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We take 10 winches to hell and back to find out
which ones give you the best value for money

WINCH COMPARO



An electric winch is something we buy as insurance in the event we get really stuck during our adventures in the scrub. While the initial purchase price isn't necessarily cheap, the choice of self-recovery over staying stuck is the better option. For the majority of us, these rescue devices sit dormant behind our bullbars and rarely, if ever, see any action. The reality is that most winches purchased with good intentions do little more than add extra weight to the vehicle and suffer a slow death from lack of use. However, with Murphy's Law lurking in the background, you're better safe than sorry. With so many winches on the market and each brand claiming to be built

better, pull faster or last longer than the other, we as the customer can do little other than believe the hype... Until now!
We gathered 10 of the most popular winches currently on the market and put them through a series of tests that would take each one to their limit and, in some cases, beyond. In a world of 'you get what you pay for', our testing put some of the big-dollar winches in their places while the cheaper ones jogged across the finish line.
The results may shock some manufacturers, but hopefully once the dust has settled, winch technicians will take the necessary steps to produce a product that really is up to the task of putting its money where its mouth is.