



Easy Sleeping

- The Aussie Teardrop Camper comfortably sleeps 2 adults with plenty of leg room
- The comfy 3" mattress is made from high quality foam

Easy Setup

- Simply pull-up & hop in to a ready made bed

Easy Dining

- The kitchenette is accessed from the rear of the camper. Driving down the coast? Make a quick meal at a roadside rest area or have a tailgate party at a sporting event or rally

Easy Towing

- The Teardrop's streamlined shape, compact size and light weight (approx. 320 kg) allow for easy towing on even the smallest cars... like a VW Bug, a PT Cruiser or a Trike

Piece of Mind

- With quality workmanship & lockup security

Touch of Luxury

- Reading lights and CD player come standard, running off the 12V power supplied by your towing vehicle or battery backup – you can even have DVD/TV



for more information
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New Look ...for an Old Classic



**double bed & kitchen
on wheels
easy to tow & store
lockup security**

Introducing the
Aussie Teardrop Camper...



Camping Goes Retro



Teardrops were first introduced in the 1930's & became popular immediately after WW II. Now they are making a huge comeback both here & in the United States.
Why?

Time is precious. The compact size, minimal setup, easy towing & lockup security make the Teardrop the perfect choice for an overnight stay or a long weekend in today's busy lifestyle.



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The "Desertear"

...when it needs to be tough, off-road in style...

Standard Contents

- reinforced, heavy gauge galvanised & powder-coated chassis
- reinforced framework, side boards & running gear
- 6 stud heavy duty hubs
- 360x360mm wind up roof hatch with fly screen
- 1 fibre glass entry door with sliding window (680x910) wider doors available
- 2nd sliding window with powder coated frame & fly screen.
- Brand name radio/CD player with 2 quality speakers & roof top aerial
- 2 adjustable 12 V lights with switch on each light & 12V power-point inside
- 2 shelf Kitchen boot with gas strut lid (lockable)
- 12V Light in kitchen & 12 V power-point
- High quality 75mm mattress with upholstered removable cover
- 2 matching pillows with removable covers
- Stainless steel flush fit entry door lock (German marine quality)
- Rear bumper-bar powder coated & removable
- Good quality Perei tail lights (UK)
- Chrome Hella number plate light
- 12 volt 7 pin flat plug (car must have 12V auxiliary fitted)



Desertear Options

(Desertear only)

- Desertear Rollbars
- Desertear Roofbars
- Electric Brakes
- Also independent suspension

- External extra tough fibre glass sheeting
- Colour match your car (2 pack)
- External stainless steel towel rail (4 ft, on front of teardrop)
- Roof-rack powder coated black
- Spare wheel (standard style) & bracket
- Esky on A-frame (45L Eva-Cool)
- Padded vinyl stone guard (lower front roll)
- DVD player with screen

The "Belmontear"

... the perfect on-road cubby house...

Standard Contents

- 360x360mm wind up roof hatch with fly screen
- 1 fibre glass entry door with sliding window (680x910) wider doors available
- 2nd sliding window with powder coated frame & fly screen.
- Brand name radio/CD player with 2 quality speakers & roof top aerial
- 2 adjustable 12 V lights with switch on each light & 12V power-point inside
- 2 shelf Kitchen boot with gas strut lid (lockable)
- 12V Light in kitchen & 12 V power-point
- 13 inch wheels powder coated with new 13 radial tyres
- High quality 75mm mattress with upholstered removable cover
- 2 matching pillows with removable covers
- Stainless steel flush fit entry door lock (German marine quality)
- Rear bumper-bar powder coated & removable
- Good quality Perei tail lights (UK)
- Chrome Hella number plate light
- 12 volt 7 pin flat plug (please ensure you car is wired with the 12V auxiliary fitted)



Standard Options/Upgrades

(Belmontear & Desertear)

- Extra Wide (EW) and/or Extra Long (EL) 300 mm (1') more in width and/or length
- Second entry door
- Euro security door - split screen
- Wind-out side window with screen
- Retro mudguards
- Mag wheels (standard tyres)
- Mag wheels (low profile tyres)
- Roof Hatch - European clear/white with blind
- Roof Hatch - European clear/white with 12v reversible extraction fan & blind
- Second external 12V light
- 12V Battery backup
- Under floor extra storage box (400x700x200)
- External aluminium stucco finish
- External white aluminium stucco

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Old Fashioned Attention to Detail

All of our teardrops are built to high quality standards using the best of today's materials and we are always seeking to improve our product

- Steel chassis & bumper bar are galvanised & powder-coated
- External sheeting is powder coated aluminium or can be stucco aluminium or 2mm fibre-glass sheeting
- We use top quality light fittings & locks
- Rims are retro steel powder coated with new tyres with the option of mags & low profile tyres
- Wherever possible we use stainless steel or aluminium fittings
- 12-month conditional warranty on materials & workmanship

Need more room for a longer stay?

This totally customisable annex is an optional extra that attaches to the front of the teardrop via easily fitted sail tracks.

It's made from a highly durable, lightweight canvas and each wall is simply hooked on as required.

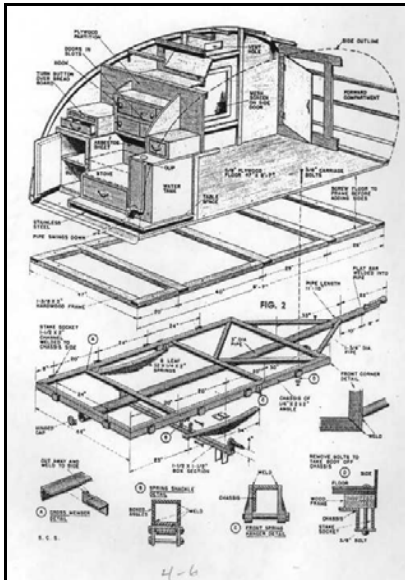
Your sleeping quarters are still high, dry and secure, but you have a little more room to move.

- Just looking for a little shade - only use the roof
- A bit of a westerly - attach one or two walls
- Weather looking miserable - batten down the hatches and attach walls all round

The beauty with the teardrop is you don't **have** to setup at all. You only use what you need for the particular trip you are on.



A Little Bit of History...



The March/April, 1939 issue of *Popular Homecraft* ran a story and plans for a teardrop designed and built by Louis Rogers of Pasadena, California in the 1930's for his honeymoon coach.

The 8'x4' floor plan was on tongue-and-groove flooring on a pine chassis. Rogers used a Chevrolet front axle with 28" wheels and 1926 Chevrolet rear fenders. Sides and top were enclosed with 1/8" hard pressed board sealed with varnish.

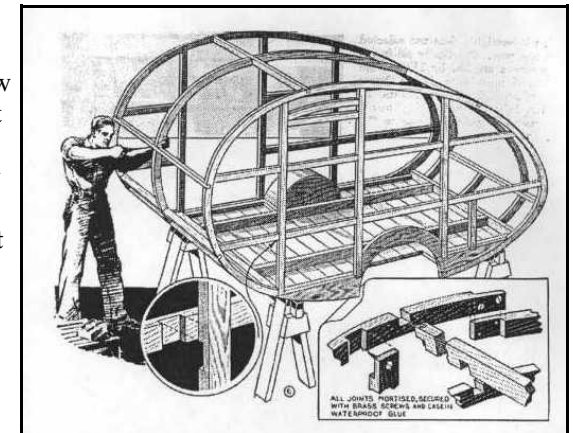
This teardrop slept two and had the raise-up deck lid for the rear kitchenette with ice box and stove. A curtain-enclosed dressing room outside the starboard entry door provided privacy while dressing.

In October of 1945, C.W. "Bill" Worman and Andy Anderson formed Kit Manufacturing Co. in an abandoned fruit stand on Telegraph Road in Norwalk, California to produce "Kit Kamper" tear drop trailers. Dan Pocapalia, became interested in the project and he purchased Andy Anderson's half-interest in Kit Manufacturing Co. for \$800. The two of them then had a building, a dream and 60 Fulton trailer hitches.

Worman and Pocapalia soon learned that what the public wanted was not a kit, but a completed trailer.

Materials after the war had to be obtained from surplus markets. The chassis was made of 2"x1" steel U channel, when it could be found, and from 1-1/2" round tube steel tube otherwise. Wheels were from Jeeps salvaged from sunken ships. Many had bullet holes in them which were welded up. Exterior skin was of .032" thick 24S-T aircraft grade aluminum.

The first public showing was at Gilmore Stadium in L.A. in February of 1946. They took 12 completed units to the show and booked 500 firm orders at a dealer cost of \$500. Some dealers paid in advance. many offered to pay a bonus to get early delivery. **The 4'x8' "Kit Kamper" TearDrop Trailer was destined to win the hearts of Americans... and a place in history.**



At midyear 1946, Pocapalia and Worman decided to upgrade the model by adding a second door and fiberglass (a new technology) fenders as well as a 10 gallon water tank, chrome yoke and other cosmetics, including a butane stove with a Manchester butane bottle. They ended up with two models, the "Standard" and a "Super Deluxe" with the second door (port side), and fenders

Sales were going crazy. Over 1,000 units were backlogged and by July, Kit was operating two shifts and turning out 40 trailers a day. A total of 4,500 Kit Kampers were produced in 1946 and 1947.

Success demanded change and in January of 1948 Kit went into production of a more conventional 8'x14' "coach" with demand far exceeding production capability. The "Kit Kamper" teardrop assembly line was ended!

In September of 1947, Howard Warren of Riverside, California published his "do-it-yourself" plans for a very similar (4'x9'7" floor plan) teardrop in *Mechanix Illustrated* magazine.

No one really knows how many "teardrops" have been built by the "do-it-yourself" crowd who purchased *Mechanix Illustrated* and other plans over the years. The design remains mighty popular around the world. Kit Manufacturing Co. remains a hugely successful manufacturer of recreational vehicles and mobile home equipment in 1998, with some 14 manufacturing plants in operation around the United States. Dan Pocapalia serves as Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer at Kit. Bill Worman lives in retirement