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Europcar offers customers free three week trial of electric Chapter 8 van

VW E Transporter fitted with the latest tech to help infrastructure firms gain vital insight into e-van suitability

Helping infrastructure and construction firms discover how e-vans can fit into their operations, Europcar Vans & Trucks is offering existing customers a three-week test drive experience of a fully equipped and Chapter 8 compliant Volkswagen E Transporter.

Created to provide vital insight into e-van usage, the free trial has been designed for the multitude of organisations that require Chapter 8 vehicles, from building, road and rail works contractors to utilities and the public sector. For those organisations that see the benefit of switching to electric following the free trial, Europcar will build customised vehicles to meet their specific requirements and preferences.

Key features installed on the demo vehicle include easy to clean, lightweight, recycled plastic ply lining and flooring, a 50 Kw solar roof panel to power internal electrical equipment in order to maximise main battery range, and a removable light bar. Alongside the required chevron decals and livery, the lightbar delivers full Chapter 8 compliance.

“Manufacturer test-drives of similar vehicles are usually a maximum of 72 hours, which doesn’t provide drivers and their employers with a full picture of e-van life in all weathers, road conditions and job types,” commented Tom Middleditch, Head of B2B Marketing and Sustainability spokesperson at Europcar.

“We know from experience that even reluctant electric drivers feel more positive about making the switch after a real-world test drive. We believe that by offering the VW E Transporter for a significant three week length free trial, will help reduce fleet emissions in the longer-term.”

Europcar has added the most popular additional features for vans in the infrastructure and construction sectors to the demo model so that businesses can put electric motoring to the test while remaining Chapter 8 compliant. And most of the extra features included with the demo model can be added to long-term rental of e-vans from Europcar to support those working in dangerous locations on or near the road.

Optional add-on components available for Chapter 8 e-Van rental:

- Lightweight, recycled plastic ply lining and flooring by Legend Fleet Services, which saves weight and is wipe-down.

- Chapter 8 decals and e-van livery applied by Media Fleet.
- 50 Kw solar roof panel provided by Genie Insights - the panel assists with powering the fan, lights, and other electrical equipment to reduce drain on the main battery, leading to a 6% improvement in range.
- A removable, non-drill light bar from Park Safe, designed to allow a full Chapter 8 compliant van build without damaging a leased vehicle.

To find out more visit europcar.co.uk/business



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