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Meet the pop-top Swift Trekker, and we review Auto-Sleepers' clever Burford Duo!



# AUTO-SLEEPER BURFORD DUO

This comfortable, solidly built low-profile should suit two on tour, says Peter Baber

**T**he Burford Duo is one of five low-profiles that Auto-Sleepers builds on a Mercedes Sprinter base vehicle. Both it and its Burford cousin provide end washrooms, but unlike the Burford with its French bed, the Duo has two low-level single beds.

This is a layout you generally only see now in UK motorhomes. Does it measure up? To find out, we went to Marquis Leisure's Lancashire branch.

These days, 7.92m is quite long for a low-profile, and the Burford looks big, with its large bonnet. Auto-Sleepers makes use of this by providing handy skirting lockers along the outside, although there's no garage. You do get external BBQ, mains and TV points.

Our model came with the £5100 Premium Pack, which on the outside gets you a Thule awning, alloy wheels and a 100W solar panel.

Climb into the pared-down cab and you'll find it also gets you a nine-speed automatic gearbox, cab air-con, a reversing camera and the Mercedes MBUX entertainment system.

Thanks to the electronic brake, the aisle is clear. The branded single-arm captain's seats (an Auto-Sleepers speciality) swivel to join up on one level with the parallel-settee lounge.

Light floods through a Heki and the sunroof above the cab, as well as the large windows. At night, there's good ambient lighting, three LEDs running down the centre of the ceiling, and six individually switched spotlights, four of which can be moved. There's also a mains socket below the offside settee.

The TV, complete with soundbar, stands above a small cupboard next to the habitation door.

**Price** From £112,050

**Sleeps** 4 **Belts** 2

**Base vehicle**

Mercedes Sprinter

**Engine** 163bhp

Euro 6.3 turbodiesel

**Length/width/height**

7.92/2.35/2.90m  
(25'10"/7'7"/9'5")

**MTPML** 4100kg

**MiRO** 3380kg **Payload** 720kg

**Water (fresh/waste)**

91/91 litres

**Leisure battery** 100Ah

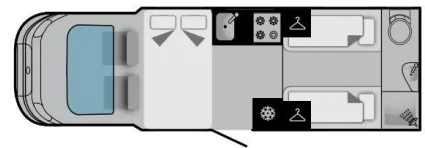
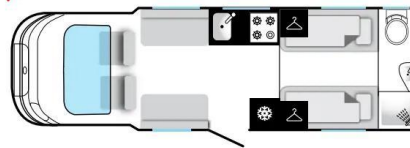
**Gas** 25-litre underslung

LPG tank

2.90m  
(9'5")

2.35m  
(7'7")

7.92m (25'10")



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This cupboard holds the table, which slides out for easy access, although it is heavy. We're generally not fans of foldaway tables, as they seem to get in the way more than pedestals, although the space around this one is good.

Along with Truma Combi heating, you also get Truma Aventa Plus air conditioning fitted as standard.

The kitchen has a good workspace (especially if you remove the sink drainer) in front of the window and below a striplight, and this is complemented with an extension.

A dual-fuel four-burner hob sits on top of a separate oven and grill. There are two mains sockets and a USB port to the left of the sink. You even get an extractor fan. Opposite is a fridge and freezer, with a microwave above.

The gangway through to the rear is step-free, with one swing door leading to the bedroom and another through to the rear washroom.

The latter houses the toilet on the offside by a clear window, and in the middle, a salad bowl-style basin with a medium-sized mirror. The door makes

up close



Pared-down cab, but Premium Pack adds nine-speed gearbox and more



LEFT Table stows away in cupboard by habitation door

RIGHT At the foot of each bed is a cantilevered wardrobe



Single beds have padded headboards, as well as mains sockets and USBs



**1** Branded single-arm captain's seats swivel to face lounge settees

**2** Plenty of worktop, especially when you remove sink drainer

**3** Shower is bigger than it looks, and washroom includes tambour door cupboard and shelving



the shower entrance a bit narrow, while the grey tiling makes the cubicle look smaller than it is. It has two shelves, an LED, a roof vent and two drains.

The fixed beds look short, but that may be because each has a cantilevered wardrobe at its foot. They are both 1.86m (6ft 1in) long.

The room includes a branded padded headboard with four spotlights in front and ambient light all around, as well as an LED in the ceiling. There is a mains socket under each bed and more USB ports under the offside bed.

The settees in the lounge make up a huge double. The scatter cushions are so big and sturdy, you probably won't need to bring pillows with you.

You get four overhead lockers here, plus two mostly clear underseat areas that can be accessed by lifting slats that stay up even with those sturdy cushions still on them. The same is true of the areas under the beds, with the offside one accessible from outside.

The main kitchen unit includes two large cupboards and drawers. There are two overhead lockers, one housing a

set of branded wineglasses, but the pan locker under the oven is shallow.

The tambour door cupboard in the washroom isn't shelved, although there is some shelving next to it.

**PRACTICAL MOTORHOME SAYS...**

Those wanting to combine adventure sports with motorcaravanning might find storage here slightly lacking, but this is a workable, well made and extremely comfortable British motorhome, which would suit a couple on an extended trip with occasional guests.



Settees in the front lounge make up a comfortable double bed



Lift the slats to reach storage areas; offside one has outside access, too



Slats stay up, even with the sturdy settee cushions still in position



One overhead locker in the kitchen houses a set of branded wineglasses



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## Bourton



6445mm | 211"

## Burford



7920mm | 26'0"

## Winchcombe



7330mm | 24'1"

## Burford Duo



7920mm | 26'0"

## Malvern



7330mm | 24'1"



Mercedes Turbo Diesel 163bhp Euro 6.3 automatic engine\*



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