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Winnebago Cottesloe - the good, bad and ugly

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The new Winnebago (as opposed to Avida, the company formally known as Winnebago) is pretty serious about its motorhome range.

We take a look at the Cottesloe – a 7.7 metre, C-Class, two-berth RV on a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter chassis.



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The Good

Anyone building a motorhome atop the Merc Sprinter is doing the right thing – it's the best performing long-wheelbase commercial van on the market. With a 2.2-litre turbo diesel that can produce 95kW and 305Nm, it gets along quite nicely without using too much fuel. Ride and handling are also great, especially for such a long, high vehicle.



The Cottesloe's floorplan is open and very well suited to two people. The kitchen is extremely spacious and without any tall furniture in the middle of the van. A proper dinette is included, rather than a half one with swivelling front seats.

The ensuite is quite big inside and the layout is practical, with separate shower and toilet. Other great comforts in the motorhome include airconditioning, an oven, and plenty of storage inside and out.



The Bad

The north-south bed is comfortable, offering an inner-spring mattress, but it's narrow at one end and necessitates one person to climb over the other to get in and out. It's also a little harder to make.



The Ugly

Although this is a big motorhome for a couple, with a shower, there's only an 80 litre water tank, which is going to run out mighty quick if you are camping away from the caravan parks.

As tested, the Winnebago Cottesloe is \$139,634. Find out more at gowinnebago.com.au.

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