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New, innovative features incorporated throughout SherpTek's latest custom build

Built-to-order flatbed system and accessories add 108 cubic feet of lockable, illuminated storage while weighing in under 1,000 pounds

Eugene, Ore. -- SherpTek released a host of new, innovative features and accessories on its latest customer build on a Ram 4500 chassis cab that's paired with a HOST Mammoth truck camper. The system's design, materials and construction methods keep it lightweight while maintaining a 7,000-pound payload capacity and adding 108 cubic feet of illuminated, lockable storage along with numerous notable features that excite truck and truck camper enthusiasts alike.

Maximum underbed storage

SherpTek released over-road boxes for this build, the first in its series of underbed storage boxes. The over-road boxes maximize storage space as a tradeoff for ground and side clearance. The boxes create the wheel wells and have a clean, sharp look that follows the lines of the truck body. Each box is lockable, fully sealed, foam-padded and illuminated. A notable feature is SherpTek's infinite tie-down channel system built into the top panel, allowing effective use of the box's entire volume. The channels can be used to add upper shelves and to secure cargo with nets, straps or bungee cords.

In addition to these over-road boxes, SherpTek offers standard underbody boxes and overlanding boxes that prioritize clearance over volume.

Camper loading made easy

SherpTek has designed accessories to help with camper mounting. Camper alignment brackets, or CABs for short, center the camper laterally as you lower the camper, which means you only have to be within a couple inches of center to end up with perfect camper placement. SherpTek's bump chocks mount the spare tires and align the camper fore and aft. These accessories, along with SherpTek's custom lighting, take the headache out of loading the camper, even in the dark.

High output compressor system

Not satisfied with any system on the market, SherpTek founder and lead engineer Ryan Goodwin designed a no-compromise compressor system that sits mid-ship under the flatbed in a powder coated full enclosure. The compressor system has a three-stage air filter, two-stage auto-draining water filter, ARB twin compressor,

3-gallon aluminum tank, air solenoid valve block for controlling air suspension, six-port manifold for additional system expansion and universal air chucks on both sides of the bed for a quick and easy connection to the 150-psi system. A tank gauge is embedded within an underbody box with full controls cleanly embedded in the dashboard of the truck.

“I wanted a high output, virtually maintenance-free system and couldn’t find it, so I spec’d the best components out there to create our own system,” Goodwin said.

This system will be available to order with any SherpTek bed and as a stand-alone product. Watch SherpTek’s [website](#) or subscribe to the [newsletter](#) for information as it becomes available.

Frustration-free fuel fill

Crucial for use as a fully functional flatbed is a fuel fill that meets the manufacturer-recommended position for filling up yet can “disappear” back into the bed.

“We don’t want our customers to have a frustrating experience at the gas pump, as is the case with many flatbeds, or to lose flatbed space and storage space from a permanent hump in the fuel fill area,” Goodwin said.

The solution is a flip-up fuel fill that brings the fuel fill to the manufacturer-recommended height and angle for filling but is not intrusive to storage and flatbed use when you’re not at the pump.

Lighting it up

SherpTek’s custom lighting emits a warm color and is meticulously placed for ambiance and usability. SherpTek went out of its way to use high-CRI photography and artist-grade LEDs, which make illuminated objects more clear with better contrast, and colors more vivid.

The camper and ground lights are controlled by the same RF remote with multiple settings for brightness and mode control.

Sleek flatbed bumper

SherpTek designed a custom aluminum bumper that houses the truck’s OEM backup camera and supports two burley tow hooks. The bumper continues the system’s stealthy look to the back of the truck, where it seamlessly integrates with the Torklift SuperHitch. SherpTek worked with Torklift engineers to develop the hitch for this generation of Ram chassis cabs.

“Very few bumpers are available for chassis cabs, and none of them integrate well with a flatbed,” Goodwin said. This is another accessory that will be available for purchase with a Sherptek system and as a stand-alone product.

Redesigned flank sides

The flank sides were redesigned to align with larger campers and have three separate sections: the shoulder toward the cab; the flank, which covers the main storage space; and the hip where the camper tapers down at the back. This three-part system simplifies changes if someone wants to swap camper brands.

The flanks retain their ability to be used in table mode, fold all the way down and are now even easier to remove with sleek slide-off hinges. The hip on the side of the fuel fill folds down for easy access at the pump when the camper is mounted. Front seal plates separate the flank storage from the forward storage and seal off the gap at the front since the camper is shifted toward the back of the truck. Torklift Fastguns are hidden inside the flank storage and tie in to the bed's infinite structural tie-down channels.

A common key opens the underbody boxes, flanks sides and fold-down hip.

All about that base

The system's base is SherpTek's proprietary lightweight, modular flatbed that can be built to fit any size truck. SherpTek built a 94-inch-wide, 9.5-foot-long flatbed for this 60-inch cab-to-axle chassis cab and added marine decking, which adds grip and padding under the camper. Standard decking is diamond plate or smooth aluminum, and beds can also be ordered with a steel diamond plate top deck for heavier duty applications.

This 74-square-foot flatbed weighs in at 450-pounds while retaining a 7,000-pound payload capacity. The complete SherpTek system with over-road boxes, flank sides and all accessories weighs only 800 pounds.

All accessories mount to the infinite structural attachment points on the top and underside of the bed. This build has 22 top-deck features mounted to it, all of which can be easily removed for use as a flatbed truck.

The flatbed space in front of the camper has mounts for two spare tires along with the seven-pin camper plugin and space for an optional 50-amp or 150-amp charging circuit plug for fast charging of over-size house batteries from high output alternators. (SherpTek is an AM Solar dealer and can install battery system upgrades as well as solar systems.) The shoulder panels can be removed to gain access to the spare tires without unloading the camper. This area also contains an access panel for compressor system maintenance.

Details, details

"We take pride in delivering high-end products and service," Goodwin said, "and much of that comes down to paying attention to the details others disregard."

These details include starting with high-quality materials; using marine-grade and mil-spec hardware where possible and appropriate; paying attention to the overall aesthetics of the system and how it physically and visually integrates with the truck and camper; adding maximum functionality to every piece designed; and making sure no sharp edges remain after manufacturing. Additionally communication with customers throughout the design and manufacturing process is a high priority.

SherpTek systems are built-to-order, can be built for any size truck and are high-end, multi-functional systems that will last the life of the truck.

"We are helping people build their dream rigs," Goodwin said. "Customers can help determine the features of their system, or if they like something that's already out there, can order that system to fit their truck, camper and lifestyle."

Get more information about how to order your SherpTek built-to-order system by completing the [contact form](#) on [SherpTek.com](#) or calling 541-402-1266.

About SherpTek

SherpTek flatbeds and truck decks are designed and precision engineered to be the lightest on the market while retaining strength and durability so you can haul even more to your favorite mountain tops. SherpTek's customized builds fit any size truck and enhances the truck's functionality with infinite attachment points that allow you to quickly and easily switch out accessories. All SherpTek products are made in the USA with aerospace and marine-grade materials and are manufactured with acute attention to detail for the ultimate in high-end gear hauling products. For more information, visit [SherpTek.com](#).

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