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Buying Journey Summary

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Verdict at a glance

Van	Quoted price	Checks passed	Tow Match	Verdict
Kestrel Ridge 17	\$71,990 drive away	96% pass rate, 28/29 answered 	Within limits	Shortlist
Bluegum Traveller 16.6	\$66,500 show special	90% pass rate, 29/29 answered 	Weighbridge	Considering
Saltbush Nomad 18	\$78,900 drive away	79% pass rate, 29/29 answered 	Low margin	Walk away
Ironbark Compass 16	\$62,990 drive away	93% pass rate, 28/29 answered 	Within limits	Considering

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Inside this report

The comparison

Every van side by side: price as quoted, pass rate, checks answered, Tow Match and your verdict. Where the plate disagreed with the brochure, it is called out.

One section per van

The spec sheet with where each figure came from, the inspection checklist with every pass and fail, and each promise split into written and verbal.

Tow Match

Each van against your tow vehicle: towing capacity, GCM, GVM and towball, with the margin left on every one, and what that means in plain English.

For guidance only. This report reflects what you captured yourself. Check every detail, including the compliance plate, the contract of sale and the van's actual condition, against the real van before you pay a deposit or complete the purchase. It is general information, not professional advice, and should not be relied upon as the basis for buying.

Your buying journey

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Pass rate is the share of answered checks that passed; Checks shows how many of the 29 checks were answered. Tow Match is the towing check against your vehicle on the figures entered.

What changed between brochure and plate

Where the compliance plate disagreed with the brochure or the salesperson, the plate wins. These are the figures to raise before any deposit.

Van	Figure	Brochure or verbal	On the plate
Saltbush Nomad 18	ATM	2,800 kg (brochure)	3,200 kg
Saltbush Nomad 18	Ball weight	250 kg (brochure)	340 kg

Shortlist

 worth going back for

Considering

 still in the running

Walk away

 ruled out on what was found

Kestrel Ridge 17

Kestrel Vans Ridge 17 full-height hard-top · Brisbane Caravan
Show, stand 42 · seen 26 Sep 2026

\$71,990 drive away

quoted price

Shortlist

Quoted \$71,990 drive away. Checklist 28 of 29 answered, 27 passed, 1 failed. Verdict: Shortlist. 6 photos · 0 videos · 1 voice note.

Spec sheet

Weights

Tare	2,380 kg	Plate
ATM	2,950 kg	Plate
GTM	2,710 kg	Plate
Ball weight	240 kg	Plate
Payload	570 kg	Plate

Specification

Length	17 ft body	Brochure
Frame	Composite panel, no timber	Brochure
Axles	Dual, independent coil	Brochure
Battery	48V lithium, 400 Ah	Plate
Solar	800 W roof	Brochure
Fresh water	220 L	Brochure
Grey water	95 L	Brochure
Heating	Diesel, factory fitted	Brochure
Hot water	Gas-free, 48V flow	Brochure
Bed	Fixed queen	Brochure

Source badges: **Plate** is read off the compliance plate, **Brochure** is the printed figure, **Typical for model** is the catalogue value where nothing was sighted, and **Said by salesperson** was spoken, not shown.

Inspection checklist

27 passed, 1 failed, 29 checks

Chassis & Underbody

- ✓ Chassis free of rust and cracked welds
- ✓ Suspension type suits intended use
- ✓ Underbody sealed / protected
- ✓ Spare wheel accessible and full size

Electrical

- ✓ Battery capacity meets your needs
- ✓ Lithium system (12V/48V) as specified
- ✓ Solar size adequate for off-grid plans
- ✓ Inverter fitted and sized right
- ✓ Wiring neat, labelled, accessible

Interior

- ✓ Bed size and access workable
- ✓ Storage adequate for your trips
- ✓ Ventilation and fans adequate
- ✓ Cabinetry solid, no flex or loose trims

Body & Seals

- ✓ External seams and joins sealed cleanly
- ✓ Window and hatch seals in good condition
- ✓ Door closes square with a firm seal
- ✓ Roof condition checked (no ponding/damage)

Gas & Water

- ✓ Hot water system type acceptable (gasless preferred?)
- ✓ Water tank capacity and protection adequate
- ✓ Gas compliance plate / certificate sighted
- ✓ Plumbing accessible for service

Towing & Weights

- ✓ ATM within tow vehicle limit
- ✓ Ball weight suits the tow vehicle
- ✓ Real payload (ATM minus tare) is enough
- ✓ Compliance plate matches the paperwork

Deal & Support

- ✓ Warranty terms clear and in writing
 - Service agents reachable from home
- ✗ **Delivery timeframe committed**
- ✓ Price breakdown itemised (no vague bundles)

Promises made

In writing

"base \$71,990 drive away, includes annexe walls and second spare wheel, final price \$71,990"

Kestrel Vans show site, 26 Sep 2026

"Written quote says the 12 month service is on the house at any Kestrel agent."

26 Sep 2026

Verbal only, not confirmed in writing

"Build slot in February, no firm delivery date given yet."

26 Sep 2026, voice note

A verbal promise is worth nothing at handover. Ask for each of these in writing before paying a deposit.

Photos and notes

6 photos captured on the day.

Plate weights sighted and photographed. Underbody fully sealed, wiring labelled in the tunnel boot. Delivery date is the only loose end.

Tow Match

Against 2012 Toyota LandCruiser 200 Sahara

WITHIN LIMITS

Every check ran and every one has room to spare on the figures entered.

Braked towing capacity

550 kg to spare.



2,950 kg of 3,500 kg
weighed

GCM (car and van together)

1,000 kg to spare.



5,850 kg of 6,850 kg
worked out

GVM (the car itself)

210 kg to spare.



3,140 kg of 3,350 kg
worked out

Towball load

110 kg to spare.



240 kg of 350 kg
weighed

On the figures you entered. Only a weighbridge ticket proves it.

Bluegum Traveller 16.6

Bluegum Caravans Traveller 16.6 hard-top · Brisbane Caravan
Show, stand 18 · seen 26 Sep 2026

\$66,500 show special
quoted price

Considering

Quoted \$66,500 show special. Checklist 29 of 29 answered, 26 passed, 3 failed. Verdict: Considering. 4 photos · 0 videos · 1 voice note.

Spec sheet

Weights

Tare	2,240 kg	Brochure
ATM	2,800 kg	Plate
GTM	2,560 kg	Brochure
Ball weight	280 kg (10% ATM)	Typical for model
Payload	560 kg	Brochure

Specification

Length	16 ft 6 in body	Brochure
Frame	Composite, alloy frame	Said by salesperson
Axles	Dual, leaf spring	Brochure
Battery	12V lithium, 300 Ah	Brochure
Solar	600 W roof	Brochure
Fresh water	200 L	Brochure
Grey water	80 L	Brochure
Heating	Diesel, optional \$2,400	Said by salesperson
Hot water	Gas storage, 22 L	Brochure
Bed	Two fixed singles	Brochure

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Inspection checklist

26 passed, 3 failed, 29 checks

Chassis & Underbody

- ✓ Chassis free of rust and cracked welds
- ✓ Suspension type suits intended use
- ✓ Underbody sealed / protected
- ✓ Spare wheel accessible and full size

Electrical

- ✓ Battery capacity meets your needs
- ✓ Lithium system (12V/48V) as specified
- ✓ Solar size adequate for off-grid plans
- ✓ Inverter fitted and sized right
- ✓ Wiring neat, labelled, accessible

Body & Seals

- ✓ External seams and joins sealed cleanly
- ✓ Window and hatch seals in good condition
- ✓ Door closes square with a firm seal
- ✓ Roof condition checked (no ponding/damage)

Gas & Water

- ✗ Hot water system type acceptable (gasless preferred?)
- ✓ Water tank capacity and protection adequate
- ✓ Gas compliance plate / certificate sighted
- ✓ Plumbing accessible for service

Interior

- ✓ Bed size and access workable
- ✓ Storage adequate for your trips
- ✓ Ventilation and fans adequate
- ✓ Cabinetry solid, no flex or loose trims

Deal & Support

- ✓ Warranty terms clear and in writing
- ✓ Service agents reachable from home
- ✓ Delivery timeframe committed
- ✗ Price breakdown itemised (no vague bundles)

Promises made

In writing

“base \$68,900, discount \$2,400 show special, final price \$66,500”
Bluegum Caravans show site, 26 Sep 2026

Verbal only, not confirmed in writing

“Rep said the show price holds until the end of October, could not put that on the quote.”
26 Sep 2026, voice note
A verbal promise is worth nothing at handover. Ask for each of these in writing before paying a deposit.

Photos and notes

4 photos captured on the day.
Ball weight is not on the plate and the rep could not say. The bundle price hides what the annexe and the solar upgrade cost on their own.

Tow Match		CHECK ON A WEIGHBRIDGE
Against 2012 Toyota LandCruiser 200 Sahara		
The tight figure is an estimate, so the only honest answer is a weighbridge ticket.		
Braked towing capacity 700 kg to spare.		2,800 kg of 3,500 kg weighed
GCM (car and van together) 1,150 kg to spare.		5,700 kg of 6,850 kg worked out
GVM (the car itself) 170 kg to spare.		3,180 kg of 3,350 kg worked out
Towball load 70 kg to spare.		280 kg of 350 kg estimated
Rear axle load Only 50 kg left.		2,050 kg of 2,100 kg estimated
On the figures you entered. Only a weighbridge ticket proves it.		

Saltbush Nomad 18

Saltbush RV Nomad 18 full-height · Northside dealer yard,
Burpengary · seen 27 Sep 2026

\$78,900 drive away
quoted price

Walk away

Quoted \$78,900 drive away. Checklist 29 of 29 answered, 23 passed, 6 failed. Verdict: Walk away. 8 photos · 0 videos · 1 voice note.

Spec sheet

Weights

Tare	2,640 kg	Plate
ATM	3,200 kg	Plate
GTM	2,860 kg	Plate
Ball weight	340 kg	Plate
Payload	560 kg	Plate

Specification

Length	18 ft body	Brochure
Frame	Composite, one-piece roof	Brochure
Axles	Dual, independent	Brochure
Battery	48V lithium, 300 Ah	Brochure
Solar	1,000 W roof	Brochure
Fresh water	250 L	Brochure
Grey water	110 L	Brochure
Heating	Diesel, factory fitted	Brochure
Hot water	Gas-free instant, 48V	Brochure
Bed	Fixed queen	Brochure

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Inspection checklist

23 passed, 6 failed, 29 checks

Chassis & Underbody

- ✓ Chassis free of rust and cracked welds
- ✓ Suspension type suits intended use
- ✓ Underbody sealed / protected
- ✓ Spare wheel accessible and full size

Electrical

- ✓ Battery capacity meets your needs
- ✓ Lithium system (12V/48V) as specified
- ✓ Solar size adequate for off-grid plans
- ✓ Inverter fitted and sized right
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Interior

- ✓ Bed size and access workable
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- ✓ Cabinetry solid, no flex or loose trims

Body & Seals

- ✗ External seams and joins sealed cleanly
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- ✓ Door closes square with a firm seal
- ✓ Roof condition checked (no ponding/damage)

Gas & Water

- ✓ Hot water system type acceptable (gasless preferred?)
- ✓ Water tank capacity and protection adequate
- ✓ Gas compliance plate / certificate sighted
- ✓ Plumbing accessible for service

Towing & Weights

- ✓ ATM within tow vehicle limit
- ✗ Ball weight suits the tow vehicle
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Promises made

In writing

"base \$78,900 drive away, final price \$78,900"

Saltbush RV Burpengary, 27 Sep 2026

Verbal only, not confirmed in writing

"Rep said the damp under the front window is condensation from the wash bay."

27 Sep 2026, voice note

A verbal promise is worth nothing at handover. Ask for each of these in writing before paying a deposit.

Photos and notes

8 photos captured on the day.

Soft, discoloured lining under the front window and a stained mattress corner. Brochure lists ATM 2,800 kg, the plate on the drawbar reads 3,200 kg with 340 kg on the ball.

Tow Match

Against 2012 Toyota LandCruiser 200 Sahara

Nothing is over, but at least one limit is close. A full tank or a second passenger could tip it.

LEGAL, LOW MARGIN

Braked towing capacity

300 kg to spare.



3,200 kg of 3,500 kg
weighed

GCM (car and van together)

750 kg to spare.



6,100 kg of 6,850 kg
worked out

GVM (the car itself)

Only 110 kg left.



3,240 kg of 3,350 kg
worked out

Towball load

Only 10 kg left.



340 kg of 350 kg
weighed

On the figures you entered. Only a weighbridge ticket proves it.

Ironbark Compass 16

Ironbark Trailers Compass 16 hard-top · Brisbane Caravan Show, stand 61 · seen 26 Sep 2026

\$62,990 drive away
quoted price

Considering

Quoted \$62,990 drive away. Checklist 28 of 29 answered, 26 passed, 2 failed. Verdict: Considering. 5 photos · 0 videos · 1 voice note.

Spec sheet

Weights

Tare	2,120 kg	Plate
ATM	2,650 kg	Plate
GTM	2,420 kg	Plate
Ball weight	230 kg	Plate
Payload	530 kg	Plate

Specification

Length	16 ft body	Brochure
Frame	Composite panel	Brochure
Axles	Single, independent	Brochure
Battery	12V lithium, 200 Ah	Brochure
Solar	660 W roof	Brochure
Fresh water	210 L	Brochure
Grey water	82 L	Brochure
Heating	Diesel, to be fitted	Said by salesperson
Hot water	Gas-free instant, 12V	Brochure
Bed	Fixed queen	Brochure

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Inspection checklist

26 passed, 2 failed, 29 checks

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Promises made

In writing

“base \$62,990 drive away, final price \$62,990”

Ironbark Trailers show site, 26 Sep 2026

Verbal only, not confirmed in writing

“Rep said the diesel heater would be fitted at no extra cost if we sign at the show. Not on the quote.”

26 Sep 2026, voice note

“Rep said warranty is three years structural. The brochure says two.”

26 Sep 2026

A verbal promise is worth nothing at handover. Ask for each of these in writing before paying a deposit.

Photos and notes

5 photos captured on the day.

Lightest of the four and the easiest tow. Everything hinges on the heater promise and the warranty term being put in writing.

Tow Match

Against 2012 Toyota LandCruiser 200 Sahara

WITHIN LIMITS

Every check ran and every one has room to spare on the figures entered.

Braked towing capacity

850 kg to spare.



2,650 kg of 3,500 kg
weighed

GCM (car and van together)

1,300 kg to spare.



5,550 kg of 6,850 kg
worked out

GVM (the car itself)

220 kg to spare.



3,130 kg of 3,350 kg
worked out

Towball load

120 kg to spare.



230 kg of 350 kg
weighed

On the figures you entered. Only a weighbridge ticket proves it.

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