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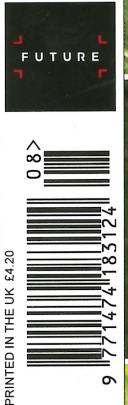
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Mobilvetta K-Silver i59

This stylish A-class from Mobilvetta offers striking Italian design and a feeling of quality inside and out, all at a very reasonable price, says **Sarah Wakely**

Italian brand Mobilvetta has always produced really great-looking motorhomes, and its K-Silver A-class models are no exception; they're also really well priced, yet still retain a quality feel both inside and out.

British buyers can this year choose from two models via Marquis Leisure, the country's biggest dealer network – these are the twin-single-bed i56 and the model tested here, the island-bed i59.

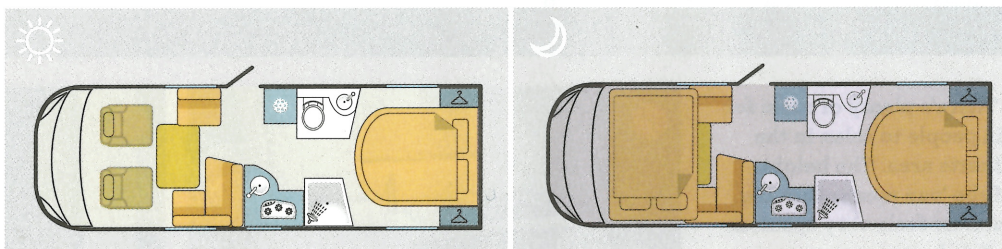
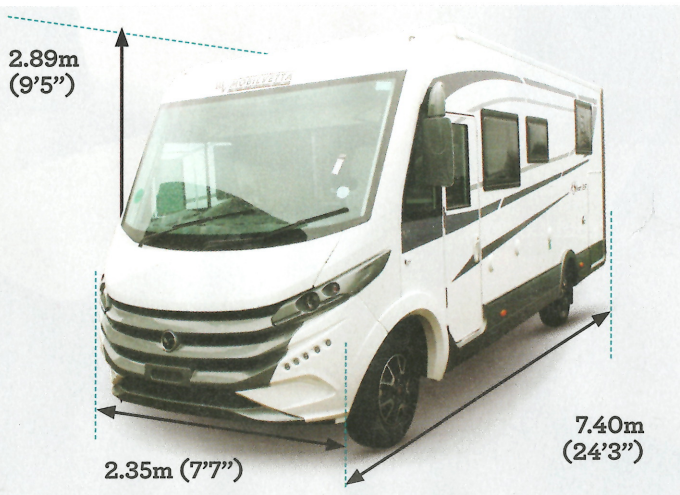
The i59 is striking-looking; from that wide grille to the swooping graphics along the side, this is a motorhome that will make you really stand out on site.

Sixteen-inch alloy wheels add to the classy look, while the garage area will make light work of transporting larger items of kit. You'll need to keep an eye on the payload, though – at 340kg, it could quickly be used up if you're travelling four-up.

You can, however, opt for the free-of-charge MTPLM upgrade to 3650kg, to raise the payload correspondingly.

The i59 is based on the Ducato X290 chassis, and the cab is typically Fiat. It looks smart and features cupholders and a tablet holder in the centre console. The sole cab door on our test model was situated on the passenger/nearside. The

- ➔ **Price** From £64,995 OTR
- ➔ **Sleeps** 4 ➔ **Belts** 4
- ➔ **Base vehicle**
Fiat Ducato X290
- ➔ **Engine** 2.3-litre 130bhp
Multijet Euro 6
- ➔ **Length/width/height**
7.40/2.35/2.89m
(24'3"/7'7"/9'5")
- ➔ **MTPLM** 3500kg
(3650kg free upgrade)
- ➔ **Payload** 340kg
- ➔ **Water** (fresh/waste)
120/110 litres
- ➔ **Leisure battery** 110Ah
- ➔ **Gas** 2 x 6kg



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model is right-hand drive, however, with a six-speed manual gearbox. Concertina windscreen blinds pull across from either side.

Behind the cab is the lounge, which features attractive, light-coloured fabrics – they look and feel classy. The lounge can seat five in comfort, and the central table can be moved around to reach them all.

The drop-down bed above does feel a little close to the top of the cab seats, which

can be swivelled – if you're tall and sitting here, you'll need to take care when you stand up.

The nearside kitchen isn't huge, but the area has been well designed to make the most of the space available.

The hob's three burners are in a line, with a sizeable sink that has a clever cover. This can triple up as work surface, chopping board or shelf, by slotting into the clips on the wall behind the dinette seat.

There's no oven fitted, but that does give you plenty of storage space beneath the work surface. Across the other side of the corridor is a 150-litre fridge with a separate freezer compartment, a microwave above this, and space and a bracket for a TV further above still.

The washroom is divided across the corridor and the shower cubicle is on the nearside, with the toilet and washbasin on the offside.



Sixteen-inch alloy wheels are fitted here as standard



The Ducato cab looks and feels pleasingly car-like



A host of drawers in the kitchen offer lots of storage



Mid-van doors can be pulled across to close off the bedroom

WHAT MOTORHOME? Island-bed A-class



1 The cab seats swivel to create a good-sized and comfortable lounge, likely to appeal to British buyers

2 The kitchen isn't huge, but its L-shape means that everything is within easy reach. The rectangular sink is large and deep

3 Island bed is a generous size and the bedroom is well lit



The entire washroom can be closed off using the doors fore and aft, to allow you space to dress.

The cubicle is a good size, although it only has one drain hole. If closed off individually, the toilet room doesn't allow for much kneeroom, but the toilet itself can be swivelled.

The smart, stainless-steel washbasin has a single mixer

tap, and there a toilet-roll holder that's been cleverly designed to sit upwards, to save space. There's a small window in this side of the washroom, and it's opaque.

This is a four-berth, and there are two sleeping areas. The main one is the island bed at the back, which has mood lighting around the headboard. There's excellent storage in the bedroom,

including a cubbyhole on either side, and some smartly shaped cupboards.

The bed can be lifted to allow access to further storage space beneath.

Up front, the roof bed drops down over the lounge; access is by ladder, but the bed isn't high up. There's plenty of headroom when you're in bed, and it's a nice, bright space to relax.

PRACTICAL MOTORHOME SAYS...

A-classes that cost less than £70,000 still aren't very common, so it's great to see that this one exudes a quality that belies its cost. There are a few aspects that give it away as being on the cheaper end of the scale – such as roller rather than concertina blinds – but this is an impressive 'van for the price.



Floor cubbyholes are perfect for hiding valuables from view



Comfortable double bed drops down manually over the lounge



The clever upright toilet-roll holder helps save space. There's a toilet brush, too



This neat, half-height wardrobe is just one of many storage options throughout the 'van