

Motor Caravan

Assessment for the purposes of Type Approval / Registration

Many vehicles are manufactured or adapted to provide living accommodation. The degree of accommodation that is provided ranges from the fully converted motor caravan having all the fixtures and fittings expected of a “motorised caravan” to a vehicle fitted with only the bare essentials, required for a day out, with a detachable camping stove etc. Both ends of the spectrum may well comply with the list of items that a motor caravan must include, however the initial consideration must be whether it is a vehicle that a reasonable person would consider a motor caravan.

In the case of adapted passenger/goods vehicles the consideration must be whether the degree of adaptation to the interior results in its specification being of the level expected in a caravan type vehicle resulting in the vehicles primary purpose being to provide living accommodation.

The following pictures give examples of what should and should not be considered to be a motor caravan for the purposes of Type Approval/Registration.

The examples given are used to depict scenarios and do not relate to a particular manufacturer, make, model or vehicle conversion.



This vehicle contains all the characteristics expected in a motor caravan It is designed and built primarily to provide mobile living accommodation and it is considered to be a **motor caravan**



Rearward view of above vehicle.



Having all the features expected of such a vehicle again this is considered to be primarily a **motor caravan**





The rear compartment of this vehicle is with all the fixtures and fittings expected in a motor caravan. It is therefore considered to be a **motor caravan**.





The rear compartment of this vehicle has been fully utilised in the conversion for use as a motor caravan. Although retaining seating for use while the vehicle is travelling on the road it also includes all the features and fittings expected in a motor caravan. It is therefore considered a **motor caravan**.





On this vehicle, again the whole of the rear compartment is utilised for the purposes of providing living accommodation. The vehicle contains all the features expected and is therefore considered to be a **motor caravan**



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This vehicle has a raisable roof which can be used for sleeping accommodation. Having such a roof does not automatically categorise the vehicle as a Motor Caravan. People carriers are manufactured with this facility. The general perception of the vehicle interior must be taken into account when considering how a “reasonable person” would view the vehicle.



This example has a “kitchen facility” fitted in the rear of the vehicle. The interior of the vehicle remains largely unaltered other than a table may be fitted in front of the second row of seats. This vehicle is considered to be primarily a passenger vehicle and **not a motor caravan.**



In these vehicles the kitchen facilities are fitted at the rear of the vehicle. The interior of the vehicle remains largely unaltered and does not provide living accommodation as would be found in a caravan.

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This vehicle is fitted at the rear with a kitchen unit. It may be accessible from inside or outside of the vehicle. Seats to the front of the unit may be forward or rearward facing or may be removed. The interior of the vehicle remains largely unaltered and does not provide living accommodation as would be found in a caravan. The vehicle is therefore primarily a passenger vehicle (sometimes termed a "Day Van" due to the facilities available) and is **not a motor caravan**

