

Body protection

- Steam clean & under body wax treatment – good for long term anti-rust
- Warn bumper winch (2nd hand) – we did get stuck and did use it
- Bumper, with winch fitment – allowed for winch and bull bar
- 2 x D Shackle towing points (2nd hand) – never used
- Bull bar – only hit one animal (Namibia) so of some use
- Underbody protection - front diff guard – VERY useful, we hit several rocks
- Full cab roll cage – A minimum requirement for us – people do role their cars
- Safari Snorkel raised air intake – useful
- Raised transmission / axle breather kit – VERY useful, stops mud / water getting in
- Rear door, inside cross plate liner – of some use
- Rear step – VERY useful, rear is high so you need a step
- New driver door hinge – hinges do take a bashing – check and get new screws

Power, Lights & Electrics

- Auxiliary deep charge battery – A MUST if you want to run appliances / protect main battery
- 2 x front 12 volt aux sockets – Used a lot
- 2 x rear 12 volt aux sockets – Hardly used
- 1 x external 12 volt aux socket – Used this a lot for external light etc
- Fuse box under the seat – Useful to protect circuits
- Split charge relay - Essential to prevent over charging / draining main battery
- New starter battery – worth considering, we had no problems at all
- Spotlights x 2 on the front 100w – ESSENTIAL as Land Rover lights are crap!!
- 2 x inside lights - low voltage – VERY useful, new LED lights even better
- New stereo unit (speakers already fitted) – OK for iPod but SW Roberts Radio was used more often

Suspension upgrade & Wheels

- 4 coil springs – Worth considering as your suspension takes a hammering
- 2 x front shocks (Land Rover oil filled) – Good to know its sorted before you go
- 4x rear shocks (Land Rover oil filled) – We had extra pair fitted – worth it for extra load
- Suspension mounts / rubbers – renew any that are worn / rusted
- BF Goodrich All-terrain 235/85 R16 x 6 – VERY good investment (no punctures on trip)
- 7x16" steel modular rim x 6 – Solid investment
- Locking wheel nut kit – Keep that new rubber secure!

Other Equipment

- Brown Church Expedition roof rack modified to fit roll cage – STRONG, never broke!
- Side awning with swing out arms (free standing) – VERY good investment
- Hi-lift jack 4" & mount – Used a lot BUT its very agricultural (don't use wearing flip flops)
- Defender 90/110 Hi Lift adapter – Needed for jacking
- Rear door swing away mount for 1st spare wheel – Helps take strain off rear door hinges
- Roof rack wheel clamp for 2nd spare wheel – Solid BUT we think you don't need a 2nd spare
- 20L Jerry can steel (Fuel) x 2 - this is emergency fuel – VERY useful – never leaked
- 20L Jerry can plastic food grade (water) x 2 - back up water – Leaked / only used in desert
- Jerry can pour spout with gauze filter - VERY useful! You cant easily pour diesel without it
- Ezi-Awn roof tent 1.4m wide (front mounted) – OK buy, but design is dated / does leak / easy to pack

- Auxiliary fuel tank: 37L under RH rear wheel arch auxiliary fuel tank – VERY good investment
- Auxiliary water tank: 37L under LH wheel arch – USED DAILY! Very good investment
- Brown Church water purification system (Ceramic / Charcoal filter) – BEST INVESTMENT!!
- Shower fitment linked to above – Useful for rinse off after swimming in sea / occasional shower
- 40L Engel Fridge, with basket, fridge fitting kit – Cold beer / Cold water – need we say more!
- Engel fridge bag / cover (latter helps keep cold in and heat out) – GOOD buy, protects fridge

Recovery & Repair Accessories

- Steel Sand Ladders (small set) 1 x Pair- ditched these as they were too small / heavy
- Replaced above with 2x waffle boards - better for bridging small gullies etc....USED A LOT
- Recovery kit (to include straps, towing rope, shackles, strops, gloves) – USED A LOT
- Puncture repair kit and tyre levers – No punctures so did not use
- Hub spanner – Never used by us, but was used at garage to replace bearings
- Fan Spanner - Never used by us, but was used at garage to replace seals on fuel pump injector
- Circlip pliers – used occasionally
- Air compressor (includes pressure indicator & inflation kit) – USED A LOT 100% MUST HAVE!
- Haynes Manual and associated user guides: Very useful
- Defender Workshop Manuals in pdf format: Very useful

Storage & Security

- Rear windows / door window security grills – Very visible!
- Cab / rear guard / separator – Basically a dog guard giving extra security
- Lockable cubby box with side nets, radio compartment, cup holders – USED DAILY
- 2 x Foley side lockers: GOOD, solid and secure. Prone to rust
- Padlock hasps on all 3 doors – Very visible
- Bulldog Bolt on back door – Extra strong and good investment
- Spare sets of keys – Have them and a means to get into vehicle if you get locked out!!
- Other security items / issues can be discussed off-line by email.

Misc items we put on

- Misc storage and boxes to be fitted by us: 2nd Hand and very heavy – not a good investment
- Easy access area are rear for most frequently used items - wash kit, stove, tea / coffee - GOOD
- Side table and rear door table made from off cut aluminum – GOOD, used daily
- Netting storage fitted on head lining and in rear - good for quick stash items - GOOD
- Made a front windscreen sun blanket held in place by wiper blades – VERY GOOD!
- Fitted curtains to driver and passenger windows – Simple and helps keep eyes out
- Put plastic whiteboard material on side panels to serve as a teaching tool with kids – Good fun!
- Caravan electrical hook up point – VERY good, allows power to fridge without opening windows
- 20m of cable / euro plug - helps hook up to power points which are a long way away
- Simple circuit breaker (available from caravan shops) – VERY GOOD idea
- 40W Solar panel (bought in Africa) – Good but not efficient, we should have got a 90-100W panel
- Solar control unit - helps top up aux battery / prevent over charge / drain – VERY GOOD value
- Roof bag (stored oils, cooking fuel, spares / dirty items) - GOOD but is ripped to bits after 1 year
- 4x basic spot lights for aux lighting at night – OK but not really needed
- An extra 5L water can for easy access supply – GOOD – used daily
- LOUD horn - essential in Africa. Ours was a two tone variety! YOU WILL HEAR US COMING!