

Motorhome Buyers Guide

General Advice

- First of all set yourself a Budget. Work out what you can afford and stick to this figure. It is easy to be tempted by a more expensive new motorhomes which may be out of your price range, so be realistic.

Choosing the Right Vehicle

- You need to identify what your motorhome will be used for. Will it be used as a daily vehicle as well as for holidays, or will it be used just for leisure?
- How many people does it need to accommodate? Will you need additional seat belts? What kind of storage space will you need?
- Also what facilities will you require in the motorhome? Such as flushing toilet, shower, cooker etc. It really depends on what sort of camp sites you will be staying on, and what facilities are included. If you plan to just camp in a farmer's field you will need things such as a flushing toilet and a shower if they are not available on site.

Base Vehicles

- There are many different options to choose from when choosing a base vehicle.
- Most common nowadays are turbo diesel engine vehicles, they do not give better MPG than a standard diesel but they do have a lot more torque at low revs and much better performance compared with a standard diesel.
- Petrol motorhomes are still popular nowadays and you shouldn't rule them out as they are quieter and offer good performance, plus they are cheaper to buy.
- Most second hand motorhomes will have power steering, but it always worth checking

Points to check when viewing

- Check the registration document carefully. Look at the model /type and taxation class. If it weighs more than 3500kg and is shown as "Private HGV" some people may not be able to drive it, for example over 70's, people without a 'C1' driving License and people who suffer from diabetes.

Remember, if you are unsure; take time to think about it before making a purchase.