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Tailgater Tire Table \$139.95+



Sitting at a table to eat dinner or enjoy a cocktail and talk down the excitement from a day on the trail is just so civilized. Bill and I used to carry a wooden bistro table and two chairs on our over-landing excursions for that very purpose (in addition to the one assigned to kitchen duties), but the extra bulk and weight began to seem unnecessary at some point along the way. Sigh. I miss those days. We even had a checkered table cloth.

But Tailgater Table has come up with a clever, best-of-both-worlds solution. Their tire table is 23 inches wide by 29 inches long and folds to a thickness of 1.5 inches, so it will easily slip between other cargo. Plus, the aluminum version weighs only 6 pounds, so neither weight nor bulk is an issue.

And, what's really unique about the Tailgater Table is that you don't have to worry about finding a level spot of ground to set it up because it attaches to a tire on your vehicle. It's easy to attach, using a retractable, bow-shaped extension that drapes over the interior side of the tire, and two short stabilizing bars that snug up against the exterior of the tire. There's also a retractable leg on the outside of the table for more stability, but using it is optional, as the table sits solidly on the tire when installed. Setting it up and taking it down are both straightforward and quick, and the table will hold up to 50 pounds, so its uses certainly extend well beyond a cup of coffee. And, it makes for a great spot out of the wind or sun if you park your vehicle with that in mind.

We've had this bumping around in the back of our 4Runner for awhile and it has taken the abuse without any apparent bumps or scratches, thanks to a convenient protective bag that keeps it from becoming damaged in transit (or damaging something else).

The Tailgater Tire Table comes in aircraft grade 6061 aluminum with a powder-coated silver finish or in steel, which is about twice the weight but otherwise just as compact. For a fast setup while you're tailgating (thus the name) or a shady spot out of the wind for lunch, it's a solid product. Now, I just need to find my checkered table cloth!

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