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Venture RV Stratus SR261VRK

Storage is a top priority for this unit. In addition to interior armoire shelves at the head of both sides of the master queen bed, there's passthrough storage accessible from two exterior sides that runs underneath the bed, as well as bedroom shelves with a shirt closet, a flip-up end table with storage in the living area, and a 250-pound capacity general-purpose cargo rack on the back. The cargo rack has a \$500 option to replace it with a rack designed for two kayaks.

Style is a secondary consideration, but not by much. Dealers said the four most popular exterior colors they wanted built were: victory red, indigo blue, polar white and aztec grey. General Manager of Venture RV David Boggs says they built them and added an external graphics package.

Inside, the Stratus SR261VRK strives for a contemporary, modern look that features alpine white with mountain walnut interior wood colors for a "higher-ed, luxury feeling interior," according to Boggs. The wood trim, cushions, and flooring use a cocoa color for accenting.

Also important are interior conveniences such as a walk-in pantry with motion-detector lights that pop on when the pantry door opens, a U-shaped dinette across from a 64-inch sofa (or optional theater seats), and an entertainment center with a built-in fireplace. The rear kitchen has an 8-cubic-foot refrigerator, double sink and overhead cabinets. The dinette has accent lighting underneath.

The walkthrough bathroom, a floorplan element usually seen in fifth wheels rather than travel trailers, has a 34-inch shower and a linen closet.

Boggs says the SR261VRK fills a gap in the Stratus product line between the Sonic and SporTrek by providing a 5,850-pound unit (dry) with a 26-foot box and 30-foot, 3-inch total length. The MSRP is \$26,000, depending on options. Boggs says building this unit was inspired by Venture employees using Stratus vehicles and the improvements they desired.

"We wanted to offer dealers something different," Boggs says. "With the colors and look, no one in our industry offers something like this to dealers."

What impressed RV News: This unit's exterior has curb appeal. The bright colors will serve a dealer well in drawing in foot traffic if their lot is located on a heavy traffic road. Many manufacturers put immense resources into the front cap when consumers spend so little time in the course of owning the RV actually looking at the front end. The sides are what get seen walking toward the unit.