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Camp Tables

A buffet of choices to serve different needs, from backcountry to backyard.

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FRONT RUNNER OUTFITTERS | PRO STAINLESS STEEL CAMP TABLE



This Front Runner table is a no-nonsense workhorse, and its stainless-steel surface is a convenient height for food prep or other standing tasks. Don't let the slim profile of the Pro fool you; its build quality is solid.

South African overlanding equipment manufacturer, Front Runner Outfitters, makes many off-road vehicle accessories, from modular roof rack systems to storage containers and even auxiliary vehicle lighting. They also offer a number of durable camp tables, including their Pro stainless steel camp table.

Upon removing the Pro from its packaging, I was immediately struck by how heavy it was; it felt like a tank. While it doesn't bring anything new to the table (pun intended), its overall design is very slim in profile, and the materials used make it stand out visually against traditional folding tables.

Its working surface is fashioned from .9-millimeter-thick stainless steel and is surrounded by a black powder-coated aluminum frame with rounded black glass-filled nylon corners. It has two pairs of square tubular legs constructed from black powder-coated aluminum to match the frame.

Setting up the Pro is about as straightforward as it gets. You simply fold down the two pairs of connected legs, making sure to push their folding hinges all the way into the locked position. Setting it up can be accomplished by one person, but I found it slightly easier to have a helper.

While it has a thin profile, slender legs, and a minimalist appearance, the Pro is heavy in the hands and was one of the most stable tables in our test group, as long as it was located on flat ground (the legs are not individually adjustable). To drive home the solid build quality of this table, although it's not necessarily recommended, I have stood on top of it to gain access to the roof of my travel trailer, a feat that I wouldn't attempt with any of the other tables in this test.

While you might be thinking that purchasing this table is a no-brainer, its solid build quality does come with the highest price tag in the test group. So before you muster up the cash, you'll want to figure out if you actually need the stability and build quality that the Pro offers.

One final and unique aspect of this table that I was, unfortunately, unable to test was its ability to be integrated into Front Runner's Slimline II roof rack system for convenient and secure storage while traveling. A specialized hardware kit that can be easily installed allows you to attach the table below the roof rack slats, just above your vehicle's roof. And because the Pro is made from stainless steel and powder-coated aluminum, you won't need to worry about it being exposed to the elements.

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