

★ 2012 WINNER

BEST RISING-ROOF CAMPERVAN

Its quality is as high as its rising roof, so we placed the Jerba Sanna at the top of its league – against stiff competition from some accomplished converters

Jerba Sanna

Price from £45,834 (OTR) • Sleeps 2 • Belts 4 • Base vehicle Volkswagen Transporter
 Engine 2.0-litre 105bhp • L/W/H 5.3/2.3/2m (17'4"/7'5"/6'5") • MTPLM 3200kg
 Payload 690kg CONTACT www.jerbacampervans.co.uk; 01620 890 374

WHEN WE FIRST laid eyes on Jerba's VW T5-based conversions at the NEC in 2009, we were struck by the incredibly high standard of workmanship and the design, reminiscent of other camper conversions from Bilbo's, Westfalia and Reimo.

It's true that Jerba doesn't make anything too radical. The Sanna – launched for the 2012 season – has a VW campervan staple layout, with forward-facing rear seats that make up into two single beds, a side-facing kitchen and a toilet cubicle in the rear.

The Sanna does have a couple of unique touches: a hook-up point neatly hidden behind a cutout in the rear bumper, and rear seats that make up into an optional double bed, not just twin singles. But there's nothing eye-catchingly unique about it.

Why, then, does it win this award? Because it's an amazing all-rounder, and very good at what it does. You won't have to endure a single rattle from the conversion on the road, so you can fully enjoy VW's civilised base vehicle. Jerba fits its furnishings flush against the walls, increasing sturdiness overall and avoiding any gaps that might invite dirt and debris.

The interior styling features a muted palette of grey and black: an automotive

look that matches the Transporter cab well. The materials used are top-notch, and every catch and lever feels as if it was selected with care, with quality as a top priority. The travelling seats are very comfortable and make up easily – with the swivelled cab seats – into either two comfy singles or one surprisingly roomy double bed. You can also specify a roof bed if you want to use this camper as a tourer for a family of four.

Ideal for families, the Sanna is an excellent daily driver: it's spacious and robust enough for school runs and shopping trips and the healthy 690kg payload makes it fit to be a family's sole vehicle. Capability as a daily driver is one of

the most important criteria in this category, and the Sanna passes with flying colours.

Of course, a 'van this size comes with compromises – the kitchen is small, with minimal equipment, but this helps maximise storage space. The toilet cubicle is also compact, but useable; having a proper cassette toilet is a vast improvement over the Porta-Pottis normally provided in a campervan this size.

The Jerba's all-round capability, its excellent build-quality and avoidance of gimmicky seals its victory in this category.

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1 Swivelling cab seats turn the lounge/diner into a four-seater 2 This versatile 'van makes a great daily driver 3 Keeping it simple in the kitchen frees up more space for storage. This means you can make the most of the generous payload 4 Make up a double or twin beds down below. An extra bed in the rising roof is an option 5 It's astonishing to find a proper toilet in a campervan this size

