

# No light-weight experience

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SAVING weight is not just the domain of new car manufacturers.

For 2011, Gold Coast fifth-wheeler company Cut Loose RVs has gone on a diet using new composite material in the walls and floors instead of timber to save more than 100kg.

Cut Loose owner Nick Oliver says the new materials increase rigidity, improve durability and reduce the moisture and mould problems associated with timber caravans.

The second-generation fifth-wheelers feature a welded aluminium frame, 40mm insulation, higher quality cable slide-outs, a stronger "walk-on" roof with welded aluminium trusses, exterior cosmetic changes, a more streamlined nose-cone, an extra roof vent in the lounge area and new radius-style wheel arches and locker doors to match the window design.

"Cut Loose continually develop and improve construction methods and designs as we become aware of new technology and components," Oliver says.

Despite the improvements, prices will remain the same next year.

Oliver says on-road costs will include installation of the hitch,



**ROAD TRIPPER:** Cut Loose RVs use light composite material in the walls and floors.

supply and fitting the brake controller and electric pack, and a full engineer's certification for the fifth-wheeler and the tow vehicle.

"Cut Loose is very flexible in what they can provide for customers," he says.

The company sold 20 fifth-wheelers in the last financial year, double its sales in the previous financial year.

"We expect our business to grow by 50 to 100 per cent each year for the next five years," Oliver says.

"Although Cut Loose has customers from a vast demographic, Cut Loose's typical customers consist of retired or soon-to-retire baby boomers who are about to embark on the journey of their dreams around Australia.

"Many people choose to live in their Cut Loose for up to five years at a time while travelling around the country.

"Our excited customers send us their travelling stories from all corners of Australia.

"Popular places include

crossing the Nullarbor Desert, far north Queensland, Northern Territory and Tasmania.

"With more than 80 fifth-wheelers on the road, we have owners in every corner of the country."

**Cut Loose RV's prices**  
 Roebuck RL \$94,990  
 Sirius RB \$104,990  
 Investigator RK \$104,990  
 Pandora RL \$107,990  
 (prices do not include on-road costs but do include the Hijacker Double Pivot hitch)  
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