

Why o why have I never used one before? Travelling with the family I've often struggled to fit in all the luggage and toys.

I've used a ute for work and have not fitted a canopy to the tray because the open space is often more useful. We also have a reasonably large family car, but two adults, three kids and a friend away for a few days creates a lot of equipment. We used large dry bags in the back of the ute and squeezed gear into the family car. Even foot room was taken up. Well all that changed with the purchase of a roof box. Within seconds the roof box is fitted to the roof rack and the equipment and luggage just pour into it. Some of the benefits are:

Dry storage, this is essential for the utility and I now use it for my tools as well.

The roof box is ideal for your wet smelly stuff. Ski equipment (including skis) mountain biking clothes, tramping, kayaking, any grubby or smelly gear, gets slung into the roof box and the trip home is minus foggy windows and stinking poly prop, socks and boots.

Security: Because no one can see what is in the box, and it locks securily, our gear is safe.

Huge space: I've doubled our car's boot space.

Easy opening: Buying a newer design I got double sided openings. I can open one side to get a bag or item out, close it, open the other side and retrieve another item, this prevents the need to unpack the roof box









to get at something burried at the back.

Easy fitting: Less expensive models still come with fiddly U bolts which take some time to install. This would be of little concern if the roof box is permanently fitted. But if, like me, you are going to remove it after trips, I suggest spending a bit extra for an easy clamp system which only takes seconds to install or remove.

I have not noticed any change in the car's performance, and no increased noise.

On our next family holiday we will be taking our roof box for sure. Cheers Peter Townend



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