

KZ Escape E17 Hatch

The KZ Escape E17 Hatch is taking campers off the grid and bringing the outdoors in.

Specifically, the E17 features a big door in the back that opens vertically up to the outdoors.

"No one else is doing this for the offgrid crowd," says Nick Francis, product manager. "For true, off-grid campers that are literally off-the-grid and don't have access to power, the back hatch allows you to have that open and get tons of air flow in the unit. There's a big screen wall that rolls down."

Just inside the hatch is a dinette so campers can sit and enjoy a meal with the hatch open and screen rolled down. Beyond the fresh air, the hatch provides easy access to store canoes and other gear such as kayaks, paddleboards, a canoe and bicycles. It also can be used as a second awning.

The dinette is comprised of two tables that have folding legs on them, so when a camper wants to use the unit for storage they just fold up the table legs and put them under the front bed.

At around 3,000 pounds, the 22-foot Hatch series can be towed by a small SUV or pickup.

"You can't load those big items in an SUV like that," says Francis. "You can now load those items into your 22-foot trailer."

The Hatch series will eventually feature the E14 Hatch, which is just over 15 feet long, and the E20 Hatch, which is 23-feet, 8-inches long.

Francis says he highly recommends customers get the off-grid package for their Hatch. The package comes with a 100-watt roof-mounted solar panel,

a 1,000-watt inverter with dedicated 110-volt outlets, a solar controller, a portable Furrion Bluetooth audio player and flashlight, a tongue-mounted bike rack, a griddle and solar on the side.

Off-road tires with aluminum wheels provide extra ground clearance for off-road adventures. There is a heated underbelly with a 12-volt heating pad on each tank.

Three planks in the pantry can be used on the dinette to turn it into a full bed or U-dinette. The trailer also comes with a filler cushion to put across the back.

The Escape Hatch also is packed with standards such as a 78-inch-high interior, a queen bed, flip-up solid entry steps, LED lights and a power awning.

Construction of the units includes a one-piece "Aluma-Tough' roof with a 12-year warranty on the seamless roof membrane, laminated sidewalls, insulated floor and underbelly, insulated roof, front and rear walls and 5/8-inch tongue and groove plywood floor.

Francis says Escape as a whole received a complete redesign this year with new interiors and exteriors, including a new front profile change. All units now get a standard automotive front windshield and new graphics.

What impressed RV PRO: The KZ Escape E17's big back door makes this lightweight, easy-to-tow travel trailer extremely versatile. The hatch provides easy access inside the trailer, where RV adventurers can easily store their bikes, kayaks and other outdoor gear when not in use. At the campground, when the hatch is opened, it can be used as a second awning.



The KZ Escape E17 Hatch is a versatile travel trailer thanks to its large rear hatch, which provides easy access for gear stored at the rear of the trailer. The hatch also effectively acts as a second awning.