspension and three chequerplate sides.

Inside, the kitchen is small but functional. There is adequate cupboard storage, though benchspace is limited. There's plenty of room for two in the dinette and there's a window right at the table to let some breeze in.

The bedroom at the front features two single beds that can double as day lounges. Between the beds there is a mirrored wardrobe, with a deep cupboard beneath with a good ledge for bedside stuff. There's more storage under the beds and in overhead lockers.

The Micron is a damn comfortable van for weekend trips or extended touring.

## Jurgens Xplorer

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Having proved itself in the tough terrain of South Africa, the Jurgens Xplorer can certainly handle the dirt tracks of Australia. With chequerplate around the bottom, heavy-gauge aluminium along the sides and a fibreglass roof, the build is solid. The tyres are set up to follow those of the average 4WD and the AL-KO independent suspension smooths out the bumps and humps.

Inside, there are two single beds at the back of the van, but these can be pulled together to form a king-size bed. There's a low mirror between the beds and an overhead locker for storage. The other bed under the front window also sleeps two.

The kitchen area is external, sliding out on heavy-duty tracks. Dining is also outside under the awning. An internal/external bathroom can be set up in a dedicated annex off the door on the driver's side.



## Royal Flair Series III

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Best described as a dirt-road tourer, the Royal Flair Series III caters for those who might want to bush camp for a night or two, far from the madding crowd. The Series III features chequerplate panelling all round with a swept-up rear end and independent coil and shocker suspension.

Inside, the kitchen is an L-shaped affair running from the door forward and across the front. There's plenty of bench area and good storage in cupboards and overhead lockers. The dinette is to the right of the door and is an L-shaped three-seater, with a neat two-seater couch opposite. The double bed is positioned on the back wall, flanked by mirrored 'robes, shelves and cupboards.

The Royal Flair Series III is a good unit for those who need to get off the blacktop and get a bit of dust on their vans.