

# Adding a Fold Down Counter – XLR 27QB Trailer

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We love our 2018 XLR 27QB. Just big enough to boondock with a Goldwing motorcycle in it and offers enough comfort space at camp, yet small enough to fit into the smallest state parks which are our favorite places to camp.

But we really wanted more counter space. We didn't want to have to give up the sink just to have a little more counter space. Our previous camper had a flip down counter extension. So... I added one to our 27QB.

I will post pics and then comment on each pic as to what we did. Maybe someone else will find this useful.



These are the brackets I used. Heavy duty and stainless steel. There are several cheaper options available on amazon if you do not care about stainless steel and being heavy duty.

For the countertop extension, we contacted XLR parts and special ordered a 22" X 15" section of matching countertop. A cheaper option would maybe be to buy a simple cutting board from wallyworld as the extension. But, we preferred a matching counter. Any nicely finished wood top should work.

I first had to relocate the heat duct. It was up high and would have been under the folded down counter. I then filled the old hole with a piece of round plastic I had in scrap bucket. Since heat rises... this location makes more sense anyway.





I used two pieces of 1 x 8 to make a support inside the counter to screw the brackets to. Without this, I fear any heavy load on counter extension would cause the thin panel wall to fail.

In order to get the flip up counter to be flush with the main counter... I needed to cut a notch for brackets to go flush with main counter bottom.



A view of counter and brackets mounted from underside.



I also cut in half the sink cover. This allows the option to open only half the sink and retain some counter space.





And now we are happy campers because we have adequate counter space even in our somewhat compact toy hauler. I hope you found this article useful. Look for more tips at [www.macesoftware.com](http://www.macesoftware.com)

