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Five horses, four people and all the amenities in one IVECO Stralis

When equine enthusiasts Ben and Lee Traynor wanted a high-end horse transporter with the added space for luxury living for the whole family, they quickly identified IVECO's Stralis ATi as the perfect platform.

The couple was spurred on by 11 and seven-year-old daughters, Elsie and Hannah, up and coming riders who regularly participate in show horse and horse hacking events. But which truck to choose?

As a farmer based in Moree, New South Wales, Ben had wide exposure to commercial vehicles and agricultural equipment and has several machines that are powered by IVECO engines.

"We operate several tractors, spraying rigs and headers that use IVECO power, they've always performed strongly and have been good on fuel," Ben said.

"This previous experience lead us to consider IVECO when we were looking to replace an older Japanese truck that we'd been using to transport the horses.

"We wanted to go for a larger truck this time around that would give us the GVM we needed to comfortably carry the horses and equipment while also giving us plenty of living space."

The Traynors eventually settled on a 6x2 Stralis ATi running a Cursor 8 engine, producing 360 horsepower and 1500 Nm of torque. The engine is mated to IVECO's 12-speed Eurotronic Automated Manual Transmission.

For better weight distribution, the truck was also specified with a bogie axle, and with the base specifications sorted, the cab chassis was handed over to Signature Custom Floats for body fitment.

As well as space for up to five horses and associated riding equipment, the truck features a fully equipped kitchen with Caesar stone benchtops, convection oven, microwave, electric stove top and large fridge as well as a slide out dining area.

The living space is serviced by a split system air conditioner and if away from mains power, electricity comes via a remote push-start generator housed under the floor.

Sleeping accommodation includes a double bed above the cabin and bunk beds for the girls, while the Stralis' sleeper cabin can accommodate a fifth person if required. The interior also includes shower and toilet facilities.

On the outside, the lower section of the body has a chequer plate finish for added protection, while slide-out storage conceals a washing machine, gas barbecue and Engel fridge.

Other additions include a polished allow bulbar to minimise damage from animal strikes and two cameras, one that keeps tabs of the horse section, the second a rear roof-mounted unit that helps when reversing the 11.8 metre vehicle.

Ben said the family is extremely happy with the Stralis.

"It's a great overall package that drives really well and is extremely quiet and comfortable, we love driving it," he said.

"The Stralis is so stable and sits so well on the road. I like to travel at the speed limit so I go 100 kilometres up the hills, it has plenty of power and does it easily while also returning good fuel consumption.

"Lee also drives it and she reckons it's more comfortable than her four wheel drive and just as easy to drive.

"We get away nearly every weekend and the comfort and the performance of the Stralis makes it easier to travel to events further afield that we would have previously.

"It's a great vehicle that is providing us with a lot of quality family time. People have asked me about the Stralis and I've had no hesitations in referring a heap of prospective customers to Brisbane IVECO where we purchased it from.

"We're so impressed by it."

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