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The new Jeep Grand Cherokee is now available. It comes with a 237bhp V6 diesel engine that manages an impressive 34mpg. Prices start at £36,795, though, so it isn't cheap.



The Camping and Caravanning Club now has a third Olympic site. The 430-pitch Westlands Playing Fields in Romford will be open 24 July-20 August 2012.



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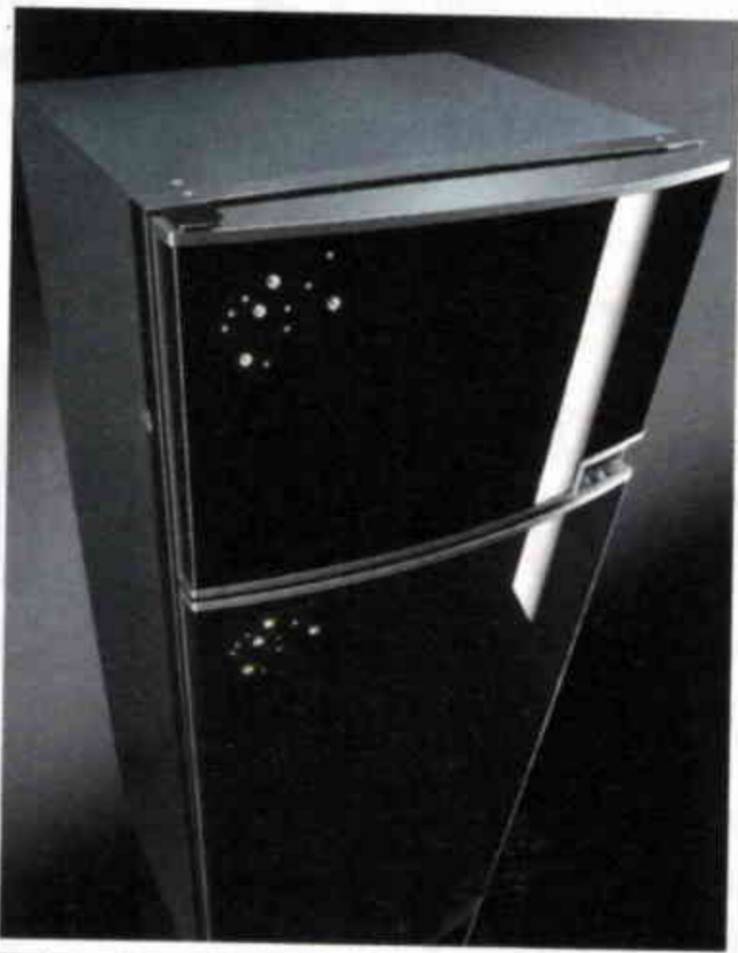
Landmark for Dometic as it builds 10-millionth fridge

CARAVAN FRIDGE MANUFACTURER Dometic has built its 10-millionth fridge, and it's a special one at that. Together with crystal giant Swarovski, Dometic designed a limited-edition fridge decorated with crystals. The landmark unit rolled off the production line on 27 May 2011.

There are only five of the special units in existence, and this particular model, the RMD8505, was chosen because of its sleek design and popularity in the caravan market.

There are no plans for the fridges to be fitted to production caravans.

Dometic was founded in 1923 when two Swedish students invented the absorption system and the refrigerators went into commercial production. It's the only technology that enables silent cooling because there's no compressor. It still powers today's Dometic refrigerators.



Dometic staff celebrate the 10-millionth fridge RIGHT **One of the five Swarovski-crystal-studded, limited-edition fridges**

Win! An AnySharp Pro knife sharpener!

In Genius Ideas this month, (page 88) we've featured this superb little accessory. Using a patented suction grip on its base, the AnySharp Pro locks to any work surface to provide safe, sturdy knife sharpening. It's small enough to fit in any caravan cutlery drawer, too.



We've got five AnySharp Pros to give away. For your chance to win one, go to www.practicalcaravan.com/win.

Correction

The Towcar Awards 2011 entry for the Hyundai ix35 1.7 CRDi Premium 2WD (August, page 78) listed the wrong figures for its maximum towing weight and towball limit. The car's entries in the table on page 98 were also wrong. The correct towing weight is 1200kg and the towball limit is 50kg - sorry!

C&CC acquires new site close to Alton Towers

THE CAMPING AND Caravanning Club has added another site to its network of more than 100 sites. Named The Star, it is around a mile from Alton Towers theme park. The club acquired the site from owners who had run it for many years and wanted to retire.

The site was opened officially on 10 June, by Penelope, Viscountess Cobham, chairman of VisitEngland (pictured, right). Set on the edge of the Peak District, the site has 195 pitches in two fields. The upper field is mainly for tents and the lower one is for caravans and motorhomes. It also has 58 privately owned holiday homes, as well as eight for hire.

Facilities include two washrooms, a parent-and-baby room, dishwashing area, freezer facility, children's play area and separate recreation field.

The site is open to both members and non-members of the Club and is ideally placed for visiting the Alton Towers theme park. It's also close to Dovedale and the Peak District National Park, and the market towns of Ashbourne, Leek, Cheadle and Uttoxeter.

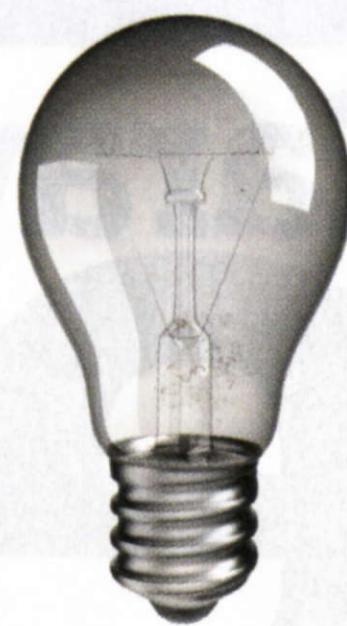
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Genius Ideas



New products, ideas and advice

Plenty of pressure - Nomad washer stands comparison



A PRESSURE WASHER can be a caravanner's best friend when it's time to hose grime off his tourer – or mud off his wellies. A cordless model is even better.

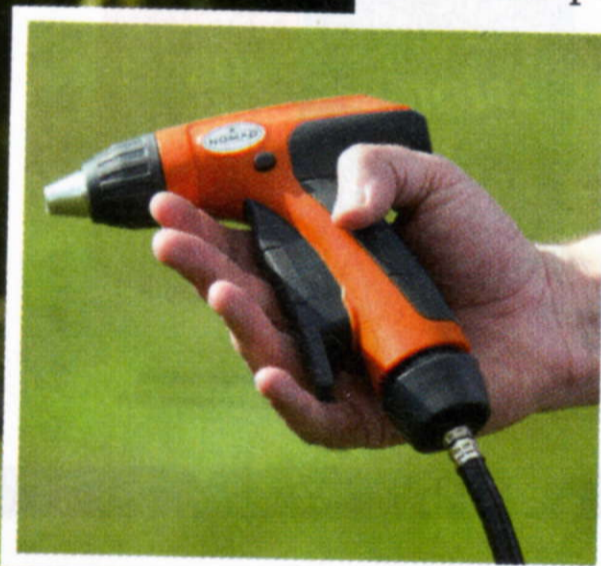
The portable Nomad 18 is one option. Out of the box, it is clearly a serious piece of kit. Although it is light (9.1kg empty) and compact (44cm x 44cm x 27cm), it propels water at 98psi from the hose. That's simply by using 18V from its rechargeable battery, but it can also be connected to a 12V power source via a 10ft cable. However it's powered, the Nomad will spray 2.15 litres of water every minute.

We featured a rival model, the Mobi Washer V-17, in June ('New Kit', page 147). Each has its strong points. The Nomad's pump produces higher pressure than the Mobi's, but its 14-litre tank falls

short of the Mobi's 17 litres. They are fairly close in size, so they can be stored in the boot, but the Mobi is slightly lighter, at 7.5kg. (Spare the payload – empty them before you pack them for the road.) The Nomad has a padded shoulder strap, the Mobi has wheels. Both have pouches to hold accessories and adjustable spray nozzles.

Another serious consideration is price. At £180 for the portable 18V version, the Nomad isn't cheap – it costs £30 more than the Mobi, while its own 12V-only model is £120. The Nomad is an extremely rugged, well-made product. It features a separate mains charger and detachable battery. The tank comes off, too, for when you're nearer a pond than a tap. Simply dip the tank in fresh water to fill it, and let the built-in filter clean it. The Mobi can't do that.

We'll compare them properly soon. In the meantime, go to www.nomad-direct.co.uk.



Lightweight sharpener cuts the mustard on tour

If the kitchen knife you take every time you go on tour is getting dull, or you've bought yourself a flash new set but don't know how to maintain them, the AnySharp Pro will help.

The business end of this compact, simple-to-use sharpener is its tungsten blades. Run any knife between them to get a perfect cutting edge. The product is easy and safe because you

don't have to hold it while you're using it, thanks to its patented suction grip. Press the lever at the back and the AnySharp attaches solidly to any work surface. This means that you don't need to exert force when drawing a knife through.

It was designed for home use, but it is handy enough to take on tour,

weighing only 173g and measuring 62mm high.

The AnySharp Pro comes in a reusable presentation tin with suggested recipes inside costs and £30. It comes with 10-year guarantee. Log on to www.anysharp.com for details or to order.

We have five to give away. Go to page 11 for details.

