



DELTA BELTER

Rob McCabe enjoys a luxurious stay in one of Lunar's twin-axle flagship models which offers touring accommodation for four

Delta TS's sidewalls are reassuringly thick, while it measures in at a shade under 26ft from tip to toe

Right at the top of the Lunar food chain sit three imposing twin-axle caravans, each taking up nearly 26ft of terra firma. Not only are they bigger, but these formidable beasts lord it over lesser members of the herd by offering a list of standard equipment that feels like it, too, could stretch to 26ft.

This trio goes by the name of Delta, and the only appreciable differences between them is how the permanent en-suite bedrooms are arranged. One has a double bed that faces front to back, while another has one that sits transversely. Here, though, our focus is on the Delta TS, which has the

very much in vogue fixed single-bed layout. Like the others, its raison d'être is to provide discerning couples with an upmarket holiday apartment on wheels.

Let's see if that's the case.

CONSTRUCTION

A forensic examination of the Delta's infrastructure came up with nothing but thumpingly-thick aluminium sidewalls, over-engineered corner steadies, a wonderfully-sturdy gas locker door, perfect panel gaps, smoothly-running slats, sweetly-opening doors and lovely joinery. Then I opened the shower cubicle door. As I did so, the full-length

rubber strip that secures it in place when closed started to slide out of its runner, thereafter refusing to remain in place. Unfortunately, the shower door wouldn't stay closed after that.

TOWABILITY

Only a chunky SUV can tow a fully-laden Delta – that doesn't come as any surprise, given that it's an equipment-laden twin-axle. If you've never towed a four-wheeler before, you may be surprised to learn how straightforward it is – all those tyres in contact with the ground result in a reassuring, well-planted feel on the road. In this instance, you have



the belts-and-braces assistance of ATC electronic stability control and a built-in hitch stabiliser.

Although you clearly have to make allowances for the extra length when manoeuvring, a twin-axle is generally easier to reverse onto a pitch than a single. A motorised mover is still a good ally, though – as you'll realise the first time you try to move it by hand.

USABILITY

The Delta does a fine job of trying to convince you it's actually a compact apartment and not a caravan: there's an impressive sensation of space in all areas on board. This is most noticeable around the kitchen, which is greatly appreciated.

There's no shortage of storage space, either. The highlight is having not one but two full-size wardrobes, both usefully illuminated. There are also vast spaces under both single beds and sofas (the usual portfolio of overhead lockers (10 in total), drawers and open shelving, which all add up to a couple's caravan that should always look delightfully clutter-free.

The idea is that you're pampered every step of the way in the Delta, so I guess it's only natural that you should have three TV viewing stations – a choice between two in the lounge, and one in the bedroom.

The free-standing table is placed conveniently in its stowage compartment by the kitchen, but is only likely ever to be used if you have guests – the secure, slide-out extension to the front chest is commodious enough to take care of everyday needs in this regard.

All windows – including the front – are served by attractive pleated blinds, which look really good when they're all in use in the evening.

You get two awning lights, the one on the offside coming in very handy if you find yourself on water-pump duties after dark. The light switches for these also illuminate the blue ambient lighting around the grab handles – maybe not that useful, but pretty cool.

LIVING AND SLEEPING

What a peachy lounge! The seats are don't-want-to-get-up sumptuous, offering that winning blend of comfort and support, and with four good corners to flop into. Lunar's spec sheet mischievously lists them as single beds, which I guess they can be if you're shorter than five and a half feet. Luckily, the double bed that's made up in minutes is both huge (6ft 11in long) and cossetting.

But that'll be used only occasionally (if at all) in this de-facto two-berther. The focal point of the TS is the en-suite bedroom featuring a pair of full-size permanent single beds – and this, too, is first-class accommodation.

Both super-comfy beds are identically sized, offering a luxurious 2ft 7in width. At 6ft 2in, they're not the longest, though – if you're anywhere near that height >>



Comfortable fixed single beds



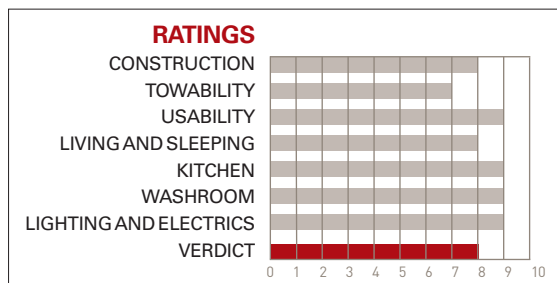
Fantastic kitchen

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Unimpeded corridor from rear bedroom to front lounge

TECHNICAL



RRP	£26,394 OTR
Overall length	25ft 10in (7.88m)
Overall width	7ft 8in (2.33m)
Overall height	8ft 9in (2.66m)
Internal length	20ft 10in (6.34m)
Max internal height	6ft 5in (1.95m)
MRO	1,550kg (30.51cwt)
MTPLM	1,710kg (33.66cwt)
User payload	160kg (3.15cwt)
Berths	4
NCC approved	Yes
Caravan Club insurance quote	£340.31*

Figures supplied by manufacturer

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