



GO SIDE & BED PANELS

Photos & instructions courtesy of GO owner, Sean Melia. Inspiration courtesy of GO owner, Dan Shallenkamp.

From two standard sheets of plywood I made side and rear panels and bed panels. Lowe's has a great plywood cutter they can quickly cut your boards to any dimensions and it will be much straighter cuts than you can make at home.

1. Side and rear panels keep your gear safe from prying eyes and secure while zooming down the road.





- 2) I am 6'5" 220+ pounds. While the fan-fold bed panels that come with the GO are fine... I decided to replace them with 1/2" plywood bed panels for added strength.



- 3) I'm no carpenter. I improvised this for my rear panel. The two plywood ends were left-over from the store cuts. The only extra piece of wood (other than the two plywood sheets) is the board that runs between these two pieces.



- 5) One side panel in place.



- 6) I used a high quality exterior semi-gloss. I used sandpaper with a sanding block over all the plywood surfaces before painting. I also used a wood file to slightly take the sharp edge off of each edge. Purchased at Lowe's.





- 9) Note the recessed area on the side-out beds. The bed boards must fit in this recessed area. Measure your own to compare to my measurements.



- 10) You want your bed boards to be slightly smaller than the recessed area's measurements so it drops in and comes out with ease.





11) 1/2" plywood is used because that's very close to the depth of the recessed area.



12) Notice how my finished bed board fits snug in the recessed area (on the right).





13) First bed board slid into the cargo area for transport.



14) I used 2 or 3 furniture felt stick-on dots along the side rails, these keep the top edge of the cargo sideboards from smacking against the rails while bouncing down the road.





- 15) Get two 17" fir strips to screw onto both side cargo boards. These give the rear cargo board a 'stop' and hold everything in place. I plan to add a metal connection between the side panels and the rear panel, like an old screen door latch, just to add a measure of security.



- 16) I used this screen door latch to secure the rear panel to each of the side panels.





17) Another view of the latch holding the rear panel to the side panel.



18) GO bed platforms folded in.





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