



# Volkswagen based Motor Caravans





# Motor Caravanning

## The way ahead

There are so many places to visit and so many activities to enjoy. How can you possibly get to them all? For many people, the ideal solution is a motor caravan. It gives you the freedom to go where you want, when you want.

Today the channel is no obstacle. You can take your motor caravan by ferry or tunnel to visit France, or Spain, or further afield.

So, if motor caravanning is the way ahead for you, which motor caravan do you choose?

Converters offer an often bewildering range of conversions to suit every taste and pocket, but the purchase decision doesn't end with the caravan conversion.

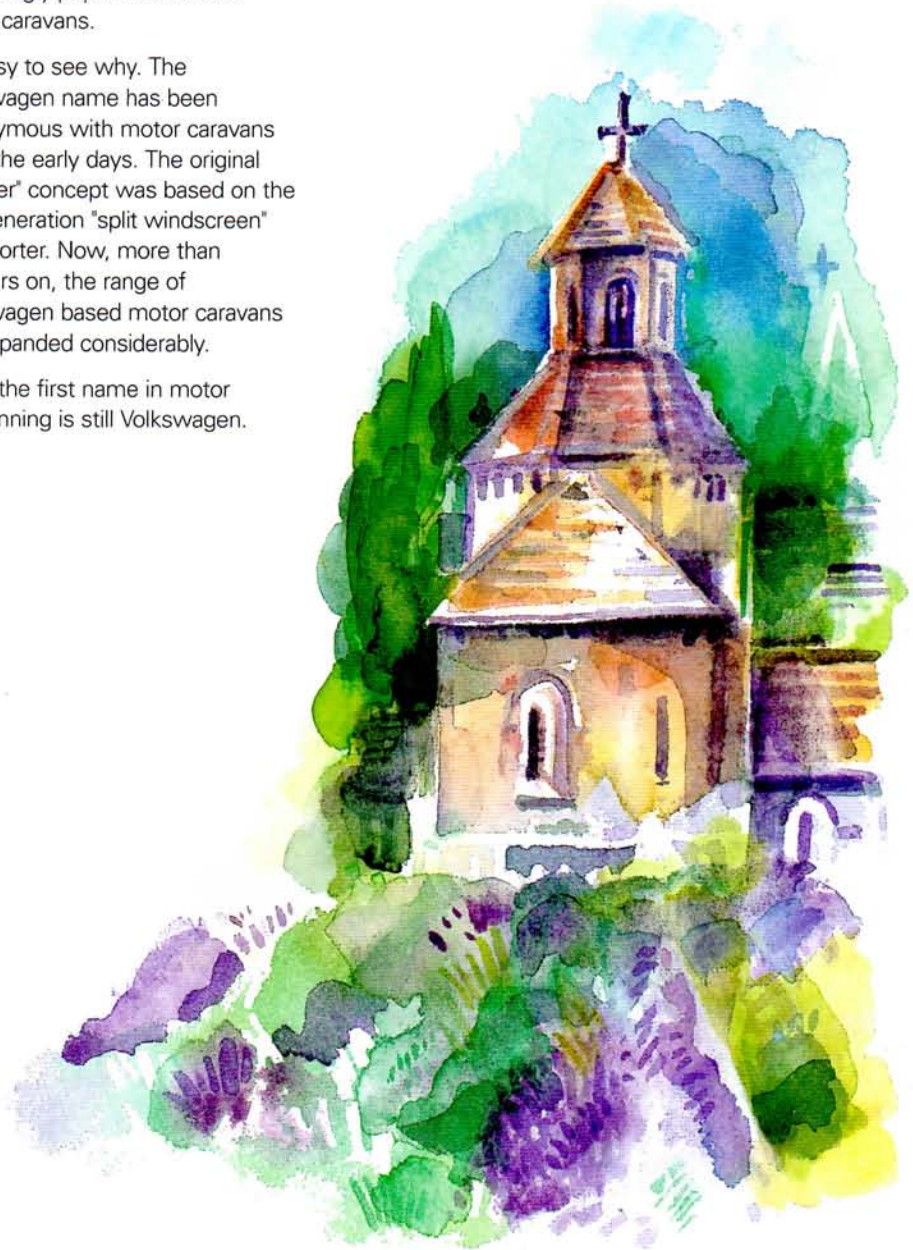
Most converters build their motor caravans on base vehicles from a range of vehicle manufacturers. So it is important to choose a vehicle that is reliable, easy to drive, comfortable to ride in and economical to run.

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.

It's easy to see why. 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, more than 40 years on, the range of Volkswagen based motor caravans has expanded considerably.

Today the first name in motor caravanning is still Volkswagen.





## The Volkswagen Transporter **Pure Driving Pleasure**

Probably the one thing that you will want most from a motor caravan is to know that it is easy and comfortable to drive. In fact, on the road, you want to forget that it's a van altogether. The best motor caravans will give all the desirability of a luxury passenger car along with your home comforts.

The Volkswagen Transporter has been praised for its car-like comfort. From the moment you open the door the cab looks inviting, and the low entrance step makes access very easy.



The driver's seat is adjustable for reach and rake, and by providing a good range of adjustment plus height adjustable seat belts, large or small drivers can be accommodated equally easily.

Power steering comes as standard, and all controls and instruments are clearly laid out and sensibly placed. A Sony stereo radio/cassette player with removable front panel is included, along with details such as a recirculating switch for the ventilation system and variable interval intermittent windscreen wipe.



*Most converters re-trim the cab seats to match the caravan interior*

# Volkswagen

## The converters' choice

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.

The brakes 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 cathodic priming. In addition, cavities are flooded with hot wax as a further protection against rust.

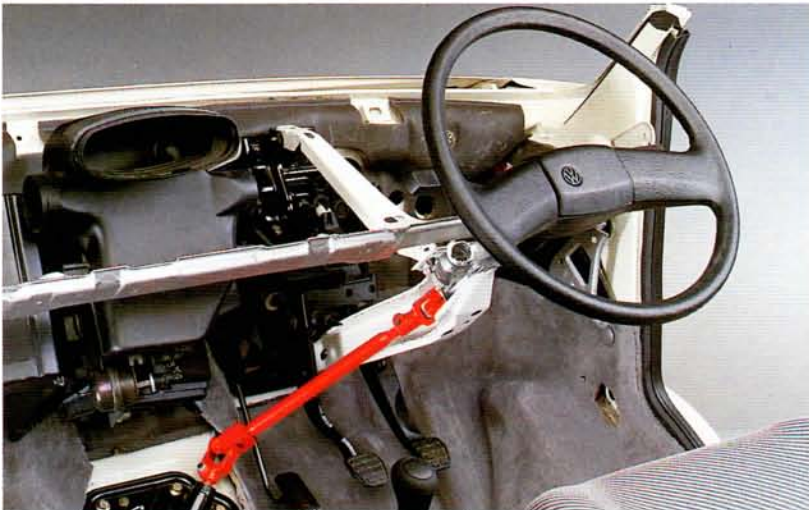
Volkswagen commercial vehicles have been extensively crash tested. Vehicles such as the Transporter and Caravelle have been put through more than 30 different types of test to ensure that they meet the most stringent standards in the world for accidents which involve front, offset, side and rear collisions,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

Although Volkswagen do not build motor caravans themselves, base vehicles are supplied 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 their 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.

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.

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





There is a range of engine options - each specially developed to provide excellent torque for relaxed driving.

Each is transversely mounted at the front where access for all routine checks is located at the top of the engine. Another clever idea is the opening mechanism for the bonnet. When operating the release lever in the cab a red push-button appears above the grille, thus eliminating the need to search for a catch beneath the bonnet.

The 2.0 litre, 4 cylinder (84 bhp) and 2.5 litre, 5 cylinder (110 bhp) petrol engines both have electronically controlled fuel injection and a 3-way 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.

Later in 1996 a 2.5 litre TDI diesel will be introduced. This engine combines the economy of a direct injection diesel with a useful 102bhp of power output.

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









## Variations...

### Spoilt for choice

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**

Ideal for dual purpose vehicles or where limited height access to a garage is important. The roof is raised on site, but lowered for any journey.

#### **Van conversions with a fixed high top**

This is the most popular type of van conversion, providing full height standing inside with more storage space for bedding aloft. The relatively small size of the base van also makes it ideal for both every day use and holidays.

#### **Coachbuilt motor caravans**

These motor caravans have a specially built body on the back of the base chassis/cab, and allow bodies both large and small depending on requirement. The larger coachbuilts provide all the amenities and luxuries of home on four wheels.



# Coachbuilt motor caravans

## Freedom and style

A coachbuilt motor caravan gives you the freedom to live in style wherever you are. The space provided by the coachbuilt body enables the converter to fit in all the comforts of home including a separate shower/ toilet compartment, a comprehensive kitchen and comfortable dinette, and seating areas which convert to luxury beds at night.

Beneath your feet is the peace of mind of knowing that you have chosen a Volkswagen as the base vehicle. Volkswagen's enviable reputation for reliability is the perfect compliment to the independence you seek by taking your home with you.

Go in search of those wide open spaces and stop for lunch on the way. Your dining room goes with you. Search out the best views and take your home along too.

Your motor caravan will provide all the conveniences your lifestyle demands.

Each converter has a different way of organising things, and with a wide range of conversions to choose from you should soon find just the right layout and equipment package to suit your needs. The kitchen can be equipped with a thermostatic oven or a microwave, a gas hob, and a fridge. With everything on board you can wake up to a hearty breakfast, or prepare a simple lunch wherever to stop.

All coachbuilds are large enough to include a separate toilet and shower compartment for your comfort and convenience wherever your travels take you. But most of all, a coachbuilt motor caravan allows you the space to spread out and relax and enjoy your holiday.



*Compass Navigator*

*Compass Calypso*



*Auto-Sleepers Clubman*



*Autohomes Merlin*





Just because a coachbuilt motor caravan has got everything inside, doesn't mean that it has to be big on the outside.

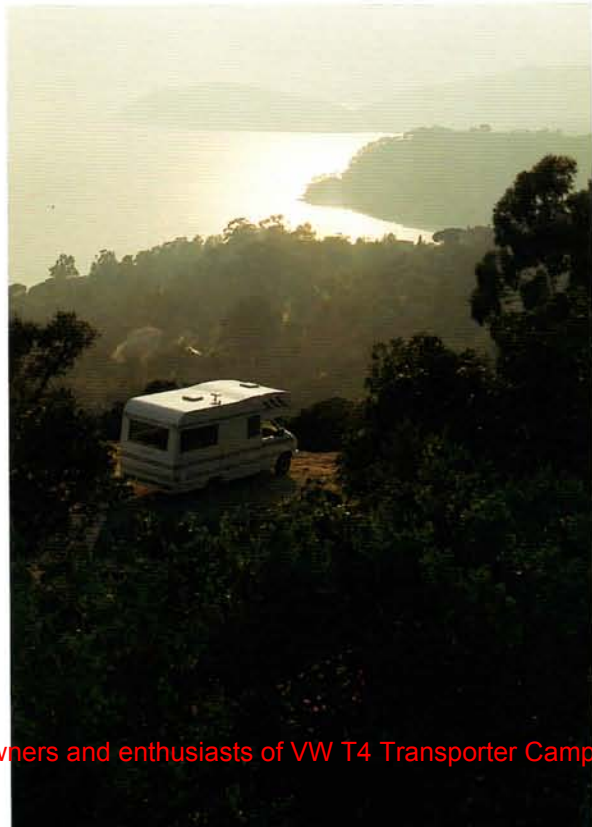
The short wheelbase Volkswagen Transporter is ideal for compact motor caravans such as the Auto-Sleepers Clubman or Compass Calypso. These coachbuilts are as easy to manoeuvre and park as some van conversions.

More spacious conversions are based on the long wheelbase Volkswagen chassis. Models such as the Autohomes Merlin and Compass Navigator all aim to offer just the right compromise between interior space and exterior size.

The Auto Trail Mohican is the largest Volkswagen based motor caravan currently available. It uses an Al-ko extended chassis to gain its extra length.



*Auto Trail Mohican*



*Compass  
Navigator*

# Coachbuilt motor caravans

## By day or by night

By night your coachbuilt motor caravan will easily convert into comfortable sleeping accommodation for 2 or 4 or more, depending on the model. Most coachbuilts have a double bed in the space over the cab which is ideal for storing the bedding by day and tucking the kids away by night. The dinette or lounge area will then make up into either a double or two single beds. Choose the arrangement that suits you best.

All coachbuilts have a separate shower/toilet compartment, so getting up in the morning will be as much pleasure as the comfortable night's sleep you can expect after a day's travelling or sight-seeing.

To round off the day enjoy a meal together, prepared in your own kitchen. It may be a simple family meal, or a romantic meal for two eaten in idyllic surroundings - wherever you park.

In the morning your idyllic location is still on your doorstep. But your motor caravan gives you the freedom to move on when you're ready.



*Auto-Sleepers  
Clubman*



*Autohomes  
Merlin*



# Van conversions

## The best of both worlds

Van conversions give the best of both worlds with motor caravans that are easy to drive and manoeuvre. Motor caravans based on the Volkswagen Transporter take up no more space on the road than a large passenger car, and with power steering they are just as easy to drive.

Volkswagen based motor caravans are compact enough to take anywhere, there need be no limit to where you can explore. Some models even have the option of four wheel drive. Use them for your everyday motoring; to the shops or to the country, to work or on holiday.

*Auto-Sleepers Talent*



Whether driver or passenger, you will travel in comfort in your Volkswagen based motor caravan. The Transporter's independent suspension gives a superb ride, and most converters now fit seat belts to all forward facing seats for your peace of mind.

Van conversions are stylish enough to use every day. An elevating roof motor caravan, like the Cockburn Holdsworth Lowline or Auto-Sleepers Trooper, gives added versatility. With the roof down it is easy to drive and there are less parking restrictions. With the roof up you get standing height inside as well as space for an extra bed.

Because you can take your motor caravan almost anywhere, you can pick the best views to accompany your leisure.



*Auto-Sleepers Trooper*

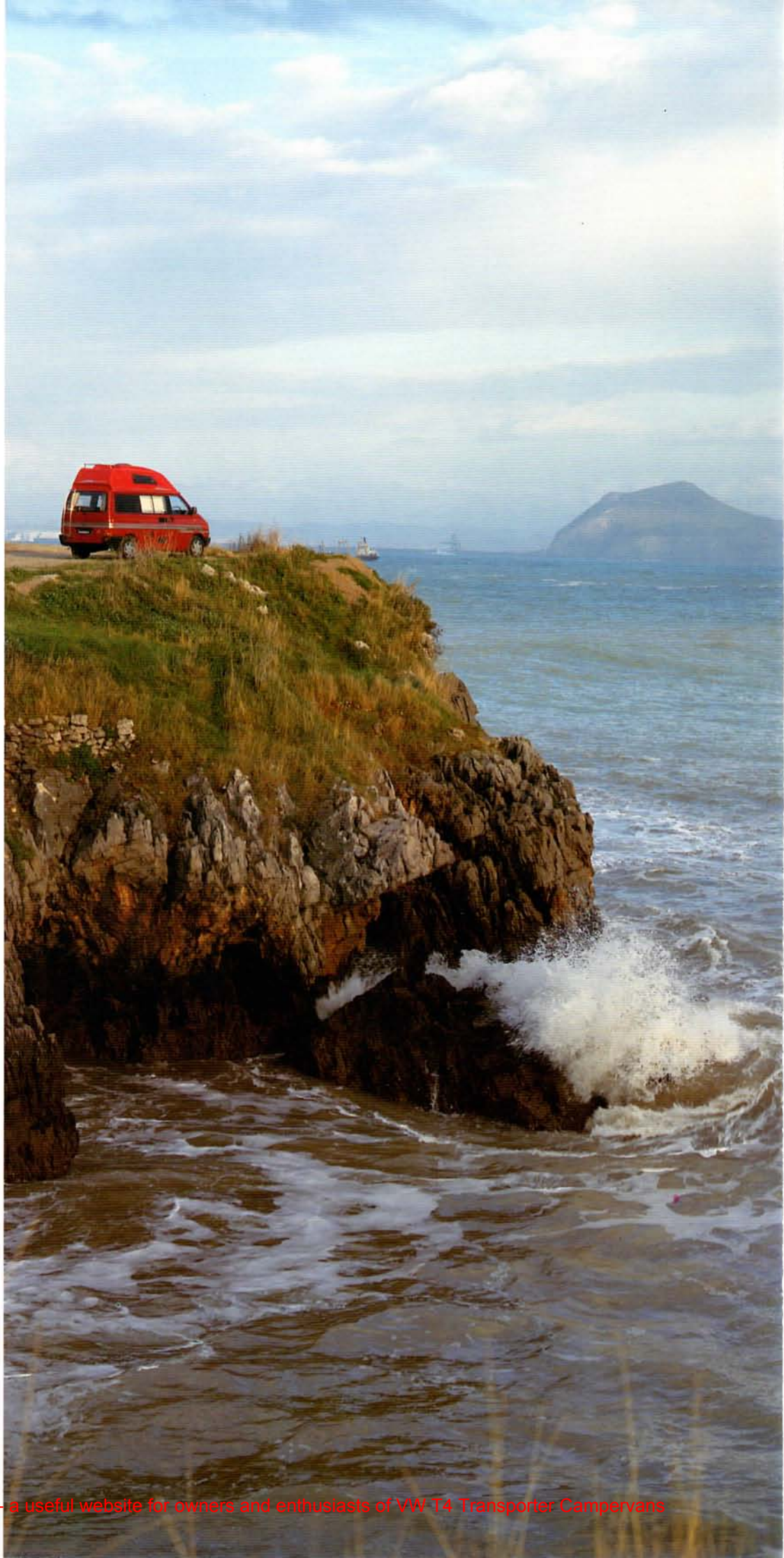


*Cockburn Holdsworth Lowline*





Autohomes  
Kamper





*Auto-Sleepers Talent*



*Auto-Sleepers Trooper*





# Van conversions

## Versatile and flexible

The motor caravan manufacturers have been very resourceful in finding different ways to convert the seats into comfortable beds for the night. Most van conversions have primarily two-berths but high roofs are available with an optional bed in the roof area which is ideal for children.

The traditional layout of a Volkswagen based motor caravan, such as an Autohomes Kamper, Swift Scorpio, Auto-Sleepers Trident, or Cockburn Holdsworth Villa converts the rear bench seat into a double bed with a sliding or 'rock and roll' mechanism. More innovative designs have placed all the other furniture at the back, leaving space at the front to make up either a double or 2 single beds.

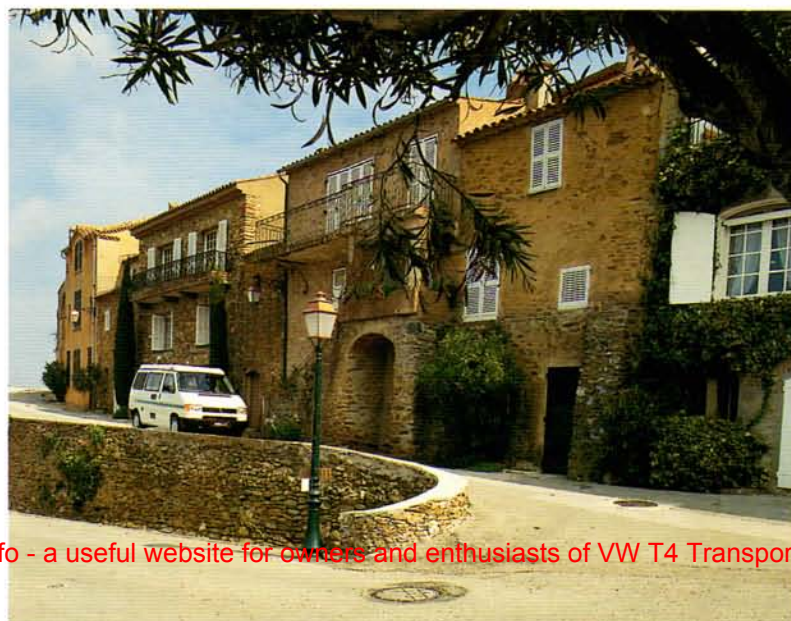
The Auto-Sleepers Topaz and Swift Carrera incorporate a separate shower/toilet compartment, by utilising the long wheelbase Transporter. The Auto-Sleepers Trophy achieves this by adding a specially moulded section to the rear of a standard wheelbase Transporter.

Designers are becoming increasingly ingenious by finding space for more and more equipment. The Auto-Sleepers Talent and Cockburn Holdsworth Vista even have a washroom and toilet area in a standard wheelbase van.

A Volkswagen based motor caravan can be very versatile. The kitchen area with its gas hob, refrigerator and sink are a far cry from camping. The dining area is often enhanced by swivelling cab seats, so that whenever you stop the living area can be enlarged. And now that some models even have their own shower/toilet compartment, you could hardly ask more from a compact motor caravan.



*Auto-Sleepers Topaz*



*Cockburn Holdsworth  
Lowline*

# Exploring Europe...

Volkswagen Transporters are known and respected throughout Europe, so what better way to enjoy your holiday than in a stylish Volkswagen based motor caravan.

We've been to France and Spain to shoot the photographs for this brochure. You have the freedom to go wherever and whenever you want. Many motor caravanners use their freedom to explore the treasures of the UK, but there is nothing to stop you going further.

Today the channel offers no obstacle to continental motor caravanning. Use one of the many ferries, or try out the Channel Tunnel. Both get your holiday started smoothly and effortlessly.



A motor caravan makes getting away so easy. With no hotels to book you can take a day at a time. Head for the sun or the next attraction. Plan your itinerary day to day. Go when you like and stay for as long as you want. Take the family or go on your own. It's so convenient.

It doesn't matter how far you go. Driving a Volkswagen you'll always feel fresh, and with your next destination already on board you can stop as soon as you want and continue your journey another day.

A Volkswagen based motor caravan really is the way ahead for your drive to freedom. The only problem will be trying to work out which model to buy!

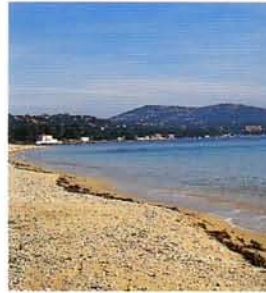




The Volkswagen Transporter is one of the most popular base vehicles and the UK's leading manufacturers all have a range of coachbuilt and van conversions to offer.

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.

We went to Europe. Where are you going tomorrow?



# The Range

## Volkswagen based Motor Caravans

### Coachbuilt Motor Caravans



**Auto-Sleepers Clubman GL**  
 • No. of berths: 2 / 4 • Length: 5.30m  
 • Width: 2.13m • Height: 2.71m



**Compass Calypso**  
 • No. of berths: 2 • Length: 5.39m  
 • Width: 2.07m • Height: 2.91m



**Compass Navigator 310 RL**  
 • No. of berths: 4 • Length: 5.38m  
 • Width: 2.15m • Height: 2.74m



**Compass Navigator 360 RL/360 E**  
 • No. of berths: 4 • Length: 5.95m  
 • Width: 2.16m • Height: 2.74m



**Autohomes Merlin**  
 • No. of berths: 4 • Length: 5.41m  
 • Width: 2.15m • Height: 2.72m



**Auto Trail Mohican**  
 • No. of berths: 3 • Length: 6.94m  
 • Width: 2.20m • Height: 2.72m



**Auto Trail Cheyenne 544**  
 • No. of berths: 4 • Length: 5.40  
 • Width: 2.20m • Height: 2.77m



**Auto Trail Cheyenne 584/585**  
 • No. of berths: 4 / 5 • Length: 5.84m  
 • Width: 2.20m • Height: 2.77m



**Auto Trail Cheyenne 614**  
 • No. of berths: 4 • Length: 6.13m  
 • Width: 2.20m • Height: 2.77m



**Auto Trail Apache**  
 • No. of berths: 4 • Length: 6.13m  
 • Width: 2.20m • Height: 2.77m



**Auto Trail Cree**  
 • No. of berths: 4 • Length: 6.13m  
 • Width: 2.20m • Height: 2.77m



**Auto Trail Cherokee L**  
 • No. of berths: 4 • Length: 6.13m  
 • Width: 2.20m • Height: 2.77m

## Van Conversions - High Roof



### Auto-Sleepers Trident

- No. of berths: 2 / 4 • Length: 4.66m
- Width: 1.84m • Height: 2.55m



### Auto-Sleepers Topaz

- No. of berths: 2 / 4 • Length: 5.06m
- Width: 1.84m • Height: 2.57m



### Auto-Sleepers Talent

- No. of berths: 2 • Length: 4.66m
- Width: 1.84m • Height: 2.54m

## Wheelchair Accessible

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

Tax concessions are often available.

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.



### Auto-Sleepers Trophy

- No. of berths: 2 / 4 • Length: 5.18m
- Width: 1.84m • Height: 2.57m



### Swift Carrera

- No. of berths: 2 / 4 • Length: 5.06m
- Width: 1.84m • Height: 2.63m



### Swift Scorpio

- No. of berths: 2/4 • Length: 4.66m
- Width: 1.84m • Height: 2.63m



### Cockburn Holdsworth Villa

- No. of berths: 2 / 4 • Length: 4.66m
- Width: 1.84m • Height: 2.49m



### Cockburn Holdsworth Vista

- No. of berths: 2 • Length: 4.66m
- Width: 1.84m • Height: 2.49m



### Autohomes Kamper

- No. of berths: 2 / 4 • Length: 4.66m
- Width: 1.84m • Height: 2.59m

## Elevating Roof



### Auto-Sleepers Trooper

- No. of berths: 2 / 4 • Length: 4.66m
- Width: 1.84m • Height: 2.10m



### Cockburn Holdsworth Villa ER

- No. of berths: 2 / 4 • Length: 4.66m
- Width: 1.84m • Height: 2.21m



### Cockburn Holdsworth Villa Lowline

- No. of berths: 2 / 4 • Length: 4.66m
- Width: 1.84m • Height: 1.98m

# Van Centre Rescue

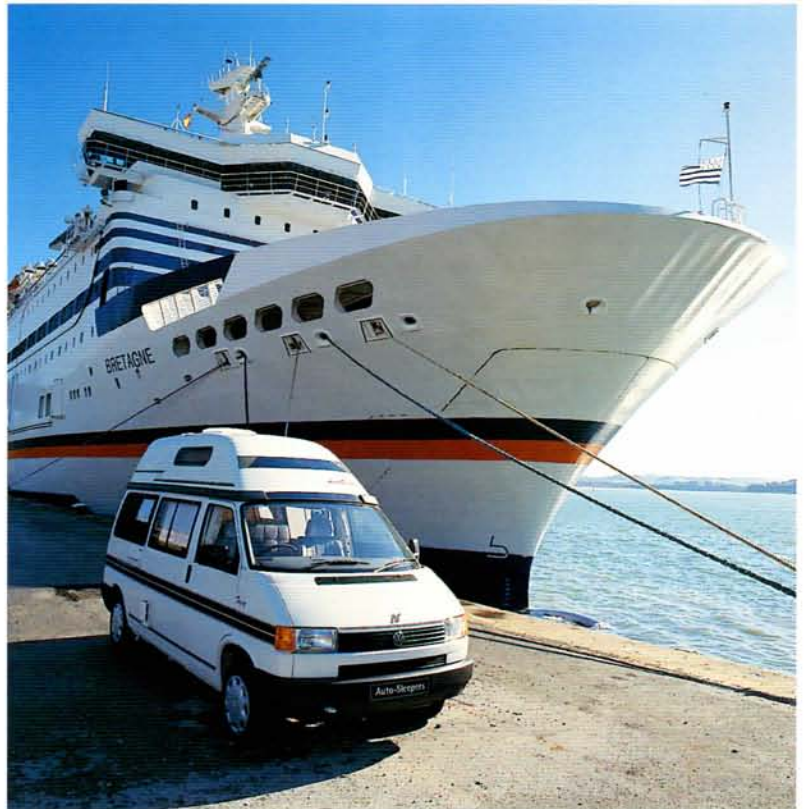
## Complete peace of mind

Volkswagen's "Van Centre Rescue" scheme provides the motor caravan owner 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 vehicle 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, 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.

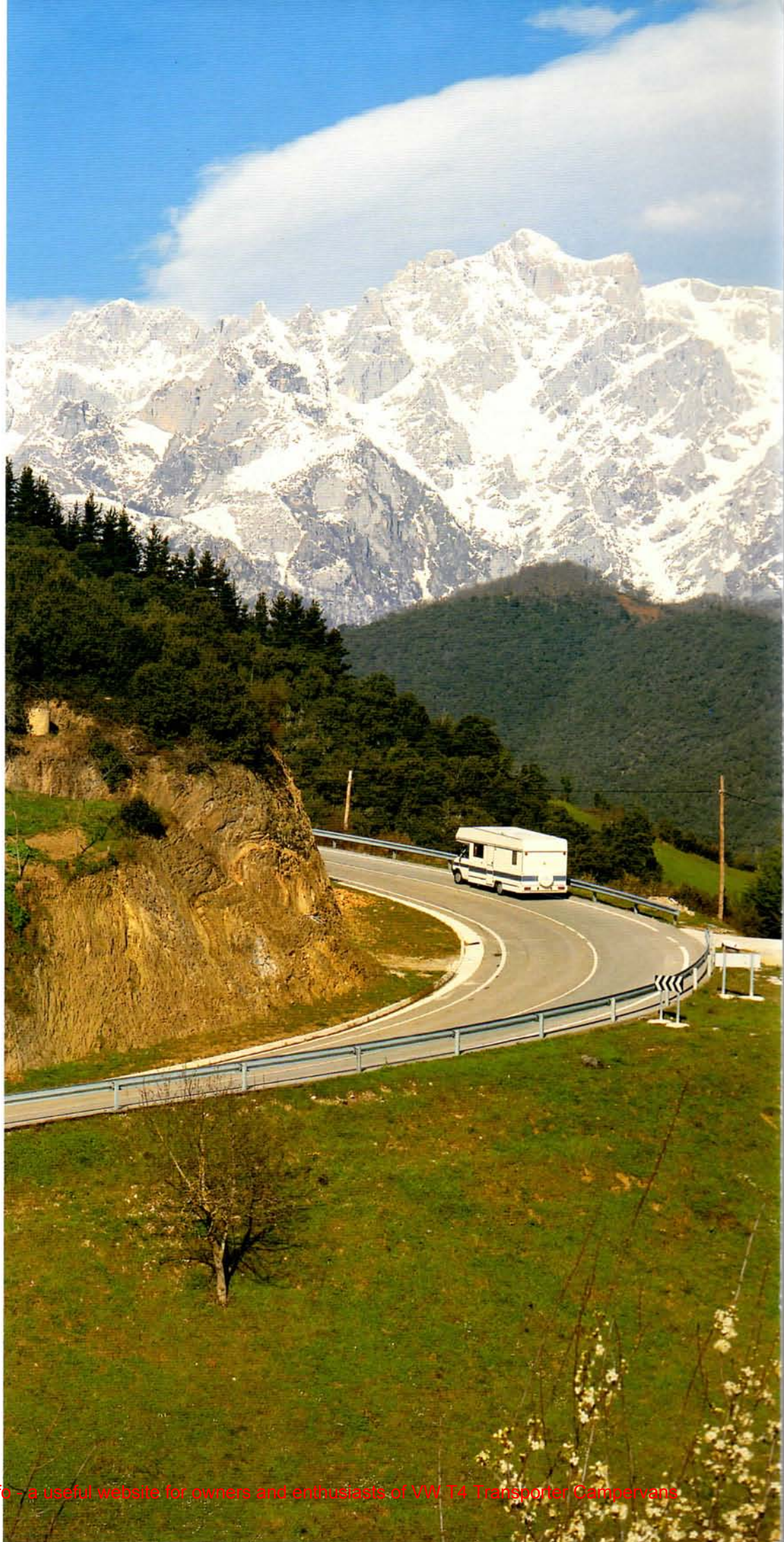
Van Centre Rescue is the only motoring service you'll need.

**If you are travelling abroad don't forget Van Centre Rescue Europe.**

- Help when you need it
- 24 hours a day - at a very competitive price
- An exclusive vehicle recovery and rescue service in Europe
- Personal and medical expenses cover

**This should be arranged before you travel.**

Contact Van Centre Rescue Europe on 0181 666 9225.



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