

# Adventure Trailers Horizon

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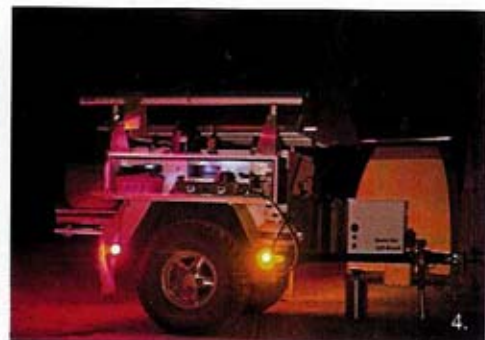


The Horizon is similar to the Chaser in design; the chief difference is in physical dimensions and the number of storage compartments. The Horizon is 18 inches shorter and four inches wider than the Chaser. In addition to the main box and nose box, a full-length side box is mounted above each fender. One of the side boxes can be optioned as a kitchen, complete with a Cook Partner stainless-steel propane stove on slides, a full-length cutting board fitted to the inside of the door—which acts as a work surface when open—and a propane bottle mounted on the tongue. As on the Chaser, the optional 19-gallon water tank is UV stabilized, black rotomolded polyethylene, and includes a spigot with a hand pump, just an arm's reach from the kitchen area. The advantage to the hand pump is reliability (fewer parts and no electricity required), but it can be tedious if you need a lot of water. An optional freestanding shower

enclosure and privy can be used for hot showers and/or portable toilet duties.

The Horizon lends itself to a more specialized role in long-term trips, due to the ability of the two side compartments to keep specific equipment and/or supplies isolated from the bulk cargo area, and more readily available. Obviously one cabinet makes a great dedicated kitchen workspace, housing a stove, pots, and cooking supplies. The other side can be reserved for field equipment and instruments, photography equipment, reference materials—pretty much anything you want to keep easily accessible. When we interviewed Mario Donovan, co-owner of Adventure Trailers, he noted that the company maintains a philosophy using a 10-minute rule. “When considering accessories for our systems, we insist that if camp can’t be set up in 10 minutes or less, it doesn’t belong on an Adventure Trailer.”

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## Pros:

- TASS: High performance, fully adjustable air spring/damper combination on independent trailing arms
- Airbags can be adjusted to level the trailer side to side when camping or in an off-camber trail situation
- Corrosion-resistant finishes
- Ability to traverse highly technical terrain—high clearance, well-protected from damage, accepts large tires
- Weatherproof and dustproof storage
- Tread plates fore and aft of fenders provide standing spots to access cargo
- Large tailgate
- Tailgate fridge access

## Cons:

- Main cargo box requires substantial reach-over height for access (although the tread-plates and large tailgate compensate)
- When deployed, the tent floor partially folds if the cargo box lid is opened
- No rigid lid support as a backup in the event of a gas strut failure



1. Fridge slide and Engel fridge
2. On the overland route
3. Nosebox, can carriers, treadplate, and water tank with hand pump
4. LED "night lights" draw little power (privy tent in background)
5. On the test course
6. Lock 'n Roll hitch provides superior articulation
7. Side box storage provides convenient access
8. A view of the TASS suspension system
9. Kitchen cabinet, complete with Cook Partner propane stove on slides, and a cutting board

