

Cooking



When I want to eat something on my tours then I am most of the time very hungry. I don't want to arrange my cooking facilities for hours. With other words, everything has to be ready in no time. Most often used cookers are fuel evaporators. Sometimes they work, sometimes not. (no fuel in the canister or the valves are blocked). In these cases, hours can pass until dinner is ready (specially with blocked valves). This is the reason why I decided to cook on a gas stove. Although gas has its disadvantages. No common adapter norm exists worldwide when the gas bottle is empty. So, in emergency, I have to deal with that. However, I always carry with me some (tiny) minicooker. With fuel, it is much simpler indeed. But with 5 litres of gas I am able to cook for weeks if not months (provided that the gas is not used for other purposes, like a fridge for example).

I have mounted the gas stove at the rear door of my Zebra. When it is clapped, it almost needs no space and the advantage is that I can cook outside as well as inside the vehicle (good/bad weather). Sometimes I use it even as a shortterm heater. However, be careful that enough fresh air is provided if you do that (you don't want to kill yourself). The connection between stove and gas bottle is firmly installed through a common gas tube. But as in case of an unforeseen situation (eg accident, roll-over etc) heavy forces can evolve, the gas bottle should be firmly secured (horizontally as well as vertically). Due to my precaution measures, the exchange of the bottle is somewhat cumbersome. I not only have to detach the pressure reducer and the manometer but also the skidding security. I have to live with this. But besides, I don't have to exchange it every month.

Simple gas stoves are available at camping specialists or even at discounters. Prices range is from 90 CHF upwards for an acceptable device, eg at Bantam-Camping (<http://www.bw-sports-loisirs.ch/>).
