

Battle Wagon FAQs

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Answers to the questions we are regularly asked.
Do you guys go into the game?

Yes, we have season tickets.

How long have you been tailgating with the Battle Wagon.

Since 1999.

What kind of truck is it?

A 1966 Chevy step van.

Where are you guy from?

We all live in the Twin Cities.

What color is the engine?

Purple and gold, of course. We blew the original engine on the way back from the first game. The mechanic who worked on it had a similar engine from a '72 Nova available. We had the engine painted purple before it was dropped in, then we added yellow spark plug wires.

How did you get the big Vikings logo on the truck?

All the graphics were hand painted by Tom Griffin. He is a huge Vikings fan and a sign painter by trade. We met him while tailgating the first year, before we had any graphics on the truck. Tom also painted the graphics on the Support Vehicle.

What is the Support Vehicle?

A 1985 Ford F-350 Crew Cab dually. We use it to tow the Battle Wagon to road games and provide mechanical and logistical support. Lately, however, we have been driving the Battle Wagon to road games.

How much did it cost?

We bought the truck from a furniture store for \$900. In order to maintain plausible deniability with our spouses and girlfriends, we have made no attempt to keep track of the rest.

Did you know this would make a nice ice fishing house if you cut a hole in the floor?

We've heard that.

Does the fireplace work?

Yes, it is a vent-free, propane fueled unit with a heat output of approximately 28,000 BTUs, which is about 24,000 BTUs more than necessary to heat the Battle Wagon.

Do you go to all the games?

We attend every home game and try to get to a couple road games every season. We have made it to Green Bay for the Packers / Vikings game for several years running.

How do you get ESPN in here? I don't see a cable.

There is a retractable satellite dish mounted on the roof. It is made by Winegard and designed to be used by RVs.

This is really cool. Will you father my children?

Possibly.

