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Swift Select 122

DAVID GUEST assesses the Select, a new range of panel van conversions from Yorkshire-based Swift

ONE OF the major changes that Swift made to its 2018 lineup was to reinvent its Autocruise collection of panel vans as the brand-new Swift Select range.

The Select panel vans feature two stylish exteriors, upgraded standard specifications and add-on interior packs, giving greater customisation. I was lucky enough to have a snoop around the Select 122 at Swift's official 2018 launch day, and I found myself easily visualising myself using it.

The 122 is a two-berth model with two swivelling driving seats and two fixed single beds at the rear, which can also be transformed into a double bed if you prefer. These beds act as seating areas in the day time and there's a substantial fold-away table that stands between them, giving you great dining space or just a place to relax. These bench seats also flip up to reveal ample storage space. The interior is kitted out with a new fabric scheme (Eider), which is a modern and clean-looking, two-tone grey. It looks very smart when combined with the woodgrain lockers, bathroom enclosure and French Oak-effect scratch-resistant vinyl floor. There's a very modern feel throughout.

The compact kitchen is surprisingly well equipped, featuring a three-burner hob with combination oven and grill, stainless steel sink

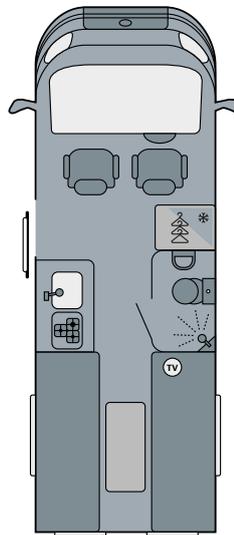
with glass lid to increase workspace and an 85-litre Dometic fridge with three-way power. I personally like the layout of having the kitchen just behind the driving seats opposite the washroom and then a larger space at the back for living/sleeping - it nicely divides the driving element from the living area, which makes the unit feel a bit more homely. On

the subject of the washroom, this is fairly compact as you would expect in a panel van, but again the layout helps make the most of the space. The mirrored cupboard sits above a fold-away wash basin - another feature that helps create more room.

Overall, both inside and out, the Select has quite a sporty feel thanks to the finishings and colour scheme. Swift describes the Select as compact and customisable, both of which it definitely is. The strong base vehicle can be customised to your needs with a wealth of extras - including a Driver Pack that adds features such as cruise control and air conditioning or a Lux pack that adds the likes of 16-inch alloy wheels, DAB radio and Bluetooth.

The particular model I looked at had the larger of the two engine capacities, 2.3-litre, in the Fiat Ducato 35L base, but you can also have a 2-litre version. There's also the option for automatic transmission on this and other vans in the range, the 144, 164 and 184.

Overall, I found the Select a nice-to-look-at, smartly laid out unit that would be equally comfortable on a high-adventure cycling holiday as it would a relaxing touring break anywhere in the UK or Europe.



at a glance

Price as tested £44,915

Prices start at £40,925

Club Care insurance £656

Base vehicle

Fiat Ducato

Engine as tested

2.3-litre, 130bhp, six-speed manual gearbox

Emissions category

Euro 6

Electrics Two 230V

sockets; 80Ah leisure battery

Gas locker Space for

two 7kg cylinders

On-board tanks

93-litre fresh water; 41-litre wastewater

Length x width x

height 6m x 2.46m x 2.72m

Berths Two travel and sleeping

Bed sizes Double

1.86m x 1.88m or two singles 1.88m x 0.65m

Mass in Running

Order 2,852kg

Maximum Authorised

Mass 3,500kg

User payload 648kg

C1 licence required No

Warranty Three years

Manufacturer Swift

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verdict

A compact and eye-pleasing panel van with the option to customise to your chosen level of luxury.



The layout features a good size living space