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February's Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Show saw a slew of new and refreshed models debut across every class of motorcaravan, says **Peter Baber**

VAN CONVERSIONS AUTO CAMPERS MRV ON VW T6

Roy Wood Transits, the company behind Auto Campers, has been a Ford fan for many years now – the clue, as they say, is in the name. But this was the first chance to see a version of the Auto Campers mRv 'van on a Volkswagen T6 with an auto gearbox.

Is this a sign that the company is diversifying? Not necessarily. Founder Steve Wood says the new 'van has been produced partly in response for customers who covet the VW badge.

And because the Transporter is narrower at the top than the Ford Transit Custom (Auto Campers' more usual vehicle of choice), the new 'van is currently only being featured with a pop-up roof. A high-top with its associated overhead lockers, Steve says, would not leave enough headroom.

But using a VW base does have its advantages: with a slightly lower suspension, the new 'van also managed to have an overall height that's just under two metres. That means it should be able to get under most multi-storey car park height barriers.

The VW 'van is now also available on Auto Campers' Leisure Van, which comes with a double sliding seat in the back and more permanent furniture.

Meanwhile the Day Van, the third model the Berkshire company produces, now comes with a fully

The new mRv comes with a pop-up roof and a bonded floor



bonded floor and single seats that are easier to handle and move around.

As an alternative, the company is offering a fully modular kitchen it can fit into its own 'vans and to customer's conversions. This comes with a diesel-fuelled Wallas hob, so if you are going for the short trip the Day Van is designed for, you don't need to worry about taking a gas bottle with you.

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