Auto-Sleeper

Broadway EB

A relatively compact low-profile model in which the bathroom takes top priority





FACT FILE BASE VEHICLE Peugeot Boxer PRICE FROM £58,700 BERTHS 2 TRAVEL SEATS 2 LENGTH 6.32m WIDTH 2.32m HEIGHT 2.97m GROSS WEIGHT 3,500kg PAYLOAD 519kg

HE Broadway EB makes no secret of its priorities. This is a motorhome designed for two people, but not just any couple. The EB's buyers will be motorhomers who prefer to use the ablutions facilities inside their 'van, rather than trek to the campsite block.

Of course, there are a number of other end washroom layouts around, some with fixed single beds and others, like this, without any form of permanent bed. Usually, though, these are layouts that command quite substantial bodywork. Here we have, instead, a 'van that's well under six-and-a-half metres overall.

That means the lounge is not as large as in

some rival models and, if you want to sleep in single beds, you'll have to employ the cab seats (where your feet will go). The resultant beds are said to be 1.93m by 0.70m each (manufacturer's figures), although the alternative transverse double (claimed dimensions 2.10m by 1.35m) – just slide the two side settees together and slot in the backrest cushions – is probably a better bet for most users.

All that said, the lounge is still open and spacious for two, with swivel cab seats (each with a single armrest) joining the pair of bench seats with armrests and scatter cushions. New upholstery options this season also increase the

choice and add a more contemporary feel to the interior. The floral Casa Mila and stripy Sagrada fabrics are new for 2018, with five colours of each on offer.

But, back to the bathroom, for, as we said at the outset, this is the EB's USP. Open the washroom door and it's the white, bowl-on-a-plinth washbasin that faces you, with an illuminated mirror above. Off to the right is the separate shower, while to the left is the wardrobe – making this into a proper changing room – and around the corner is the cassette loo. It's a very generous washroom for a vehicle of this size, and one that's backed up by a fairly large









WHO IS AUTO-SLEEPERS?

The small village of Willersey in the Cotswolds seems an unlikely home for a motorhome manufacturer, but Auto-Sleepers has been here for over 50 years.

All Auto-Sleepers' models have obtained EC Whole Vehicle Type Approval – and, indeed, the company now has a small network of dealers in Germany. Today, it offers UK buyers a range of seven Peugeot Boxer van conversions, a further nine Peugeot coachbuilts, plus six coachbuilts on the Mercedes Sprinter chassis.

Auto-Sleepers (along with sister company, Marquis) is now part of the French-owned Trigano Group.





fresh water tank (102 litres). The waste tank, however, is just 71 litres.

In between the lounge and the bathroom is a surprisingly spacious kitchen area. With the main unit occupying the space forward of the habitation door, on the nearside, this is where you'll find the full cooker (including mains hotplate, separate grill and oven and three gas rings) and a sink (with spare worktop to use the free-standing drainer) alongside and an extractor hood above.

Opposite, there's loads more worktop space, as well as a microwave set at a sensible height – and even a kitchen roll dispenser. The fridge

is also here – a reasonably modest undercounter model. Spec even extends to a set of melamine crockery.

But then Auto-Sleepers has always been known for comprehensively kitting out its motorhomes. New additions this year are a Truma iNet control box (to remotely operate your heating from your smartphone), a Trackstar Category 6 vehicle tracker (with one year's subscription included), and the completely redesigned rear panel with new Hella LED tail-lights.

Of course, as with every Auto-Sleeper, you'll need to invest in the £2,500 Premium Pack,

which adds alloy wheels, cab air-conditioning, cruise control, a Thule awning, reversing camera, sat-nay, leather steering wheel and 80W solar panel.

Further options include the Media Pack (with Maxview VuQube automatic satellite system) for £995 and the Winter Pack (including cab blinds and tank heaters) for £295. Of course, you can't have a Peugeot cab with an automatic gearbox, so Auto-Sleepers offers a closely related Fiat alternative for those seeking out the Comfort-Matic 'box – it's two grand more with a 130bhp engine (in place of the 160bhp Peugeot) or four grand for the 150bhp Fiat.