

## SCORES A HAT-TRICK

**UP-MARKET** Carlight showed three new models at its recent open day: the Commander 132 – first time it has made a 13ft two-berth tourer since 1993-94; the 184, an 18ft four-berth with single axle; and a third Cirrus elevating-roof motor caravan.

The end-kitchen 132 is designed to appeal to a less traditional Carlight market, with plush cotton fabrics chosen by David Cooper, an interior designer at Sanderson. For the first time, Carlight has also moved away from traditional wood-effect worktops in favour of coloured laminates, and the company is to offer buyers a choice of interior shades and external colours. The company's demonstration model was in 'trade mark' magnolia; it will be interesting to see whether



buyers will move away from 'off-white'.

Enthusiasts will be pleased to note that the 132 retains the company's lantern roof, and that the interior can be finished in more traditional materials if that's what is wanted. At Carlight (and at Carlight prices, which for this model start at £25,985) the customer is always right.

Mass In Running Order for the 132 is 1095kg, with a Maximum Technically Permitted Mass of 1300kg. (A

full report on the Commander 132 is scheduled to appear in next month's issue.)

Second addition to the Commander range is the 184 EW, a four-berth with two front single beds and a centre dinette which converts to a single bed and bunk above. Unusually for Carlight, the full-width rear washroom includes a circular shower.

Built on the company's own-make chassis, the 184 has a single axle for increased manoeuvrability, an MRO of

1460kg and MTPLM 1800kg. Prices go from £28,985.

All Commander caravans are now optionally available with Seitz windows with integrated flyscreens and pleated blinds.

Finally, Carlight's motor caravan range has been increased by introduction of a third Cirrus model with walk-through layout and tailgate entry/exit. Based on the Mercedes Vito, the Cirrus provides sleeping accommodation for up to four people with the optional roof bed fitted.

**TOP LEFT:** A change of colour? Exteriors are moving away from the conventional

**BELOW LEFT:** Sanderson influenced interior of the 132

**BELOW:** Mercedes Vito-based Cirrus has a comprehensive spec



Standard layout puts the fridge and wardrobe on the offside, hob and grill on the nearside, and equipment includes a space heater and on-board water system. Buyers have a choice of fabrics, carpets and wallcoverings. Cirrus prices with comprehensive specification start at £27,985.

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