

The pine look from Essex

Pine faced wood cabinets with hessian inserts get away from the 'printed chipboard' look of some motorcaravans but the outstanding feature of the new Danbury Volkswagen is undoubtedly the roof, raised electrically by flipping a switch. (It's not the first – Airborne and Nomad did it long before Danbury came on to the scene in 1967 – but it's unique in Britain, 1980.)

This is a model with an international flavour: Italian top-opening three-way frig, American upholstery, Taiwan wood and Japanese plastics, contained in a German vehicle and all put together by a British team.

Prices for the four berth version (two doubles: one up, one down) are £7901 for the 1600cc VW, £8512 for the twotone 2 litre.

Footnote: Must pull Danbury up on their latest press release, which states: "Danbury conversions were the first to introduce all forward facing seats into motor caravans." Sorry, Danbury. Dormobile (then Martin Walter) beat you to it by about eight years. Ed.