

Mosquito protection



Mosquitos are a real pest in Offroading. You can meet these bugs at every leavy bower where there is only little humidity. However, some behavioral rules – if adapted – can life make easier. Mosquitos stay only at more or less windless places. In addition, they only appear at sunset. Therefore, whenever you install yourself early on your campground, though you will have to deal with other bugs for some time, (almost) no mosquitos will be present. That gives you some lead time to prepare yourself for the vespertine fight.



There are a lot of various products on the market against mosquitos; e.g. sprays, candles, smoke-petards, even 12V UV-lamps. Well. Sprays can stink to heaven, candles snuff out their life with only a tiny bit of wind, smoke will spoil even your best dinner and UV-lamps have only a very local effect. And during the night – whatever medium you use – the wing beat of these bugs will certainly keep you from sleeping. Cars (and tents) have many places to hide for mosquitos during the day. And they have another nasty habit. All the time they appear exactly when your meal is served or your glass is filled. They always land precisely there.



So I racked my brains once again and tried to think of a solution. All above mentioned variations were unacceptable to me as in most of the cases they are useless anyway. Finally I had a flash of inspiration. Why not protecting everything instead of only single parts ? I therefore went to a sewing studio and ordered a synthetic (UV resitant and water proven) mosquito net of 6 x 6 meters size with an entry (zipper) and bails for fixing it on the ground. The costs were considerable, roughly 800 USD, but it was worthwile. Even in the muggy Sibirian climat, we were perfectly protected whenever we wrapped our cars before sunset. Yes, there will always be some mosquitos in the tent (resting on the ground before you wrap your car) but we could easily deal with them. There are two disatvantages though: space and you have to be quick in (un-)folding the net (2 persons are perfect) as the mosquitos firmly ,smell' your blood. Best is to wear an anti-mosquito hat and gloves. I have stored the net on the roof rack as to cast it as fast as possible over the car(s).

