

Outback Org Mod

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How would an obsessive-compulsive organize the Rialta outback? With this rear compartment storage system. (Be sure to study Richard's incredible inventory list of tools and supplies for the Rialta!)

APPROX. MODIFICATION TIME: 3.00 hours

PARTS LIST: All prices are approximate, pre-tax, and pre-shipping.

<p>[1] 7 shoe box size storage boxes: Sterilite 1752 6 Quart Clearview Shoe Box Storage Container (I started out with Rubbermaid boxes but switched over to Sterilite. Sterilite lids lend themselves to better stacking and holding in position than the Rubbermaids. Also, the Sterilite lids snap on and hold better when trying to cram too much into them; the Rubbermaid lids locks tend to snap open when the box is overloaded Periodically, True Value Hardware stores have sales on the boxes, and I managed to get a bunch a \$1 each for the smaller ones. A recent check at Wal-Mart yields the 6 quart size at \$0.97)</p>	<p>\$7 @ ~\$1.00 each</p>
<p>[2] 2 storage boxes: Sterilite approx. 20 Quart storage Container (A recent check at Wal-Mart yields the 20 quart at \$3.47.)</p>	<p>\$7 @ ~\$3.50 each</p>
<p>[3] Two ammo- type boxes (My white ammo box is 6 1/4 "x 12 "X 7 3/4 "high. The OD box is 4 "x 11 "x 7 1/2 "high. Both have lids with positive locking mechanisms included. A check on-line - http://www.usmilitarysurplus.com/ shows they can be bought from military surplus stores for about \$5.95 for the .30 caliber size (my OD in color box) and \$7.50 for the .50 caliber size (my white box). Given these prices, I think people might just want to utilize another Sterilite or Rubbermaid box.)</p>	<p>~\$14.00</p>
<p>[4] labeling materials</p>	<p>~\$2.00</p>

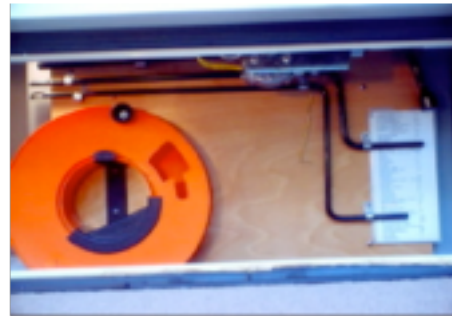
[5] The shoreline reel is a 12" Cordwheel™ typically used for storing 100' of outdoor electrical extension cord. Available at most hardware stores and home centers.	~\$12.00
[6] A piece of ¾" plywood 16" high by 24 "wide and a half dozen wood screws	~ \$5.00
[7] 1 packs of "Medium Grip-Clips" ¾" – 1 -1/8" diameter. A standard hardware item at about \$2 for a pack of 4. (These clips are also used on the right rear dinette kick panel that covers the fresh water tank, in the QD an HD models only.)	~ \$2.00
[8] 1 package of EZ Cable Clips by GB. These come in a package of 15 for the ½" size and are available in the electrical department of Lowe's, Home Depot, etc. for about \$2.	~ \$2.00
[9] Misc screws, bolts, fasteners (I used stainless steel items for all fasteners, screws, bolts, etc.)	~ \$1.00
APPROX. TOTAL COST OF PARTS	< \$52.00

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Clean out your outback storage area. (Yeah, we know, easier said than done.)
- Collect the items you want to store in your Rialta outback storage compartment, including the items listed in the inventory list below. Work with them until you have a good fit.
- Label and inventory each box. (See inventory lists below.)
- Stack six shoe box storage boxes on the LEFT SIDE of your outback.



- In the CENTER back of the outback is the storage board. This board is a piece of $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood 16" high by 24" wide which all but covers the bump out in the trunk space. The bump out allows room for the pull-up table in the QD and HD models only. Give board several coats of water-based satin polyurethane. (I love this stuff. It dries quickly, about 1 hour to re-coat, and gives a great finish.) The storage board is fastened with wood screws through the plastic wall of the trunk into the wood supports inside of the rear deck.
- On the storage board arrange the following:
 - Store the original shoreline electrical cord on a 12" Cordwheel™ typically used for storing 100' of outdoor electrical extension cord; the hook upon which the wheel is hanging is a modified OEM shoreline cord storage bracket mounted to the storage board. I just cut off the upper portion of the bracket, rounded the edges with a file, drilled a couple of holes and mounted it to the board. A real simple mod. I gave it a fresh coat of paint, also (Krylon, of course).
 - The breaker bar and flare(s) are held in position by "Medium Grip-Clips" $\frac{3}{4}$ " - 1 -1/8" diameter. The breaker bar is further secured in place with a plastic strap and snap assembly a la Winnebago. (My breaker bar is a piece of 3/4" black pipe about 24" long. It slips easily over the OEM Winnebago lug wrench and increases the leverage quite nicely.)
 - The crank handles are held in place by $\frac{1}{2}$ " size EZ Cable Clips by GB.





- Stack boxes 1 shoe box and the two larger boxes on the RIGHT SIDE of the outback. Above these boxes is a good place to store a 12 gage extension cords and the TV cable.
- Make sure you create an index of the contents of each box. Here is Richard's outback inventory.



Large Clear Boxes

Lower Box A Jack, wood base, camp saw, camp shovel, tow cable, jumper, cables, work gloves.

Upper Box B CAR WASH MATERIALS – 2 towels, wash mitt, squeegee with handle, hose nozzle, car wash soap, Dobie pad, spare oil filters, duct tape, FIRST AID KIT

Small Clear Boxes left side

Bottom Box 1 Foot operated air pump, heavy clothes line, clothes pins.

Second from bottom Box 2 Vacuum cleaner, extension hose for 12 volt air pump, flares.

Third from bottom Box 3 Mosquito candle and wicks, spare plastic trash bags.

Fourth from bottom Box 4 Two rolls potty tissue, dry potty chemicals.

Fifth from bottom Box 5 adapter, 30/15 amp, 15/30, 50/30, battery tester, blow-out plug, duct tape, electric meter, electrical tape, quick connect fittings, gray plastic pouch w/TORX & VW screwdriver, adj. wrench, utility knife, PROTEK hand cream, test probes – 120 volt, 12 volt, waterless hand cleaner, WD-40

Above washer tank Box 5A Hook-up Items 120 v circuit tester, 15 –30 amp adapter, 30 –15 amp adapter, fresh water fill nozzle with shut-off, 45 angle city water adapter w/ pressure regulator, water thief.

Box Stored Vertically Box 6 Window Washing Supplies Windex, 2 mesh pads, Simple Green pad, windshield wipe towels (folded), Invisible glass, “Showtime.”

Large white ammo box - D cells (4), 9volt cells (2), AA cells (9), battery relay, shower head, seat belt adjuster, waterless

hand cleaner, filters for shower drain, light weight clothes line, clothes pins, 30 amp – 15 amp adapters (2), 15 amp – 30 amp adapter (1), fuses – 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 blade type, AGC 3, 15, 20 fuses, nylon cable ties, black cords, inverter with extension cord, red towel rags, light bulbs – 1141, 1003, 561; 2-pin to 3-pin adapter (2); 2-blade to female socket; screw-in plug adapter.

OD ammo box

3/8" drive ratchet, extension, universal drive

3/8" drive sockets – 10, 13, 14 (deep), 17, 19, 19 (deep) mm

3/8, 7/16, 1/2, 9/16, 5/8, 11/16, 3/4, 13/16, 7/8 in

box end wrenches – metric

6x8, 7x9, 10x11, 12x14, 13x15, 17x19 mm [box 3 – oil change tools]

open end wrenches – metric

6x7, 8x9, 10x11, 10x12, 12x14, 17x19 mm

combination wrenches – metric – 13 mm

1/4, 5/16, 3/8, 7/16, 1/2, 9/16, 5/8, 11/16, 3/4 in

1/4" socket set – metric

ratchet, T-handle, flex T handle, short and long extensions

sockets – 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 mm

hex wrenches – metric

2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10

screwdrivers

flat blade – regular, small (2), stubby

Phillips – regular, small

reversible – flat to Phillips, VW

pliers – needle-nose w/cutters

regular w/cutters

pocket knife

clip leads (2)

12 volt test probe

hose bandage

flat file

Items mounted on storage board

Shoreline on orange reel.
crank handle for jack
crank handle for spare tire carrier
lug wrench
¾" pipe for leverage
warning flare
wrench for 20' sewer hose storage cap

Loose items

air pump, 12 volt – in orange box
campsite sign
extension cord, 25 ft. 12-3 self coiled
extension cord, 50 ft. 12-3 on orange reel
leveling ramps, 2
sewer “donut”.
small wheel chock
TV cable 12' in Ziplock bag
TV cable, 25' in box
vinyl gloves
water hook-up hose, 10' self coiled
water hook-up hose, 25' on reel
window squeegee
work gloves, regular
work gloves, sewer

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