

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



VW TRANSPORTER<sup>®</sup>

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Vehicle Type: ..... Volkswagen Transporter or Kombi

### Dimensions:

|           |   |         |                |
|-----------|---|---------|----------------|
| Exterior: | Overall length .....                    | 4569 mm | (179.9 inches) |
|           | Overall width (excluding mirrors) ..... | 1844 mm | (72.6 inches)  |
|           | Overall height roof closed .....        | 2108 mm | (83 inches)    |
| Interior: | Height roof raised .....                | 2045 mm | (80.5 inches)  |

Paintwork ..... Standard Volkswagen colour, with contrasting coach-line

Cooker ..... 2 burner hot plate with grill

Refrigerator ..... 12 volt/gas

Interior lighting ..... Two fluorescent lights and two courtesy lights

Water tank ..... 8 gallon

Gas ..... 2-6 lbs 907 Camping Gaz cylinders

### **Seating Arrangements**

Both the cab seats can be adjusted to provide a comfortable driving position by releasing the catch to the side of the seat which controls the fore and aft movement. The position of the backrest can be adjusted by means of the lever fitted to the side of the seat.

Additional seating can be obtained in the rear of the vehicle by removing the cushion fitted to the seat adjacent to the side sliding door and thereafter releasing the bolt which will enable the base of the seat to fold away.

### **Raising and lowering the elevating roof**

To raise the roof, unfasten the toggle catch on the front centre roof bulkhead and then unlock the rear catch mechanism by pulling it down into a vertical position.

The roof canopy can then be raised by holding the handle which is positioned to the rear of the roof and pushing it upwards into the raised position. Then raise the two side panels and engage the catches at each end into the slots provided. Either or both side panels may be fully closed or locked in the partly open position. When the roof is raised, the rear locking bar handle should be in the horizontal position, alongside the roof centre rail.

To lower the roof, the process should be reversed and the roof, when lowered, fastened by the toggle catch. The rear handle should then be pulled downwards and the locking mechanism moved into the horizontal position.

When lowering the roof, the beds should be stored one above the other in a central position.

The vehicle should only be driven with the roof lowered and securely locked.

### **Table**

The table, when not in use, is housed behind the driving seat. The central leg for the table should be inserted in the floor base plate after which the table may be lifted into position.

### **Cooker/grill unit**

Apart from general cleaning and erecting the splash plates before use, no specific maintenance is required.

It is, of course, essential that the grill and burner are turned off and allowed to cool before closing the lid or front flap of the unit.

Although the work-tops are heat resistant, it is not advisable to place utensils straight from the stove on to the surface.

**ON NO ACCOUNT SHOULD THE COOKER BE USED TO HEAT THE INTERIOR OF THE VEHICLE.**

### **Refrigerator**

The refrigerator is wired through the ignition and is provided with an underfloor air vent, the used gases being ducted to an external flue. When the main tap for the refrigerator has been turned on, it may then be started by means of the Piezo ignition system and in accordance with the details given in the manufacturer's instructions which will be found in the appliance.

The fuse for the refrigerator is situated in the control panel immediately above the sink.

In the interest of safety the refrigerator should only be used electrically when the vehicle is in motion. Before leaving the refrigerator for any duration, it is necessary to clean and dry it thoroughly.

### **Gas storage**

Provision is made for the storage of 2 - 907 Camping Gaz cylinders in the specially vented compartment which is situated under the offside dinette seat.

It is essential that the gas cylinder regulator is set at 11" water gauge and that the flexible hose which is fitted in the gas compartment is always kept in good condition.

In the interests of safety, it is recommended that the gas system is fully checked each year.

No gas appliance should be used when the vehicle is in motion.

**THE GAS APPLIANCES SHOULD ONLY BE USED WHEN ADEQUATE VENTILATION IS PROVIDED.**

### **Sink unit and electric water pump**

When the sink lid has been opened, the faucet is designed to fold up.

The water system may then be operated by turning on the over-riding switch fitted in the electrical control panel and thereafter controlling the flow of water and operation of the pump by means of the tap which is fitted to the faucet.

### **Roof bed**

The roof bed can be formed by sliding the top section forward so that it drops down in line with the rear section.

### **Cab transverse roof bunk**

Further sleeping accommodation can be provided in the driving compartment by means of the optional cab bunk. This bunk, which is normally stored below the rear dinette seat, is so designed that the two-part poles can be slid together and then fitted into position in the special plates which are situated on the windscreen and cab door pillars.

### **Curtains**

Curtains are provided for all windows.

It is recommended that the curtains are dry-cleaned.

### **Load carrying area**

When bulky items need to be carried, additional space can be obtained by removing the parcel shelf and all the cushions in the rear of the vehicle, and sliding the rear seat mechanism forward so that it lies flat. This will provide a large carpeted load-carrying area.

### **Fuse box for caravan appliances**

This fuse box is situated in the panel immediately above the refrigerator and is wired as follows:

- No. 1. Interior caravan lights.
- No. 2. Water pump.
- No. 3. 12 volt plug and water level gauge.
- No. 4. Refrigerator.

### **Fire Extinguishers**

Whereas a fire extinguisher is not fitted as standard, it is recommended one is always kept in the vehicle. Experience has shown that the polyvalent powder type is the best.

### **Fire precautions**

- 1) Children should not be left alone in the vehicle.
- 2) Make sure that clear access is left to all doors.
- 3) Keep combustible materials clear of heating and cooking appliances.
- 4) When on camp sites make yourself aware of the fire precautions and facilities.

### **In the case of fire**

- 1) Switch off the engine.
- 2) Remove everyone from the vehicle.
- 3) Turn off all fuel and electrical equipment.
- 4) Raise the alarm — call the Fire Brigade.
- 5) Attack the fire.

## **VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**

### **General Vehicle maintenance**

Please refer to the chassis manufacturer's handbook.

### **Battery**

Petrol engined vehicles — the battery is fitted behind the passenger seat in the driving compartment.

Diesel engined vehicles — the battery is fitted adjacent to the engine.

Motor caravanning places higher demands on the battery than would be normal on a private car and, in order to ensure reliable service, it is therefore essential that it is kept in good condition.

### **Care of furniture units**

Apart from occasionally cleaning with a household wax polish, the furniture units require no further attention.

### **Rattles**

Great care has been taken in the design and manufacture of your Auto-Sleeper to provide a vehicle that is totally free from body rattles. Items of furniture are braced together to strengthen the body structure of the vehicle. Extensive sound insulation is fitted.

## **CONCLUSION**

The manufacturers take pride in the attention to detail, design, and in the quality of manufacture of Auto-Sleeper motor caravans. This manual has been prepared to assist you to gain full benefit from your Auto-Sleeper. However, as time passes, details referred to herein may be changed by improvements of design or the introduction of alternative materials. Enquiries concerning changes in the specification of the conversion or its fitments will be promptly answered by the manufacturers: —

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