

LEGENDS OF THE CLOCK



If your Landy has clicked past the 250 000km mark, chances are you've got a story to tell. Get inducted into our Odometer Hall of Fame by sending an email to info@landymag.co.za with 'Legends of the Clock' as your subject line. We'll be in touch.

"THE MONSTER"

OWNER: Johan de Villiers
FROM: Western Cape
VEHICLE: Defender 110 Double-Cab
(2004 model)
ODOMETER: 251 500km



How much did you pay for it?

I paid R199 000, but added about R250 000 worth of accessories. It was also ECU (engine control unit) mapped and received an intercooler upgrade. I'm the third owner of this vehicle.

Why Land Rover?

It was very much an emotional decision. My daily vehicle is a Jeep Grand Cherokee. Please reserve any comments.

Vehicle's nickname?

'The Monster'. She has presence and attitude.

Where has your Landy been?

It's been all over Africa, including Botswana, Malawi, Namibia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

Your dream destination?

Kigali, Rwanda, on a silverback gorilla tour. I've been there before, but I'd love to return again.

Your long journey essentials?

Winch, high-lift jack, Leatherman tool and a sense of humour.

If you had lots of cash, what would you add to the Landy?

I'd add satellite transceiver communications.

Any funny stories to share?

Towards the end of a six-month trip through Africa, we spent the last two weeks in the remote Mana Pools National Park in northern Zimbabwe. One afternoon, while we were enjoying a sunset, a Pajero (with GP plates) came tearing into camp with a Venter trailer attached to the back. Out piled four Italian tourists who set up camp about 70m from us. Later, the Venter trailer revealed its contents – a Defy freezer packed with steaks. This was plugged into a gas cylinder next to the tent.

Around 06h00 the next morning, one of the Italian gents banged on our Land Rover, asking whether we'd seen their freezer. It had mysteriously disappeared throughout the night. Upon closer inspection, we noticed scrapes and paw prints in the dust. About 100m from camp, we found the freezer. Turns out, a pack of spotted hyenas dragged the meat-filled freezer through the bush and

managed to chew through the aluminium casing to get to the steaks. Later that afternoon, the Italians had us in stitches as we watched them winch the freezer into an overhanging treetop, gently swaying in the afternoon breeze. 📷