

## **BUSH CAMPER OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

This presentation is designed to help you get the most from your self-drive experience. Before we show you how your Bushcamper works there are a few essentials you should know about driving one of our vehicles. While our vehicles have been engineered for an easy driving experience, campervans and motorhomes are much larger than the average family car, and as such should be driven with extra care. You will notice the driver's cabin is set up a little different than a car. Various driver controls may be positioned differently. Take some time to familiarize yourself with these before leaving the branch.

This vehicle is a manual vehicle which can accommodate up to 2 adults. This vehicle does not accommodate baby or booster seats.

Your vehicle is packed with many features designed to make your touring holiday more enjoyable. This presentation will show you how to operate your vehicle.

Before departing you should run through the following checklist to ensure a safe and trouble free journey.

Walk into the vehicle to check inside the vehicle before you drive anywhere.

Make sure the fridge door cupboards and doors have been securely fastened.

Stow away kitchen utensils, this will help prevent rattling and breakages.

Check all appliances are disconnected and stowed.

Close and lock all windows and doors.

Make sure that the roof is down and the latches are securely fastened.

Walk outside the vehicle, to visually scout the area and plan your exit. Look out for low lying tree limbs or obstacles on the ground.

Ensure that the gas has been turned off at the bottle, and close the compartment. Check that the compartment is locked.

Returning to the drivers cabin make sure you have adjusted all the mirrors, the seat position, the air conditioning and your stereo.

Finally make sure that you and your passengers are wearing seatbelts.

If you are reversing have someone outside the vehicle directing you. Have them check for overhead and side clearance, as well as obstacles. Ensure the spotter is positioned so that you can see them in the side mirror.

Be sure to drive on the left side of the road. Be sure to take into account the extra height and width of the vehicle, particularly when approaching undercover car parks, trees and so on, as well as considering your turning room and ground clearance. Always allow faster vehicles to overtake your camper, and allow extra space between your vehicle and other road users, especially when breaking. This will not only provide you with safe a distance, but will also help to avoid damage to the windscreen by stones thrown up by other vehicles.

All vehicles are non- smoking, and we ask that you observe this rule whilst the vehicle is in your care. We encourage you to adopt safe and environmentally responsible habits throughout your holiday- such as appropriate waste disposal. Please place rubbish from the vehicle in the bin.

All our vehicles operate on ancillary battery systems – which power internal appliances such as lights, and the fridge. For the 12volt system to work, the 12volt main switch must be in the on position. The control panel displays the batteries remaining charge. At full charge the reading should be approximately 14volts.

The battery system will provide power for between 12 and 20 hours, when fully charged, depending on use. The batteries only recharge when you drive the vehicle or when connected to mains power. Idling the engine won't provide enough power to recharge the house battery. Try to reduce battery consumption by turning off all unnecessary lights and appliances, and by connecting to mains power when stationary.

All vehicles can be connected to 240volt mains power by the supplied 15amp extension lead with large earth pin. All approved caravan park circuits are rated at 15amps. When you are connected- all equipment automatically runs on mains power rather than the battery. Appliances such as the air conditioner and power points only run on mains power. The air conditioner for this camper is a cooling unit only.

The mains power system is protected by a circuit breaker. Ensure that this switch is always in the “on” position. If the circuit breaker trips turn off all appliances and reset it by switching the circuit breaker on then turn on the appliances again. If it trips again – repeat the process but turn on the appliances one at a time, until you identify the problem device. If this does not fix the issue contact our fleet service department on the number provided on your Key tag. Your fridge operates on 12volt power and 240 volt mains power. Your fridge will automatically switch over to mains power once the vehicle is connected. To operate your fridge make sure the main switch is on and adjust your thermostat switch to the desired temperature.

The Liquid Petroleum Gas or LPG system provides gas for the stove. When handling the gas it is essential that you take some basic safety precautions. Gas bottles should always be stored in a designated compartment in an upright position so they are readily accessible in case of emergency. Never use a wrench to tighten gas lines onto a bottle as they are designed to be finger tight only. Only use LPG intended for gas appliances, and always has gas refilled at authorized LPG refilling stations.

Familiarize yourself with emergency procedures and fire extinguisher location. Make sure you know what to do in case of a gas leak or fire.

The internal stove is fuelled by methylated spirits. To operate simply ensure the canisters are filled prior to use. Always open the windows before operating the stove. The stove should never be used for internal heating or while the vehicle is in motion. When not in use or when travelling the entire system must be turned off at the bottle.

Your 4WD Adventure Bushcamper comes with 2 20litre portable water storage containers. To access them lift the barrier up and slide the containers forward. There is a funnel provided to make filling and pouring from the tanks more effective. Once you have finished with the water containers, slide them back into the compartment and make sure to replace the barrier to prevent them moving whilst driving.

While water is safe to drink in most places we recommend you boil water from the water tank before consumption.

While enjoying your self-drive holiday be sure to always check your fuel. Your vehicle's fuel gauge displays approximately how much fuel is in the tank when the key is in the on position. A warning light will appear when your camper has reached a critical fuel level. The ignition should be turned to the off position while the vehicle is being refueled. Please ensure you only fill your vehicle with the correct fuel type listed on the fuel door. Regularly check your engine oil, brake fluids, transmission oil and tyre pressure. If you think your transmission oil or brake fluids need attention please call our fleet services department on the number found on your key tag.

If you are involved in an accident please call our fleet service department immediately. The number is located on your vehicle key tag. You will need to provide all the details including location, police report, injuries and any other information requested by the representative. You will also need to complete the collision report form given to you at check out.

If you experience tyre damage a spare tyre is located at the rear of the vehicle. Before you change the tyre please contact the Fleet service department for instruction. The Fleet service number is located on your vehicle key tag our 4WD camper is designed to be driven off road. To operate the 4WD you will need to rotate the dial of the front free-wheel hub into the lock position. Some models do not require

you to engage the wheel hubs and will automatically lock the front wheel hub when the driver shifts into 4WD mode.

There are 4 gears when in 4WD mode – H2, H4, L4 and Neutral. You will not need to use Neutral at any time in 4WD mode. H2 engages high speed position 2WD and is used for normal driving on dry hard surfaced roads. H4 engages high speed position 4WD and is used for wet, icy or snow covered roads. This position provides greater traction than 2WD. L4 engages low speed 4WD and is used for maximum power and traction. Use L4 for climbing or descending steep hills, off road driving and hard pulling in sand, mud or deep snow. You will still need to use your normal gears when driving the vehicle, regardless of what 4WD mode the vehicle is in.

To operate the roll out awning first release all the clips and lift the canvas to expose the awning. Release the side support arms and rotate them out of the compartment. Release the buckles and unroll the awning out until the legs and support arm are exposed. Rotate the legs until they are vertical. Swivel the side support arms towards the edge of the awning. Twist to lock the support arms to the leg support bar. To increase or decrease the height of the awning, loosen the legs by turning the lower section of the leg in an anti-clockwise direction. Lastly use the provided guy ropes to further support the awning. Make sure you stow away your awning when you leave your campsite and each night before bed to avoid weather damage. To extend the pop top roof on the camper, firstly unfasten all 4 exterior clasps that hold the roof to the body of the vehicle. On the inside of the vehicle holding both roof handles gently raise the roof ensuring that both sides of the roof are lifted and the same time.

To return the roof to its original position hold both interior roofs handles and gently lower the roof at the same time, making sure the canvas walls are on the inside of the vehicle. Always lower and securely fasten the clasps before driving your camper.

To convert the double bed the pop top roof must be up. Once this is up pull the bed board towards the back of the vehicle as far as it can go. Then place the mattress cushions on top.

Your camper has a stabilizing leg which can be used when you are parked to stabilize the vehicle. To operate the stabilizing leg remove the handle located inside the living cabin. Use the handle to unwind and lower the stabilizing leg. Remember to retract the leg prior to putting the vehicle in motion.

A light is conveniently located on the exterior of the vehicle for cooking and entertainment. To access the outdoor cooking facilities pull the handle and lower the cooking bench. To use the sink, lift the

cutting board and place the plastic sink provided into the hole. To operate the gas cooker, lift the lid and secure in position.

Remove the gas bottle from the storage compartment and hang on the hook to the left of the entry step. Securely screw the gas connector located on the end of the gas line into the side of the gas stove. To ignite the burner simply turn the dial to maximum and light with matches. Only use LPG intended for gas appliances. Once you have finished cooking return the gas bottle to the storage compartment in the upright position.

Your 4WD vehicle is equipped with a personal locating beacon or PLB. In the event of an emergency use the PLB to summon Australia's emergency services. Follow the instructions provided on the unit to activate your PLB. Please note this device is to be used only in circumstances of serious and imminent danger.

While on your holiday you may pass through toll roads. These will incur a fee to drive on. All toll infringements received after your hire do incur an admin fee being charged. Our friendly branch staff can assist with how to set up an account to pay these tolls whilst on hire.

After you have enjoyed your self-drive adventure please return the vehicle on the contracted date and time. If you wish to amend your drop off time or date contact reservations on our free call number. Before you return the vehicle remember to remove all food items from the fridge. The vehicle must be returned in the same condition as when it left. So please make sure all cutlery, crockery, cooking utensils and equipment are clean and packed away. Remove all contaminants and food from storage cupboards and vents. Shut off the LPG bottles and the mains power supply. Lastly ensure the vehicle has been returned with a full tank of fuel. Above all take a little extra care and you will enjoy a safe and happy self-drive holiday.