

Fly by Koncord



Alan had also specified some very useful optional extras, such as a Propex blown-air heater with thermostatic control, Zig control unit and auxiliary battery, and a second locating point for the island-leg table. Other extras included a pair of fire extinguishers, a remote alarm and immobiliser, a fitted cab stereo and mudflaps all round.

Standard in the Koncord were cab seat swivels, kitchen appliances including a two-burner hob/grill and sink/drain, Electrolux three-way fridge and a variety of storage in cupboards and lockers. One of the three overcab lockers still contains the original Autohomes melamine crockery set, while the fitted Porta-Potti 235 is still in its dedicated cupboard beneath the transverse rear settee. The ability to remove the latter, along with the rear drawer packs, to create a large load-carrier, was just one of the features that persuaded Alan to buy the Koncord.

What's next? 'The older I get, the more I'm starting to appreciate the benefits of comfort, convenience and even more independence,' admitted Alan. 'What I'd really like is an Auto-Sleeper Clubman Anniversary, which would give me all those things - and it's built on my favourite Volkswagen Transporter.' Here's to the next ten years, Alan. ■

WHICH motorcaravan facts

FACT FILE

- **Make/model:** Autohomes Koncord
- **Year:** 1992
- **Previous owners:** One
- **Mileage:** 36,829
- **Berths:** 2+2
- **Base vehicle:** Volkswagen T4 Transporter SWB
- **Engine:** 2-litre petrol
- **Contact:** Tel 0208 287 9088



Retired teacher, Alan, progressed from tent camping to motorcaravanning when he was gifted a Dormobile conversion by a friend back in 1986. By the time the Earls Court show came around in 1991, he was so smitten by the lifestyle that he ordered a brand new high-top Autohomes Koncord - at the time only recently launched on the then new front-wheel-drive T4 VW Transporter.

In the intervening years Alan has made several tours of Scotland: three trips to the Shetlands, three trips to the Orkneys and twice to the Outer Hebrides. 'The Scottish islands are my all-time favourites,' he admitted. 'They are the ultimate in getting away from it all.' He has, so far, not toured abroad: 'There's so much to see in Britain,' he continued, 'and although my destinations may be over the border, I always take the time to make stops and detours on the way.'

In the ten years that Alan has owned the Koncord - it was first registered on 7 May 1992 - he has covered less than an average of 4,000 miles a year. Its condition is exemplary, both outside and in: 'Being able to garage it has helped tremendously,' he admitted. Exterior panelwork is unmarked, while the all-original interior is spotless - furniture, soft furnishings and trim have all been cherished.

It doesn't seem ten years since the front engine, front-wheel drive VW T4 Transporter was launched in motorcaravan form, but it is, and **Paul Carter** found an original example in our classified ad's

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