



Cream soft furnishings had survived remarkably well, considering this vehicle's age



Kitchen facilities weren't particularly impressive



UNDER £15,000

1991 Hymermobil 534

For: quality Hymer build; good specification; 1.9-litre turbo-diesel engine

Against: no driver's cab door; DIY storage units in cab; no rear seatbelts

PRICE £14,995

THREE YEARS YOUNGER THAN the Elddis Special, this A-class Hymer was, if anything, in slightly better all-round condition – a tribute to its build quality and care taken by its five precious owners. Body styling was more curved, thanks to a GRP-moulded front wall. The roof was faced in plain aluminium, while figured aluminium graced the sides and rear wall, the latter with a ladder to the roof rack.

Although this 534 was right-hand drive, Hymer hadn't switched the layout, so the cab door was on the passenger rather than driver side. The stable-type caravan door was on our offside, where a lever-operated step made for easier entry and exit. The fitted wind-out awning, on the other hand, had been fitted on our nearside.

Cab appointments included high-back Isringhausen captains seats, which included quick-release backrest adjustment, allowing the overcab double bed to be

lowered conveniently into place. From the blue instrument panel, it was clear that the base Ducato was the later, facelifted version, although the floor-mounted five-speed gear-shift still got in the way at times.

A previous owner had fitted ply storage units on both sides in the cab. Although the idea was sound, the unfinished 3mm ply didn't match the Hymer's teak-effect cabinets.

Soft furnishings, including the fitted carpet, were in cream and had survived remarkably well. Top-hinged acrylic windows came with a full complement of both net and lined curtains, plus cassette blinds and flyscreens. Supplementing the windows, a wind-up sunroof was fitted over the lounge and kitchen.

Dinette/lounge seating comprised a trio of settees set in a U-shape and with a freestanding table that could be lowered to create the base for a double bed. As in the Elddis, however, there were no rear seatbelts, effectively making this Hymer a two-

SPECIFICATIONS

Base vehicle: Fiat Ducato

Engine: 1.9-litre turbo-diesel

Mileage: 62,985

Price: £14,995

Price when new: £23,175

Number of owners: five

Berths: four

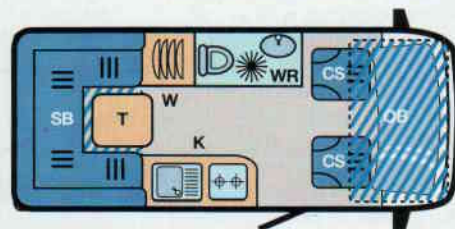
Specification includes: GRP moulded front, aluminium roof, sides and rear walls on metal-frame construction; rear roof rack and ladder, rear hatch to underseat storage; manual step; wind-out awning on UK nearside; high-back captains cab seats, cab and rear fitted carpet, pull-down overcab bed; fire extinguisher and smoke alarm; two-burner hob/extractor, 70-litre three-way fridge, oven/grill,

cutlery drawer, two kitchen roof lockers, sink/drainer and mixer tap; acrylic top-hinged windows with nets, curtains and cassette blinds and flyscreens; U-shaped dinette with freestanding table and wind-up sunroof; manual-flush Thetford cassette toilet, moulded handbasin with mixer tap/showerhead, tall corner toiletries locker; Trumatic gas heater with blown air, Truma hot water boiler; fluorescent and spot lighting; 12v, mains and aerial sockets, including Mohawk TV aerial system.

Dimensions: overall length, 18ft 5in (5613mm); overall width, 7ft 3in (2210mm); overall height, 9ft 0in (2743mm).

Motor Caravan Magazine tested: not tested

- KEY**
- CS swivel cab seat
- OB overcab bed
- WR washroom
- K kitchen
- T table
- SB settee/bed
- W wardrobe





High-back captains seats make the Hymer a comfortable cruiser



Washroom was a little dingy



Rear hatch led to storage area

berth. Also, the table was heavy, and would need to be secured for travel.

Typically Continental, the Hymer's kitchen unit was quite small, its top offering just a two-burner hob combined with a stainless steel sink and drainer with a mixer tap. However, the base unit housed a 70-litre Electrolux fridge, plus a combined oven and grill, although the latter was placed too low down for convenience.

The Hymer's washroom was slightly larger than the 300 Special's, but it felt smaller because it had no window. Also, the fitted manual-flush Thetford cassette toilet was finished in white, while other ABS mouldings were in yellow. These mainly comprised a handbasin with a large cupboard underneath, while a tall toiletries locker was fitted across the corner over the toilet, with an adjacent four-bulb light behind a vertical diffuser. The handbasin's mixer tap doubled as the showerhead. A previous owner had added a set of mirror tiles on the washroom outer wall, which didn't look too bad and helped with the spacious feel to the interior.

Well-placed interior lighting comprised both fluorescent fittings and spotlights for more direct illumination.

Heating was provided by a Trumatic appliance fitted at the base of the wardrobe and with the added benefit of ducted blown air. A Truma boiler also supplied hot water to mixers in the the kitchen and washroom.

VERDICT

Interior condition 3/5

Clean, original interior slightly compromised by DIY ply storage fittings in cab

Exterior condition 3/5

Unmarked aluminium coachbuilt body; slight wear on GRP front bumper

Kitchen 3/5

Fairly small unit with quite basic equipment

Washroom 3/5

Mismatched toilet and ABS moulded fittings; no window

Lounge/dining 3/5

Comfortable seating but no rear belts; cumbersome table

Night-time 2/5

Easy pull-down overcab double bed, but travel seats only for two

Value for money 3/5

Respected make and all-round good condition

Overall verdict 3/5

Clean, well-presented A-class on later, face-lifted Ducato chassis; dated styling

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