

## BEELD SHOW



Opposite Lock



Ironman



4WD Truckin'



Alu-Cab



Race Chip



EFS Africa



Travelstar Iveco

# ALL ABOARD

There was a vast range of outdoor paraphernalia at the 2105 Beeld Holiday Show held at Gallagher Estate in Midrand. From lighting systems to a serious overland-expedition motorhome, from camping products to consumables, tents, solar panels, and special suspension systems for off-roading and towing alike, there was something to interest the full spectrum of outdoor enthusiasts. More than 15 new products were launched onto the South African market.

One of the stars at the huge Campworld display was the Jurgens XT65, a highly customisable 5ft camping trailer (from R24 450) with a nosecone, and a host of potential tent set-ups; the accessories included a gas-stove mounting on the rear door, a fridge slide and a variety of attachments for gas bottles and jerry cans.

At the other end of the trailer spectrum

was the Echo Kavango Extreme, which is now equipped with independent suspension instead of the previous solid axle/leaf spring combination. Also new is a chemical latrine in the slide-out bathroom, a repackaged kitchen and an external grocery cupboard. What stays, are the 120-litre water tank, 20-litre geyser, and solar panel mounts, plus an electrical system with 80Ah battery, 150V inverter and 25A battery charger.

There to show customers how to gift their turbodiesel vehicles with some extra towing voema was Race Chip; and caravan accessories, battery packs, chargers and fridges were among the offerings at the Fiamma, Dometic and SnoMaster stands. Ironman showed a wide range of camping and vehicle-accessorising gadgets, and Alu-Cab demonstrated its integrated camping systems. The Opposite Lock, EFS and 4WD Truckin' stands were on hand with

aftermarket accessories for a variety of vehicles: from suspension systems to bumpers, spare-wheel carriers, lights, recovery kit and more.

There were several plush motorhomes on display, but the Travelstar unit based on a raised 4WD Iveco chassis was the real off-roading McCoy, complete with a front-mounted winch for when you need to tow yourself out of trouble.

Two innovative items of kit, developed in Austria, were displayed at the AL-KO stand. First, a pair of remotely-controlled electric motors that power a caravan or trailer's wheels, enabling it to be moved into position without a towing vehicle. Second, a sensor-based system that actuates the caravan's brakes, when necessary, to prevent trailer sway. It works independently and is also compatible with the trailer-stability assistance systems on the towing vehicles. ■