

Benimar Tessoro 482

A proven layout and the facelifted Ford cab looks like a promising combination



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BASE VEHICLE Ford Transit

PRICE FROM £61,995

BERTHS 4

TRAVEL SEATS 4

LENGTH 6.98m

WIDTH 2.30m

HEIGHT 2.89m

GROSS WEIGHT 3,500kg

PAYLOAD 300kg



MARRYING two winning elements – the Ford Transit (with redesigned fascia, less aggressive grille and 170bhp Euro 6d motor) and a Brit-friendly floorplan (with rear lounge) – seems so obvious that you might wonder why Benimar hasn't done this before. The good news is, though, that such a mix is now available in the Tessoro 482, the Spanish company's only all-new model for 2020.

There have been some enhancements to the spec across the range, too. The fuel tank is increased in size and there's an upgraded 9in touchscreen with DAB radio, MP3 player, USB port, Bluetooth, integrated rear view camera and

sat-nav. Externally, factory-fitted bike rack mountings are added, while inside, furniture is now Marel Ash with White Stone kitchen worktops and upholstery is a new fabric called Cambridge.

The spec remains high, with alloy wheels, automatic lights and wipers, ESP, cab air-con, cab reading lights with USB ports, 145-litre fridge/freezer, overcab sunroof, 120-litre water tank, external shower and barbecue points, Truma 6kW heating and Grade III insulation.

The layout of the Tessoro 482, up front, is much as you'll see in other models in the range, with a half-dinette and a side sofa. Both front seats swivel, of course, and there's an electric drop-down bed

above with claimed dimensions of 1.90m by 1.39m.

The interesting aspect is the second seating area in the stern. Here, it's a classically British U-shape with scatter cushions, triple-aspect glazing and a removable central table, rather than the L-settee seen in the equivalent Mileo model (on Fiat). And there's another, similarly sized, drop-down bed above.

Backing onto the rear travel seats is the L-shaped kitchen, which incorporates an oven/grill, extractor hood, a tall fridge/freezer and microwave. There's a full-height pull-out pantry unit, too. Opposite, the washroom has a proper separate shower.