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Front Runner Stainless Steel Camp Table \$390



After our \$35, discount-store folding plastic table bit the dust when a friend ran over it with her motorcycle, I appealed for a camp table replacement that was a little more respectable. Once my husband unwound the twisted metal legs, however, he insisted the old one could still be used, even if it then required considerable brute force to straighten it into something nearly level. Eventually, good sense prevailed and we acquired Front Runner's Stainless Steel Camp Table. Without a doubt, it's a step up.

Front Runner Outfitters is a South African company with a long-standing reputation for quality. At their ISO-9001: 2015-certified facility in Johannesburg, they manufacture roof racks, drawer systems, water tanks, awnings, tents, and other camping accessories including, obviously, tables.

With such a pedigree, it's no surprise that our new table screams, "Quality!" The stainless steel top is easy to clean and attractive and, with its locking aluminum legs, the table is sturdy. At 22 pounds, it's not a featherweight, but is light enough to move around, load and unload fairly easily. At 45 inches long and nearly 30 inches wide, it's spacious for dining and folds to about one inch thick. When opened, its height is a little more than 26 inches, perfect for use as a dining table but a bit short for cooking, even at my 5'3" height.

If you have a Front Runner roof rack, a kit is available to mount the table tidily underneath the rack; otherwise, taking it along requires



a bit more innovation. We have both strapped it on top of our BajaRack (when not using the roof top tent) and laid it flat in the cargo hold of our 4Runner, but the latter solution was definitely less than ideal, having to work around our sizable fridge/freezer.

We are still working on a better mounting solution, but overall I'm pleased with the quality construction of the Front Runner table and, if nothing else, its good looks make it nice to have around.

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