

# Invention Profile

## Carportable

**Inventor Objective:** Seeking to expand distribution

**IP Status:** Patents granted in USA and New Zealand  
PCT WO05068752A1  
Patent applications filed in Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan and China

**Development Stage:** Product available for sale

Tony Songest came up with his bright idea for the Carportable in 1999 after one of the worst hailstorms in Sydney. The storm affected residents from Wollongong to Terrigal, delivered hailstones of up to 13cm in diameter and caused \$2.3 billion in damage - \$6000 of which was paid by Tony.

As the name suggests, the Carportable is a portable carport (i.e the garage that goes with you) used to provide temporary or semi permanent shelter for vehicles and protect them from the elements. The Carportable can also be used as a shelter for boats, jet skis, trailers or as a shaded play area for children.

The product is quick and easy to assemble and can be stationed on any hard/flat surface including bitumen or grass. The Carportable is waterproof so keeps whatever's underneath clean and dry. The product not only provides a barrier from normal weather conditions but has also been tested in winds of over 40kph. It may also protect against some hail, using a 'trampoline' effect.

Tony has worked in collaboration with Stephen Anderson to develop the final Carportable product, which is now commercially available and enjoying sales success.



\*See Carportable on ABC's [The New Inventors](#).

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