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The Alto pitched at Wolverley Club Site in the West Midlands

**Eating on board:**  
We missed an oven during our week-long trip, though the Alto has a microwave and a separate grill. There's an extra fold-out section on the main kitchen unit that provided helpful extra space, especially when washing up. There's also good storage for utensils and cutlery underneath. A couple of gas cylinders fit under the neat little sink, with the cylinders being accessed from outside once the sliding door is open. There's also a good-size fridge with freezer compartment. It's a tidy little set-up.



was generously proportioned for two. There were inevitably some compromises in such a tight space, such as the challenges of making up the third bed and the table configuration, but overall the Alto is proving a sturdy workhorse for our team members. Look out for reviews online at [www.myccc.co.uk/OnTest](http://www.myccc.co.uk/OnTest) from District Association meets, Club Site stays and more over the next few months.

# Autocruise Alto

This year we've taken a long-term Autocruise Alto motorhome on test. Editor-in-Chief **SIMON MCGRATH** takes it for a camping break in the Lake District

**IT'S BEEN** a while since we've had a motorhome on an extended test so it's been interesting to see how our Autocruise Alto by the Swift Group has been used over the last few months.

It arrived in time for our tent-testing photoshoot in early spring and has already been up to Scotland and provided accommodation for one of our Tow Car Awards testers.

The Club's Print and Digital Production Manager Sarah Kennedy took the van to the Cotswolds in April. You can read about her experiences on our website, while others will be testing specific aspects such as its kitchen facilities and the driving experience over the next few weeks. Again, their reviews will be online.

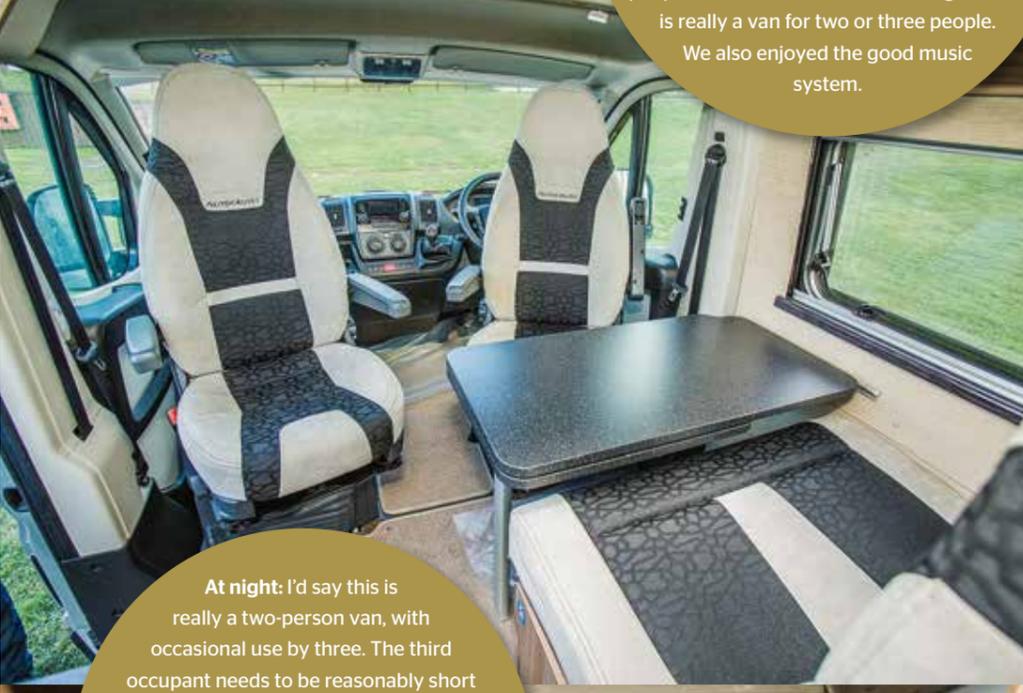
However, I pushed the Alto to its limits when I squeezed my family inside for a trip to the Lake District over half term. It's only a three-berth van, so one of my teenage sons enjoyed his own space courtesy of a pup tent, though there are travelling seats for four.

The Alto was comfortable and easy to drive, but I found the handbrake was a little low on the right-hand side of the driving seat. Otherwise the driving position was good.

Overall, the motorhome felt well-made, of good quality and



**Washroom:**  
This was compact but adequate. It is effectively a wet room with the basin tap doubling up as a showerhead. There was only one towel rail, but the room was warm due to the blown-air vent inside and we found it very helpful for drying clothes after a soaking in the Lake District.



**Living area:**  
The two comfy cab seats swing around for daytime use and there's a removable table that stows above the cab, though it can be a bit fiddly to get it fixed in the storage area. The bench seats are good for relaxing too and the table has a swing-out section for the occupant of the front passenger seat. It's a little awkward to get four people around the table, but then again, this is really a van for two or three people. We also enjoyed the good music system.



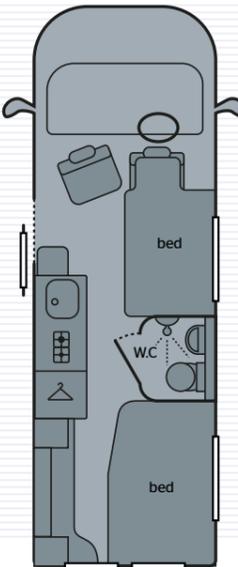
**At night:** I'd say this is really a two-person van, with occasional use by three. The third occupant needs to be reasonably short (5ft 6in) - the third bed is made up from the two rear travelling seats and the swivelled driver's seat. It's fairly compact and fiddly to make up as well. Fortunately the fixed rear double bed is more practical and really comfortable. The lighting in this area is good and there's lots of storage cupboards plus a big mirror.

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## at a glance

- Price as tested** £50,320
- Prices start at** £48,875
- Club Care insurance** £221
- Base vehicle** Peugeot Boxer 335
- Engine as tested** 2.2-litre, 130bhp, six-speed manual gearbox
- Emissions category** Euro 5
- Electrics** Five 230V socket; 12V socket with TV aerial point; 75Ah leisure battery
- Gas locker**  
Space for two 7kg cylinders
- On-board tanks** 66-litre fresh water; 41-litre wastewater
- Length x width x height** 6.36m x 2.66m x 2.72m
- Berths** Four travel/three sleeping
- Bed sizes**  
Double 1.87m x 1.19m; front single 1.7m x 0.9m
- Mass in Running Order** 3,110kg
- Maximum Authorised Mass** 3,500kg
- User payload** 390kg
- C1 licence required** No
- Warranty** Three years
- Converter** Swift
- Tel** 01482 875740
- Web** [www.swiftgroup.co.uk](http://www.swiftgroup.co.uk)



## verdict

A quality van conversion with plenty of features that was easy to drive.