

# The History of Northern Lite

In 1989, a group of experienced RV builders, working for a major fiberglass truck camper manufacturer saw a niche in the RV market and established Northern Lite Mfg. to design and build a fiberglass truck camper to fit import trucks.

The company evolved and eventually began to produce a complete line of full sized truck campers.

In 1989, two entrepreneurs, Mac Donkin and Lloyd Gartrell, who had sold their successful businesses and decided to retire, each purchased with their wives, a Northern Lite Camper for a once in a lifetime tour across Canada and the US and after that a tour to Alaska.

After spending 7 months on the road traveling, these gentlemen were so impressed with the quality and workmanship of their Northern Lite Campers that they decided that when they returned home they would invest in this growing company. They felt that if they and their wives were so pleased with these campers, then other buyers would be impressed also.

After 4 years of being investors, Mac and Lloyd decided to buy the rest of the Company.

Putting their business experience to work, and emphasizing the importance of building a quality product, Mac and Lloyd have expanded the Company until today Northern Lite is one of the leading manufacturers and exporters of molded fiberglass truck campers in North America.

Mac Donkin continues to be actively involved in the everyday operation of this successful company.

The excellence of the Northern Lite Camper has been recognized by the RV Consumer Group who in their 2004 RV Rating Book awarded Northern Lite Campers their prestigious 5 Star Rating. This award was particularly gratifying because Northern Lite was the only truck camper manufacturer in North America to receive this honour.

In 2000, Northern Lite doubled the size of their manufacturing facility in Kelowna, B.C. and are now shipping their Truck Campers throughout Canada and into Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California and the other western states, and as far east as New Hampshire.





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### WHAT IS A 5-STAR RATING?

According to the RV Rating Book, "To get a 5-star rating, a brand needs to have an 'excellent' record of performance in Value, Reliability and Highway Control, indicated by ratings of 90 or higher."

One of the factors in the Value rating is depreciation. A high score in this indicates less depreciation on a product over the years.

Reliability is based on used RV appraisals and letters, claims, and commentaries from customers as well as owner satisfaction polls.

Highway Control rating is based on the balance and handling of the product.

Performance also includes the manufacturer's willingness to stand behind their product.



# FACTORY TOUR

Northern Lite Campers are built using fiberglass molds in a process similar to building a fiberglass boat.



### STEP 1



After a layer of Gelcoat is applied to the interior of the mold, a mixture of "chopped" fiberglass strands and a plastic resin is sprayed on top of the Gelcoat to form a very rigid, strong and light weight molded shell.

### STEP 3



The top is screwed onto the bottom shell through this plywood lip. Using a metal molding, a vinyl insert is then used to cover up stainless steel screws.

### STEP 2



Once both the top and bottom are pulled out of the molds, the top shell is placed over the bottom shell which has a plywood lip along its top.

### STEP 4



The camper then proceeds to the assembly line where openings for doors, windows, and exterior compartments are cut out and assembly begins.

### STEP 5



As the camper moves down the assembly line, cupboards, cabinets and appliances are installed and the exterior is completed.

### STEP 6



At the Final Inspection station, final finishing is completed and quality and systems checks are carried out.

### STEP 7



The "Rain Test," that uses a sprinkler system, is the final test before the camper leaves the assembly line.



Before it leaves the Northern Lite Factory, each camper is individually weighed and the actual weight is noted inside the camper.

### STEP 9



The finished camper is now ready to ship to one of our over 30 Authorized Dealers throughout North America.

# SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION FEATURES



The top shell of the Northern Lite Camper is placed over the bottom shell and overlaps 2" to eliminate any possible chance of leakage.



Steel jack brackets curve under the camper for extra support when lifting the camper. The brackets are screwed into 1" plywood backing.



Tie downs are welded to a 4"x6" piece of steel and mounted on 1" plywood for extra strength.





Non rusting stainless steel screws are used to

on the exterior of our campers

attach the top to the bottom and are also used

A unique aerodynamic roof line gives extra strength to the roof and lessens wind resistance.



Cabinets are framed with strips of 3/4" plywood rather than spruce or pine, to get away from warped wood with knots, adding extra strength to cabinets.



Drawers are constructed using high quality Russian Birch and all drawer guides are metal.





All wood paneling is "real" oak veneer, not a paper or vinyl overlay.

# 9'6" QUEEN CLASSIC SE - NEW FOR 2006

The new 9'6" Queen Classic SE Northern Lite Camper (for long box trucks) is the latest addition to our lineup of luxurious lightweight campers. Even though we have increased the width of this camper (now 8'2" wide) and increased the length of the bed (now 60"x80"), the weight still comes in at a surprisingly light 2150 lbs. Even with our Promotion Package and a few other convenient options, the new camper still weighs less than 2400 lbs.

We've patterned this camper after our very successful 8'11" Camper (for short box trucks) and lightened the new camper by using Dometic Acrylic Thermal Pane Windows (half the weight of conventional Thermal Pane Windows), our Nidacore flooring system, aluminum jack brackets, a Full Queen sized mattress and other proven weight-saving measures that do not affect the structural integrity of the camper.



9'6" Q Classic SE With face to face dinette Fits full size long box trucks







Dometic Acrylic Thermal Pane Windows

### **STANDARD EQUIPMENT**

- Two piece molded fiberglass
  1" R6 block foam insulated walls, floor, roof
- 6.3 cu ft 3 way fridge 2 door 18,000 BTU auto light furnace
- Power range hood
- 3 Burner stove top
- 2x20lb Propane cylinders
- 45 Amp converter c/w battery charger
- 6 Gallon hot water tank
- Bathroom c/w shower
- Fresh water toilet c/w holding tank
- Oak doors and trim packages
- Oak veneer panelingMarine headliner
- Screen door
- Quartz clock
- 26"x26" escape hatch

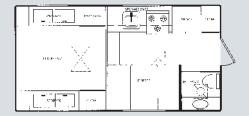
- 30 Amp power cord
  Mechanical jacks white
  Pre-wire for electric jacks
- Folding assist handle
- Face to face dinette
- Dinette Bed 73" long
- Full Queen (60"W x 80"L x 6"D) high density foam mattress
- 10" Basement storage c/w 7'2" storage tray
- · Heated and insulated tanks
- Extra large, stainless steel sink
   Tinted, acrylic thermal pane windows c/w screens and blinds (Dometic brand)
- Extra large (dual) battery box
   Ultra light Nidacore flooring
   Medicine cabinet in bathroom

- Air conditioner
- Awning
- Bathroom vent 12V \*
- Battery disconnect switch \*
- Boat rack and ladder
- Bedspread, pillows and shams
- Cable ready \*
- Dually swing out bracketsElectric jacks
- Fantastic fan
- Folding step \*
   Hot water heater DSI \*
- Lyptus pannelling
- Monitor panel \*
- Microwave
- Outside shower \*
- Oven \*
- Privacy drape
- Promo package \*
- "Slide out" propane tray \*
- Rear bumper c/w step
- Rear view window c/w lens \*
- Removable carpet
- Roof rack and ladder \*
- Skylight
- Solar panel
- Stereo c/w speakers CD player / DVD player
- Stove top cover \*
- Third vent
- TV pack c/w antenna
- \* The Promo package is an option package designed to save you \$\$. See your dealer for details.

# 10'2"CD SPECIAL EDITION

### **DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF THIS SPECIAL EDITION**

- Upgraded Dometic thermal pane acrylic windows
- 10' Side awning
- Additional battery box
- Battery disconnect swtich
- Sliding propane tray
- Rear bumper c/w step
- Outside bar-be-que c/w stand
- Electric jacks
- Removable carpet
- Pre-wire for solar panelStereo CD/DVD player
- LCD television c/w antenna
- Dometic lighted skylight/escape hatch
- Dometic microwave (in cupboard)
- Privacy drape
  Bedspread, pillow and shams
  Roof air conditioner
- Promo package
- Queen size bed



10'2" CD Special Edition

With face to face dinette Fits full size long box trucks



Interior of 10'2 Special Edition showing Dometic Lighted Skylight and LCD TV in bunk area and Dometic Acrylic Thermal pane Window in kitchen area.

Dometic Acrylic Thermal Pane Windows are 50% lighter than conventional Thermal Pane Windows.

Battery disconnect switch.

Stereo CD/DVD Player.

# 8'11"QUEEN CLASSIC



The new 8'11 Northern Lite Camper (for short box trucks) is one of the lightest 8'11 campers in the market. We've lightened this camper by using Dometic Acrylic Thermal Pane windows (half the weight of conventional Thermal Pane windows), a new flooring system using Nidacore, aluminum jack brackets, a Full Queen sized foam mattress and by seeking out as many weight saving measures as we could find without affecting the structural integrity of the camper. The result is a base weight of 2050 lbs and a weight when nicely equipped of approximately 2240lbs.







8'11" Q Classic Series
With face to face dinette Fits full size short box trucks







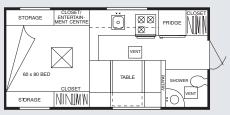
comb sandwiched between two sheets of luan plywood resulting in a much lighter floor compared to using standard plywood.

### **STANDARD EQUIPMENT**

- Two piece molded fiberglass
- 1" R6 block foam insulated walls, floor, roof
- 6.3 cu ft 3 way fridge 2 door
- 18,000 BTU auto light furnace
- Power range hood
- 3 Burner stove top
- 2x20lb Propane cylinders
- 45 Amp converter c/w battery charger
- 6 Gallon hot water tank
- Bathroom c/w shower
- Fresh water toilet c/w holding tank
- Oak doors and trim packages
- Oak veneer paneling
- Marine headliner
- · Screen door
- Quartz clock
- 26"x26" escape hatch
- 30 Amp power cord
- Mechanical jacks white
- · Pre-wire for electric jacks
- Folding assist handle
- Face to face dinette
- Full Queen (60"W x 80"L x 6"D) mattress
- 10" Basement storage c/w 7'2" storage tray
- · Heated and insulated tanks
- Extra large, stainless steel sink
- Tinted, acrylic thermal pane windows c/w screens and blinds (Dometic brand)
- Extra large (dual) battery box
- Ultra light Nidacore flooring
- Medicine cabinet in bathroom

- Air conditioner
- Awning
- Bathroom vent 12V \*
- Battery disconnect switch \*
- Boat rack and ladder
- Bedspread, pillows and shams
- Cable ready \*
- Dually swing out brackets
- Dually swingElectric jacks
- Fantastic fan
- Folding step \*
- Hot water heater DSI \*
- Lyptus pannelling
- Monitor panel \*
- Microwave
- Outside shower \*
- Oven \*
- Privacy drape
- Promo package \*
- "Slide out" propane tray \*
- Rear view window c/w lens \*
- Rear bumper c/w step
- Removable carpet
- Roof rack and ladder \*
- Skylight
- Solar panel
- Stereo c/w speakers CD player / DVD player
- Stove top cover \*
- Third vent
- TV pack c/w antenna
- \* The Promo package is an option package designed to save you \$\$. See your dealer for details.

The Ten 2000 Series features a full 14" basement with heated and enclosed tanks. Units in this Series offer a 60 x 80 Queen sized north/south bed.



Ten 2000CD 10'2" Northern Series Basement
With face to face dinette Fits full size long box trucks



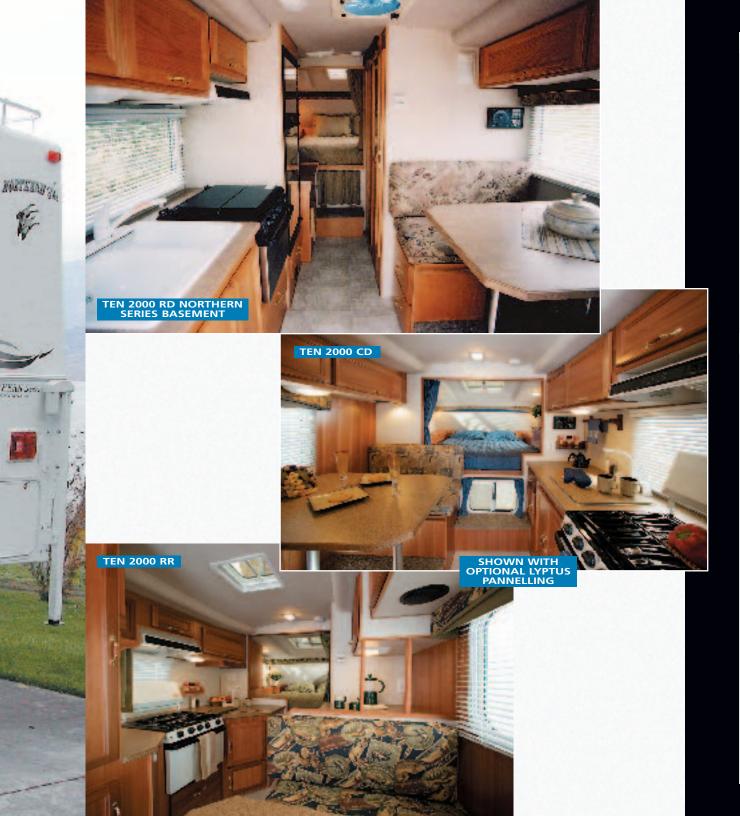
Ten 2000RD 10'2" Northern Series Basement
With face to face rear dinette Fits full size long box trucks



Ten 2000RR 10'2" Northern Series Basement With face to face dinette Fits full size long box trucks

Ten 2000 Northern Series (Basement)





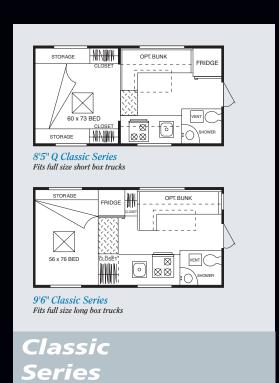
### **STANDARD EQUIPMENT**

- Two piece molded fiberglass
- 1" R6 block foam insulated walls, floor, roof
- 6.3 cu ft 3 way fridge 2 door
- 18,000 BTU auto light furnace
- Power range hood
- 3 Burner stove top
- 2x20lb Propane cylinders
- 45 Amp converter c/w battery charger
- 6 Gal. hot water tank
- Bathroom c/w shower
- Fresh water toilet c/w holding tank
- · Oak doors and trim packages
- Oak veneer paneling
- Venetian blinds
- Marine headliner
- Large radius tinted windows
- · Screen door
- Quartz clock
- 26"x26" escape hatch
- 30 Amp power cord
- Mechanical jacks white
- Pre-wire for electric jacks
- Folding assist handle
- Face to face dinette
- Generator compartment

- Additional battery box
- Air conditioner
- Auto changeover L.P.G.
- Awning
- Bathroom vent 12V \*
- Battery disconnect switch \*
- Boat rack and ladder
- Bedspread, pillows and shams
- Cable ready \*
- Dually swing out brackets
- Electric jacks
- Fantastic fan
- Folding step \*
- Generator ready \*
- 25,000 BTU Furnace (some models)
- Hot water heater DSI \*
- Lyptus pannelling
- Monitor panel \*
- Microwave
- Outside shower \*
- Oven \*
- Pleated shades
- Pre-wire for generator \*
- Pre-wire for solar panel
- Privacy drape
- Promo package \*
- "Slide out" propane tray
- Rear bumper c/w steps
- Rear view window c/w lens \* • Removable carpet
- Roof rack and ladder \*
- Thermal pane windows
- Skylight
- Stereo c/w speakers CD/DVD player
- Stove top cover \*
- Third vent
- TV pack c/w antenna

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The Classic Series is positioned between our Lite and Ten 2000 Series in both price and weight. This series offers heated and enclosed tanks in a "semi basement" camper.









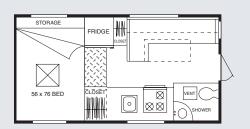
### **STANDARD EQUIPMENT**

- Two piece molded fiberglass
- 1" R6 block foam insulated walls, floor, roof
- 5.5 cu ft 3 way fridge
- 18,000 BTU auto light furnace
- Power range hood
- 3 Burner stove top
- 2x20lb Propane cylinders
- 45 Amp converter c/w battery charger
- 6 Gal. hot water tank
- Bathroom c/w shower
- Fresh water toilet c/w holding tank
- Oak doors and trim packages
- Oak veneer paneling
- Venetian blinds
- Marine headliner
- Large radius tinted windows
- Screen door
- Quartz clock
- 26"x26" escape hatch
- 30 Amp power cord
- Mechanical jacks white
- Pre-wire for electric jacks

- Additional battery box
- Air conditioner
- Auto changeover L.P.G.
- Awning
- Bathroom vent 12V \*
- Battery disconnect switch \*
- Boat rack and ladder
- Bedspread, pillows and shams
- Bunk kit
- Cable ready \*
- Dually swing out brackets
- Electric jacks
- Fantastic fan
- Folding step \*
- 3 Way fridge 6.3 cu.ft. 2 door
- Hot water heater DSI \*
- Lyptus pannelling
- Microwave
- Monitor panel \*
- Outside shower \*
- Oven \*
- Pleated shades
- Pre-wire for solar panel
- Privacy drape
- Promo package \*
- "Slide out" propane tray
- Rear view window c/w lens \*
- Rear bumper c/w stop
- Removable carpet
- Roof rack and ladder \*
- thermal pane windows
- Skylight
- Stereo c/w speakers CD/DVD player
- Stove top cover \*
- Third vent
- TV pack c/w antenna

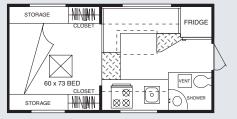
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The Lite Series is our original line of low profile campers. Light weight and compact, this series is designed for trucks with less carrying capacity.

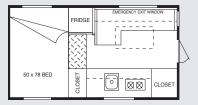


9'6" Lite Series

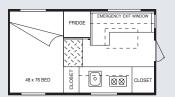
Fits full size long box trucks



8'5" Q Lite Series Fits full size short box trucks



8'4" Lite Series Fits import short and long box trucks



6'10" Lite Series Fits import short and long box trucks







Optional awning



Optional boat rack

### **STANDARD EQUIPMENT**

- Two piece molded fiberglass
- 1" R6 block foam insulated walls, floors, ceiling
- 5.5 cu ft 3 way fridge
- (1.8 cu ft in 6'10", 3.0 cu ft in 8'4")
- 18,000 BTU auto light furnace
- Power range hood
- 3 Burner stove top (2 burner in 6'10", 8'4")
- 2x20lb Propane cylinders (1x20lb in 6'10", 8'4")
- 45 Amp converter c/w battery charger
- 6 Gal. hot water tank (optional 6'10", 8'4")
- · Bathroom c/w shower (not available 6'10", 8'4")
- Fresh water toilet c/w holding tank (not available 6'10", 8'4")
- Oak doors and trim packages
- Oak veneer paneling
- Venetian blinds
- Marine headliner
- Large radius tinted windows
- Screen door
- Quartz clock
- 26"x26" escape hatch
- 30 Amp power cord
- Hydraulic jacks white

### **OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT**

- Additional battery box
- Air conditioner
- Awning
- Bathroom vent 12V \*
- Boat rack and ladder
- Bedspread, pillows and shams
- Cable ready \*
- Fantastic fan
- Folding step
- Hot water heater DSI \*
- Lyptus pannelling
- Microwave
- Monitor panel \*
- Outside shower \*
- Oven \*
- Pleated shades
- Pre-wire for electric jacks \*
- Pre-wire for solar panel
- Promo package \*
- "Slide out" propane tray (N/A 6'10'" and 8'4")
- Rear view window c/w lens \*
- Removable carpet
- Roof rack and ladder \*
- Skylight
- Thermal pane windows
- Stereo c/w speakers CD/DVD player
- Stove top cover
- Third vent
- TV pack c/w antenna
- White mechanical jacks \*

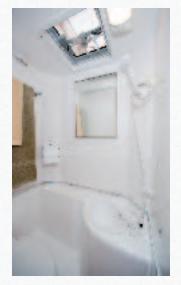
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| Camper Specifications           | 10'L Ten 2000 RR | " Northern Series Base" | Classic of Co | Classic 3-<br>9'6"<br>9'6" | Classic 3 | Classic J. | Series C | ceries | caries | ceries  | ceties  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Overall width (inches)          | 98               | 98                      | 98            | 94                         | 98        | 98         | 94       | 94     | 94     | 81      | 78      |
| Overall length (inches)         | 207              | 207                     | 207           | 175                        | 191       | 198        | 175      | 175    | 175    | 155     | 135     |
| Overall floor length (inches)   | 120              | 120                     | 120           | 114                        | 104       | 110        | 101      | 114    | 101    | 100     | 82      |
| Overall height (inches)         | 97               | 97                      | 97            | 88                         | 90        | 90         | 88       | 82     | 82     | 79      | 75.5    |
| Interior headroom (feet-inches) | 6-5              | 6-5                     | 6-5           | 6-3                        | 6-3       | 6-3        | 6-3      | 6-4    | 6-4    | 6-2     | 5-11    |
| Dinette bed (inches)            | 36x69.5          | 42x72                   | 42x72         | 38x72                      | 37x67     | 37x73      | 39x72    | 39x72  | 40x72  | 38x72   | 36x59   |
| Table size (inches)             | 28.75x34         | 30x38                   | 30x38         | 18x37                      | 26x36     | 29x36      | 18x37    | 18x37  | 18x37  | 18x37   | 18x27   |
| Mattress size (inches)          | 60x80            | 60x80                   | 60x80         | 60x76                      | 60x80     | 60x80      | 60x73    | 56x76  | 60x73  | 50x78   | 48x76   |
| Fresh water tank (US gallons)   | 36               | 36                      | 36            | 24                         | 25        | 25         | 24       | 24     | 24     | 14.5    | 14.5    |
| Waste tank (US gallons)         | 18               | 18                      | 18            | 13                         | 13        | 13         | 13       | 6      | 6      | N/A     | N/A     |
| Gray tank (US gallons)          | 40               | 40                      | 40            | 21.5                       | 24        | 24         | 21.5     | 11     | 11     | N/A     | N/A     |
| Hot water tank (US gallons)     | 6                | 6                       | 6             | 6                          | 6         | 6          | 6        | 6      | 6      | 6 (opt) | 6 (opt) |
| Propane gas capacity (lbs)      | 40               | 40                      | 40            | 40                         | 40        | 40         | 40       | 40     | 40     | 20      | 20      |
| Approximate dry weight (lbs)    | 2425             | 2425                    | 2360          | 1900                       | 2050      | 2150       | 1875     | 1725   | 1750   | 1280    | 1050    |



All Northern Lite products carry, in addition to the standard manufacturer's one year warranty, an inclusive three year structural integrity warranty.



























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