

Interesting things going on this morning. Not able to post or edit. I was able to quote Nlsaacs but it looks like the only way to add text is by uploading a file. So we'll see how this Word doc works.

The truck does have a 7'x7' CM flatbed. The floor is higher than the factory bed, However it's only 5" inches higher. It would be 4" (the 2"x4" that is the framework of the flatbed) but I added 1" of hard rubber as a spacer/isolator between flatbed and truck frame making for a 5" height increase.

We did go look at the Lance camper that's only an hour away and has resparked a longtime interest in truck cabover campers. It's pretty nice with several upgrades. The owner has added roof mounted solar panels, trimmed out the exterior with aluminum diamond plate, replaced the ac this summer and it comes with a set of FastGun tiedowns.

Weight wise, I'm comfortable with a wet weight of 2400 lbs. This truck usually has a living quarter, 3 horse trailer hooked on. I added Firestone air bags when it was still new back in '15. I will likely upgrade the rear sway bar and shocks (still running stockers at 70k, it's time).

Some 2500s were sold with a recommendation on "No Camper". Ours isn't one of those. The seller is a responsible 74-year-old rancher who knows trucks and hauling. I believe him when he says his '14 short bed Ram 2500 has no issues hauling the camper with it's stock bed. He's only selling because a stroke last year has resulted in a small loss of mobility. He still gets around but is downsizing with family taking over the hay and cattle operation.

Now all the above said, I'm not sure how I feel with a total height of 12'6". It's Legal for sure (13'6" generally the max) but.... Also the major reason we're looking at this is for travel over the next year or so while avoiding hotels. My hope is that in a year Covid 19 is much less of a issue with a vaccine available. But, again in a year or so we can hit hotels when needed and do our part to support the economy as we retrace some old trips (from 40 and 50 years ago) as well as see a few parts of the country we haven't visited...yet. At 68, it's time to hit the road often and hard. The question I've got to answer is do I want to buy a camper, then in a year have it set while we float cross county in our low mileage (73K) ready to hit the road Park Avenue.

Also if we bought a camper and kept it, then I'm looking at having to buy a aluminum bumper pull 3 horse slant load trailer so the wife could travel with her horses without pulling the big trailer.

It never ends!



