

Volkswagen based Motor Caravans



The Only Choice



Motor caravans are popular with a growing number of people and there is now a

wide range to choose from. Converters offer an often bewildering range of conversions to suit every taste and pocket.

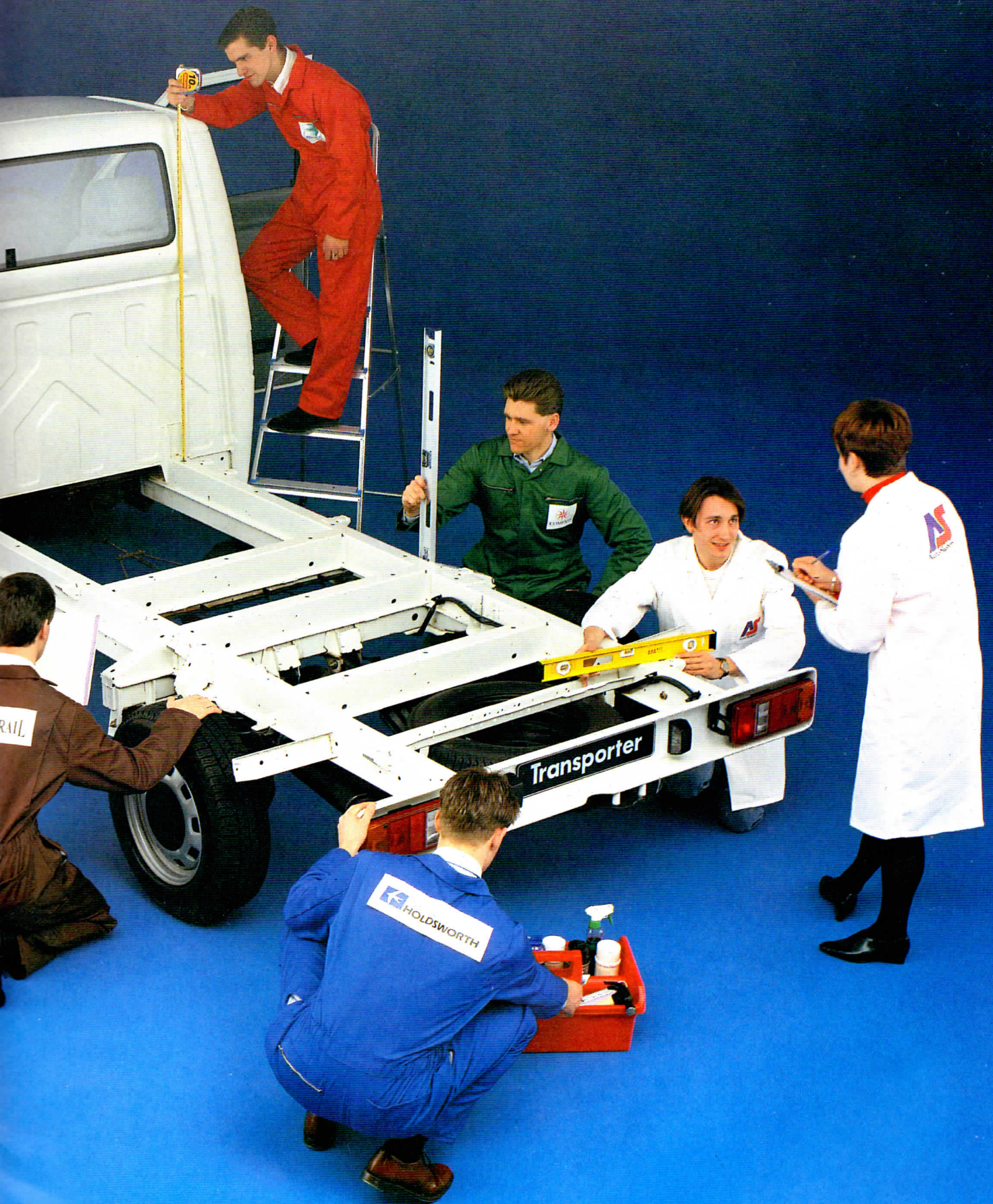
But the purchasing decision doesn't end with the caravan conversion.

Most converters build their motor caravans on base vehicles from a range of vehicle manufacturers. So it is important to choose a vehicle that is reliable, easy to drive, comfortable to ride in and economical to run.

We believe that at the heart of the best motor caravans can be found a Volkswagen.

The UK's leading motor caravan builders use the Volkswagen Transporter as a base vehicle for both traditional van conversions and increasingly popular coachbuilt motor caravans.







The Volkswagen name has been synonymous with motor caravans since

the early days. The original "camper" concept was based on the first generation "split windscreen" Transporter. Now, over 40 years on, the range of Volkswagen based motor caravans has expanded considerably.

The latest generation Volkswagen Transporter has gained a considerable reputation since its launch in 1990 and has proved itself to users the world over. In 1992 it won the coveted "International Van of the Year" award and has gone on to win many other commercial vehicle and motor caravan awards since.

The Volkswagen range of kombi vans and chassis cabs come packed with a host of technically superior features normally associated with the best passenger cars.

The Transporter is unique amongst commercial vehicles in having independent suspension front and rear, to provide a comfortable ride and positive handling.

Ventilated disc brakes at the front and drums at the rear have a dual circuit system with load sensing valve to ensure that the correct brake pressure is applied over varying load conditions.

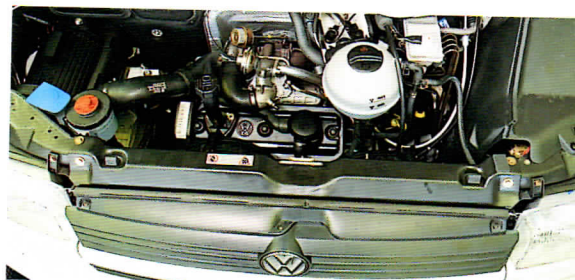
Extensive anti-corrosion treatments are applied during manufacture, including dip-degreasing, zinc phosphating and cataphoretic priming. In addition, cavities are flooded with hot wax as a further protection against rust.

Volkswagen commercial vehicles have been extensively crash tested. Vehicles such as the Transporter and Caravelle have been put through more than 30 different types of test to ensure that they meet the most stringent standards in the world for accidents which involve front, offset, side and rear collisions, as well as roll-over incidents.

There are four engine options - each specially developed to provide excellent torque for relaxed driving. The 2.0 litre, 4 cylinder and 2.5 litre, 5 cylinder petrol engines both have catalytic converter and charcoal filter as standard.

The 1.9 litre "umwelt" turbo-diesel also has a special diesel catalytic converter to make it one of the cleanest engines available anywhere in the world. Or there is the 5 cylinder, 2.4 litre diesel engine which has proved popular with many motor caravan owners.

All come equipped with a 5-speed manual gearbox as standard, or a 4-speed automatic can be supplied with the 5 cylinder engines. Optional equipment items include an ABS braking system, syncro four-wheel drive, electric cab windows and electric mirrors.



First choice ... Volkswagen



Volkswagen don't build motor caravans, but do supply base vehicles to UK

converters who have demonstrated their ability to build quality products through procedures that comply with BS 5750 and motor caravans that comply with the SMMT/NCC "Code of Practice" for caravan habitation standards.

Each company featured in this brochure has not only shown that its designs are compatible with the Volkswagen base vehicle, but they have also demonstrated that their after-sales and warranty back-up will meet customers expectations.

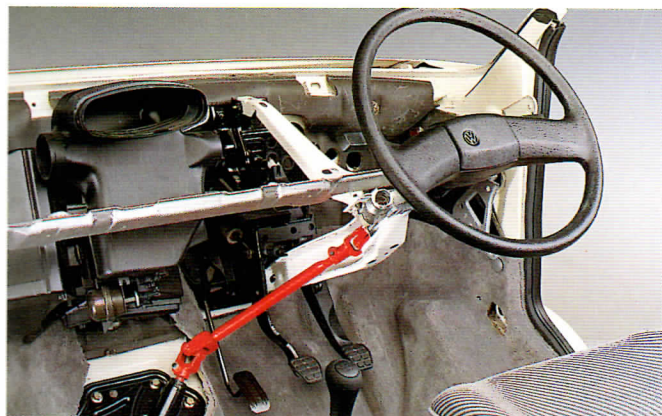
There are three basic types of motor caravan available based on the Volkswagen Transporter kombi van or chassis cab: van conversions with an elevating roof, van conversions with a fixed high roof, and coachbuilt motor caravans.

Each converter offers unique features which make their conversions different, to appeal to a wide range of buyers. For instance, van conversions offer the advantages of a dual purpose vehicle suitable for every day transport, while the larger coachbuilt motor caravans offer all the luxuries of home, on four wheels.

Specialist motor caravan dealers throughout the UK have the expertise to guide you through the range of products available and ensure that you purchase the best Volkswagen based motor caravan to suit your requirements.

So, whatever your motor caravanning needs there is really only one choice - make it a Volkswagen based motor caravan built by a recognised converter.

For full details of any of the motor caravans illustrated in this brochure, please contact either the relevant conversion company or your nearest specialist motor caravan dealer.



Coachbuilt Conversions







Auto-Sleeper describe their Clubman as the ultimate coachbuilt.

It is the only Volkswagen based motor caravan to incorporate a monocoque glassfibre body, for strength and clean flowing lines for ease of maintenance. The interior layout provides luxury 2 berth accommodation including a separate shower/toilet compartment and a choice of double or two single bed layout.

Auto-Sleeper Clubman GL



Coachbuilt Conversions



Holdsworth have responded to the need for a compact coachbuilt motor

caravan that represents good value for money. Although not much bigger than the average van conversion, Valentine provides rear access accommodation for four in two double berths, along with a separate shower/toilet compartment.

Holdsworth Valentine





The Holdsworth Valentine now has a slightly larger stable-mate. With a side access door and spacious "L" shaped lounge it offers the same level of quality build with its own unique 4 berth layout, which includes a separate shower/toilet compartment.

Holdsworth Valentine Special



Coachbuilt Conversions



The Autohomes Explorer now comes in two versions for 1994. The long wheelbase Explorer 4 features a new interior layout with front dinette. At the rear can be found the kitchen and separate shower/toilet compartment. The recently introduced Explorer 2 is based on the short wheelbase chassis with a similar specification, but with a lounge style layout.

Autohomes Explorer





Full advantage is taken of the maximum body size for these Transporter based

motor caravans. Auto Trail's unique layouts include four or five berths and adaptable kitchen and washroom areas. The Apache features a U-shaped rear lounge, but other models have a more traditional front lounge layout.

Auto Trail Cree, Comanche, Apache and Cherokee L



Coachbuilt Conversions



Based on the long wheelbase Volkswagen chassis the Royale 550

provides generous interior accommodation with up to five berths. The standard specification is high, including thermostatic oven, shower unit and cassette toilet.

Swift Royale





Incorporating many of the design features of Auto Trail's other models,

the Kiowa and Navajo are more compact coachbuilt motor caravans with two berths, a distinctive aerodynamic front end shape and integral roof rack and ladder.

Auto Trail Kiowa and Navajo Apache



Coachbuilt Conversions



Compass offer two versions of the Navigator. The 304 is a compact 4 berth coachbuilt, while the longer Navigator 355 provides spacious 5 berth accommodation. Although the standard specification is high, the optional "Plus Pack" offers even greater choice.

Compass Navigator



High Roof Conversions







Using the traditional layout for a Volkswagen van conversion, the 2 berth

Villa XL has crash tested rear seats that easily convert into a double bed at night. Options include an automatic interior fire extinguisher system and a roof mounted 2 berth bunk.

Holdsworth Villa XL

High Roof Conversions



The interior layout of Holdsworth's Vision is different again. It facilitates walk through

access from front to rear and a choice between single or double beds at the front of the vehicle. Like the Villa the seats have undergone an extensive crash test programme.

Holdsworth Vision XL





The Carrera is the first van conversion from Swift, and the first to be based

on the long wheelbase Transporter. The extra length is used to accommodate a separate shower/toilet compartment which can be accessed from inside or via the rear tailgate. Carrera is available in 2 or 4 berth configurations, with optional packs including alloy wheels and body styling kits.

Swift Carrera



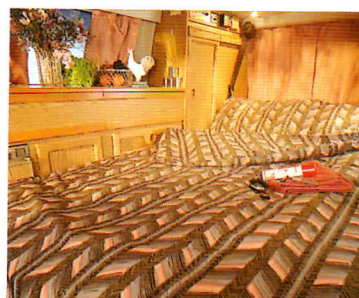
High Roof Conversions



The Autohomes Komet has a redesigned high top and increased level of

specification incorporating such items as blown air heating with thermostatic control, two swivel cab seats with adjustable armrests, blinds and flyscreens, a mains charger and second battery, and a double bed.

Autohomes Komet





The classic Volkswagen van conversion from the UK's largest motor caravan

manufacturer, providing superb living accommodation and sleeping for up to four people. With its easy to operate bed and a high level of specification, this stylish high roof gives generous interior height within an aerodynamically designed exterior shape.

Auto-Sleepers Trident



High Roof Conversions



The beautifully styled Topaz is the latest edition to the Auto-Sleepers range.

Based on the long wheelbase Volkswagen Transporter, its comprehensive specification includes a choice of 2 or 4 berth accommodation with dinette, a well equipped kitchen and separate shower/toilet compartment.

Auto-Sleepers Topaz





High Roof Conversions

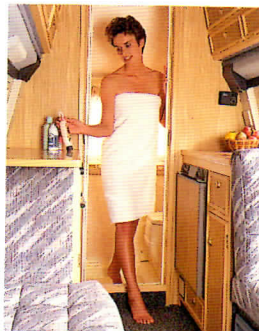
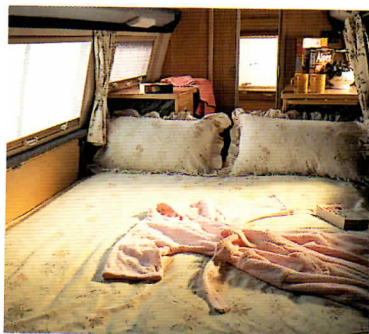


The Trophy is unique among Volkswagen based conversions.

Although based on the short wheelbase Transporter it has a specially developed rear-end extension that incorporates a shower/toilet compartment which is separated from the rest of the interior by space-saving sliding doors. Sleeping accommodation can be made up as 2 singles or a double bed.

The Auto-Sleeper Trophy was the winner of the Caravan Industry Award for Motor Caravans in 1994.

Auto-Sleepers Trophy



Elevating Roof Conversions





Finished to the same high quality as the Auto-Sleepers Trident high roof conversion, with the same easy to make pull-out bed, the Trooper has the added advantage of a solid type construction elevating roof for increased versatility. A choice of 2 or 4 berth accommodation is possible.

Auto-Sleepers Trooper



Elevating Roof Conversions



Using the traditional layout for a Volkswagen van conversion, the Villa XL has crash tested rear seats, with the option of an automatic interior fire extinguisher system. Villa is available with a choice of elevating roof or fixed high roof.

Holdsworth Villa XL



Specialist Conversions





Many specialist dealers and converters have the expertise to advise on motor caravanning for disabled people.

The motor caravan is a practical solution for many. It offers more space and extra facilities not normally found in a passenger car. And motor caravans can often be simply adapted in accordance with HM Customs and Excise requirements, to suit the individual needs of many disabled people.

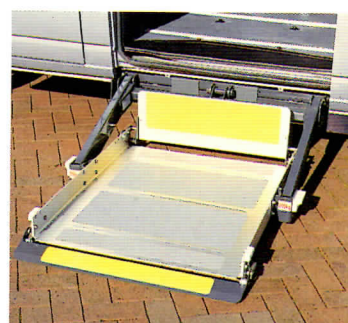
Tax concessions are often available in these circumstances. For instance the initial purchase price, any special adaptations, along with servicing, parts and some accessories are usually exempt from VAT. Furthermore it is not only a disabled driver who can qualify; a disabled passenger who is a spouse or dependent relative can enable the adapted vehicle to qualify for concessions.

Adaptations can vary to suit individual needs. Items such as power steering (now standard on all Volkswagen Transporters) and automatic transmission are available with the base vehicle. Special adaptations can include an hydraulic lift or ramps that fold or slide away when not in use, tracking or clamping devices for wheelchairs and additional grab handles and belts.

Purchasing could not be easier. The specialist dealer will be able to provide all the advice necessary, complete the declaration documents, and invoice the net amount only so that there is no need to pay and reclaim.



Specialist Conversions



Van Centre Rescue





Volkswagen's "Van Centre Rescue" scheme provides the motor caravanner

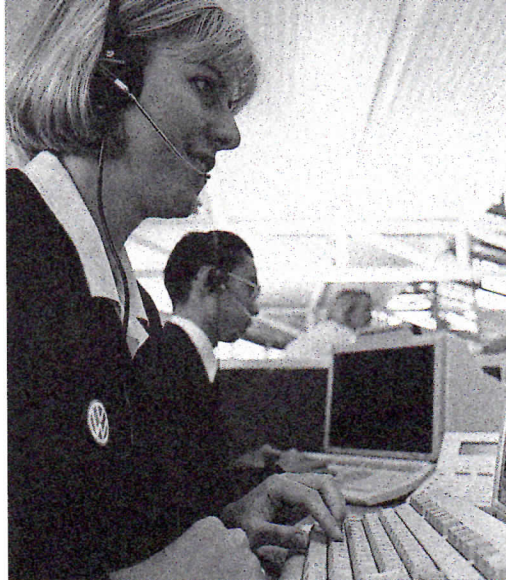
with complete peace of mind. An enviable reputation for quality and reliability is now backed by a free 3-year roadside assistance and recovery service, designed to keep you on the move.

Operated exclusively for Volkswagen by the RAC, the scheme is supported by the nationwide network of Volkswagen Van Centres, to provide the following benefits:

- Roadside assistance anywhere in the UK.
- "At Home" plus free transport of your motor caravan to the nearest authorised Volkswagen dealer if required.
- Vehicle recovery to the nearest authorised Volkswagen dealer.
- Hotel accommodation for one night in a 3-star hotel for driver and passengers, or
- Onward travel (eg. taxi, plane, replacement vehicle).
- Accident management
- Secure vehicle storage
- 24 hour cover

Your new vehicle is automatically covered by Van Centre Rescue for the first 12 months. The scheme is completely free and can continue for a total of 3 years provided that the vehicle is serviced and maintained at an authorised Volkswagen dealer, and recommended repairs carried out.

Van Centre Rescue is the only motoring service you'll need.



Van Centre Rescue



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