

New from Holdsworth

Richard Holdsworth Conversions have produced two new coachbuilt models to add to their extensive range. The Tropicana is based on the Talbot/Fiat Ducato chassis, but of more interest to our readers will be their Valentine, based on the short wheelbase T4.

Expected to sell in the region of £21,000, the Valentine's layout is based on the company's Vision van conversion, with a front dinette and rear kitchen, wardrobe and shower. It is aimed squarely at motor caravanners seeking more space and facilities than that provided by the T4 Volkswagen van conversions while still retaining the vehicle's ease of driving and good fuel consumption.

Subtle improvements have also been made to the company's existing Villa and Vision conversions. A new, smarter interior trim is used throughout and the Villa has an enlarged

roof aperture to increase interior space. The Vision now employs, as standard, a bench seat on the offside with an optional face-forwards seat. This provides much needed space for a portable toilet and makes for easier bed making.

Safety is the key-word throughout the automotive industry at the moment and Holdsworth are no exception. The Villa and Vision conversions are still the only Volkswagen UK recognised conversions with rear seats and lap belts that have been crash tested. An additional feature on all Holdsworth vans is Firetrace, an automatic fire extinguisher system which reacts to excessive heat to release Halon extinguishant into the immediate area.

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