



### Overland Journal's first SEMA

Overland Journal was sponsored by Baja Rack and Extreme Outback Products at this year's SEMA, including access to a 10-foot by 10-foot booth display, and two feature vehicles. Thanks so much to all of our readers (and new subscribers) who stopped by to say hello. Look for an even larger presence at next year's show.

## New ARB Fridge Freezer line

ARB Australia has developed an all-new line of Fridge/Freezers for the overland traveler. The redesign incorporates several features not available on their previous models, such as a locking and retained lid, recessed handles, plug clips, baskets, a drain plug, and a durable

case constructed from powder-coated steel and high-impact plastic. The fridge is cooled by a Danfoss compressor, and should yield impressive performance. Look for a complete test in a future issue. [arbusa.com](http://arbusa.com), 800-293-9083



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### AEV Brute

The 60th Anniversary Warn booth had on display what might be the ultimate AEV Brute. One of the most impressive attributes of AEV-converted Jeeps is their ability to handle extreme terrain while remaining entirely functional as around-the-world expedition vehicles. This red Brute was fitted with Portal Tek axles, a Hemi V8, Nth Degree suspension, a custom canvas rear canopy, and a Warn Endurance 12,000-pound winch. [aev-conversions.com](http://aev-conversions.com), 405-251-2100

### Warn Endurance 12,000

Warn continues to focus on building innovative products, especially high-quality winches—refreshing in this era of cheap knock-offs and failure-prone imports. This is most evident in the company's newest winch, the Endurance 12,000, which is designed to offer exceptional speed, low amperage draw, and reduced operating temperatures. [warn.com](http://warn.com), 800-543-9276

### HiLift neoprene jack cover

Addressing a long-standing cause of Hi-Lift problems, the manufacturer has released a neoprene boot that zips over the rust- and grime-prone mechanicals of the jack's lifting mechanism. A simple, elegant, and much-needed accessory.

[hi-lift.com](http://hi-lift.com), 800-233-2051





## HiCountry Offroad

As off-highway adventure enthusiasts based in Evergreen, Colorado, the staff at HiCountry has the opportunity to design and test their heavy-duty products in some of North America's most beautiful and challenging terrain. The result is a line of innovative and robust bumpers and body

armor for Land Rovers and Jeeps. Of particular note is the heavy-duty 1Motion rear bumper and tire swing-out, which permits the mounting of a larger spare tire, along with two fuel cans and a Hi-Lift jack, on a Land Rover Discovery.

*hicountryoffroad.com, 303-940-3703*



## Dynatrac ProRock 44 and Trail Series 44 axles

The Jeep Wrangler Rubicon is an exceptional overland platform, with class-leading capability—and now, with the Unlimited version, payload and storage volume to match. Dynatrac is the leading supplier of heavy-duty aftermarket drivetrain components for vehicles such as the Sportsmobile and TLC Icon, and this has created the foundation for their first consumer axle offerings for Jeep vehicles. Made in the U.S., the ProRock 44 and Trail Series 44 axles are sold as complete units, and incorporate stronger U-joints, larger-diameter axles, and larger bearings and axle tubes. The result is improved payload capacity, reliability, and durability. *dynatrac.com, 714-596-4461*



## Toyota's "retro" Tacoma

Toyota came to SEMA with what was in our opinion the coolest concept vehicle of the show: an extended-cab Toyota Tacoma fitted with an FZJ80 solid front axle, coil-over suspension, 4-cylinder engine, and a fantastic retro paint and upholstery scheme. Our publisher got a little misty-eyed thinking back to his favorite 1985 Toyota pickup. So, Toyota, where do we send the deposit check? *toyota.com*



## Truck-Lite LED headlights

The management of Truck-Lite made a particular effort to visit the *Overland Journal* booth and show us this military-spec, 7-inch round LED headlight. It is the first LED headlamp for the consumer market and is fully DOT compliant. It provides brighter and whiter light than standard headlamps while also offering significant improvements in durability and dependability, as there are ten 10,000 hour LEDs in each assembly, each with its own reflector. Impressive. *truck-lite.com, 800-933-9365*

## Aluminess bumpers for Tacomas

Aluminess Products, which makes the light but strong aluminum bumpers for Sportsmobile, now produces a superior quality, durable, and lightweight bumper for Tacoma trucks. The bumper has a locking storage compartment for tools, recovery straps, etcetera, and the swing-out arms offer various configurations for oversized tires and locking storage for camp gear. In addition, you can carry 10 gallons of water and 15 gallons of fuel. The all-aluminum, powder-coated construction is rust-free and durable. Look for a detailed review of this bumper in a future issue. *aluminess.com, 619-449-9930*





## 100 Series Land Cruiser skid plates

\$1,200 (for complete set)

Slee Off-Road has developed an underbody protection system for the 100-Series Land Cruiser, consisting of a primary front skidplate, intermediate guard, and belly plate. Constructed from 3/16-inch hot-rolled steel, the plates mount using factory hardware, and include access holes for all fluid service points. The low-profile design integrates each part into a continuous skid, which protects the front suspension and steering components, transmission and transfer case, and the torsion bar mounts and catalytic converters. [sleeoffroad.com](http://sleeoffroad.com), 888-4X4-SLEE

## 12V receptacle LED light \$24

From LED Lenser, this 55-gram, 50x20mm LED light plugs into any standard 12V receptacle for storage and charging, and provides three hours of seven-lumen light from a digitally controlled 5mm Nichia LED. While charging, the light glows a faint blue. We have found these lights, machined from stainless steel, to be very useful, and our publisher uses one in each of his vehicles. An inexpensive and functional tool. [offroadtrailtools.com](http://offroadtrailtools.com), 520-579-2079



## Composite cargo drawers

\$800-\$1,400



Adventure Trailers, manufacturer of high-quality overland trailers, has expanded their production to include a lightweight and innovative composite drawer system that fits most common expedition vehicles. Designed to be modular, various drawer widths and heights can be combined to fit anything from a Land Rover Discovery to a 100-Series Land Cruiser. Heavy-duty components are used throughout, including 300-lb. drawer slides, thick composite panels and drawer faces, and Mac's Tie Downs. For fitment configurations and pricing, contact Adventure Trailers. [adventuretrailers.com](http://adventuretrailers.com), 877-661-8097

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## Busted Knuckle Garage glove bucket \$13

Without going into too much detail, we purchased this bucket of gloves after the first time we needed to empty the EarthRoamer's black-water tank. Certainly not the original intention of this container full of 100 powder-free (and thick) latex work gloves, the Worx Series gloves are equally as effective at keeping your hands grit-free while servicing your expedition vehicle as they are at dealing with the contents of an RV toilet. [bustedknucklegarage.com](http://bustedknucklegarage.com), 888-708-0897