

Auto-Sleeper Fairford

A high-top van conversion with not one but two lounges



FACT FILE

BASE VEHICLE Peugeot Boxer

PRICE FROM £56,200

BERTHS 4

BELTED SEATS 4

LENGTH 6.36m

WIDTH 2.26m

HEIGHT 2.64m

GROSS WEIGHT 3,500kg

PAYLOAD 424kg

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BUILT on the 6.36m extra-long wheelbase Peugeot Boxer, the Fairford is able to offer a feature that's relatively rare in a van conversion: both fore and aft lounges. That said, it has competitors from the likes of Auto-Trail, Devon, Swift and WildAx. What is really unusual is the use of a full pullman dinette behind the cab, so the front chairs (especially the driver's) are more separated from the living area.

The Fairford comes with alloy wheels as part of the £2,500 Premium Pack, which also includes cab air-conditioning, cruise control, a Thule awning, reversing camera, DAB radio with integrated sat-nav, 80W solar panel and

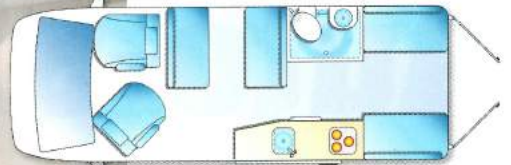
Al-Ko Air Top suspension. You'll not see a Fairford without it, and the £995 Media Pack and £295 Winter Pack are likely to feature too, taking the total to £59,990.

In this form, the Fairford has almost every mod' con' you'd expect. The only additional feature that some will desire – an automatic gearbox – isn't available on Peugeot Boxers, so if you need two-pedal motoring, you'll be switched to the largely similar Fiat Ducato and have £2,000 or £4,000 added to the price, depending on whether you choose a 130bhp or 150bhp power output.



Many Sevel (Fiat Ducato/Peugeot Boxer/Citroën Relay) van conversions come with a 130bhp engine. However, Auto-Sleepers has gone one better, as the Fairford has Peugeot's 160bhp 2-litre Euro 6 motor as standard, which makes for gutsy performance. It also has





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As the largest manufacturer of van conversions in the UK (as well as building a range of coachbuilts), Auto-Sleepers has retail outlets throughout England, Wales and Scotland, including both independent dealers and the 12 branches of sister company, Marquis Leisure. The extensive Auto-Sleeper dealer network is shown in full at auto-sleepers.com/find-dealer/



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.



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All Auto-Sleepers' models have obtained European 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 five coachbuilts on the Mercedes Sprinter chassis.

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



athermic glass side windows, rather than the usual double-glazed units. These are quite heavily tinted and come with opening (sliding) sections in the front lounge (in the back you'll need to open rooflight or barn doors).

For relaxing, the Fairford's rear lounge is the obvious choice, with the four-feet long settees (with armrests) providing ample space for two. Here there is a TV point, plus extra audio speakers, USB, 12V and mains sockets, ceiling and reading lights, and heating outlets.

The galley is equally well equipped – the worktop is huge for a van conversion, with the

sink towards one end and the three-gas burner hob abutting the rear lounge. The sink has a removable plastic drainer and the Thetford Triplex cooker features a combined oven/grill beneath the hob, and an extractor fan above. Plus, there's a microwave mounted in one of the high-level lockers. Kitchen storage includes crockery racking and even dedicated wine bottles/glasses holders but the fridge has a modest 81-litre capacity. Unusually, the very shallow wardrobe is concealed under the forward end of the galley, but this lack of high furniture along the nearside greatly increases

the feeling of space inside the vehicle.

Opposite, and behind a tambour door, is the Fairford's washroom. With a Thetford swivel toilet, the floor doubles as a shower tray as this is an all-in-one bathroom. The washbasin slides along a rail, but tap and showerhead are one and the same. There's no storage in here, (just a rail to hang towels), because the tambour door takes up most of the available wall space.

With four travel seats and two lounges making into two double beds, versatility is the name of the game here. Just be sure there's enough storage if you'll regularly travel four up.