

UNDER £15,000

**For: outstanding condition; low mileage T4 VW Transporter
Against: no independent heater**

1992 Autohomes Konkord

Had it not been for the 18,600 miles on the clock, this

Autohomes Konkord gave every impression of having been bought and immediately put into cotton-wool storage by its one previous owner. The only evidence of use was the blueing of the two-burner hob's pan support and, really out of character, minor damage to the van's free-standing table-top. In all other aspects this Konkord, surely one of the last to come out of Autohomes' Poole factory, was in showroom condition.

The base vehicle was one of VW's launch-series front-engine T4 Transporter Kombis, powered by the standard two-litre petrol engine, with drive to the front wheels through a five-speed manual gearbox. Cab appointments included

upholstered seats with armrests and headrests, plus a two-speaker stereo system.

I've seen some of these early T4s in quite tatty condition, but this one simply sparkled. The white panelwork was virtually unmarked, and Autohomes' original green and orange body striping was not only still in place, but looked as fresh as when the van left the factory. The same applied to the Konkord's GRP-moulded high-top, which came with an opening window on each side.

The interior was accessed through the cab, or through the wide-opening nearside sliding door. The VW's rear tailgate hid the van's gas locker, drawer and table storage, along with the extra cushions for the double bed. On this example, there was a stainless steel ladder attached to the tailgate, leading up to the rear roof bars.

The Konkord's interior was a traditional VW camper layout, with a swivel base for the cab passenger seat and the kitchen unit extending



down the offside from behind the driver's seat. Innovations to mark the change from the earlier T3 Transporter included mounting the van's transverse rear settee on steel tracks set into the floor, enabling the seat to be moved to a variety of

positions, including fully forward to make up the double bed.

Kitchen appliances comprised a two-burner hob/grill, sink and separate drainer in matching satin steel, plus an Electrolux 2cu.ft fridge in the base unit. Storage in the kitchen was

Verdict

Marks out of five

Interior condition ●●●●●

Pristine. Hard to believe it had ever been used

Exterior condition ●●●●●

Showroom condition with original decals as fresh as ever

Kitchen ●●●●●

Satin steel appliances were as new; cabinetwork exemplary

Washroom ●●●●●

Not applicable

Lounge/dining ●●●●●

Minor damage to the top of the free-standing table

Night-time ●●●●●

Settee on inset steel track converts easily to double bed; second bed in high-top

Value for money ●●●●●

An exceptional example of one of the last high-tops from Poole-based Autohomes

Overall verdict ●●●●●

The first camper to get a 'five' from me. Really exceptional!



- Above: the free-standing table was the only part of the van which had some damage
- Above left: the VW Transporter cab was in as-new condition
- Left: gas compartment and extra storage accessed through the rear hatch
- Right: the passenger seat swivelled to create a larger lounging area
- Left: a fold-out children's bed in the roof area

Specifications

Base vehicle: VW Transporter **Engine:** two-litre petrol

Mileage: 18,612

Price: £13,995

Price when new: £19,150

Number of owners: one

Interior layout: cab passenger seat swivel; offside kitchen and wardrobe; transverse rear settee, rear parcel shelf with concealed storage

Berths: 2+2

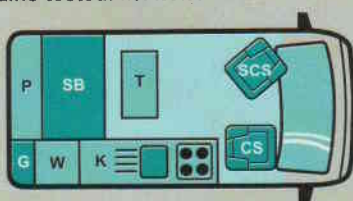
Specification includes: stainless steel roof rack and ladder, upholstered cab seats with armrests and headrests, passenger seat swivel, cab radio/cassette; kitchen with satin steel two-burner hob/grill, separate matching sink and drainer, cutlery drawer, Electrolux RM212 three-way fridge, cupboard storage; overcab lockers, including full set of Melamine crockery; rear transverse settee on inset steel track, settee base storage including Porta Potti 235; wardrobe; Zig electronic control panel, mains input with RCD, 12v system with second battery and split charge; high-top bed, roof-light and opening side windows; fluorescent and spot lighting

Dimensions: overall length, 15ft 8in (4775mm); overall width, 6ft 1in (1854mm); overall height, 8ft 7in (2616mm)

Motor Caravan Magazine tested: not tested

KEY

T table	
CS cab seat	K kitchen
SCS swivelcab seat	W wardrobe
P parcel shelf	
SB settee/bed	G gas locker



supplemented by lockers over the cab. Also part of the original specification, a Porta Potti 235 was housed in the base of the settee.

The only appliance lacking in this superb example of a late Autohomes UK high-top camper was an

independent heater, which must have been on the list of optional extras. However, both mains and 12v were in place, the former with RCD protection and a single 13-amp socket. The 12v system featured a second battery and Zig control panel.



- Above: the kitchen facilities can all be closed away, giving a free work surface
- Right: the original Melamine crockery was still in place
- Below: once opened up, the kitchen has all the basic cooking facilities, including a hob/grill, fridge and sink



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