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## Mobilvetta K Silver I 56

Mobilvetta's K Silver I range is cheaper than its Tekno Line K-Yacht line-up, but still offers a luxurious way to motorcaravan in comfort, says **Peter Baber**

**M**obilvetta's Tekno Line has proved a great success for Marquis Leisure. It's not hard to see why, because they offer A-class luxury at a price that's competitive.

But is it possible to find a Mobilvetta that's cheaper and might appeal to the younger customer? That seems to be the idea behind the K Silver I range.

The 56 – virtually the same length (7.4m) as the Tekno Line K-Yacht 85 – shares its layout of central washroom and fixed single beds at the rear, but is £8000 cheaper.

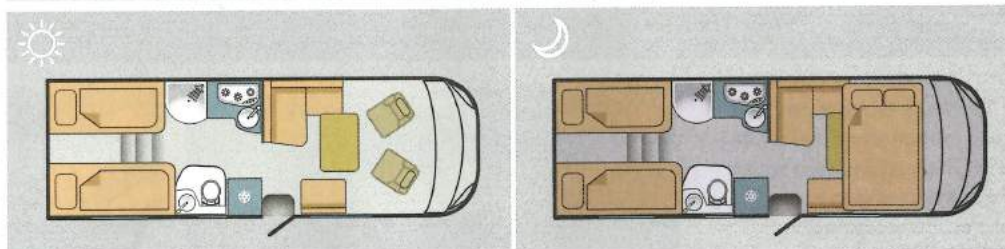
The Silver I comes with a 130bhp 2.3-litre Fiat Ducato engine, and does without sat nav fitted as standard, but has cab air-con, a passenger airbag and cruise control.

Whereas the K-Yacht's interior was all high-gloss varnished wood and chrome, the Silver I's is pared down, with Comfort Grey leather and fabric upholstery, grey curtains and woodwork, and pearl lockers.

The seating pattern is the usual L-shaped front dinette that converts into forward-facing travel seats with a side sofa, but on the K Silver I you don't get the partition by the nearside travel seat.

The only mains sockets in the lounge are by the TV bracket above the 150-litre three-way fridge opposite

- **Price** From £64,995
- **Sleeps** 4 ● **Belts** 4
- **Base vehicle** Fiat Ducato ● **Engine** 2.3-litre turbodiesel, 130bhp, Euro 6
- **Length/width/height** 7.4/2.35/2.89m (24'3"/7'9"/9'6")
- **MTPLM** 3500kg
- **Payload** 340kg
- **Water** (fresh/waste) 120/110 litres
- **Leisure battery** 100Ah
- **Gas** 2 x 6kg



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the kitchen. But at least whoever sits here en route will have more leg room.

An LED panel under the drop-down bed at the front brightens up the lounge. There is no spotlight here, just a striplight.

But this cosy lounge should keep four people comfortable. Although you don't get the underfloor heating of the K-Yacht, the Truma Combi 4 heater here is perfectly adequate, and the vents are well-placed.

The kitchen also shows signs of paring down. The sink isn't quite as big, but the K Silver I has retained the cover that fits into a slot above the sink to become a food preparation shelf. There is, however, only a three-burner hob, and only one mains socket. There's no extractor fan, and only a striplight over the worktop.

The cupboard here is huge. There is also a small wooden spice shelf. Overhead lockers stretch across part of the

lounge, but the handle-free catches take getting used to.

There is a step up to the washroom, which straddles the width of the motorhome, but only has one partition door. There is a space-saving tambour door here, however.

The small basin is well-lit by an opaque window, while there's a mirrored cupboard with a mains socket inside.

The shower only has one drainage hole. But it has six LEDs around the outside, and a proper door handle.



Fiat Ducato cab has cruise control and air conditioning



There's plenty of storage space, but watch your payload



Although the kitchen is compact, it's well equipped



Washroom has a small handbasin and a large mirrored cupboard





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**1** The Silver I's interior has Comfort Grey leather and fabric upholstery, with grey curtains and woodwork

**2** The kitchen sink is not huge, but does have a cover that fits above it to become a handy food preparation shelf

**3** Two singles in the rear can be turned into a larger double with a hard-backed cushion



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In the rear bedroom, the two singles are of average size; they can be turned into a larger double with the addition of a hard-backed cushion. The beds are quite high, so headroom between them and the lockers is a little restricted. You do, however, get two reading spotlights, a mains sockets and a second set of sockets for a TV.

The drop-down double over the cab lowers easily once you've folded the cab seats – a straightforward process. There are reading lights and a small rooflight overhead.

Storage is impressive: two massive drawers slide out from under the offside bed, while there is a cubbyhole in one of the steps. Under the nearside bed is a wardrobe accessed by lifting the bed

or via a door on the side. There are also six overhead lockers around the rear bed, with two shelves between them, and that still leaves space for that second TV.

The garage is one other area where you can sense a little cost-cutting. Unlike the K-Yacht, it does not come with storage baskets. But it is lit and heated, and there is plenty of room for a bike.

**PRACTICAL MOTORHOME SAYS...**

The K Silver I range is a useful addition for Mobilvetta, bringing the brand closer to the likes of Itineo and Roller Team. The 56 shows a few signs of cost-cutting, but not in a way that would leave you resenting the fact that you hadn't spent £8000 more. You'd just need to get used to the slightly minimalist décor inside.



Shower has one drain hole, but does have six LEDs to light the area



Storage below the rear beds includes drawer space and a large wardrobe



A useful cubbyhole in the floor for hiding valuables



Even with bed and ladder down, it's still roomy inside