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1&2: General views forwards and backwards showcase the instant appeal of the cabinetwork and finishes

3&4: Centrallyplaced kitchen will be a pleasant place for 'cheffing'

5&6: Kea P68 boasts a permanent peninsula doublebed with individual night stands. The bed rises to give more room in the garage...which is equipped with a low threshold aluminium chequer-plate floor, tie-down cleats and a useful inspection 'tube' LED light on a curly lead.











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uoyed by the sail-away success of the K-Yacht range of 'A'-Class motorhomes, Marquis Motorhomes (sole importers of this Italian marque) have decided to bring in two additional ranges in line with their 'something-for-everyone' approach to stocking.

Kea P

The first – and we think the most significant in terms of sales – is a brand-spanking new range of Ducato-based low-profile coachbuilts called Kea P. No, >>

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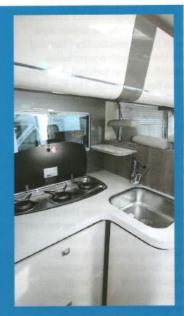
RHD + handed conversion, 150bhp engine, driver & passenger air-bags,100 % woodfree superstructure and body, cab air-con, cruise control, ESP inc Traction Control +, Hill Holder and Hill Descent Control, central locking including residential door, alloy wheels. Underfloor heating + Combi 6 boiler, multi-function exterior sockets. Solar panel, exterior-access belly lockers.

I'm not sure either about the origin of the moniker, but Kea is both a Greek island and a species of parrot found in the South Island of New Zealand, and as it is actually Kea P it is probably named after what was the world Bird of the Year in 2017.

An academic point really because what matters is the practicality and appeal of the motorhome itself. Remember the magnificent K Yacht 'A'-Class lovely we had as a live-in test just

K-Silver i

any members would love a Tekno Line K-Yacht but lack sufficient dosh to buy one! They are too new to find them in any number (or even at all) on the pre-owned market, so here is a more affordable alternative. At first glance Silver i looks just like a K-Yacht, and it is similar, but a more in-depth examination reveals that it has more restrained interior style signatures, the 130bhp engine and is not 'handed' for the UK, though they will be available in RHD. For many who perhaps spend much of the Winter on the Iberian Peninsula – or who just travel extensively abroad – having the residential door on our offside might be an advantage. What will deffo be an advantage for any purchaser is the substantial saving of around eight grand on an equivalent K-Yacht. Two layouts to begin with... K Silver i 56 with two



single-beds and the L-Silver i 59 with a peninsula double bed.

Both the launch Silver i models are available with a FOC chassis upgrade and/or automatic transmission at extra cost.

New and more affordable range of 'A'-Class motorhomes is called Silver i and is based on the 130bhp chassis-cowl. RHD as standard and automatic transmission available at extra cost



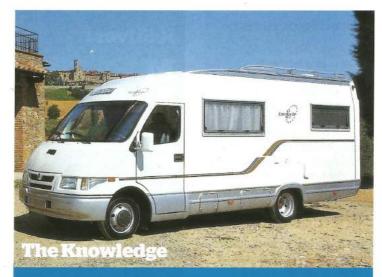
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over a year ago? (Motor Caravanner 2017.) It combined Italian style with British practicality ('handed' for the UK) with a superlative specification as befitted the Tekno Line flagship range. The Kea P is built and equipped to the same standard but in the format of a low-profile built on a chassis-cab. In common with many, the loss of a Luton on UK bound models does not mean the absence of a forward high-level transverse double-bed. All three launch models have one over the seating area in addition to the permanent rear bed(s). Kea P65 boasts twin longitudinal singles, P67 opts for a high-level transverse double above a full-height garage, and P68 (featured) boasts a longitudinal peninsula double-bed. Four travel seats are the norm.

The P67 stretches the tape to 6.99m whereas the P65 & P68 are both 7.38m. All can be specified on the licence-friendly 3,500kg chassis, with an upgrade to 3,650kg available FOC.

We'll let the photographs 'do the talking' but please read the standard spec info box to see just how much one gets for the RRP of £67,641 which is currently reduced to £64,995.



Mobilvetta Design is based in the Italian region of Tuscany. The company started in the 1960's as a design house and contemporary furniture manufacturer. They began building motorhomes in the early 1990's and by 1996 Don Amott was importing a range of their Yacht 'A'-Class models and it is from the super stylish early Euroyachts (pictured) that the current K-Yacht range gets it name. The company was always family-owned until the turn of the century when they became part

of the ill-fated SeA group. Recently they were purchased by the global Trigano Group, after which they received massive investment and a new purpose-built factory. Currently Mobilvetta motorhomes are imported by Marquis motorhomes and retailed through their twelve branch national network, www. marquisleisure.co.uk Freephone: 0800 026 77 77

