

CARAVAN TEST

Lunar
Lexon 570
£16,495

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Andy Jenkinson thinks Lunar is on to a winner with its new lightweight, fixed-bed 'van

Price	£16,495
Berths	6
MIRO	1290kg
MTPLM	1499kg
Length	7.36m
Width	2.28m
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EXTERIOR

Lunar caravans were once quite distinctive, but the last ten years have seen this adventurous styling turn a bit more mainstream. However, this is not to say the 570 doesn't look attractive. The front panel has a quality feel and looks stylish while the front locker will take

long items as well as the more chunky stuff. An AKS stabiliser and shock absorbers ensure a stable tow, and even when towed unladen the Lexon performs well.

The barbecue point is a standard fit along with a mains exterior socket and a wet locker. All the service points are placed on the offside and along with the Status 530 aerial, Lunar has added a dedicated aerial for the radio/CD player.

The Lexon has two-sided panels and slight ribbing but it would be good to see one-piece sides to give it a crisper look. The bodywork comes with a six-year warranty and a service cost, which won't break the bank. With headroom of 6ft 5ins, taller caravanners are well catered for too.



Lexon 570 has a pleasing exterior



Side single dinette also has a useful mains socket, although it feels narrow and has little leg room

INTERIOR

The layout will suit both families and couples due to its versatility but the front dinette can only be used as a double bed at night-time rather than a single. The seating is supportive, complimented by four arm rests and twin scatter cushions while seating six. Lighting at night is excellent, with four spots plus corner mains and a quality ceiling light. Locker storage can't be

faulted while seat bases have long access flaps.

The side single dinette comes with a plug socket and a large side window. Only the wheel arch box gets in the way a little so leg room is a tad restricted. A fold out bunk above adds another berth, plus the large roof lockers extend into this area too.

Preparing meals should be easy enough using the full oven and microwave but we would like to see four burners

NEW CARAVANS

Ideal for

Couples as well as families, though six will fit around the dining table at a squeeze



Lexon has good open feeling of space. We can see this model being popular with site wardens

Our verdict

EXTERIOR 8/10

No real stunner, but it's smart enough and is very conservative in many ways. Quality fit and finish can't be faulted

LOUNGING 9/10

Lighting is excellent. Six would fit here but it could be a bit of a squeeze. Brilliant under seat access locker flaps

DINING 8/10

The freestanding table comes into play here, but six won't fit round – the side single dinette will help out here

SLEEPING 9/10

Good size and comfortable side fixed double, front dinette makes into another double bed while the side dinette can be made as just a single bed

KITCHEN 7/10

Kitchen is well equipped, but hob only has three burners and worktop is a bit restricted. Good sink unit with drainer and glass top, but we would like to see a better quality microwave fitted

STORAGE 10/10

Roof lockers are deep plus offer good storage and the wardrobe isn't bad

WASHROOM 7/10

It's a corner unit using good quality plastics, but the loo/shower is combined. It's surprisingly roomy to use

BUILD QUALITY 9/10

The Lexon had only just come out of the prototype bay. Therefore we were impressed with the superb quality

PRACTICALITY 9/10

A real credit to its designers. The layout works well and Lunar is clever at making these tourers look larger inside than the dimensions suggest. A great layout for families as well as couples

Caravan 85/100
our rating



Side kitchen doesn't have much worktop and only three burners.



Corner washroom comes with electric flush loo and quality shelves

on the hob and a little more worktop. The auto digital Thetford fridge is great, but storage is a little restricted.

In the rear, a large side wardrobe stands above the Truma heater. A corner hand basin offers storage below while the side double bed is quite large and will easily sleep two.

More roof locker storage is provided above the bed and there are twin spot lamps and a Heki roof vent. Washroom is small but comes with a electric flush loo and shower unit with folding door partitions.

We like

Feels very spacious and upmarket, very comfortable seating and top notch lighting levels. A very likeable layout, which works well

We dislike

Side single dinette has restricted legroom, and kitchen could do with four-burner hob and more workspace



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