

Paul from ATW has asked me to provide my thoughts on purchasing my ATW Scout short wheel base Cantor.

Firstly our truck is awesome. I will give my answer by,

My experience with ATW during purchase

My experience with ATW post delivery

My experience with my ATW Scout SWB over the last 4 years

My wife and I took about 2 years to formally order the truck. It took a lot of soul searching as to whether a 4WD motor home was what we wanted. Once we decided on a motor home rather than any of the other options, the ATW team were in my view the most experienced and they were able to put my mind at rest as to their capability. Their range of products, mining vehicles, tour buses, mine buses and mobile homes weighed in their favour.

Paul, John, Ian and the team managed to keep their patience with me asking numerous questions, and considering many design options. This altered the price and therefore I had to make many choices as to which options were in or out. The biggest issue we had to get over was the price. It is a big commitment but we considered we were getting value for money with a great product. After 4 years of use we are now convinced we made the correct decision.



The most impressive thing was their continuing development of their product which always fed into the design that became our truck. That did become a bit of a problem for both as I was also looking for the best option that I could afford, so at some point in time we both had to stop and build the truck. I found that they were always very professional and had my best interests at heart in the design we finished up with. During the build they still kept their patience as we made numerous trips to the workshop to take photos and generally be nosey. It was very exciting seeing all the things we discussed becoming a reality.

One of the issues that Paul advised me on during the build was the suspension. At this time ATW was developing a coil spring suspension option. Paul wanted to install a front coil suspension but leave the leaf rear suspension. I agreed to this option but this did not work under testing so we reverted back to the all leaf suspension. This story is to illustrate the effort the team put into getting the best result for the customer and not just building what was agreed upon if that was not the better outcome.

To recap my Warrior is based on Mitsubishi Cantor with a 2780mm wheelbase and a 3.9 ltr turbo charged diesel. The truck base has been enhanced with super single tyres, new longer leaf suspension, 220 ltr fuel tank, front bull bar, tow bar, 4 hydraulic levelling ram, air compressor and tank. The 3 original seats have been replaced with 2 Stratos suspension seats, and a VMS gps and entertainment system replaces the radio. 4 roof racks provide carrying capacity for a canoe, surf rods. The lift motors were upgraded to carry the extra load. It is also very handy to carry extension ladders, large sheets of ply or other long things that I do not have room to carry, now that my other car is a Suzuki 4WD. Hot water is by a heat exchange or a 240v heater.



The inside of the Scout has a cafe style table and seating that converts into a queen size bed, and is equipped with a 2 draw fridge freezer, 2 burner metho stove, shower and toilet. Power is provided by 3 x 60w solar panels, 240v charger or 12v charging from the vehicle

Now we have the truck. Was there any post delivery issues. There were a couple of minor issues to be rectified and these were done without fuss.

On a more important issue we managed to short out the motor on the door opener whilst in the West McDonald ranges. We had no phone reception and could only contact ATW via a Satellite phone. The outcome was that Ian provided me with a manual option to open and close the door. Ian then was able to source a new door motor, get it to Alice Springs and instruct me on how to install the motor. We still had a month on the road before returning to Brisbane, so the repair was important to us and it was sorted out in a most exemplarily manner.

I recommend ATW for anyone wishing to purchase a motor home.

We now have travelled just over 60,000k from the tip of Cape York to Melbourne and West to Alice Springs, East and West Macdonald Ranges, Ayres Rock, Lake Eyre and the Birdsville track. Closer



to home we have spent a few short breaks at Double Island Point and Fraser Island, as well as short trips around the south east Queensland and northern New South Wales.

The ATW component of the truck is not showing any wear and still performs as it did when we first received it. Because it is a SWB, I often use it around town as a second vehicle if my wife is out in the Suzuki.

Would we have done anything different?

Well I am happy with the short wheel base, and would not change that. I would like to have a little more power and I am looking at options. The extra power would be useful around town, but not necessarily in a 4wd situation. The 3 x 60 watt solar panels are not sufficient and I am looking at upgrading with additional solar panels.

The solar power issue is solved on the new model as they carry more panels.

The biggest problem is that we are not getting away often enough to utilise our awesome truck.