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Thank you for purchasing this camp bed from VW-beds.com, we hope it provides the easy small van camping solution it's intended to be. We pride ourselves on offering a simple, safe and low cost product to help families go camping together and welcome your feedback and photos as a reminder why we're in the business!

Please read these instructions and safety guidance before using your bed, if you have any questions or concerns just let us know.

Safety First!

Your cab bunk bed assembles into a sturdy metal frame which doesn't require fixing to the vehicle. The bunk is sized to sit upon the cab window ledges and doesn't contain any joints along the bed length to ensure its strength.

Your safety, and more importantly the safety of your child, is paramount so please follow these points with care;

Assembling the bunk

The cut & threaded ends of the bed frame may be sharp! Please ensure only a responsible adult assembles the bed and use care when handling the cut ends. Additionally the bed can be assembled without tools and without using force, joints should only be finger tight. If a joint is stiff, turn the bed over and try another joint first or twist the short end piece to align threaded joints. Do not apply excessive force.

Max weight

The bed is designed for use by children. Whilst the bed will carry the weight of some adults (circa 10 stone), you should be mindful of the intended use and not overload the bed.

Fall hazards

When fitted correctly there are minimal places where a child could fall from the cab bunk bed. Typically these will be the gap between the front seats and the gap between the bed and the passenger side dashboard. You must use due diligence to minimise this hazard, determined by the age of your child. The risk can be reduced with a cushion or similar soft obstacle in the passenger foot well and a step stool or blanket screen between the front seats.

Unlocked doors

Please ensure when the cab bunk is in place that you lock the front doors to prevent them being opened from either the inside or outside. If your vehicle has central locking and you're unable to manually lock the front doors, consider placing a small notice in the window as a visual reminder not to open the door.

Storage when travelling

How and where you store your cab bunk when travelling will depend upon your vehicle design. You may like to dismantle it, or may leave it assembled, however you should store it safely to ensure that it doesn't present a danger should the vehicle have to brake suddenly. If need be consider lashing it to a fixed object such as a seat base or load lashing point.

We're proud to say that with hundreds of our beds in use we've not had any accidents reported to us. However we remind you that duty of care over your child is your responsibility. We cannot accept any liability for injury or damage caused by the use of this product. Please follow these instructions & guidance notes and you should enjoy happy safe camping trips. **Enjoy your trip!**

How to assemble your cab bunk bed

The bed consists of 7 parts;

- 2 "long" sides with 90 degree bends at either end
- 2 "short" ends with 2 threaded couplers on each end
- 1 canvas bed surface
- 2 foam pads to cushion short ends against the windows



1. Take the 2 long sides & 1 short end.
2. With the coupler fully screwed flush on the short end, butt the short end to a long side and unscrew the coupler to cover the thread on the long side. The joint need only be finger tight.
3. Repeat to join the other long side creating a large "U" shape.
4. Note! It is important that the threaded coupler covers as much of the thread on BOTH the short end and long side as possible to create a strong joint.
5. Slide the open ends of the metal frame into the long casings of the canvas bed.
6. Fit the 2nd short end piece in the same manner as the first to complete the frame with the canvas cover fitted to it as pictured.
7. If the threads do not line up, twist the short end a little to align the threads, which should screw on easily.



Fitting in the van

Open the passenger door and slide the bed to rest on the driver side window ledge. Remember to lock the door! If your vehicle has a sliding door, support the bed with your arm through the open sliding door and carefully close the passenger door so the bed rests on it's window ledge. If you do not have a sliding door, wind the passenger window down to approx one inch above the ledge and support the bed through the open window. With the bed fitted on the 2 window ledges, close the window and lock the door. A foot stool is a handy accessory to help little people climb into bed!



Extra tips for happy camping

Cold weather use

Unlike sleeping on a solid surface, air will of course pass underneath the bed. This will allow the bed to lose heat faster than a solid bed. By placing a fleece blanket, sleeping bag or similar on the bed and sleeping on top of that it will create a thermal barrier to help keep the occupant warm.

Maintenance

The design of the bed is very simple and quality materials have been used. The steel frame is galvanised so should not rust, however use of an oil or similar protective lubricant on the threaded ends should ensure their smooth operation and prevent corrosion where the galvanised finish has been cut to form the threaded ends.

The canvas cover can be removed and washed as required. Please note the canvas used is new and may shed dye on its first wash. For this reason I would recommend washing this item separately.

Dismantling the bed

You can of course keep your bed assembled and store it flat, however if you need to take it apart reverse the assembly instructions. If you find a joint is tough to undo, try twisting the short end piece instead of the coupler. If you're really stuck, try undoing the other end, then you can twist the long side for extra leverage.

Climbing in and out

The height above floor level will vary from one vehicle to another as such you should use judgement in how to assist younger campers to climb in and out of the bed. I have found placing a foot stool between the front seats to be all the assistance my 3 yr old needs.

I hope you enjoy your cab bunk bed!

If you do experience any problems or simply want to let me know how you got on, I welcome feedback.

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