



How to Prepare Your Vehicle for Cape York

Mandatory accessories:

- a decent, well-prepared 4x4 with high ground clearance and low range capacity
- locking hubs
- a snorkel as without a snorkel your vehicle will not be able to deliver air to the engine while passing through the many creek crossings that you'll encounter
- a suspension lift of 2 inch minimum
- some massive light truck tyres to ensure strong sidewalls. We got Dick Cepek, however, other brands such as Cooper, Mickey Thompson or BFGoodrich can also be recommended
- a bulbar that protects your vehicle from collisions with animals such as kangaroos. It also can also be used as a mounting for other equipment (e.g. extra spotlights or an UHF radio)
- a compressor, as well as a tyre pressure gauge in order to adjust your tyre pressure as required
- either a water bra or a simple tarp which is required for deep creek crossings. A tarp can be fitted with duct tape or some straps in front of your bulbar and it'll push the water away from your vehicle whilst traversing through the creeks. That'll save your engine compartment from major damages such as a broken fan or radiator
- a winch if you are driving on your own to get yourself out of tricky situations. Moreover, take some recovery equipment e.g. snatch straps and MAXTRAX
- a minimum of two spare tyres, preferably on a dual spare wheel holder or attached on your roof tray
- standard tools and spare parts to get your vehicle fixed if you have a break down
- An off road jack

Useful accessories that'll make traveling at Cape York more comfortable:

- UHF radio to get in contact with other travelers (channel 40 on the whole peninsula), to warn some truck drivers before overtaking or to ask for help if you have a break down if there is no mobile reception
- dual battery system. A second battery will deliver power from the engine to run other electronical devices. Quite essential considering that a Cape York trip usually takes weeks
- additionally a fridge/freezer connected with a 12 Volt socket to the second battery.
- roof tray in order to get more space for luggage and other items
- a drawer system is going to save you heaps of time when it comes to storing luggage
- a swag or a roof top tent are probably the most convenient options for camping if you are not towing a camper or caravan
- extra spotlights or a light bar makes driving more convenient during the night. They can be mounted easily onto your bulbar
- a rubbish bag made of water resistant material which can be fitted onto the spare tyre
- BBQ plate and other standard camping accessories