



## Coachman VIP 460

Coachman's VIP caravans have always been a little special, as the name suggests. Candy Evans checks out one of the latest models

**Coachman may** only have made small updates to the VIP range for the new season, but when a caravan is already as well specified as the VIP then you could argue it doesn't need much.

This 2021 version of the classic two-berth, end washroom model - the 460 - has stylish new graphics, smart new carpets and the latest fridge, but it has some practical improvements that aren't immediately obvious too. AL-KO's AAA automatically adjusting brakes, a better door lock and positive catches to the kitchen drawers are all things that should make this caravan an even stronger proposition for the long term.

### Spacious living

The living area at the front of the caravan is extremely comfortable. The two long

sofas have bolster cushions at each end, making them perfect for lounging, and no fewer than three different styles of scatter cushion.

The light furnishings in here suggest this isn't designed for children to make a mess in, but it's bright and airy for a couple of adults to enjoy. I particularly like the seat covering as the fabric is so soft.



There's a large shelf at the front that will take plenty of reading material and another that pulls out above the central chest of drawers, for relaxed dining.

The big front skylight is very effective at letting in light and Coachman has designed the

▼ **There's a good amount of workspace in the kitchen area**

corner cupboards well - the doors open upwards so you're less likely to bang your head on them when open.

### Ready for tech

This is a caravan for the tech-savvy, with an inbuilt wireless charging point at the front, USB sockets and a Pioneer MVH-S120Ui receiver that will take a USB input from your phone or tablet.

### Pleasant cooking

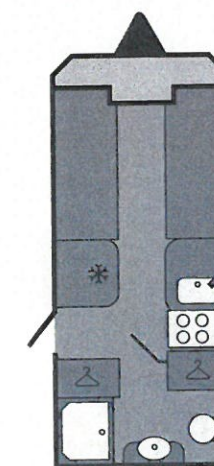
There's also plenty to please the keen cook, with a stainless steel sink, plenty of workspace, a Thetford cooker with electric hotplate and gas rings, a microwave and the latest Dometic Series 10 fridge with the clever door that can open from either side.

Storage is especially well designed, with a neat cutlery drawer above the fridge on one

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### At a glance

Prices from £26,730  
Berths Two  
Maximum Technically Permissible Laden Mass 1,444kg  
User payload 125kg  
Estimated noseweight 72-100kg  
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◀ The large rear washroom has a good-sized heated towel rail  
◀◀ Three different scatter cushion styles come as standard  
▼ A Pioneer stereo system is fitted



**WE LOVE:**  
The spacious rear washroom

side of the 'van, workspace and then a microwave above it. On the other side, with the cooker and sink, the one cupboard has slide-out wire racking and all have those positive catches to keep everything secure on the road.

### And so to sleep

Depending on your preferred layout, you can have two single beds or one large double. The singles are 1.85m x 0.73m (6ft x 2ft 4in) or you get a longer, king-sized double 2.08m x 1.72m (6ft 9in x 5ft 8in) if you're prepared to make it up from the slats and cushions every night. Either way, this trusted design means you make the best use of the space both day and night.

### Think big

The rear washroom is worthy of the VIP name here. There's a sturdy door between it and the living space and once you're inside there is loads of room.

A good-sized radiator on the Alde heating system warms your towels and a couple of big wardrobes both have hanging rails - one even has its own laundry bag fitted. Another shallow cupboard hangs on the wall above the swivel-bowl

toilet and the central vanity unit has plenty of space for toiletries next to the basin, along with a double-doored cupboard under it.

The whole of the right-hand side of the washroom is taken up by the large shower cubicle. The caravan I saw was so new the watersaving Ecocamel Jetstorm Plus showerhead hadn't been installed, but it had the smart marbled back panel



and cubby holes for your showering products. There's also Coachman's trademark fold-down rail in the cubicle, for hanging dripping coats and the like.

### Verdict

The VIP 460 is a great iteration of this much-loved two-berth caravan layout with well-designed, classic features that should stand the test of time. **FX**