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# Sixth Sense



**HAVING gone from strength to strength, Lunar are now back in pole position as a mainstream manufacturer of quality lightweight tourers. Lunar have studied the market and realised that some families want a large tourer without needing to upgrade their tow car - and they have responded with the Lexon 570 and the Quasar 556.**

## Lunar Lexon 570

**Price:** £16,495  
**Length:** 5.79 m  
**Width:** 2.28 m  
**MIRO:** 1290 kg  
**MTPLM:** 1499 kg  
**Berths:** 6

**We like:** Lightweight, quality feel, spacious interior, excellent lighting, barbecue point, mains back-up lighting, good-sized fixed bed, great for couples too.

**We don't like:** Restricted legroom on side dinette, kitchen worktop space, front dinette could be tight for six.



*Andy Jenkinson compares two new six-berth Lunar models aimed at larger families.*

*We're sure Lunar's new single-axled, six-berth, fixed-bed will be a winner. Exterior styling isn't over-exciting, but it's pleasant and well executed.*

EXTERNALLY, the Lexon is 'safe' and doesn't break any styling rules, but it's pleasant to look at. Slightly ribbed panels are a little dated now, but the trim and fittings are all well put together. The addition of the Clubman full-length rear panel gives the 570 a touch of class, as does the Clubman roof locker design.

This beauty sleeps six, but all-up weights are kept low. With 6'5" headroom, the Lexon 570 offers bags of space combined with a good specification. Excellent lighting levels are a good feature, especially in the front lounge area.

With comfortable seating, the front dinette has full wrap-around roof lockers and a central chest of drawers. We like the full-length access flaps in the seat bases and the deep roof lockers. However, for a family gathering of six in the front lounge, the seating could be tight. A solution might be to seat two people at the single side dinette, although leg room is restricted a little here by the wheel arch box.

Cooking for six could also be a tall order if a large meal was being prepared. Worktop is restricted, and only three burners are provided on the hob, although you do have a microwave and an oven. However, we reckon the 570 is more likely to be used as a four- or five-berth, in which case it should be fine. The Thetford 112-litre fridge provides good cool storage with an easy-to-use digital control.

Lunar have cut away the front part of the double bed, giving the impression of more floor space - and this also stops you stubbing your toe on the base of the bed! There are more roof lockers, and the



*Wow - a great feeling of wide open space. The Lexon won't feel full with six, though the front dinette will be better with only four seated at mealtimes. Lighting levels are superb.*



*Side single dinette will seat two youngsters, but adults may find legroom restricting.*

bedroom has good lighting from two spotlights and a ceiling light. This end of the Lunar won't be left in the dark! The bed itself feels comfortable and is fine for two.

The wardrobe is slightly angled and comes with the Truma heater in its base. It's not the largest of wardrobes, and six people would find it a squeeze to hang their clothes in there. However, this is a common problem with six-berths.

A small hand basin with storage beneath is situated opposite the bed. It's set quite low, but not so low that it would be a

problem. Thanks to the width of the Lexon combined with the bed's design, the floor space here doesn't feel cramped. When you shut off the bedroom from the main living area, it doesn't feel confined at all.

In the corner washroom Lunar have fitted two neatly moulded plastic storage shelves for soaps and toiletries. Showering should not be a problem, but it does mean that the Thetford swivel loo is temporarily out of bounds.

### **Verdict**

The Lexon feels like a quality tourer, showing the class of caravan that Lunar have attained in recent years. We liked the way our prototype didn't feel like a first-off - there were no problems such as bits not fitting correctly. The cut-away fixed bed base adds to the impression of space, which is where the 570 excels. As for gripes - well, the kitchen worktop is restricted, and, like most six-berths, the wardrobe may be a tad small. But the overall feel of the Lexon was very pleasant, and we believe that it will sell not just on its weight but on its other merits as well. It will no doubt prove to be a real winner.



*Rear-end bedroom is so spacious, with a useful cupboard and shelf by the washroom. Note the double bed base has been cut away, adding to the floor space.*



*Washroom is compact. No loo roll holder was fitted to our prototype. If the shower is in use, the loo is out of bounds.*