



Distinction delights

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The team from UCC in Christchurch hit Auckland with what they called the deal of the show, a range of 2018-model motorhomes with only 20,000km on the clock for under \$125K. Rob Floris from UCC tells me the response was fantastic, and these models will be available at open weekends held at Zion Motorhomes in Pokeno, and UCC in Christchurch on 5-7 July, as well as at the Dunedin Motorhome show on 13-14 July.

We take a look to see what was on offer and can confirm there is a lot of value for money in these models. These are the German-built Dethleffs Trend Distinction 2018 range used for the McRent rental business. Each motorhome runs

on the rental market for one season, or around the 20,000km range on the clock. They are then groomed, tested and supplied exclusively to Rob Floris at UCC Motorhomes in Christchurch for sale to the domestic market. The motorhomes are available for pick up ex Pokeno or Christchurch.

The four models available at present are all four-berth, offering both rear island or single bed options in the low-line cab style. There are also two six berth models, one featuring rear bunks, and one with a permanent rear bed.

The Trend 6757 DBM is the most compact model at 6960mm long. The rear island bed measures 1900x1500mm, the over-cab pull-down bed measures 2000x1000mm.



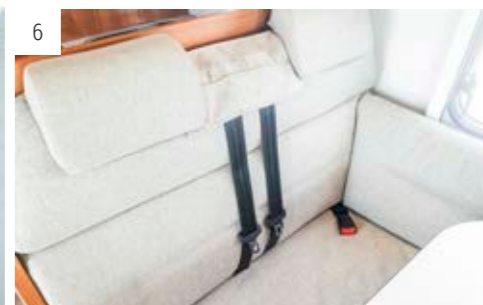
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1. Upon entry the step-up dinette to the right with swivel cab seats. To the left is the kitchen area
2. Low-line Dethleffs Trend Distinction range all based on the Fiat Ducato 96KW (130BHP) cab chassis
3. Master control panel for lights, batteries and monitoring power
4. Large garage storage on all models, with entry hatches both sides
5. Common across the range, the Pilote seats that are height and inclination adjustable with integrated headrest and armrests. The table is fully adjustable and a third bed could be made here if required
6. Front facing seat-belts in the dinette setting
7. All the models offer the 2000x1400mm electric drop-down bed in the front, with a ladder for easy access
8. Bunk beds in the Coachbuilt model

The Trend 6717 is the two single beds model and is also at 6960mm; a bigger garage at 750x1150mm – the bed configuration changes this area. Pull-down bed in the front cab area.

Going up in size to the Trend 7057DBM rear-bed model at 7410mm long, 950x1150mm garage area. The bed in the rear of this model is higher off the deck, with stairs either side for bed access. Pull-down bed in the front cab area.

Lastly in this low-line range is the Trend 7057EB, 7410mm long, 950x1150mm garage area. Two single beds 2100x800mm, or one really large bed at 2150x2100mm. Pull-down bed in the front cab as per other models.

For those who like a Luton cab-over bed

there are a couple of options in the Trend Coachbuilt range: fixed rear beds or rear bunk beds, the dinette converts to a second bed option, and the Luton offers a good-sized 2100x1650mm bed.

All are based on Fiat Ducato common-rail Turbo diesel multijet Euro 6 engine, FWD with a broad-gauge low-frame chassis for safe driving. This lower chassis allows for double floor layers, so tanks and pipework are inside the insulated body for protection from the elements. Plenty of storage options including a storage pod within the double floor, and the large garage area with outside hatch entry.

They come with the balance of manufacturer's

warranty from Fiat as well as the Dethleffs manufacturer's warranty so no worries there. As part of the Dethleffs' warranty you must take the vehicle in for a service every year. This is vital as they check every single screw, join, nook and cranny from top to bottom to ensure everything is as it should be – water tight and working at its best.

They're fitted with many items you often have to pay extra for to have installed on a vehicle, including 100W of solar on top, external awning, bike rack, reversing camera, TV and auto-sat dish. Fresh water 116–125L (model dependent), 20L hot water and 90L grey tanks.

With the good-sized 142L three-way auto



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fridge/freezer you can hold plenty of food and drink to cook up a storm in the full oven in the kitchen, and importantly for this time of year you can use the Truma 6E combi gas/electric heater to be warm and cosy regardless of the weather outside.

The AirPlus ventilation system is great, essentially moving air around the vehicle, behind furniture and around the walls to ensure a healthy environment in the whole vehicle.

With island bed and single bed options, these models tick the boxes for many people: storage galore inside and a huge boot outside for those who need to carry toys, BBQ or a multitude of necessities for a fun RV Lifestyle. These must be great to travel in as a rental. I know from renting out RnR that tourists often arrive with big bags or packs of gear, but lots of rental vehicles have little storage for those sized items. These Dethleffs Trend Distinction range motorhomes have plenty of storage in their rear garage. The standard feature is the Dethleffs drop-chassis extension which allows extra-large rear garages – up to 115 cm in height and 150-kg load capacity. The garages have access doors on both sides and are fitted with fixing loops, heating and a 230V power outlet.

CONSTRUCTION

The roof and floor are protected by GRP panels, and the highly compressed, water-resistant XPS insulation keeps heat and cold at bay. Floor thickness: 49mm; sidewall thickness: 34mm; roof thickness: 35mm. Well protected against hail with durable GRP roof.

Habitation entry door is wider than standard at 70 cm, offering an enormous gain in comfort. **RV**



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9. This model is the 74100mm long T7057 DBM model. The rear bedroom has an island bed 1900x1500mm. It is much higher up off the floor and has two steps each side for easy entry. More expansive storage shelving in the model 10. Larger cupboard storage under the T7057 DBM model 11. These two single beds can transform into a large 2100x2150mm by pulling out the slider in the middle and adding the additional bed squab 12. Transform two singles to a king-size bed 13. The Coachbuilt Luton cab model, with low-line models behind 14. Full-height shower with fixtures and fittings 15. En suite bathroom with electric swivel cassette toilet, storage and heating in as well



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