

BASECAMP

Nissan seized the opportunity of Overland Expo West to showcase a special build of the Nissan Titan XD, also seizing the opportunity while here in Northern Arizona to put the rig through its paces in some of our rugged canyons and rivers.

The Nissan Titan XD PRO-4X "Project Basecamp" truck started as a stock XD (the model uniquely slotted between half-ton and heavy-duty) with 310-hp/555-lb-ft Cummins 5.0L turbo diesel V8, modified as a dream project vehicle for overlanders, with more than 60 parts and accessories from ARB, Factor 55, Goal Zero, Hellwig, Hi Lift, Crazy Beaver, Rhino-Rack, Ridgid, Rotopax, Warn and others.

Maxtraction 35x12.50x17 off-road tires are mounted on 17-inch aluminum-alloy beadlock wheels. A 3-inch lift kit and air springs with on-board leveling compressor provide extra tire clearance at all four corners. The body was beefed up with custom bumpers front and rear, fender flares and cab-length rock sliders, custom hood, light bar and chase lights, with fogs and spots. A winch system with remote mount and quick connect cables is tucked under the front bumper. The body is finished off with a custom vinyl wrap.

Overland survival essentials include a Leitner Designs Overland bed cage, Rhino-Rack Pioneer rack system, Foxwing Awning, CVT Tents Mt Rainier Stargazer tent and vestibule, a Black Forest portable fridge/freezer, water

canisters and fuel packs from Daystar, shovels and emergency kit from ARB, and more.

Capping off Project Basecamp is a custom Patriot Camper X2 Off Road Adventure Trailer with matching vinyl wrap. Fully loaded, the X2 can haul more than two thirds its own weight, well distributed for off-road stability, and its departure angle, overall length and low, wide track, plus adjustable air suspension, keep the trailer clear of rocks and debris.

The Nissan Titan XD Diesel is assembled in Canton, Mississippi, with engines built in Indiana. For 2017, Titan XD added a Single Cab version to the existing Crew Cab, along with new SV Leather, Texas Titan Edition, SL Chrome and Platinum Reserve Bed Utility packages. A new Titan XD King Cab joins the lineup this summer. ■

