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Record interest in mobile living



2024 stretches before us like a blank page. Let's fill it with gloriously mobile adventures!

Caravan and motorhome parks are doing record business in Sweden. The past few years have seen a long-term positive trend. With 17.1 million overnight stays at vehicle parks, 2022 was a record year. New peaks seem highly likely for 2023.

Sweden has a long tradition of caravan and motorhome holidays. We at KABE are proud to have played our part in the nation's strongly rooted love of caravanning and motorhoming. For over 66 years, we have built recreational vehicles that, across the generations, have added sparkle to the holidays and outings of millions of Swedes. Today, KABE is stronger than ever and is also gaining a larger share of the European market. At this year's CMT fair in Stuttgart, several of our models were awarded prestigious prizes in various categories. For example, our Estate series was voted "Caravan of the Year".

Talking about fairs, we are looking forward to "Stockholm Caravan Motorhome" in Älvsjö, 14 – 17 March. It is being arranged jointly with "All Things Afloat", a thrilling new initiative that we feel will increase interest in mobile living.

The KABE stand will welcome you with a chance to discover the innovations in our models. Amongst other things, you can take a closer look at our new 740 CTDL caravan and the new floor layout of our fully integrated i790 LQB motorhomes. You can read about both these in this issue of Caravanning.

You have certainly already noticed that Caravanning has a new format and look. We are pleased with our new magazine and hope that you will like it too.

I hope the coming "outdoor season" proves wonderful for all caravanners and motorhomers!

Mikael Blomqvist, MD of KABE AB



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CARAVANS 2024



Hit kitchen and smart TV mount

Comfortable, practical and pretty. Our new Royal and Imperial 740 CTDL models make no compromises.

Last year, with a practical kitchen corner, opulent lounge seating and a spacious transverse bathroom, KABE introduced a new floor layout. This saw the light of day in the Royal and Imperial series' 600 CXL model. The response was incredible.

"Customers have really taken this model to their hearts. It has a cosy feel, many practical features and lots of space," reveals Zac Karlsson, head of sales in Sweden.

Consequently, for its 2024 programme, KABE has implemented this layout in an even larger model christened 740 CTDL. It is available in Royal and Imperial formats.

Smart TV mount

One detail distinguishing the new floor layout is the unique height adjustable TV mount. It is fitted in the lounge suite's backrest and is operated by the simple push of a button.

For KABE's customers, TVs are important, not least as regards size and placement. Together, we have developed a solution that is both aesthetic and technically appealing.

The mount is electric and controlled via a panel on the backrest. It can take TVs of up to 32 inches. All KABE caravans come with a TV antenna (plus amplifier) and a router as standard. The latter puts streaming services at your fingertips.

Relaxation space

The opulent lounge suite is a classical U-sofa extended by a transverse section. It provides plenty of space for parties, hearty meals and fun TV evenings. The kitchen is directly adjacent. Thus, the chef can also take part in whatever is going on.

"The floor layout truly invites socialising and being together," says Zac.

The range of seat coverings has been expanded with Lancaster, which is yet another step in KABE's sustainability initiative. Lancaster is made of synthetic leather with a polyurethane outer and a recycled leather backing. The material is soft, hard-wearing and easy to keep clean.



4 of the highlights

1. The TV mount that sinks into the backrest at the push of a button. Abracadabra – magic!
2. The harmonious design of the upper cupboards in their restrained colours. Gorgeous!
3. The extremely opulent lounge suite. Room for everyone!
4. The spacious bathroom with separate shower. Everyday luxury!

Modern design and function

Design lift

Just like KABE's other 2024 caravans, the 740 CTDL has received comprehensive design updates both internally and externally. The new exterior decoration of the Royal series is a nod to KABE caravans of the 1970s. It has received lots of praise from our customers.

The wide, red, raster-pattern band is a highly successful combination of retro and contemporary. Our Imperial series also has a new exterior design with elegant, modern-format decoration.

New upper cupboards

Stepping into the new 740 CTDL, we immediately discover several design innovations. Particularly eye-catching are the new upper cupboards with Cashmere doors. Cashmere is our new tastefully toned vinyl.

"The doors curve inwards and, together with the moulded corner details, create a homogenous unit. There is almost the feel that the upper cupboards are floating," enthuses Zac.

All fitted units have the new, slightly darker, more woodlike, Atlas Zeder wood vinyl. To go with this, the floor has a new, lighter colour. Kitchen and bathroom tops have the new, Light Concrete laminate.

KABE monitors design trends in the furniture industry. One result of this is a new interior colouring that features muted tones mixed with lighter elements in floors and upper cupboards.

Well-equipped kitchen and spacious bathroom

The L-shaped kitchen offers excellent work and storage surfaces. There are plenty of cupboards and drawers for your utensils, crockery and cutlery. Additionally, there is a moulding with two hooks for things that you want always readily to hand. The metal lever of the kitchen's mixer tap is a new feature.

The Royal series has a Thetford cooker with three burners, an electric hotplate and a convection oven. In the Imperial, there is an induction hob, two LPG rings and an in-built oven. The double-hinged doors of the Dometic refrigerator mean that fridge and cold compartment can be opened from two directions.

Scan the QR codes to read more about the new features in the Royal and Imperial 740 CTDL.

Royal 740 CTDL. Imperial 740 CTDL.



New upper cupboards.



Atlas Zeder wood vinyl.



Well-equipped kitchen corner.



Spacious bathroom.

"This year, we are also offering a 200-litre compressor refrigerator as a cost-free option," adds Zac.

Because the 740 model is 60 centimetres longer than the 600 models, it has been possible to put a bathroom at the very back along the caravan's full width. It has a separate shower cubicle, towel dryer and swivelling flush toilet.

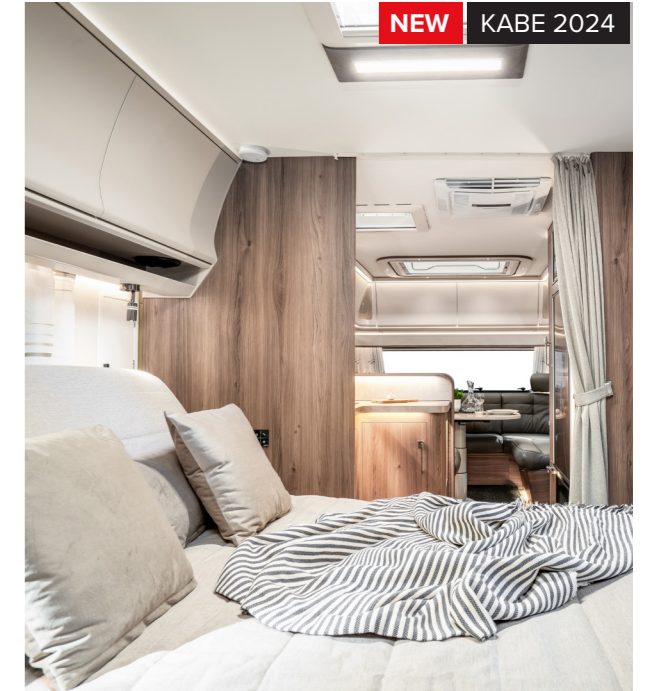
This transverse bathroom at the rear is both practical and attractive. It also helps to create the caravan's glorious spaciousness.

Four sleeping solutions

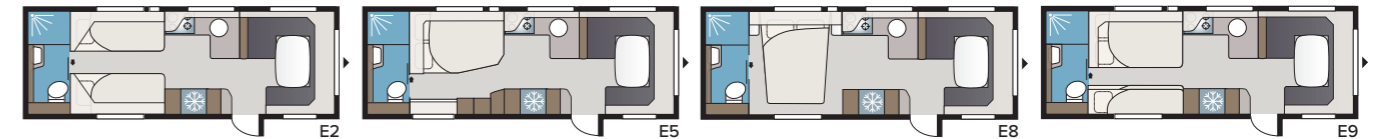
New for the 740 CTDL are four floor layouts that partner a bunk bed with a choice of single beds, French bed, queen-size bed or double bed. The lounge suite can be converted into sleeping for two.

Because this caravan is intended for frequent use, comfortable beds are important. This is why the fixed beds have a 12-centimetre thick, sprung mattress and a 6-centimetre thick top pad above this.

Zac believes that the new 740 CTDL will appeal particularly to caravanners who use their vehicle frequently and in more seasons than just high summer. It has everything necessary to add a sparkle to any holiday. Quite simply, a fully equipped caravan for connoisseurs.



Royal/Imperial 740 CTDL



Royal and Imperial differences

Equipment levels are the main distinguishing features of the Royal and Imperial series. For example, in addition to what is included in the Estate and Ädelsten series, the features include: an electronic stabilisation system; automatic traction control (ATC); an external light strip; and, in Royal, a large, 4-burner cooker. An external shower, towel dryer, neck cushions, multimedia player, Smart D electrical system, wireless charging plate and central vacuum system are also included as standard equipment.

On top of the Royal's standard equipment, Imperial further offers AC, leather seat covers, 17-inch wheels, an in-built oven and a microwave. These are partnered by slide-out sofas, a flush toilet with a ceramic bowl, Smart Level, Alde zone heating, KABE AutoDrain and our top-class multimedia system, KABE Premium Sound.

KABE takes six prizes at internationally prestigious competition

With impressive successes in several categories, KABE is demonstrating its dedication to satisfying customer needs and remaining an industry leader.

KABE won first prize for import models in several categories of “Caravan of the year, 2024” with the KABE Estate series being the most successful in the upper-middle class.

In the top class, KABE Royal/Imperial took first place.

On the motorhome side, KABE TM Crown/TM Imperial took second place in the fully integrated class above EUR 95,000 and third place in the semi-integrated class above EUR 75,000. The prizes were awarded by two German journals, CARAVANING and Promobil.

MD Mikael Blomqvist is proud of the company’s six prizes and emphasises the focus on: high quality; design and customer-centric solutions; and, outstanding technology. He thanks the local distributors and the team in Germany for the successes.



KABE's German representatives receiving the awards.



Excellent reviews in the trade press

KABE’s caravans are regularly test driven by journalists from various specialist magazines. Here is one of the reports. It is full of praise!

KABE Royal 740 CTDL: Popular kitchen corner now in a larger model

The magazine of the Caravan Club of Sweden reported on the entirely new 740 CTDL floor layout, which is available in both Royal and Imperial formats.

“Where the kitchen abuts the lounge suite, there is an ingenious solution for a flat-screen TV. The latter can, when not in use, be hidden in the suite’s backrest. A solution that is both beautiful and smart!”

“At just over 15 m², KABE Royal 740 CTDL is an extremely comfortable home on wheels. If you are looking for plenty of relaxation space, the large lounge suite is perfect. It is a classical U-sofa extended by a transverse section.”

Från Fritidsmagasinet Caravan, nr 1 2024.



Unique chassis for heavier loading

KABE is now launching a single-axle chassis with a gross weight of 2,300 kg. It is the world’s first caravan manufacturer to do so.

The new chassis is a joint development with German manufacturer Knott. Increased demand for heavier loading is one of the underlying reasons.

“Many people who travel great distances with their caravans need to be able to load a lot. Taking chances with loading is risky. It jeopardises traffic safety and can result in heavy fines,” comments Zac Karlsson, head of sales.

With a gross weight of 2,300 kg, the new chassis means that (after deducting the 50 kg extra weight of the chassis itself) you can load around 250 kg more.

Softer suspension

The chassis is single-axled and is available in the 600 and 630 models of the Ädelsten, Royal and Imperial series.

Thanks to the entirely new axle design, the chassis has softer suspension. This improves the rig’s handling.

To take the increased weight, the models with the new chassis have caravan wheels and caravan tyres. Maximum wheel size is 16 inches.

Great interest

The new chassis premiered at last year’s Noliämässan trade fair and immediately attracted great attention.

“A customer with a 600 model that was only two years old upgraded directly to the same model on the new chassis. This shows the strength of the interest in heavier loading,” asserts Zac.

The new chassis is a SEK 15,000 option and can be ordered for KABE’s 2024 caravans onwards. Our electronic traction system (ETS), which counteracts snaking, is an option for the new chassis.



MOTORHOMES 2024



Luxury model under eight metres

The new floor layout of the i790 LQB is one of the year's major motorhome innovations. A spot-on development that impresses with its queen-size bed, kitchen corner and separate bathroom and shower. All in under eight metres.

Interest in KABE's motorhomes continues to rise. With an 8% market share, we are now Sweden's third most popular motorhome. For our 2024 models, the motorhomes in the Royal, Crown and Imperial series have been updated with new designs, both internally and externally.

We here take a closer look at one of the year's major motorhome innovations, the i790 LQB's exciting new floor layout. Available in both Crown and Imperial formats, it is a welcome complement to KABE's range of fully integrated models.

"At 7,900 cm, the model remains under the 8-metre limit, which is an advantage as regards, for example, ferry transport," discloses Zac Karlsson, head of sales in Sweden.

New wheels

Motorhome enthusiasts have been delighted with the design lift KABE has given its 2024 models. The new, double-axled i790 LQB is no exception. On the outside, the decoration has been updated and, exactly as before, printed directly on the metal using so-called Innovation Design technology. This method gives high UV resistance. Consequently, colours resist ageing.

"New, aluminium wheels reinforce the elegant look," adds Zac.

The wheels of all fully integrated models have spacers. These are inserts fitted on the wheel hubs to increase wheel track. They move the wheel out closer to the arch trim and contribute to a harmonious design. A new, practical option is the pull-out carrier that can hold two bicycles. This is in the garage, which also has a double power outlet.



Comfortable queen-size bed

The LQB designation means that, at the very back, there is a large, comfortable, queen-size bed with a sprung mattress and top pad. Its padded, imitation suede bed head has lighting. The head end of the bed can be raised/lowered.

A drop-down roof bed above the front seats and a convertible dinette provide sleeping places for a further three people. The model has separate bathroom and shower. This is practical and a time-saver when the motorhome is being used by two people. An incinerating toilet is a useful option chosen by many.

Unique kitchen mixer tap

Our luxurious Imperial model has a number of eye-catching fittings.

Not the least of these is the lavish kitchen mixer tap with its flexible hose, an attractive and practical solution.

Resembling a light-coloured stone, the Corian Savannah laminate on the kitchen worktops is also new. AC is always standard in Imperial and, this year, has been upgraded to the new Dometic FreshJet FJX4 2200. It is both quieter and more efficient.

Power supply in the Imperial has been improved by replacing the previous 210 Ah battery with two 130 Ah batteries. Lithium batteries are an option.

Exclusive dashboard

Just like our other motorhome models, Crown and Imperial i790 LQB have been updated with: two new colour vinyls (Atlas

Ceder on fitted units and Cashmere on upper cupboards); the Light Concrete bathroom laminate; a lighter-coloured floor covering; and, a new roof hatch.

One of the new features is that Crown and Imperial dashboards are leather clad and have an embossed KABE logo. A classy detail that breathes exclusivity.

The same applies to the bases of the front seats. These have a textile covering with an embroidered KABE logo.

Scan the QR codes to read more about the new features in the Crown and Imperial i790 LQB.

Crown i790 LQB.



Imperial i790 LQB.



Comfortable queen-size bed.

Unique kitchen mixer tap.

Leather-clad dashboard.



GOOD REASONS FOR CHOOSING 1790 LQB!

- Under eight metres long. Easier to drive and cheaper ferry tickets.
- Glorious queen-size bed at the very rear with a head end that can be raised/lowered.
- Exclusive details such as the kitchen mixer tap and leather-clad dashboard.
- Separate bathroom and shower cubicle with curved doors.

Step into Novum's new world

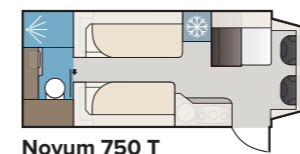
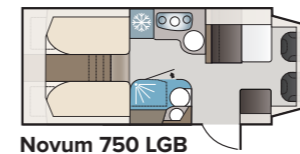
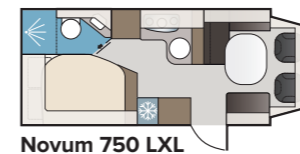
Novum is a well-equipped motorhome that maintains KABE's high standards and can be used year-round with an ordinary category B licence!

KABE Novum is a versatile semi-integrated motorhome in a crossover format that was introduced for our 2023 models. Based on the Mercedes Sprinter, Novum is 750 cm long and has an AL-KO chassis. This combination ensures good handling. Additionally, with a gross weight of 3.5 tonnes in its basic format, Novum can be driven with an ordinary category B licence. Thanks to smart material choices, the load weight is a full 500 kg, which is very good for a premium model with hydronic Alde heating.

Three floor layouts

KABE Novum is available with three floor layouts.

- 750 LXL: a double bed and a bathroom (with shower cubicle) on their own sides at the very rear of the vehicle; and, an L-shaped kitchen.
- 750 LGB: two single beds (raised a couple of steps to accommodate a garage/load area) at the very rear; a bathroom and shower in the middle of one of the vehicle's sides; and, an L-shaped kitchen.
- 750 T: two full-length beds centrally in the vehicle; and, stretching the entire width of the rear, a bathroom and separate shower cubicle.



KABE Novum reviews

Alltomhusbilen.se has tested KABE Novum and given the series good marks. Here are a few comments from their test of 12 February 2023.

- “The seats are very comfortable. Absolutely everything can be set to suit your body; seat height, depth, tilt and lumbar adjustment. You can simply undertake day-long trips without your body protesting.”
- “All the comforts modern motorhomers expect are found here.”
- “Easy to drive, fun even.”
- “Winter performance has not been neglected.”
- “Lots of semi-integrated motorhomes are now Mercedes based with an AL-KO chassis and hydronic heating. As regards both price and performance, Novum stands up well to the competition. If you are looking for a semi-integrated motorhome and have a budget of just over SEK 1,500,000, KABE Novum should be on your list of models to test before buying.”

Choose KABE for safety

Motorhomes offer safe holidays. They are rarely involved in accidents. However, if there should be an accident, it is good to know that KABE leads the world in passive safety for recreational vehicles.

In the vehicle industry, experts talk about two types of safety, active and passive. Active safety centres on collision-avoiding electronic systems built into the base vehicle. Since the launch of the 2023 models, all KABE motorhomes are Mercedes based. With, amongst other things, airbags, electronic skid prevention (ESP), auto-braking, Headlight Assist and rain sensors, Mercedes are safety pioneers. Passive safety includes systems that aim to reduce the risk of injury in the event of collision. This is where KABE steps up to lead the development of safe motorhomes.

Force dissipation

Tests carried out by the Swedish Transport Administration and ADAC (Europe's largest car owner organisation) show that, in motorhome design, there are two critical factors. Collision energy must be correctly dissipated and passenger areas must remain intact.



In the testing of another manufacturer's motorhome, a bench seat (sofa) collapsed in a crash. This resulted in the seat cushions moving forward and a seat belt ending up around a passenger's neck. The kitchen module also collapsed and walls and roof came away from their mounts.

"In a crash, as little kinetic energy as possible is to be taken up by the body. At KABE, we have implemented a number of measures to achieve this," discloses Mikael Blomqvist, MD of KABE AB.

Stable design

Right from the start, safety is built into the design of KABE's motorhomes. The design department has implemented unique solutions ensuring that any crashes are handled in a controlled manner.

"For example, the vehicle and living areas are joined together via a steel structure. The roof is both bonded and screwed to the walls. In their turn, the walls are bonded and screwed to the floor," explains Mikael.

Bolts secure the floor to the chassis and its outriggers. The walls are screwed and bonded to a strengthening frame. This latter is securely bolted to the base vehicle. The result is a very stable motorhome whose parts hold together and stand up to stress.

Reinforced metal frames

Further safety enhancing solutions are steel frames that anchor sofa, water tank, living area battery and refrigerator.

The sofa's reinforced metal frame prevents it collapsing if there is a crash. It also holds the water tank in place. Additionally, the dinette sofa's design prevents the seat cushion sliding and the



seat belts wrapping around passenger necks in the event of a crash.

Another important detail is that the table top in KABE's motorhomes can be swung forward into a vertical position. This minimises the risk of the top's edges causing injuries.

"When anyone is wearing a seat belt in the rear seats, always swing the table to vertical. It's a simple measure that can prove highly important," urges Mikael.



Pre-test design.

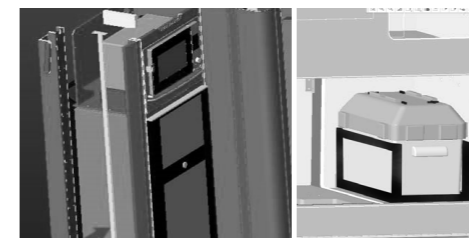
Post-test design.

Good test results

In January 2023, KABE carried out crash-safety testing of the passenger bench seat (sofa) of its Novum motorhome. Testing was performed with a full water tank (90 kg) and two test dummies (80 kg each). Recording the test, five high-speed cameras showed that the sofa design withstood the load and that the test dummies were held in place. The sofa's metal body was slightly deformed and the load-bearing wooden structure stood up to the crash forces. Consequently, the dummies did not slip down under their belts. The filled water tank remained in place.



Scan the QR code and watch the crash test video.



Sofa, refrigerator and living area battery held fast by metal frames.

This is why your KABE is safe

- Built on Mercedes with advanced active safety.
- Vehicle and living areas joined together via a steel structure.
- Built on the sandwich principle to maximise torsional rigidity.
- A-pillar is a solid structure moulded in one piece.
- Dinette sofa's design prevents seat cushion sliding in a crash.
- Reinforced metal frame prevents sofa collapsing.
- Water tank, living area battery and refrigerator held fast by metal frames.
- Swing-away table.

Pram jogger or Olympic medallist, there is always a perfect KABE

Being a KABE owner is often linked to having mobile and active leisure pursuits. No big surprise there. KABE's various models are built for exactly this!



Each KABE family creates its own KABE life. Kayaking, snowboarding, golf and bird watching are all in the mix. Summer and winter, you have comfortable accommodation and can carry the equipment that your particular pursuits require.

Lots of opportunities

After almost 70 years as a Swedish manufacturer of recreational vehicles, KABE is one of Europe's foremost suppliers of fully equipped, year-round adapted caravans and motorhomes.

Several generations of families have grown up with fantastic memories of winter camping in the mountains. Others may remember magical swimrun sessions in forests or pram jogging at sunrise while everyone else was still sleeping. Active KABE lifestyles vary over time and bear the hallmarks of life's various phases.

There is a KABE for everyone and lots of opportunities to use your vehicle all year. An increasing number of vehicle parks are now year-round and there are many pitches. If you happen to play golf, a whole new world opens up. You can stay at many courses. This makes it easy to drive around and test your skills in different locations.

World stars choose KABE

The KABE life invites more than just active holidays. Everyone who has followed KABE over the past few years has seen how the world's very best athletes have chosen KABE for their training and competition commitments.

In his 12 years as a professional, Anders Eriksson, seven times world Enduro champion, trained annually in Spain. He drove there in a panel van that he packed with his motorbikes and hitched to a KABE caravan.

To be able to prepare in peace and quiet ahead of the final championship start on home ground, Frida Hansdotter, slalom star and Olympic gold medallist, arrived at the world championships in Åre in a newly purchased KABE motorhome.

André Myhrer has two Olympic medals in slalom. One of them is a gold. Exactly as other professional athletes, his life involved lots of days on the road and overnight stays away from home. A KABE caravan was the solution chosen by the Myhrer family.

Your KABE distributor will be happy to help you find the perfect KABE for you and your family.

There is a KABE for everyone



KABE offers the market's widest range of well-equipped and innovative recreational vehicles. This is why there are many good reasons for choosing a KABE.

Starting with its standard versions, KABE has the market's best-equipped caravans and motorhomes. The equipment list is very long. It includes: hydronic heating systems; a patented ventilation system; a stable, sandwich wall construction; in-built loudspeakers; and, wireless routers. Of course, practical details that put the glitter into a mobile life are not forgotten – airing cupboard, heated shoe compartment, sprung beds, ski compartment, etc.

Innovative technology

KABE leads the development of trailblazing products that make your caravanning and motorhoming as comfortable and practical as possible. One proof of this is the prestigious prizes won by KABE's products. The KABE SMART D control panel is just one example. This makes it easy to control lighting, AC, boiler and temperature. Checking fresh water and grey water levels as well as battery voltage is similarly easy. The KABE Smart D Remote app puts remote control of your vehicle at your fingertips.

"For example, on your way back from the beach, you can start the AC in your vehicle. Or, before the final run down the ski slope, you can turn up the heating and get the lights ready to welcome you," effuses Mikael Blomqvist, MD of KABE AB.

KABE Smart Level is yet another of our acclaimed inventions. It keeps an eye on LPG, tyre pressure and caravan angle.

Widest ranges

KABE has the market's widest ranges of caravans and motorhomes.

"With over 200 floor layouts, our wide model programmes mirror our goal – a KABE for everyone," declares Mikael.

Just as when buying a house or flat, everyone has different needs and wishes as regards floor layout. Quite simply, everyone is unique. This is why KABE offers a wide choice of floor layouts. It enables you to build the recreational vehicle that meets your personal requirements. In every price segment, KABE's models are always the market's best equipped.

"There's a KABE for everyone and plenty of opportunities to use your vehicle all year."



Anders Eriksson.

Three top reasons for choosing KABE

1 The market's best-equipped vehicles

Starting with its standard versions, KABE has the market's best-equipped caravans and motorhomes.

2 Innovative and modern technology

Equipped with the latest technology to make your KABE experience as comfortable and practical as possible!

3 The widest ranges on the market

With 207 floor layouts, KABE's wide model programmes mirror our goal: A KABE for everyone.

KABE's unique model programmes – The market's widest ranges

We know that our KABE owners have various needs and wishes. To meet these, we have developed four model programmes for caravans and five for motorhomes, each with its own unique properties. There is always a perfect KABE. Whether you choose small or large, caravan or motorhome, you can be certain of getting year-round comfort, superior quality, safety and a host of smart solutions.

Read more about KABE's model programmes at www.kabe.se/en



KABE Estate

KABE Estate is our entry level model, perfect as a first caravan for anyone seeking a versatile travel solution or for families with young children. It is available in various sizes and has all KABE's in-built values such as high quality and stable year-round performance. A value-for-money choice with a modern design.

With a total of 10 models and 17 different floor layouts, the KABE Estate is available in size classes 470, 520, 560, 600, 660 and 780.



KABE Royal / Royal Hacienda

A top-class caravan series that, even in its standard format, has most of the best. Currently, Royal is KABE's best-selling model. A KABE Royal Hacienda caravan is truly large and has the same superior equipment level as others in the Royal series.

With a total of 25 models and 78 different floor layouts, the KABE Royal/Royal Hacienda is available in size classes 520, 540, 560, 600, 630, 740, 780, 880, 940 and 1000.



KABE Gemstone

Gemstone is an exceedingly popular series for caravanners with tough demands as regards base equipment and comfort. It has been around since 1963!

With a total of 22 different floor layouts, there are nine models of KABE's Gemstone: Briljant 470 XL, Smaragd 520 XL, Smaragd 540 GLE, Ametist 560 XL, Ametist 560 GLE, Safir 600 TDL, Safir 600 GLE, Onyx 630 TDL and Onyx 630 GLE.



KABE Imperial

KABE's absolute premium series offering caravan luxury with no compromises. It gives you an equipment level and living standard that is completely unique in the industry.

With a total of 17 models and 60 different floor layouts, the KABE Imperial is available in size classes 560, 600, 630, 740, 780, 880 and 1000.



KABE Van

A smart, well-planned, flexible vehicle focused on carefree mobile living. KABE Van is the pinnacle of evolution as regards versatility. An optimum, compact size that does not compromise KABE's high standards and Mercedes-Benz's many added values.

You can order your Van with dual wheels. This increases the load weight by around 850 kg and gives a permitted vehicle and trailer gross weight of 7 tonnes.



KABE Novum

Mercedes based KABE Novum with an AL-KO chassis is a versatile, semi-integrated motorhome in a crossover format. It answers the wishes of all those seeking a complete camping vehicle with full KABE standard, a gross weight of 3.5 tonnes, 7.50 metres long, and no need for a special category driving licence!



KABE Crown

Built on the exclusive Mercedes-Benz with AL-KO chassis combination, KABE Crown is amazingly like a car as regards both comfort and safety. Crown reaches extraordinary design heights with: stylistically pure, exclusive fitted units; a well-equipped, spacious kitchen; extra-cosy beds; and, a wealth of practical storage solutions.

A variety of floor layouts mean that you really can create your perfect vehicle to meet your needs. The Crown series is built in the 760, 790, 810 and 860 lengths.



KABE Royal

Luxury equipment is standard in KABE's Royal series. A perfect choice for anyone who wants cutting-edge technology and is seeking a truly competent motorhome offering great flexibility in use. Our Royal models with Crossover (drop-down roof bed above the dinette) are available in the 780 and 880 lengths.

The Royal series is built on Mercedes-Benz's Sprinter and is packed with smart functions that make life simple.



KABE Imperial

The Imperial series is the epitome of the absolute premium segment of caravans. From all aspects, our standard is the market's highest. Imperial is built on the Mercedes-Benz with an AL-KO chassis combination. Its rear tandem axle gives an unbeatably stable, safe and comfortable ride.

KABE Imperial is for those who will not settle for anything less than the absolute best. It is available in the 790, 810, 860 and 910 lengths.



Build your own dream vehicle

At kabe.se, you can construct the caravan or motorhome that is ideal for precisely your needs. Choose your own model, floor layout and options – and get a full summary.

KABE's website has lots of useful information for those thinking about a new vehicle or simply wishing to keep up to date about the latest in the KABE world. Using our configurator, it is easy to create a caravan or motorhome that matches your requirements and needs. Start by selecting model, floor layout and seat coverings. After that, tick the equipment you would like. You can also specify your basic requirements under Sök modell ("Search model") and then, in your own good time, study the basic equipment for the various model series and choose from all the add-on options. The summary can easily be saved and used as input in further conversations with any of KABE's authorised distributors.

Large archive

Our website also offers the possibilities of: studying new models via 360° panoramas; watching videos; and, reading earlier editions of our Caravanning and Motorhoming magazines. The latter are under the Catalogues tab and reach back a few years. This is where you will also find KABE's user manuals for all year models right the way back to 1968. They can be downloaded in PDF format. Very useful if you own an older caravan and have lost the printed version, or if a question or issue arises with your new KABE and you want to find an answer quickly and easily.

MADE IN TENHULT



– A Swedish thoroughbred

In all respects, KABE is a Swedish success story. Having the entirety of production in our own facilities in Tenhult is highly advantageous.

Over the past few years, the KABE group has invested heavily in production. To help meet rising demand, some of the money went into the motorhome factory. Today, there are separate production lines for caravans, motorhomes and KABE Van. There is also a separate joinery producing interior units for our vehicles. Recently, KABE invested in yet another CNC machine. This is used for, amongst other things, jigsawing and cutting holes in panels.

"Additionally, we have extended the motorhome production line and moved people over to that side so that we have greater manufacturing capacity there," discloses Mikael Blomqvist, MD of KABE.

Green investments

The investments are also an element in the transition to operations that are more sustainable.

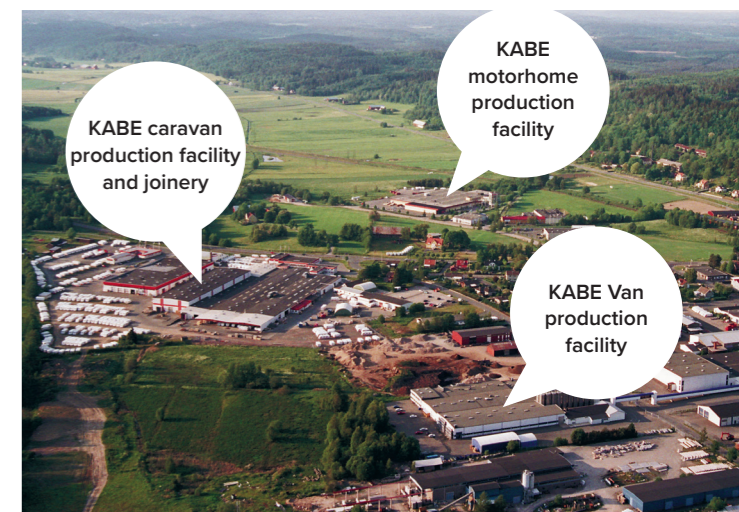
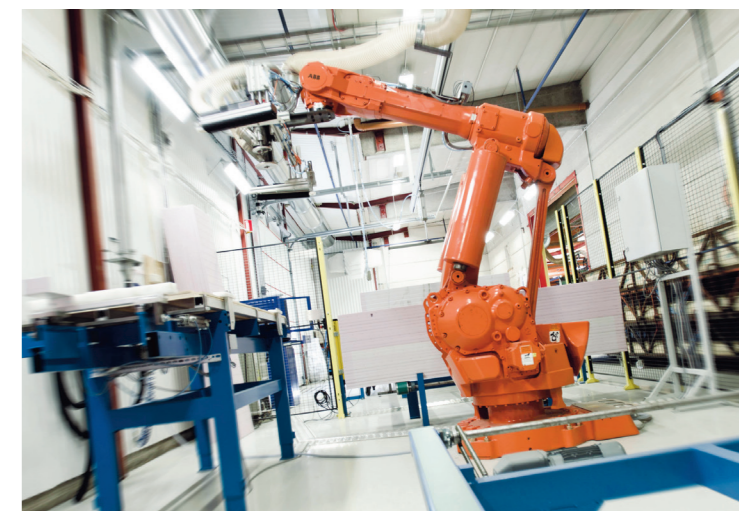
"Our production processes go hand in hand with our endeavour to manufacture products that meet customer needs. For us, it is important that we can show all KABE owners what we are doing to reduce the carbon dioxide emissions, energy consumption, water use, transport, waste, etc. associated with our production," explains Mikael.

One example of the green investments is that solar panels have been erected on the joinery roof. They can produce around 500,000 kWh for KABE's operations. This equates to 15 – 20% of the annual consumption and is an important step in the company's initiatives to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

Short decision paths

Mikael sees several major advantages with in-house production that is always in close collaboration with KABE's development department. Decision paths are short and this makes it easier to handle the various problems that can arise when, for example, a new model is to be produced. He also points out the value of having control over processes and knowing exactly what is going on.

"It gives us the opportunity to achieve the changes necessary to live up to KABE's visions and goals. In the environmental area, these include reduced waste, minimal transport and so on. Of course, we also have to ensure the quality of the final products."





“The next caravan will also be a KABE. Nothing else will do!”

The Schärberg family of Trollhättan is an active, sports-oriented, four-child family that spends many weekends at badminton competitions around Sweden. Their KABE caravan makes the logistics work.

The children are 11, 14, 16 and 22. Sofie, the eldest daughter, has left home, but for Felix, Telma and Ludde, the family’s KABE Classic 780 is a constant when they are preparing and recharging for new matches and tournaments.

“Telma is 14 and plays at national team level in her age group. This means many competitions and lots of travel. As the whole family is involved in badminton, we usually travel together. The caravan is perfect. It gives us our own accommodation with all our stuff. We don’t need to spend for five people’s expensive overnight stays in hotels,” reveals Björn, the father.

Quality feel

The Schärberg family has owned caravans for many years. Three years ago, they bought their first KABE. In their previous caravans, Björn and his wife Jennie had missed a little of that feel of quality. They

wanted a proper caravan they could use year round.

A KABE was chosen and proved just as good as the family had hoped. Their Classic 780, a forerunner of today’s Estate series, has its own sleeping section for the children and, thanks to the comfortable lounge suite, plenty of room for all the family.

“We are really pleased and can say that, as things now stand, it would be difficult to switch to a brand other than KABE. With quality from the ground up and many well-planned details, it has a feel of completeness that we haven’t previously experienced.”

On several occasions, Björn, Jennie and the children have taken their KABE to Idre for winter stays and skiing. It has worked extremely well. However, as they describe themselves as more of a summer family, they are pulled southwards when holiday time arrives.



It really works!

For several years, they have gone to Croatia in the summer. Here, they have been positively amazed by the caravan’s advantages in a really warm climate.

“Of course, we knew about KABE’s heating, insulation, ventilation and superior winter performance. However, now we have also realised what this means when summer days are truly hot. The insulation keeps the caravan interior far cooler than the outside. It really works!”

The trips to Croatia are something the whole family looks forward to. They usually set off on the first day of holidays. Felix, Telma and Ludde think this is the true high point of the summer vacation. An adventure with masses of new experiences, both during the journey and at the caravan park.

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Lots to choose from

As the children grow older and increasingly want to do their own things, Björn and Jennie believe that their present Classic 780 will eventually feel a little too large.

“So, we’re having a quick look at KABE’s various models and floor layouts. There’s enormous choice, even in the smaller formats. That our next caravan will also be a KABE is crystal clear. Nothing else will do!”



Design through the years, KABE!

With characteristic designs mirroring the spirit of the age, KABE has built many classic models through the years.

Styling plays an important role in developing and manufacturing caravans and motorhomes. From the very first caravan built by KABE founder Kurt Blomqvist in 1957, right through to 2024's brand-new vehicles, design has always been a high priority for KABE.

KABE's characteristic exteriors are stylistically pure expressions of the brand. Elegant, smooth, metal panels are now standard for all our caravans. Earlier builds had hammer-peened panels and decals that could not match today's long-term durability. Our motorhomes and exclusive Imperial caravans now have extra strong styling thanks to Innovation Design, i.e. direct printing on metal. This gives high UV resistance and colours that last many years without fading.

Over the past few years, development has been rapid. The interior fittings of today's vehicles are now modern, style-conscious and fully on a par with those in today's houses and apartments. KABE has given its 2024 models a thorough update, both internally and externally. Design is very much a question of opinion and taste. Which KABE is your favourite?



2007



2008



2013



2010



2016



2020



2024



Innovative vans with a new driveline

KABE-owned Affinity has taken the motorhome world by storm. Innovative solutions, modern layouts and high quality make Affinity one of the market's most exciting panel siders.

Affinity's 2020 launch at CMT in Stuttgart left no one unmoved. Constituted in Poland, this KABE-owned manufacturer really thinks outside the box and builds motorhomes that feature unique solutions.

"Affinity is a very modern van with innovative floor layouts, not least as regards sleeping spaces. Creating space and airiness in a small area is their hallmark," comments Marcus Svensson, Affinity manager.

He relates that, at fairs, there is always great interest in Affinity and that visitors flock around the vehicles.

"Motorhomes attract attention and we are very happy to have this brand in our programme."

Very comfortable drive

KABE markets three Affinity models. These are: One, Duo Fiat and the entirely new Duo MAN. The latter is built on the MAN TGE, a sibling of the VW Crafter, which is famous for its good handling.

"It has a long wheelbase and holds the road very well. The 177-HP engine ensures a strong driveline and, along with the eight-speed automatic box, gives a very comfortable drive," says Marcus.

All 2024 Affinity vans have grey metallic paint.

More equipment

As may be guessed from the name, the new Duo MAN is a motorhome for two people who want true comfort. It has a pull-out French bed. When it is time to sleep, this bed offers a 132 cm wide, 190 cm long sleeping space. Otherwise, throughout the day, there is free access to the bathroom. At the very rear, there is a spacious, transverse bathroom with a separate shower. Adjoining the seats in the passenger cell, there is a drop-down table smartly integrated into the wall. Internally, all Affinity's 2024 models feature a new, lighter vinyl and new cupboard doors.

"We have also added to the standard equipment with, for example, a TV mount in one of the upper cupboards," states Marcus.



Affinity Duo MAN in brief

Chassis: MAN TGE
 Length: 684 cm
 Width: 219 cm
 Height: 290 cm
 Engine: 177 HP
 Gearbox: automatic
 Kerb weight: 3,172 kg
 Gross weight: 3,500 kg

“Why wait?” Camilla and Björn sold their house and became long-term motorhomers.

When we meet Camilla and Björn at the start of January, they have just flown home from Christmas celebrations in Sweden. Home is now a KABE motorhome, currently just outside Alicante.

Camilla and Björn Forsell are a couple in their fifties. They have achieved something that lots of us talk about, but which the majority of us never dare embark on. Turning dream into reality, they have broken free from the grind of everyday life and are experiencing the freedom of a simpler lifestyle in constantly varying settings.

“Pondering what we should do when we became pensioners, we fantasised about travelling around in a motorhome. When the kids left home, we thought: ‘Why wait?’ So, we sold our house in Gothenburg and bought a KABE Imperial 910. To try the new lifestyle out, we took half a year off from our jobs,” discloses Camilla.

From North Cape to Sicily

The first trip with the new motorhome was northward through Sweden, along the High Coast, to Norway’s North Cape and Lofoten. On returning to Gothenburg, they felt immediately ready for the next long journey. After a little re-packing, they set off again. Winter was approaching and the goal was to find warmth and sunshine in southern Europe. Just over two years later, they can report that, so far, motorhoming has taken them from North Cape in the north to Sicily in the south and from Croatia in the east to Portugal’s Atlantic coast in the west.

Social media tips

To date, 50,000 km and 21 countries have been covered. Buying a flat has not yet seemed relevant to them. Furthermore, leave of absence from permanent employment has been turned into seasonal working and temporary jobs.

“The KABE is now our home. The last two summers, we lived and worked on Öland. When winter comes, we drive southwards. Southern Spain has become a favourite. The climate’s good and motorhomers are welcome,” explain Camilla and Björn.

They get valuable tips and contacts through the various social media groups to which they belong. Here, long-distance motorhomers share their stories and help each other. There are also good apps with information about pitches and other services.

“We like free camping. Preferably, as close to the sea as possible. Hearing the waves as you fall asleep is unbeatable!”



Freedom

Their motorhome has all the conveniences they need. At the same time, Camilla and Björn have adapted their existence to a simpler life with fewer things and minimal need for new gadgets. They have lock-up storage in Gothenburg. This holds clothing for different seasons and quite a few items of furniture and objects saved from the house.

“At the start, we saved a lot that we have since realised we don’t really need. We’ve now sold or given such things away so that others can have the benefit,” reveals Camilla.

When Camilla and Björn describe their new motorhoming life, it is freedom and the ability to set their own timetables that emerge as the greatest gains. They spend a lot of time in the countryside, walk and cycle every day and enjoy life.

They do not rule out getting a flat or a holiday cottage in the future. However, right now, the KABE Imperial 910 is their home.

“Life has different phases and, for us, it’s entirely right to do this now and not be held back by a mass of constraints. You never know what the future may bring.”

You can follow the couple’s KABE life on Instagram: [kabetravelmasters](https://www.instagram.com/kabetravelmasters).



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