



Mobilvetta Kea Kompakt 55

Don't be fooled by the name, **Huw Hopkins** is impressed by how much space is inside this compact motorhome

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When you step aboard a leisure vehicle and it makes you audibly say, "Oh, wow," you know the manufacturer is on to something. The Mobilvetta Kea Kompakt has that feel towards the back of the Fiat-Ducato-based motorhome, in the washroom space and the versatile garage behind.

Elsewhere there is space for a TV in the top cupboard, a solar panel on the roof and a Truma control panel for the water and diesel heater.

A drop-down bed and a leisure space (that makes a second double bed) at the front, and a kitchen in the middle offering generous features, the Kompakt fits more than you'd think in a van that is just 6.3m long and 2.1m wide.

The lowdown

This versatile motorhome would better suit two – as long as you don't mind clambering up to the bed or converting your leisure area at night. At around £80,000, it's attractively designed, and you could take along children or friends for occasional trips to get the best value out of it.

1 Comfortable cab seats have armrests and the driver benefits from a high driving position along with a Pioneer infotainment system with a rear reversing camera. The windows have blinds for privacy and to keep the van dark for those who don't enjoy rising early. While on site, a large roof window can be raised for excellent ventilation. →



2 With cab seats rotated, there is probably enough seating for up to seven – at a squeeze – if you like to socialise, and the central table adjusts by height and can double in size. While driving, this area can accommodate two additional passengers once side seating is converted.



3 At night, a bed lowers from the ceiling. It's useful to keep all your bedding set up if you don't mind climbing up the ladder each night, plus there is just enough space to get out on either side if you need the facilities at night. Another double bed can be made up from the seating below.



4 The kitchen doesn't offer much in the way of food preparation space, but its features are generous, including a decent-size sink, plenty of space on the two-burner gas hob, large drawers and flat storage space behind the sink for utensils. You also have a 127-litre fridge and 30-litre compressor freezer drawer opposite, which sit above a Thetford combined oven and grill.



5 A door on an angled step up to the widening washroom reveals a large, wide, head-height mirror, with a shower cubicle screened off from a toilet and basin.



6 The "Oh, wow" element is behind the mirror - an excellent storage space with drawers, a hanging rail, shelving and cubby holes. I've lived in apartments with less well considered wardrobe space.



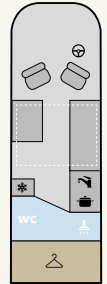
7 Other useful storage solutions, such as an external cupboard and a bin in the leisure door, make the most of the space. You also have a gas barbecue point, and access to an excellent garage space, suitable for bikes, plus a taller section for surfboards.



Key facts



Prices from **£79,995**
 Berths **Four**
 Travel seats **Four**
 Maximum Authorised Mass **3,500kg**
 User payload **612kg**



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