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Choice ...

There are so many features in the two Volkswagen Richard Holdsworth motor caravans that your only problem could be which model to choose.

If your preference is for the conventional layout with one piece kitchen unit down the off-side of the vehicle – then that's the Villa.

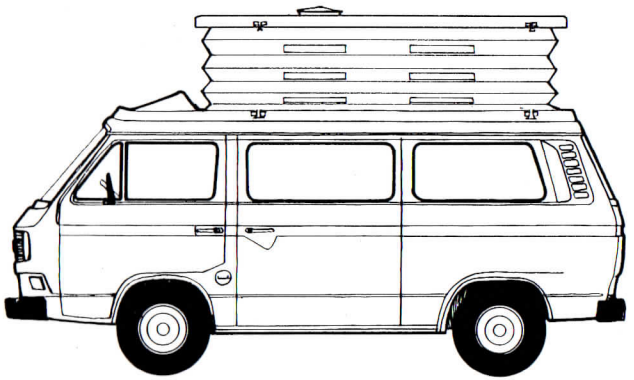
If you opt for a double bed over the engine deck created by those marvellous German 'rock and roll' bed mechanisms – then this is also the Villa.

But if you seek something a little different with a choice of single or double beds, 'all enveloping' rear kitchen with masses of storage and an uninterrupted standing height right to the front windscreen – then you'll find the Variety quite irresistible.

Of course, being Richard Holdsworth, we give you a choice. Either no roof conversion, an elevating roof or our own high top (on the Villa only). Or the Variety which incorporates Volkswagen's own fibreglass high top without the interrupting roof beams.

To help you decide on which Richard Holdsworth Volkswagen approved motor caravan is ideal for you, here is a short list of some of the main features:

Villa



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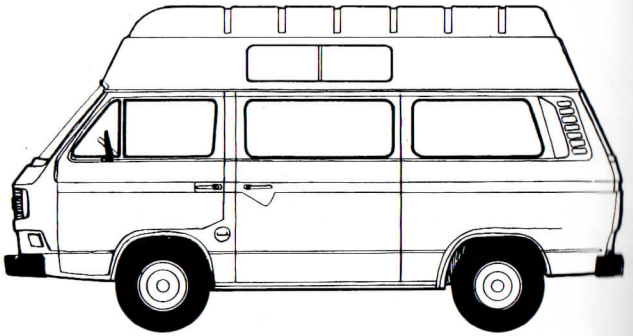

	Villa	Variety
Non roof, elevating or high top	●	
High roof only		●
Long kitchen unit on off-side	●	
Rear end kitchen		●
Double beds	●	Standard
Single beds	Not available	Standard
Swivel cab seats with cab dinette	Optional	Standard
Lift-out face forward seats	One	Two
Hot water on tap	Not available	Standard
Under floor space heater	Optional	Optional
Dual fridge	Optional	Standard
Louvre window	Optional	Standard

There is also a list of other optional extras for the conversion and a range of vehicle options such as engine size and type, 4 or 5 speed gearbox, etc. Please see the price list for details.

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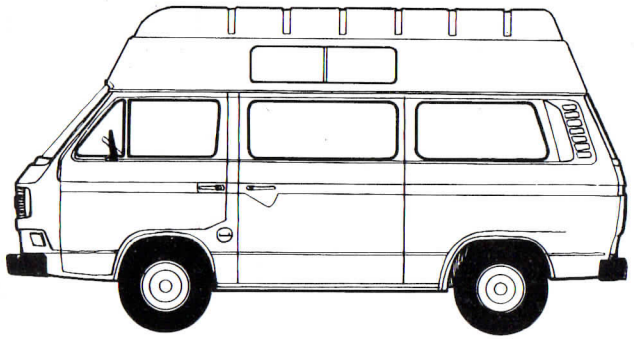
Variety



Richard Holdsworth are leaders in the world of motor caravan design and while others may be prepared to consolidate on existing models, Richard Holdsworth is always seeking something new and from this intensive research and development programme has come an undisputed winner – the Volkswagen Variety.

The Variety is more than just another motor caravan – it is an entirely fresh approach bringing a new dimension in space and facilities to the Volkswagen chassis.

For too long the Volkswagen Transporter has been exceptional in all things – but a little short on standing room due to the centre roof strengthening bow virtually consigning the rear of the vehicle to the bed area only.

Now, with the approval of Volkswagen, Richard Holdsworth has taken the special high top model and eliminated both the centre roof bow plus the equally restrictive over-cab roof panel in one gigantic step forward.

The result - uninterrupted headroom from the engine deck to the front windscreen and the provision of space and features normally associated only with the much larger Volkswagen LT.

Is there a penalty for all this superiority? Even though the Variety is a high top model, it's based on Volkswagen's own low line design and the height is very little different from many elevating roof motor caravans on the road today.

Now, let's see how we capitalise on this remarkable breakthrough in design.

Storage: First, by utilising the cab for your bed, the Variety frees the engine deck and allows the building of a storage complex that would not shame many a coachbuilt motor caravan.

Kitchen: Then there's your kitchen unit. With a distinctive 'U' shape, the working area is massive for a van of this size and with this extra space, we've grasped the opportunity of providing facilities and unashamed luxury normally reserved for much more expensive motor caravans.

Hot water is available at the turn of a tap and the two burner and grill cooker also incorporates a 'simmer' plate for genuine cordon bleu cooking. Below is an Electrolux gas/12 volt refrigerator as a standard fitting.

Sleeping: By spreading the bed into the vehicle cab, you not only make room for more facilities elsewhere in the vehicle, but you also have the added bonus of offering single or double beds.

(For those who specify a four berth, 'solid' upholstered roof bed panels are available and these can be positioned anywhere within the giant roof aperture – or left at home when not required).

Dining: Again there's a choice. Just swivel the reclining cab seats and you have an exclusive cab dinette for two. For up to six, fold out the side bench seats and insert the second table. It's as simple as that.

Villa has one flexi-seat – the Variety two and this means a huge step forwards in adaptability.

Apart from the fact that each seat folds out to form your side bench seat for dining – and lines up with the cab seats for sleeping – they lift out of the vehicle and leave almost the entire floor area free for load carrying or just creating space when you're on site.

Volkswagen Variety from Richard Holdsworth – truely the new dimension in Volkswagen motor caravans.

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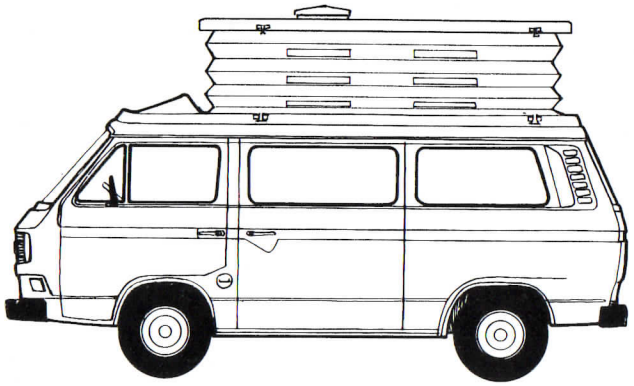
Harvest Crunch

Villa



Nearly every motor caravan owner, enthusiast or simply observer, seems to agree the best way to convert the Volkswagen is with a standard layout encompassing one long unit opposite the side door and with the double bed over the engine deck.

And why not? It's an excellent layout that is outstandingly successful with the majority of users.

But, as with anything on four wheels, there are good and bad ways of doing the same thing and this is where the quality and flair of Richard Holdsworth comes to the fore.

Take the rear bed, for example. You want to change from day-time living to night-time sleeping without a lot of fuss and the Volkswagen Villa allows you to do this with ease. Just lift the seat base and the back rest drops into place automatically. And it goes back to the bench seat just as quickly next morning.

The bed is wide, too, and with 5 inch deep foam mattresses, it can't be beaten for comfort either.

The long storage unit on the Villa stretches from immediately behind the driver's seat to a position over the engine deck. It cleverly manages to fit in a two burner and grill cooker plus the sink, space for a fridge, large food cupboard, nest of drawers and a simply huge coolbox.

Versatility: The Volkswagen is the most versatile of workhorses – if the motor caravan conversion allows it, and the Villa wins with room to spare because of the unique Richard Holdsworth Flexi-seat.

Situated just inside the sliding door, it faces rearwards for dining (a small flap lifts out to provide a fourth seat around the table), forwards for driving and it lifts out altogether for a huge increase in free floor space. (Even if you're not a small businessman, you'll appreciate the extra carrying capacity almost every week of the year).

The Flexi-seat also provides space for a host of valuable items – or a small portable toilet.

Elevating Roof: When you buy a Volkswagen Villa with elevating roof, you buy the Giant-Riser roof – and you won't find a better one anywhere.

Always recognised as the easiest to raise or lower, the Giant-Riser is a boon for anyone with back troubles (there are no heavy side panels to push or pull into place). The insulated, quilted lining keeps you warm on the coldest day and it's a low line roof that will probably fit more garages than any other roof on the market.

Options: The Volkswagen Villa isn't loaded with expensive extras you may never use.

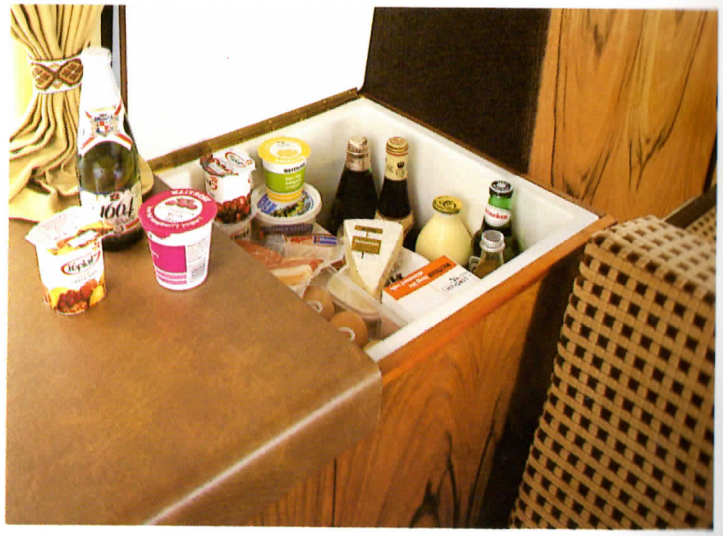
For example, you can specify your Villa without roof beds. Or without a refrigerator. And you may not want a louvre or sliding window when the elevating roof has an excellent ventilator.

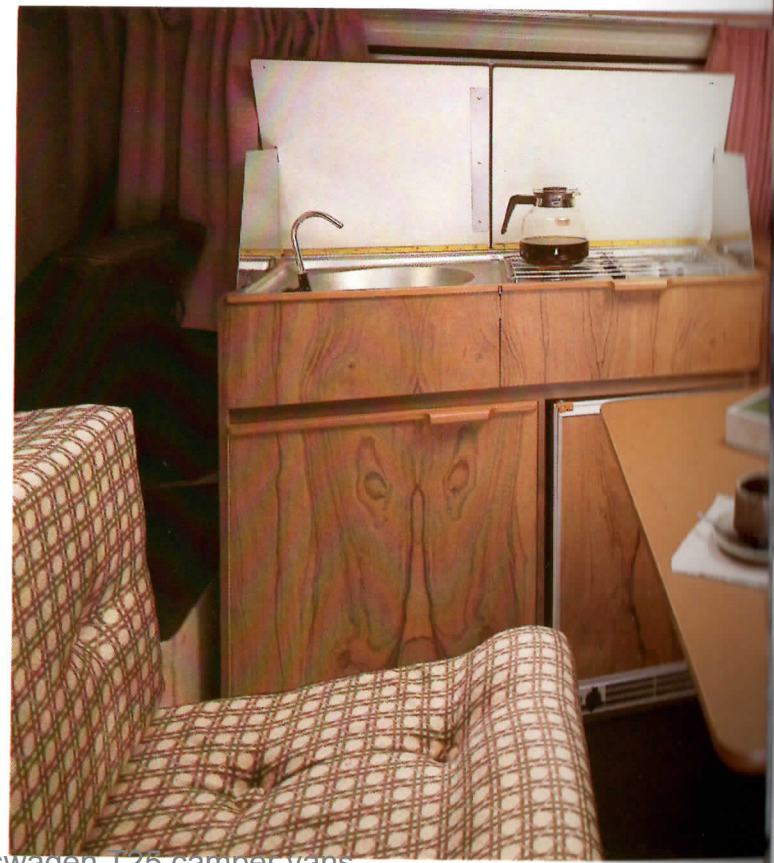
All these items can be added later if you wish and you can also add some really outstanding features too. Features such as our swivel cab seats and cab table to make a second dinette.

Quality: The first essential in building a motor caravan is to use real timber rather than chipboard. For a start, it's lighter (and this means less fuel consumed carrying a lot of unnecessary weight around) and it's much stronger too.

To match our beautiful timber finishes, we use a hard wearing dralon seat fabric for our furnishings, worktops in leather grained laminated bonded to marine ply no less than 18mm thick and carpet type trim for the best in insulation.

Volkswagen Villa – it's the little touches that count.





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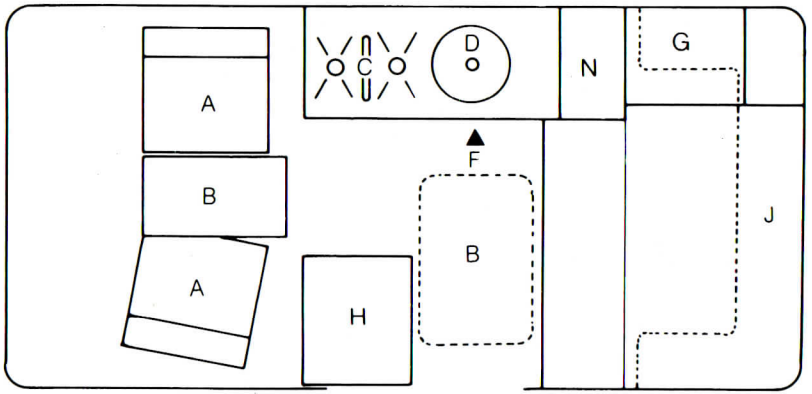
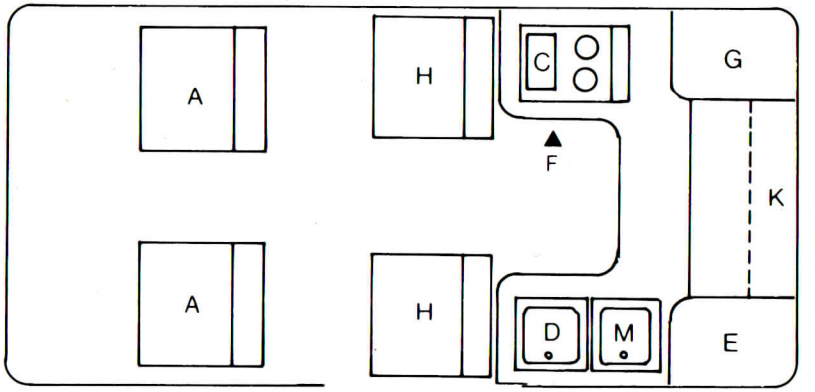
Specifications

KEY

A Swivel Cab Seat	G Wardrobe
B Table	H Flexi-Seat
C Cooker	J Cocktail Cabinet
D Sink	K Roof Cabinets
E Storage	L Toilet/Shower
F Fridge	M Drainer
	N Cool Box





Approximate dimensions:

	Villa non roof	**Villa elevating roof**	**Variety high top**
Length:	15′0″ (4.57m)	15′0″ (4.57m)	15′0″ (4.57m)
Width:	6′1″ (1.84m)	6′1″ (1.84m)	6′1″ (1.84m)
Height:	6′6″ (1.98m)	7′0¼″ (2.14m) with vent 6′10″ (2.08m) without vent	7′9″ (2.36m)
Main bed(s)	Double – 6′2″×4′2″ (max)	Double – 6′2″×4′2″ (max)	Singles – 6′6″×2′0″ OR Double – 6′6″×5′2″
Optional roof bed		5′4″×3′4″ (elevating roof model only)	6′0″×3′10″
Optional cab bunk	4′8″×2′2″ (all models)	4′8″×2′2″ (all models)	4′8″×2′2″ (all models)

Engines: Petrol: 60bhp water cooled Boxer engine OR 78bhp water cooled Boxer engine OR 50bhp water cooled diesel.

Gearbox: Either four or five forward gears (all synchromesh) or automatic transmission.

Chassis: Frame and floor panel assembly with longitudinal and transverse girders, bumper bar deformation element in the front section and energy absorbing front.

Suspension: Independent all round. Front double wishbones, progressive coil springs with telescopic shock absorbers, anti roll bar. Rear – semi-trailing arm rear axle, miniblock springs with telescopic shock absorbers.

Steering: Rack and pinion.

Brakes: Dual circuit. Discs front and drum rear all power assisted.

Performance:

	60bhp petrol engine		78bhp petrol engine	
	4 speed	5 speed	4 speed	5 speed
Top speed:	73mph	73mph	81mph	81mph

(Speeds subject to load and conditions)

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