



Lunar Delta TS

Lunar launches a new twin-bed Delta this month – and *Caravan* magazine was there to hitch it up as it rolled out of the factory...

For a long time the twin-axle, high-spec Delta range has been a team of two, both with double beds.

Now, there's a third layout option for buyers looking for a lengthy Lunar. This one has twin beds.

It also has two wardrobes, a large fridge with separate freezer, a ceramic toilet and one of the most spacious shower rooms you'll find in any tourer. Equipment includes

Alde heating, an alarm system, an onboard water tank and electronic stability control.

The new Delta made its public debut at the spring NEC show but before it left the factory for its launch, *Caravan* mag's Test Ed and photo man had the honour of being the first people outside Lunar to see it. On a frosty Friday morning we towed it 20 miles north from the factory, over salt-strewn roads, to

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TEST LOCATION

Little Orchard Caravan Park, Weeton, Kirkham, Lancashire

Little Orchard Caravan Park. When we arrived our Kia's coachwork was so encrusted with white salt that it looked unworthy of being partnered by such a prestige caravan. With no opportunity to wash the car, we decided it was prudent to photograph the TS with our photo man's (sparkly clean) Volvo. So both Sorento and Volvo took their share of the tow test, as we report later.



Everything about the Delta TS is amply proportioned, including the kitchen

This year's Deltas have an air of sophistication, of opulence, almost; that's created by a number of features including tactile upholstery and stunning lighting design...

In 2014 Lunar launched a limited edition range called Saros. The range introduced wow-factor styling and, although this one-year edition of the Clubman is no longer made, some of its features are now in Deltas and Clubmans. Among them is, in our opinion, the best-designed roof light in any caravan. It's long (1.36m to be precise). And it's framed by a white oval panel edged with concealed lighting. In bright sunlight the lighting takes on a rose pink hue. After sundown it looks white.

More stunning lighting design appears in a subtle style, in an open corner unit between the

TECHNICAL STUFF

- BERTHS** 4
- LENGTH** BODY 6.34m
OVERALL 7.88m
- WIDTH** 2.32m
- HEADROOM** 1.95m
- WEIGHT** MIRO 1550kg
MTPLM 1710kg



fridge and the door. Lines of LEDs run inside its vertical edges, giving the corner unit the same rose pink light that we see around the roof light. It's a simple piece of design but so effective at contributing to the signal that the new Delta TS is designed for discerning buyers.

Delta lighting luxury continues above high-gloss white top lockers; that's another introduced by the style-icon Saros.

Outside, there's another lighting feature; this time one that will announce to all onlookers that you have a Delta. LEDs are set within all four grab-handles, so that they illuminate the recesses. These lights come on when you turn on the two awning lights (the offside one is in the perfect place to provide illumination when you're carrying out the water tasks).

SHOWERING

We measured the depth of the shower room at 1.25m; that makes it substantially bigger than the majority. The pampering room is kept warm by a large Alde-heated towel rail, a chunkily attractive chrome piping structure which snakes 93cm up the forward wall.

Lights come on automatically when you open the doors of the two wardrobes. Each gives you 40cm of hanging width. The one in the offside corner has a removable panel so that you can increase hanging depth. Two shelves here provide ample space for footwear.

Three drawers below the nearside wardrobe are the perfect socks department.

At 79cm x 65cm the shower is the size of many you'd find in





The TS's long corridor accentuates the caravan's length



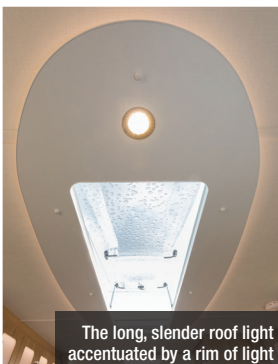
Top cabinets are illuminated from within



Even without extending the small table there's enough space for treats!



These beds are the same height as the settees, giving the TS an open-plan look



The long, slender roof light accentuated by a rim of light



Lights come on automatically when you open the wardrobes



With 180 litres of capacity the fridge-freezer is one of the TS's important assets



One of the largest shower rooms in any caravan

houses. The shower rose has an air intake that increases flow rate when the air mixes with the water.

SLEEPING

Lunar makes its twin beds the same height as the settees. Keeping them low gives the caravan an open-plan aspect. It also nicely integrates the bedroom with the day area, making the beds look like inviting feet-up relaxing places rather than simply beds.

STORAGE

With such capacious clothing storage in the shower room, the four large overhead lockers in the bedroom will never get crammed with stuff.

Full-length hatches lead to the areas under the beds and settees. Exterior hatch access opens into the nearside under-bed space. Six top lockers surround the lounge.

Storage, we can safely say, is nothing short of excellent.

DINING

Most buyers of the TS will be couples, so the four-person freestanding table may get only occasional use. That's because the pull-out centre-front table gives you an adequate surface for two place settings, at 78cm deep and 60cm wide. The table is stored in a forward section of the kitchen cabinets; getting it in and out is easy.

LOUNGING

At 1.64m, the settees are long enough to put your feet up but not to lie down while you're watching your TV (on the shelf below the drinks recess); that's what the chaise longue beds are for! TV connections are in the bedroom, too.

We love the tactile fabric of the seating; the plain cream, with fibres that reflect the light, is stunningly modern. The twisting vertical pattern of the curtains and two of the cushions shines in both sun and artificial light, enhancing

WHAT WE LIKE

- ▶ The wonderful long roof light!
- ▶ The grab-handle lights
- ▶ The generously sized kitchen
- ▶ The spacious shower room

WHAT WE DON'T LIKE

- ▶ A wooden door instead of a fabric partition would have created a more secluded bedroom



White gloss top-cabinets and palest cream tactile upholstery create a lovely modern look

the exceptionally light, bright look. The forward armrests give really good back and shoulder support. Comfort, we discovered during our TS test, is a given!

KITCHEN

Likewise, meal making is easy. The worktop surface is 96cm wide. And there's more. You can extend the kitchen length by 35cm, though with so much main space, this hinged area is more luxury than necessity.

Storage capacity is similarly generous, with a two-shelf cupboard that's 55cm wide, and five drawers, one of which is fitted for cutlery. Five white-frosted doors front the top cabinets. And these get their share of the Delta lighting- style magic, with LED strips that cast a nicely subdued light into the caravan. A cabinet under the TV shelf, on the other side of the caravan, plus space under the fridge, completes the capacious capability of the kitchen. Perhaps the new Delta's greatest kitchen storage asset, though, is its 180-litre fridge and separate freezer.

TOWING

Twin-axle towing ease was demonstrated with two different vehicles during this review. Both journeys – covering motorway and winding-lanes driving – reinforced the belief that, if stability, towing ease and therefore relaxed driving is a priority for you, twin axles are the way to go.



ALSO CONSIDER...

Elddis Crusader Supercyclone, similar layout; £24,999

OPTIONS TO GO FOR...

Wrap-around seating (£139) if you opt for this you can also keep the chest of drawers it replaces.

OUR VERDICT

There's energetic competition at the top end of the caravan spec spectrum. Lots of well-equipped models at post £22,000 prices and some a lot higher fight for your attention. Few, though, can be compared to the Delta range in terms of weight. At 7.88m from hitch to tail, the new Delta is a lot of caravan for a weight figure that's not much above some high-end single-axle caravans. Its price stands up well against its competition. And the soft-tone, plush, sophisticated Delta character is simply lovely. The new TS brings to the market a high-class, low weight option for buyers looking for two beds on two axles.

Twin-axle caravans are suddenly becoming more numerous too. Coachman brought out a Laser in October, and Venus' range now gives buyers a lightweight twin-axle option (see page 126). On top of this, two more arrive from Lunar – this review model and a new Quasar, the 646, with fixed bunks.

But it's not all about the axles. If twin beds are for you, too, take a serious look at this new Delta TS.

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