

Under the Southern Cross

Reach for the stars with this beauty

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RATINGS

EXTERIOR ✓✓✓✓

INTERIOR ✓✓✓✓

LAYOUT ✓✓✓✓

KITCHEN ✓✓✓✓

VALUE FOR MONEY ✓✓✓✓

OVERALL ✓✓✓✓

LEGEND

✓ POOR ✓✓ FAIR ✓✓✓ GOOD

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The Lunagazer has a modern, European look



The large picture windows allowed for great viewing



The chassis has been developed for the tough Australian conditions to be strong yet lightweight



AL-KO stabilising coupler for improved driving stability



The team at Alan Graham's Caravans & RVs are being kept busy lately, and they took some time out of their hectic schedule to show us over the Jurgens Lunagazer. According to Business Manager Andy Graham, this van is proving to be very popular.

Jurgens Caravans has been building caravans in South Africa for over 70 years now. Approximately three years ago, Jurgens turned its sights to manufacturing for the Australian market. Aware of the harsh road conditions in Australia, the company had to ensure its designs and equipment met the Australian standards. To accomplish this, Jurgens manufactures all Australian caravans in its Melbourne factory.

At approximately 20ft long and with a lightweight construction, the Lunagazer can be towed behind a standard sedan. The new LandCruiser Prado took the caravan in its stride.

EXTERNAL

The Lunagazer has the modern look of the European caravans. The front moulded unit is stylish and there is a two-tone colour effect down the sides. The large tinted picture windows give the Jurgens a classy look and the pin-striping is subtle, to say the least.

The front boot houses the spare wheel and jack and a gas bottle with

room for a second. The boot lid seals well, however it uses a metal stick to hold it up, which is unusual in this day and age. The rear of the van is moulded fibreglass with LED lights and grab handles fitted. I was surprised to find no bumper bar here.

INTERNAL FEATURES

- FRIDGE:** Dometic AES three-way 150L
- TELEVISION:** 19in flat-screen TV/DVD
- ANTENNA:** Majestic TV antenna
- MUSIC SYSTEM:** Radio/CD player
- COOKING EQUIPMENT:** Spinflo gas/electric stove & grill
- MICROWAVE:** Daewoo 26L
- HEATING/COOLING:** Dometic Roof Air
- RANGEHOOD:** Dometic 12V
- LIGHTING:** 12V
- SMOKE ALARMS:** Yes
- GAS LEAKAGE DETECTOR:** No
- CUPBOARD FINISHES:** Vinyl wrap
- TYPE OF LATCHES:** Press button
- LOUNGE CONFIGURATION:** Dinette or cafe
- SEATING CAPACITY:** Four
- UPHOLSTERY:** Fabric
- SINK:** Stainless steel
- SLEEPING CONFIGURATION:** Island bed
- BERTHS:** Two as reviewed, four optional
- BED SIZE(S):** 1900x1500
- MATTRESS:** Innerspring
- UNDER BED STORAGE:** Yes
- PRIVACY SCREENS:** No
- BATHROOM CONFIGURATION:** Rear ensuite
- PRIVACY DOOR:** Solid
- TOILET:** Dometic
- TOILET ROLL HOLDER:** Yes
- SHOWER HEAD:** Removable
- WASHING MACHINE:** No
- CLOTHES DRYER:** No
- TOWEL RACKS:** Yes

Jurgens uses a combination of AL-KO components in its vans. The AL-KO stabiliser coupler comes with its own tow ball, and the red handle when lowered provides extra stability control when towing. The clamping action slows down any tendency for the trailer to sway and is particularly beneficial when buffeted by side winds.

The AL-KO rubber independent suspension provides stability on the road. This suspension is used throughout Europe and has increased in popularity in Australia over the last few years.

JURGENS MANUFACTURES ALL AUSTRALIAN CARAVANS IN THEIR MELBOURNE FACTORY

The chassis has been developed for tough Australian conditions and uses a strong yet lightweight galvanised chassis construction. At first glance, the chassis appears to be lacking in strength. However, Jurgens uses a process known as Finite Element Analysis in its chassis design. This involves computer modelling to identify stress points on the chassis, enabling them to be strengthened in just the right places.

Used in conjunction with the unique lightweight composite walls, the whole caravan weighs in at just 1680kg. This provides for a much larger caravan at a much lighter weight. More information



While the kitchen is not large it is certainly functional



The large picture windows have separate screens for privacy... otherwise, just enjoy the view!

EXTERNAL FEATURES

- CHASSIS:** Specially designed; strong, lightweight, galvanised and bolted
- FRAME CONSTRUCTION:** Lightweight composite walls
- WINDOWS:** Large push out double-glazed
- INSULATION:** Polystyrene
- CORNER JACKS:** Wind down
- WASTE WATER COMMON OUTLET:** Yes
- WATER TANKS:** 120L
- WATER TANK COVERS:** Yes
- COUPLING:** AL-KO stabilising coupler
- SUSPENSION:** AL-KO independent rubber
- CLEARANCE:** Standard
- BRAKES:** AL-KO electric
- WHEELS:** 14in alloy
- TYRES:** 195x14
- AWNING:** Dometic A&E8300 rollout
- BOOT(S):** Front
- STONE GUARD:** Vinyl front cover
- GAS CYLINDER SIZE/S:** 1 x 9kg
- HOT WATER:** Truma 14L gas/electric
- BATTERY:** Deep-cycle 80W
- BATTERY CHARGER:** No
- SOLAR PANELS:** No
- SOLAR PROVISION:** No
- ENTRANCE DOOR:** Security flyscreen
- TAP ON A-FRAME:** Yes

TECHNICAL SPECS

MAKE/MODEL: Jurgens Lunagazer J2403
CHASSIS NUMBER: C1000101
EXTERNAL BODY LENGTH: 6.325m (20ft 9in)
EXTERNAL WIDTH: 2.35m (7ft 7in)
VIN TARE WEIGHT: 1680kg
BALL WEIGHT: 140kg
RRP: \$59,340

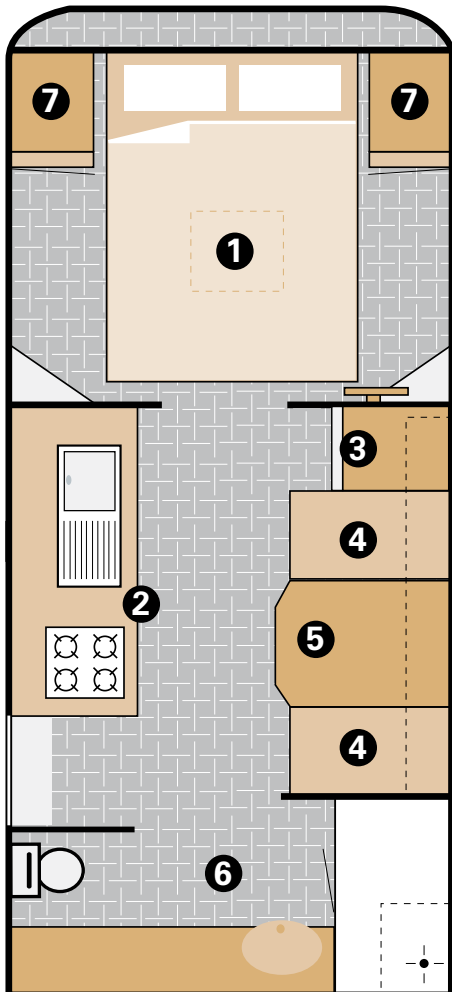
NB: length and width are external measurements of the vehicle shell (and awning) only

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LAYOUT KEY

1. Bed	5. Table
2. Kitchen	6. Ensuite
3. Fridge	7. Robe
4. Lounge	



The LandCruiser Prado towed the Lunagazer with ease

on this can be found at the Jurgens website: www.jurgens.com.au.

The Lunagazer includes a large Dometic roll-out awning. This stretches from the front to the rear and provides excellent cover over the door and bedroom window. The Lunagazer even comes with a smart blanket to protect the front of the caravan against stone chips.

INTERNAL

The Jurgens Lunagazer is dressed to impress. From the moment you walk in the door, you are overwhelmed by the classy décor. The vinyl-wrapped furniture makes for clean lines that are easy to maintain. The check for a splinter test is made obsolete with this material.

The large picture windows allow you

to take in all the sights. Sitting at the dinette is comfortable and the backrest is removable. The dining table has two positions, shortened or extended. The shortened position is a little unstable and there is a plastic stopper to try to improve this. The extended position made a very comfortable setting for four.

The Lunagazer has a more than reasonable amount of storage. The spice rack behind the benchtop is a nice touch. The kitchen is functional; however, when we tried to wash up, the overhead cupboard was in our way. Someone a little shorter would not have found this to be a problem, though. The rolling cupboard door under the sink opened while we were driving, but I am sure this can be sorted with an extra catch. The microwave was a little high for our liking, but not out of reach.

The ensuite is a uniquely designed area. Encompassing good storage space, the vanity is a small round stainless steel bowl, which is more than adequate. The mirror is well positioned above and the toilet bowl has a good set of cupboards beside. The ensuite is not large but there is enough room to get changed. The shower has a moulded seat within its design. I am sure there are many people who will appreciate this.

WORTH BUYING?

The Jurgens Lunagazer comes at a competitive price, plus it's built to suit Australian conditions. The modern and fresh design of the Lunagazer should appeal to many buyers, and I am sure it will continue to be a very popular unit. ■



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