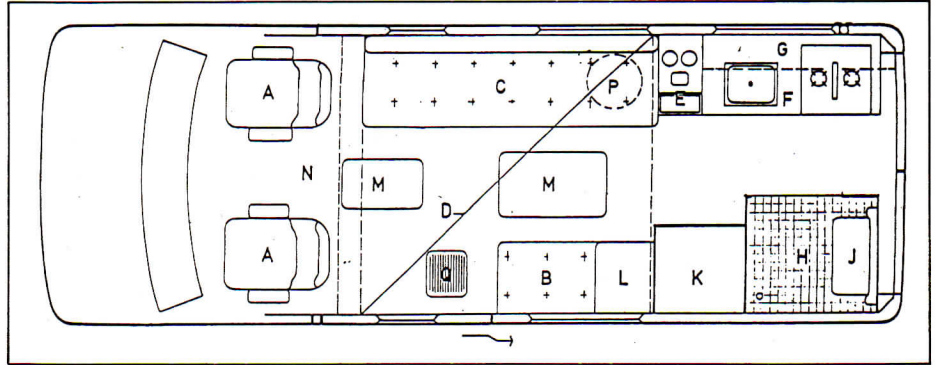


Motorcaravanabout



Arca's spacious toilet compartment has few rivals today.



- A RECLINING SWIVEL SEAT
- B PASSENGER SEAT
- C DITTO / BED
- D FOLD AWAY DOUBLE BED OVER
- E MAGAZINE RACK
- F KITCHEN UNIT INCORPORATING SINK COOKER + FRIDGE WITH GAS BOTTLE + WATER STORAGE TANK UNDER
- G OVERHEAD KITCHEN LOCKER INCORPORATING EXTRACTOR HOOD + LIGHT
- H TOILET / SHOWER
- J WASHBASIN / VANITY UNIT
- K WARDROBE
- L COCKTAIL CABINET
- M REMOVABLE SWIVEL TABLE
- N STORAGE LOCKER OVER CAB
- P WATER HEATER
- Q UNDERFLOOR WARM AIR UNIT

A new Caribbean

'Caribbean' is a name that will be known to readers of MMM a couple of years back. A few models bearing the name came from Caribbean Motorhomes in Yorkshire.

Now the name passes to long-established van converters, Cavalier Coachmen of Felixstowe, to describe a top of the range model based upon the Fiat Daily high top van with petrol engine and 5-speed gearbox.

On a van which costs in excess of £8000 without taxes and before anything is done to it, Cavalier could only go for the highest possible specification allied to their consistently high standard of workmanship. It's not surprising that the end product bears a price tag of £17 245 when all taxes have been paid.

The layout provides four or five berths, with a fold-out top bed and the full equipment includes cab captains' chairs, full kitchen with h and c, large toilet/shower room, 12 volt/mains electric system, space heating and thorough insulation.

Outside there is a roof rack, ladder and spare wheel carrier and a special silver-blue on white paint finish. It's a motorhome that will appeal to buyers who demand all home comforts without the bulk of the conventional coachbuilt.



Westfalia VW with distinctive roof.

Westfalia

After an absence of many years, the Westfalia VW conversion is back in Britain. It was previously tagged 'Continental' but comes from the same factory in Germany, and is notable for its distinctive rear-hinged (and rather small) rising roof.

With the quality of British VW conversions now extremely high, the Westfalia, once the ultimate, has serious rivals. It will appeal to those who demand something a little different. The one on show at D & S certainly was, with its jazzy green upholstery. I couldn't decide whether it was setting the trend for tomorrow or harking back to the Odeon age of the 'thirties. JH.



Westfalia interior is spacious and offers lots of storage space.