



Australian Manufactured Camper Trailer Guild Incorporated

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PRESS RELEASE

“Imported Chinese Canvas fails CSIRO tests”

The Australian Camper Trailer manufacturers are concerned about the many complaints they are hearing about from purchasers of Chinese made campers. The largest number of complaints are about the waterproof qualities of the inferior canvas being used.

The CSIRO have tested samples of this so called 14 oz ripstop imported canvas, and found it is only 11.18oz, and dismally fails the Australian standard AS3567 - 1988 for resistance to water penetration.

The Standard specifies zero leakage in the prescribed cone test, which local canvas manufactures are able to comply with, yet the imported canvas leaked 21 mm - a highly unsatisfactory result.

A recently formed body, The Australian Manufactured Camper Trailer Guild, with 42 members, is very concerned that due to dissatisfaction of many owners of inferior Chinese Campers, they will be lost to the industry at a time when caravanning and camping is at such a high level.

The Australian Manufactured Camper Trailer Guild is contacting the Department of Fair Trading and other bodies to try and have this matter addressed, to force importers of Camper Trailers to provide canvas which meets Australian standards.

“The local manufacturers who offer quality products cannot compete on price in this unlevel playing field, because as I have learnt from 44 years in the industry, the Australian made canvas is the best in the world, but naturally costs more” said Roger Fagan, president of the AMCTG.

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“Even the best European canvas can turn into tissue paper when exposed to our harsh ultra violet light for a number of months” he said.

The Australian Manufactured Camper Trailer Guild is urging customers to make sure that the canvas on their camper of choice meets the Australian Standard AS3567-1988.

To be sure it does look for this logo on the tent.



This canvas conforms to Australian Standard AS3567-1988

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