



**W**hen adventure photographer Travis Burke realized he'd outgrown the Toyota Tacoma he'd been working and living in almost full-time, he had a quandary: how to afford a new \$100,000 Mercedes-Benz Sportsmobile AWD camper on an \$18,000 freelancer's salary? "I put a picture of the van on my vision board and knew that somehow I would make it happen," he says.

Months later, his grandma called: the old Dodge Ram Van camper sitting outside her house in Texas was his for free if he wanted it. "It meant a lot to her for it to stay in the family," he says. "I had her send me photos of the van and, needless to say, it was anything but the extreme and adventurous van I had dreamed of. But I flew over there and drove it across the desert to California."

It was a dusty old B2500 V8, and his friends christened it his "creeper van." But Travis persevered, selling the Tacoma and plowing everything into the Dodge over the spring of 2013. Outside, he gave it a lift and a paint job, offroad tires, ladders, solar panels, and racks for bikes and motorbikes; inside, new →

