

# CARAVAN SHOWCASE

## Lunar

New models launched for 2010 strengthen the company's tradition of building lightweight vans

Lunar has stuck to its lightweight principles for 2010 and unveiled a mouth-watering line-up of super vans which boast some surprisingly low MTPLM weight figures.

In a surprise move, the entry-level Zenith range has been 'rested' for the time being, although we have been told that there remains the possibility of a re-launch in time for the February NEC... watch this space!

The tiny two-berth Ariva has been upgraded to bring it in line with the Quasar range, which itself has been revamped inside and out. Following on from the

runaway success of the Lexon SE, the Quasar 544 offers a fixed-bed and rear washroom on a single axle. But by far the most impressive feat is the extension of the lounge in the triple-bunk 546 model. 'See if you can spot how we've made the seats longer,' challenges Lunar MD Brian Mellor. They've made such a good job of it that the twin-axle version of the same layout has been dropped from the line-up.

Stellar moves in with the Lexon range which itself boasts a new look interior, and there's a new six-berth twin-axle twin dinette layout available.

By far the biggest 'wow' comes with the premium Clubman and Delta ranges. Alde wet central heating is now standard, even in the single-axle models, giving Lunar a uniquely strong position at the top end of the tourer market.

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Optional leather upholstery really adds the 'wow' factor

### DELTA TI

**Price** £20,895

**Berths** 2+2

**MIRO** 1460kg

**MTPLM** 1690kg

**User payload** 230kg

### What's hot

Alde central heating, a 180-litre fridge-freezer, LED lighting and optional leather upholstery make this a real head-turner. Privacy glass has been dropped making for a brighter interior.

### What to watch

Construction is extremely good but drawers are a little flimsy. The expansion tank for the Alde heating is in the wardrobe next to the headboard, so any air in the system may be audible at bedtime if the heating is on.

## INNOVATION STATION



### New taps and sinks

Gone are the space-saver sinks in favour of all-in-one units, fitted in all vans. We particularly like the black variant in the Clubman/Delta, which matches the cooker

### Two television points

Every model, from the Ariva up, has at least two television points, allowing the caravanner to put their set where they choose



### Alde wet central heating

All Clubman and Delta models now offer this premium wet central heating system as standard; a real bonus for those who continue touring during the winter months



Great! The microwave oven has been mounted at hip height



Quasar sinks have been changed to all-in-one units

## STELLAR

**Price** £13,595  
**Berths** 2  
**MIRO** 1036kg  
**MTPLM** 1195kg  
**User payload** 159kg

### What's hot

An extremely well-designed two-berth van offering masses of storage, an enormous kitchen and a microwave oven that is mounted at hip height. Lexon upholstery looks good and there's a choice of television points.

### What to watch

As payback for the huge kitchen and wardrobe, the washroom is tiny. It's big enough when staying on a mains-free site, but lacks privacy.

## QUASAR 544

**Price** £14,495  
**Berths** 2+2  
**MIRO** TBA  
**MTPLM** TBA  
**User payload** TBA

### What's hot

Certainly the hottest layout on the market today, and what a delight to find it in Quasar guise. Weights are to be announced, but you can bet they will be lighter than the competition.

### What to watch

Quasar sinks have all been changed to an all-in-one stainless steel unit without a lid, so kitchen workspace is almost non-existent, bar the fold-up flap. The lounge is on the compact side, too.

## WHAT ELSE IS THERE?

Name	Price	Berths
<b>Ariva</b>		
Ariva	£12,495	2
<b>Quasar</b>		
462	£13,395	2
524	£14,195	4
525	£14,395	5
534	£14,095	2+2
544	£14,495	2+2
546	£14,645	6
626	£15,795	6
<b>Stellar</b>		
Stellar	£13,595	2
<b>Lexon</b>		
SB	£16,095	2+2
SI	£16,095	2+2
SE	£16,095	2+2
RS	£17,995	2+2
TL	£17,995	6
<b>Clubman</b>		
CK	£16,895	2
ES	£17,895	4
SE	£17,895	2+2
SI	£17,895	2+2
<b>Delta</b>		
RS	£20,895	2+2
TI	£20,895	2+2

## OUR VERDICT

### What they say

'For the 2010 season the Lunar team have worked extremely hard to create a much improved and extremely desirable line-up of caravans.

Yet again Lunar's focus is on providing lightweight luxury without compromising strength, quality, durability or practicality. We believe our competitive weights offer not only the potential to reduce negative impacts on the environment, but also give today's caravanner a greater choice of towcar match, easier manoeuvrability and the potential for lower fuel costs.'

### What we say

Keeping the weight down and being able to run a more fuel-efficient car are becoming more and more important. Yet today's caravanners are unwilling to sacrifice luxury. It seems that Lunar has achieved the near-impossible with this superb range of caravans, although we really hope that the Zenith will re-emerge to offer a greater range of family layouts to the lighter end of the market.

Installing full Alde central heating, even in the single-axle Clubman range, is a stroke of genius that will have other premium manufacturers kicking themselves.