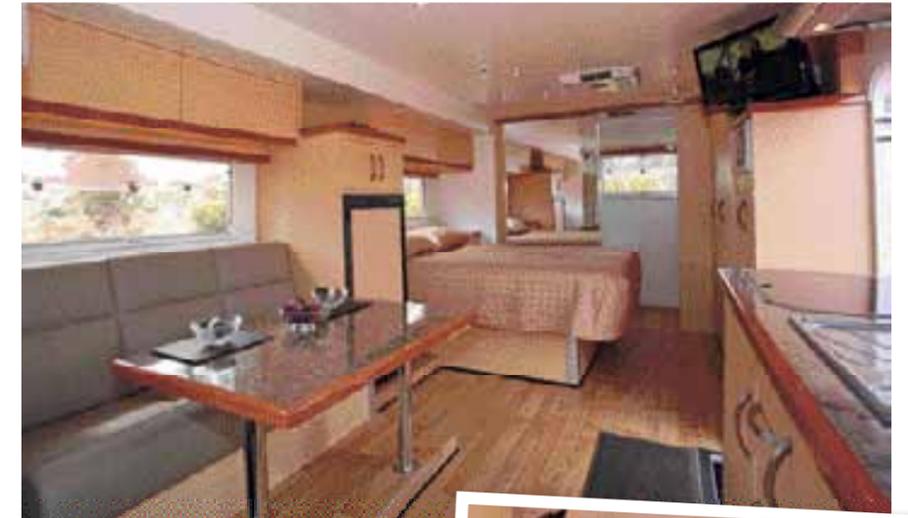


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SWEETEN THE deal

When it comes to bang for your motorhome buck, the Paradise Integrity has the goods.



I was recently able to get my hands on a new Paradise Integrity – a Lite Deluxe model with a slide-out – all the way near Kalgoorlie, WA. The motorhome slotted in rather well with the surrounding red dirt countryside.

RIDE ALONG

The Integrity comes with all the essential structural and safety features, while keeping to a tighter budget with items like the base vehicle, appliances and the exterior finish.

Each unit in the Integrity range uses the Iveco Daily 50C17 as its base vehicle. With a 130kW turbodiesel engine, it's no slouch on the road. While the standard Daily has a six-speed manual gearbox, they are also available with an automated manual transmission (AMT) as an option. Our review motorhome came with the AMT option. In addition to all the usual items, the Daily also comes with passenger and curtain airbags as standard.

In the load-carrying department, the standard Iveco Daily comes with a GVM of 4490kg, this case allowing a load capacity of about 750kg. A 5200kg chassis can be ordered if more capacity is required, but this would require moving up to a Light Rigid truck licence.

The Integrity's body is much the same as the rest of the Paradise fleet. The floor, roof and wall frames are all designed for strength and include side intrusion and rollover protection. Add to this the composite walls that are bonded and screwed to the framework and the end result is a very monocoque-like structure.

Our review Integrity came with a Paradise trademark slide-out, which feels



Top: Dinette and kitchen area is particularly roomy thanks to the slide-out.

Above: View forward from rear bathroom.

comfortably like part of the motorhome's structure, rather than an add-on. But if your budget or preferences don't run to slide-outs, don't despair; there are a couple of models without them.

A closer look at the motorhome body reveals seven external storage bins. Most are in the underbody area, but one in the slide-out gives access to under-bed storage. Some of the bins are dedicated for items such as gas cylinders, batteries and an optional generator, but there's still plenty of available space. And the swing-up doors in the lower bins make access considerably easier.

COMFORTABLY AT HOME

Once inside, the Integrity's layout looks very familiar. A full-width bathroom fills the rear, with the bedroom forward of that. A nearside kitchen bench and offside lounge split the front of the rig.

Both cab seats swivel around, making full use of the cab. The slide-out is fully stocked, containing the lounge, fridge and head of the east-west bed.

Anyone who likes space when they're away from home will be especially happy

[PARADISE INTEGRITY]



Clockwise from left: Slide-out integrates seamlessly into this design; there is a total of seven external storage bins; even the bin dedicated to gas cylinders has some room to spare for storage.



with this 3.8m (12ft 6in) slide-out. The extra room also means lots more cupboard space, especially for the bedroom.

Given the Integrity's layout, the lounge room is something of a multi-use space. The swivelled passenger sits alone, but the driver's seat can be used in conjunction with the sideways-facing lounge and removable table. The table is two-pole mounted for stability and designed to slide in and out for easy seat access.

Opposite the lounge, the kitchen bench does look a little on the small side, but that's partly because the fridge and microwave are separate from the main bench. The bench itself comes fitted with a three-burner cooktop and a stainless steel sink with drainer. Storage is handled by one cupboard, four conventional and three wire-basket drawers and two overhead lockers. All the cupboards and drawers have self-closing/auto locking features. Part of the overhead locker space is taken by the electrical control panel.

Additional pantry/cupboard space is provided by the multi-use cabinet on the other side of the entry door. The lower half of this cabinet is a shelved cupboard, the mid-section contains the microwave and the top acts as a mounting point for the flatscreen TV. The TV's location means it can easily be seen from either the front

seat or the bed opposite. The 150L fridge is in a very handy central location in the mid-offside.

BEDDING DOWN

Like many Paradise designs, the Integrity has an east-west island queen bed with a head of overhead lockers and small bedside cabinets. Lifting the base reveals a substantial under-bed storage area. Most of the nearside wall opposite the bed is taken by two large wardrobes and a multi-shelf cupboard.

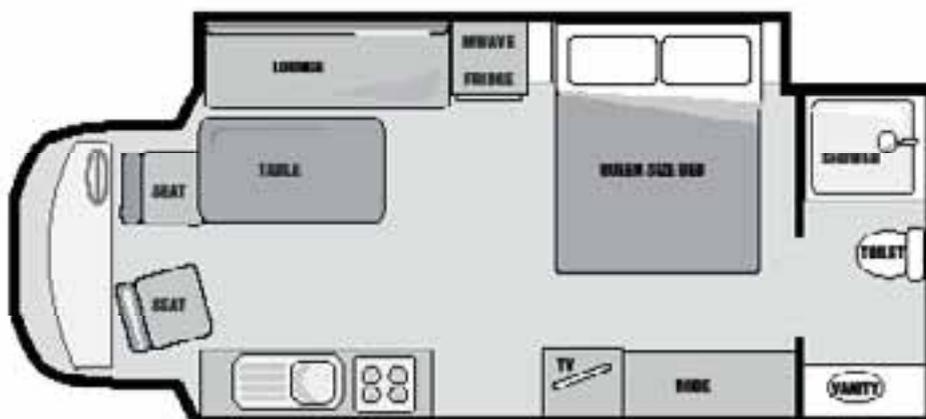
The rear features an especially large nearside corner shower with a flexible-hose shower, towel rack and sliding screen curtain. A well-appointed vanity and washbasin, with cupboards below and a large mirrored cabinet above, fills the space opposite the shower.

A Dometic china bowl cassette toilet, fitted with the standard Paradise odour extraction system, takes the rest of the space. General ventilation is handled by a centrally-mounted fan hatch and large rear wall window.

The Integrity is fully wired for both 240V powerpoints and 12V LED lighting. The standard unit is rigged for mains power connection and limited independent camping, but solar panels and a 2.3kVA generator are available as an option.

[SPECS]

Base vehicle Iveco Daily 50C17
Engine 3L twin turbodiesel
Max power 125kW@2990-3500rpm
Max torque 400Nm@1250-3000rpm
Gearbox Six-speed manual/Auto AMT
External length 7.45m (24ft 5in)
External width 2.5m (8ft 2in)
Internal height 2m (6ft 7in)
Tare 3740kg
GVM 4490kg
Price guide \$192,242 (on-road, Qld)
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THE BOTTOM LINE

A careful inspection of the Paradise Integrity would reveal where a few budget cuts have been made when compared to other Paradise motorhomes. However, it would also reveal that none of the essentials like the structure, safety features and even the internal cabinetry and décor have been changed at all. The Integrity is a very impressive rig with a number of layout choices which should suit most customers in the market for a top quality motorhome. **cw**