



SWIFT incl ESCAPE, BESSACARR & AUTOCRUISE
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The UK's largest leisure-vehicle manufacturer always musters an impressive display at the NEC, but this year's Swift Group stand will be particularly busy because it features an all-new version of one of Britain's favourite 'vans, the **Escape**.

The first rung on the motorhome ladder for many, this entry-level brand has been completely reinvented, with six of the eight-model range being new layouts, and the popular overcab models dropped in favour of low-line designs with manual drop-down double beds. The 622 – winner of the Best Budget Buy category in our 2016 Motorhome of the Year Awards (see p55) – and 664 continue, joined by the new four-berth **614**, **674**, **684** and **694**, plus the six-berth **685** (see panel) and **695**. There's a smart new look inside and out, with LED lighting and healthy kit levels including Swift's Command system, which is now fitted to all Swift Group products.

The compact coachbuilt **Rio** range gets a dramatic new look for 2017 as it follows the Bolero and Kon-tiki with



ON SHOW AT THE NEC HALL 6 STANDS 33 & 39

Smart new looks for bestselling Escape and Rio (inset) which gets 'Black Edition' trim

'Black Edition' treatment, giving metallic-black cabs and stylish new graphics. The four-model line-up is otherwise unchanged bar detail improvements and the adoption of GRP sidewalls as part of the enhanced SMART Plus construction.

Like the Rio, the eight-model **Bessacarr** and six-model **Kon-tiki** ranges continue unchanged, while

the 612EK has been deleted from the **Bolero** portfolio, leaving a quartet of four-berth layouts. All three ranges benefit from the new Euro 6-compliant Fiat Ducato cab, GRP roofs and sidewalls, and refreshed interiors.

AUTOCRUISE GETS AFFORDABLE

Swift Group has started a revolution in its Autocruise brand, retaining the same

four-layout line-up of panel van conversions but giving it a new name – Select – and revamping the pricing structure to give a super-tempting starting price of just £36,490 OTR.

Head to the massive Swift stand in Hall 9 to see if you could happily tour with such a basic van conversion, or whether you would have to spec it up with one or more of the options packs – Drivers, Vogue, Living and Luxury – which are each priced from £1695-1995.

➔ MUST-SEE NEW 'VAN Escape 685

The Escape has long been popular among families, and its overcab models have been regular winners in our awards. But for 2017 they are gone, in favour of fuel-saving – and stylish – low-line designs with fresh, modern interiors. The surprisingly compact 685 packs in an awful lot, with a rear parallel lounge, central kitchen and washroom, and a drop-down double bed over the front travelling dinette. Its 3500kg MTPLM and affordable £45,990 should appeal to younger families, though those with more than three children should take note that it boasts just five belted seats.



Escape 685 is a twin-lounge model that feels a lot bigger on the inside than it looks on the outside



New Autocruise Select has a super-competitive base price