



▶ the roof rack. There are two things to consider. Be sure to get the correct jerrycan holder for the can that you plan to use. Secondly, keep an eye on the weight rating on the roof rack. (Adding weight to the roof rack will affect the

vehicle handling, making it more top heavy. A jerry can of gas weighs approx. 40lbs). Our '03 Discovery runs on gasoline so the correct color jerrycan is either Red or Orange. We choose the Scepter Orange Military jerrycan

(www.scepter.com) as this would make the vehicle more visible, plus Rover Accessories have a lockable jerrycan holder to suit this jerrycan. (www.roveraccessories.com)

With the vehicle's systems sorted it is now suggested to consider self/group recovery, and repairs.

Ensure that the vehicle has adequate front and rear recovery points. All recovery gear should be in good working order. Be sure to carry enough shackles, pulley blocks, straps and so on. We carried the Warn winch kit to compliment the Warn XD 9000 winch. (www.warn.com) Check the operation of the winch (if fitted) and check winch line for cuts, snags and other damage. Also, carry a spare set of solenoids for the winch power pack. The power pack typically holds four solenoids, two each for powering in and out. To reduce weight we fitted a synthetic winch line from Rover Accessories. This line has the added benefit of being a bright color, ideal when being used in the snow so people can see it.

A trusty 'Hi-Lift' jack offers absolute flexibility as it can be used for recovery (hand winching) or lifting/jacking the vehicle. Be sure to carry a base plate to help support the jack on soft ground.

As you can imagine, heading into a remote region involves carrying everything for yourself, passengers and vehicle. The term 'everything, including the kitchen sink' comes to mind.

packing in pelicans

Carrying a variety of loose items would be cumbersome and dangerous if the load were to shift. As such, we packed items in a variety of Pelican cases. (www.pelican.com) Most existing Land Rover enthusiasts are familiar with the tough, sealable plastic cases used by private expeditions, Land Rover's 'Round the world' expedition and the G4 Challenge. The cases come in a variety of colors. We chose black and color coded the cases ourselves with color electrical tape, making a master check list so we knew the contents of each case. Storing the cases was

Clockwise from top left: Final vehicle preparation at Pennzoil in Montreal. Engine, transmission and differential oil were changed for low viscosity synthetics; we tested the High-lift jack to ensure that all the attachments worked; the Optima 'Blue' D31M is the large 'single' battery that could fit in the standard Discovery battery tray. With 900 cold cranking amps, plus carrying a spare battery and battery pack we were sure to start in the morning; the RUD chains were test fitted over the new Goodyear MTR tires. Test fitting BEFORE the trip is always recommended, in case you need to change the chain size or the chains need repairing etc. Below: The standard wire cable was upgraded to a lighter, brightly colored synthetic winch line.

