

# Coachbuilts over £54,000



**Winner**

## Marquis Worcester LP



Design judge and MMM deputy editor **Rachel Stothert** explains why the Worcester was voted top of the pops

The Marquis Worcester has an outstanding heritage. Built exclusively by Auto-Sleepers for its sister company Marquis, it has true star quality – that's the three-pointed Mercedes star.

The Sprinter base makes this coachbuilt a dream to drive, especially with the optional automatic gearbox fitted. Once you've driven a Mercedes-based motorhome with fully automatic transmission, you'll never want to drive anything else. Even with the auto option, the standard 163bhp Euro V engine is both capable and powerful, propelling the Worcester with ease.

The soft suspension means your ride is cosseted from start to finish and, along with that exceptional Auto-Sleepers build quality, puts paid to annoying rattles when driving.

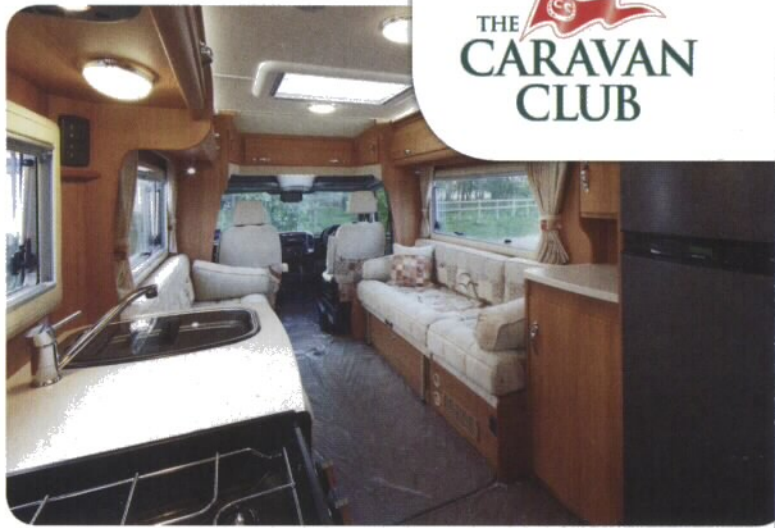
It's not just about the practicalities, as the Mercedes is also a great-looking base vehicle, its all-white cab marrying extremely well with the curvaceous coachbuilt body.

Spacious, open-plan living is the order of the day inside. Step through the door and you'll discover a large front lounge that incorporates the two cab seats, once swivelled.

This converts easily into a massive double bed or twin singles. Handily, when the double bed is made up, a small part of the lounge seating remains, providing early risers with somewhere to sit as their partners continue to sleep.

The central portion of the motorhome is taken up by a good kitchen, with cooker and sink on the nearside and large fridge and separate freezer (that has an automatic energy selection feature, meaning it is using the most appropriate power source available) on the offside. There is also a small dresser next to the fridge offering extra storage and worktop space.

Finally, there's the full-width rear washroom that's the real star of the show. This luxurious space contains a wardrobe and drawers, making it functional as a dressing room, too. The toilet is located on the left, opposite the wardrobe, and is tucked away so that it's not visible even with the door open. The modern table-top sink is directly ahead, on the



**“Spacious, open plan living is the order of the day on the inside”**

rear wall, and has loads of space for resting your toiletries, as well as storage below.

Above this is a good-sized mirror with blue LED lights set within it, which you either love or hate – you can always keep them switched off.

To the right then is the fully-enclosed shower cubicle which is not only spacious but also offers storage racks for your shampoo etc, making it more than capable of dealing with daily shower needs.

Unusually for a low-profile motorhome, there is oodles of storage in the sleek overcab moulding. This complements the more-than-ample storage throughout the rest of the ‘van.

Recessed awning, microwave, wine glasses, crockery and slide-out towel rail are just some of the highlights of a very long features list. It’s a great, spacious motorhome for a couple looking for a luxurious layout with a good-sized lounge and washroom/dressing room.

**FACTFILE**

**Price:** £64,995  
**Base vehicle:** Mercedes Sprinter  
**2.2-litre 163bhp**  
**Berths:** 2  
**Length:** 7.29m  
**Width:** 2.18m  
**Height:** 2.86m  
**MTPLM:** 3880kg  
**Payload:** 654kg

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**Second**

Auto-Sleeper Executive



**FACTFILE**

**Price:** £57,995  
**Base vehicle:** Peugeot Boxer 2.2-litre 130bhp  
**Berths:** 2  
**Length:** 6.06m  
**Width:** 2.18m  
**Height:** 2.82m  
**MTPLM:** 3500kg  
**Payload:** 629kg

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To mark the 50th anniversary of Auto-Sleepers, the Cotswold company decided to revive one of their most popular coachbuilts. The Executive is a bang-up-to-date monocoque model, now based on the latest Peugeot Boxer chassis.

The classic monocoque shape has been smoothed and tweaked, resulting in a motorhome that has a timeless appeal. Step aboard through that lovely, solid entrance door and the classic front lounge layout with a rear kitchen and washroom looks warm and inviting. Innovative it may not be, but you really are buying a modern slice of history.

A real beauty of a motorhome that, like other Auto-Sleeper models, will be a great buy for many years to come.

Elddis Aspire 240

**Third**



**FACTFILE**

**Price:** £57,230  
**Base vehicle:** Peugeot Boxer 2.2-litre 130bhp  
**Berths:** 2  
**Length:** 7.37m  
**Width:** 2.30m  
**Height:** 2.81m  
**MTPLM:** 3500kg  
**Payload:** 260kg

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Newly-launched Aspire is a great leap forward for Consett-based Elddis. This is the more luxurious big brother to the extremely well-priced Autoquest range, but that's not to say it's expensive. Even at this price, it offers staggering value for money with many standard features found in much more expensive motorhomes. Take the Alde central heating system for one, which allows for a heated towel rail in the washroom. Or the extractor in the kitchen and the increased insulation. There are just so many features to list.

However, this rear lounge motorhome will really appeal to couple looking for spacious and comfortable accommodation. And the simple, solid way the seats make into the bed and offer access to the storage below is worth a look if nothing else.

