



**Welcome to the wonderful Isle of Wight**, where beautiful golden sandy beaches and stunning scenery combine to produce an amazing holiday experience.

Thank you for choosing Isle of Wight Campervan Holidays. We sincerely hope that you have a wonderful time with your happy camper and if there is anything that we can do to make your trip more enjoyable, please just ask.

The Isle of Wight has so much to offer everyone. From the simple pleasures of rock pooling or crabbing with the children, to more energetic activities such as cycling, horse riding and hiking or the numerous water sports on offer. The Island really does have it all, even its fair share of dinosaurs!

## **Contact Details**

At Isle of Wight Campervan Holidays we pride ourselves on great customer service, so please do not hesitate to contact us as we are always here for you.

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We want to ensure that you have a lovely time and that our Campervans are happy and loved so here are a few helpful hints and a few important rules.

## Driving the Campervan

Part of the joy of a campervan holiday is that driving a 1970's camper is nothing like driving your modern day car. This means you have a vehicle with a much cuter face but:

- No power steering...so your arms will be naturally toned!
- No ABS so please think about your braking distances and speeds!
- No Air-con so try opening the window with the wind down handle thingy!

Take time to familiarise yourself with the changes. There is no rush now that you are on the Isle of Wight where there is only one section of dual carriageway! The camper can only do 50mph so relax and enjoy the experience of going back in time in more ways than one.

**Please take care of the Campervan. We are trusting you with one of our family so please do not leave children unsupervised in the vehicle at any time.**

## On your marks, get set, GO...

### Starting the engine

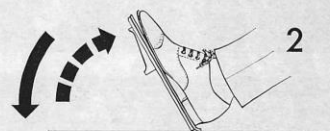
- Make sure gear lever is in neutral.
- **At temperatures above freezing point (1)**  
Depress accelerator pedal slowly while operating the starter.
- **At temperatures below freezing point (2)**  
Before operating starter, depress accelerator pedal fully once and let it return slowly — this actuates the automatic choke.  
Depress clutch pedal so that the starter can turn the engine more easily, then start the engine.
- **When engine is very warm (3)**  
Depress accelerator pedal fully while operating starter but do "pump" the pedal.

**Note:** As soon as engine starts, release the ignition key so that starter is switched off.

Do not try to warm the engine up by letting it idle — drive off straightaway but do not over-rev the engine while it is still cold.

### Starter non-repeat lock

A non-repeat lock in the ignition/starter switch prevents the starter from being operated when the engine is running. Before starting operation can be repeated, the ignition must be switched off.



Be careful when running the engine in a confined space. Danger of poisoning.

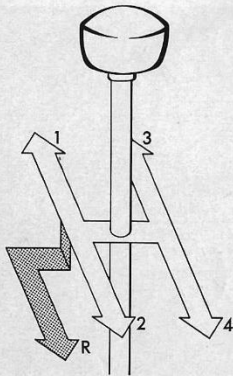
## Gears

PLEASE DO NOT SHIFT DOWN INTO FIRST GEAR UNTIL YOU HAVE TOTALLY STOPPED. Your Campervan will thank you for this.

When you change gear, always ensure that the clutch is fully down to the floor. It sometimes feels as if it is, but as with classic vehicles you often have another inch or so to go. This will make all the difference to gear changing and will help to keep the gear box healthy. Trust us, you really don't want to hear a Campervan cry!

The gears should never be forced in any way, just because it is a big gear lever doesn't mean it needs lots of force to get it into gear. It will pop in quite happily if you go slowly and gently.

### **Gearshift lever, handbrake**

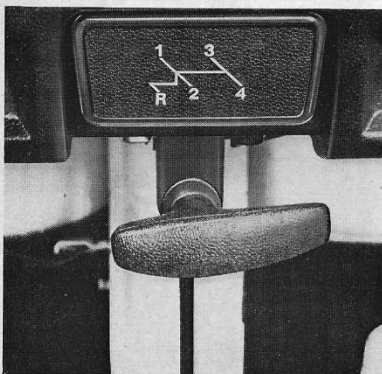


#### **Manual transmission**

Select reverse gear only when the vehicle is standing still.

To engage reverse, press lever down firmly, move it to the left and pull it back to the stop.

The back-up lights come on when reverse gear is engaged.



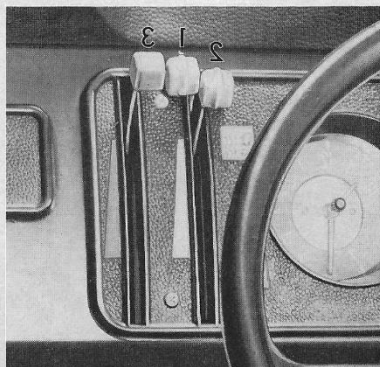
#### **Handbrake**

To apply: Pull the lever out.

To release: Pull lever up slightly first, turn it clockwise and push in.

## Heater Controls

### Heating and ventilation



#### Heating

1 - Heater lever (red)

Lever up — heater off  
Lever down — heater on

#### Vehicles with warm air fan

With the lever in the lowest position a fan increases the warm air flow.

2 - Warm air distribution lever (red)

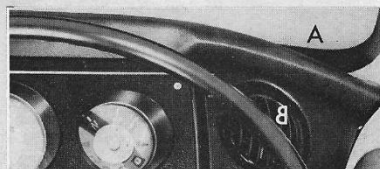
Lever up — warm air to the foot well  
All foot well vents, including those in the passenger compartment, are open.

Lever down — warm air onto the windshield.  
All foot well vents are closed.

#### Defrosting the windshield

- Lever 1 — down
- Lever 2 — down
- Lever 3 — Fresh air ventilation — up

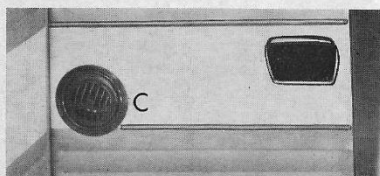
As soon as the ice has thawed, switch on the fresh air ventilation so that the windshield dries off quickly. Open the foot well heating as soon as the windshield is clear — Lever 2 — up — to attain a quick even warmth throughout the vehicle interior.



#### Ventilation

3 - Fresh air ventilation lever (blue)

Lever up — fresh air ventilation closed  
Lever down — fresh air ventilation open



#### Fresh air outlet

A - Air vents to the windshield  
B - Air vents for side windows  
C - Air vents for passenger compartment.

The direction of air flow can be altered by turning the round vents B and C, the flaps which are incorporated allow the quantity of air to be regulated.

## Petrol

Our Campervans run on TLC & **UNLEADED** Petrol.

PLEASE ensure that you bring the camper back to us with the same amount of petrol in as when you collected him / her. You will find a list of petrol stations in our Island Guide at the back of this booklet.

## Air-Cooled Engines

Your camper has a 1600cc air-cooled engine. This means that you only have oil and a lot of air to keep your engine cooled. The air is moved by a fan which runs off the engine via the fan belt. In the unlikely occurrence that the fan belt fails, your engine will overheat if you continue to drive. Therefore, if you see the oil light or battery charge light illuminate whilst driving please stop as quickly as possible at a safe location and immediately contact us.

## Fireboy Extinguisher System

We have recently fitted all our campervans with an automatic extinguisher system in the engine bay. These will operate in the event of an engine fire. The Halon alternative gas will suffocate the fire and stall the engine. When the ignition is switched on you will see the Fireboy display on the dashboard illuminate with a green LED. This means that the gas is charged and the system is operational. In the event that this light goes out and the engine stalls whilst driving please pull over safely and move away from the vehicle. Contact us immediately.

## Turning off the engine

When turning off the engine, please ensure that the headlights, window heaters and stereo are off. If you fail to do this your campervan may not be as ready as you are for the next adventure. In the event of a flat starter battery please call us for assistance.

## Electric hook up

Most of the Island campsites have the option to plug into one of their electric pitches. This is not a terrifying game of football but is actually the best way to keep your food cold and your leisure battery topped up. Under the rear seat in your campervan you will find an orange cable. Plug the female end of the cable into the socket of your camper which is located in the engine bay; then plug the male end into the campsite power supply. When removing the cable from either the camper or the campsite socket please ensure that you are pulling on the plug section rather than the orange cable. Finally, always return the cable to its home under the seat and do not store in the engine bay where it may become tangled with the fan belt.

## Pop top roof

Please be careful when it comes to elevating the roofs as we do not want any neck / back injuries or pinched fingers. Always lift the front of the roof first followed by the back. When bringing the roof down mind your fingers and the canvas. It is important to make sure that the canvas is not trapped between the metal roof and the fiberglass roof cap, or caught in any roof clips – as this is the quickest way to a leaky night! In extreme weather conditions we suggest that you bring the roof down and secure it. PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE WITH THE ROOF UP.

Remember, if you have any queries, worries or you need help just call us.

## Bunks

Way back in the 70's these were cutting edge technology!!! Today the kids just love sleeping up in the roof on them. Please make sure that they are properly secured in both sleep mode and whilst stowed away. We recommend that when the children are sleeping in them that half of their duvet is underneath them with the other half on top (they are basically a hot dog in a duvet bun).

## Rock and Roll Bed

When changing the rock and roll bed from one position to another it is important that you move the cushions completely out of the way so that they do not get pinched and ripped. Mind your back whilst maneuvering the seat; you may find that you have to encourage the back part of the seat to move in your direction of choice. To go from seat to bed, lift the horizontal part upwards so that the bars underneath clear the bottom of the seat; next pull it towards you and the back rest will drop down. Now put your cushions back into position; et voila, sweet dreams! To return to seat mode, move the cushions, lean over and pull the top of the backrest up towards you and having lifted the base up to clear the bars the system should rock back into position with a little push.

## Cooking

**It is essential that the sliding is open in the campervan whilst you are cooking.** This means that you will not boil whilst you are cooking up a storm and your camper won't smell like bacon and eggs for the rest of your trip. You will have to turn the gas on at the bottle prior to cooking and turn it off when you have finished. **Do not travel or sleep with the gas bottle turned on and don't allow children to play with the igniter.** We always check the gas bottles before the start of each hire, however, if you love to cook as much as Jamie Oliver and you run out of gas then please replace the bottle at your camp site and keep the receipt. We will then reimburse you on your return to Camper HQ.

## Water

Your water supply will be full at the start of your trip. If you have an underbody water tank you will need to use your campsite hose pipe to refill your water supply through the fill pipe which is located behind the front passenger seat. We would be most grateful if the camper's interior is not given a full wash down at the same time! The campers that have the 10 liter water bottles inside should remove the bottle and refill to the designated level. Please use the bucket or bowl to catch your waste water whilst at the campsites and empty over the nearest thirsty plant. Do not forget to collect your waste water vessel before you drive off or else you will hear some interesting crunching noises and your bucket will have a hole in it Dear Liza Dear Liza!!

## Tents

Your Outwell tent is provided at no extra charge. So we ask for your help in ensuring that they are well looked after. Unfortunately we don't have time to check every tent between them coming home and going out on their next adventure. Therefore to assist us, we would be grateful if:

- The tent has been thoroughly swept and cleaned inside and out
- Any spills and stains have been sufficiently cleaned & dried
- The inner bedroom is swept and left attached at all points
- All tent pegs are accounted for and safely in their peg bag. Kindly inform us if there are any broken pegs as we will happily replace them
- The tent, poles and pegs are returned to their individual bags and put into the main tent bag with the mallet
- MOST importantly please just tell us of any problems or breakages with the tent so that it does not go back out to another family without being repaired

## Returning the Campervan

Sadly your new best friend must return home, but hopefully you will meet again.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU RETURN TO CAMPER HQ BY 10 AM (unless otherwise agreed). Unfortunately late returns will be charged an additional days hire.

PLEASE ensure that the petrol has been topped up to the same level it was at when you collected the campervan.

PLEASE make sure that all the linen is accounted for and that the damp linen such as towels and tea towels are in a plastic bag.

PLEASE check that all the catering equipment is washed and dried ready for the inventory check.

PLEASE ensure that you have got all the camping equipment such as the tent, chairs, picnic table and solar lamp.

PLEASE DO TELL US OF ANY BREAKAGES OR LOSSES we know that things happen especially on an adventure

Thank you again for choosing Isle of Wight Campervan Holidays and we look forward to seeing you again in the future.



## Please Remember:

Have lots of fun and we can't wait to hear about your adventures. Please follow these points –

- Do not leave children unsupervised in the camper
- There is a no smoking policy in all of our campers
- Do not use the gas hob to warm the van up due to the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning
- The sliding door or a window should be open when cooking
- These are 40 year old vehicles that need your love and care
- If the charge light or oil light come on when driving – STOP. All vans apart from Ermintrude have a 1.6 liter engine – see below.

### Warning lamps

The warning lamps which come on when ignition is switched on, should go out when the engine is started.

If the generator warning lamp comes on when driving, the generator has stopped charging.

- Stop, switch off ignition and check the "V" belt.

#### 1.6 liter engine

If the "V" belt is broken or too loose the engine will not be sufficiently cooled.  
Caution! Only drive on again **after** the "V" belt has been replaced or retensioned.

#### 1.7 liter engine

The engine cooling is independent of the "V" belt. Even with a broken "V" belt one can almost always reach the next VW workshop. But it must be realized that when driving in this condition, the battery is being continually run down.

#### If the oil pressure warning lamp comes on when driving:

- Stop at once. Switch off the ignition and check the oil level (see page 21) and if necessary top up.
- If the fault is for any other cause, call in expert help immediately.

If the warning lamp for the dual braking circuit does not come on when the ignition is switched "on", or it does not go out after the engine is started, there is a fault in the electric system. Visit a VW workshop.

The function of the warning lamp:

- Ignition switched "on" — lamp lights up
- Start engine — lamp goes out.

The warning lamp indicates that a brake circuit has failed, by lighting up when the brakes are applied.

