

The revolutionary Hymer motorhome implements 50 ideas from customers

Hymer-Innovision, the trendsetter presents tomorrow's motorhome

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Hymer's top priorities in designing and producing leisure vehicles are to implement as many customer preferences as possible, while ensuring the best possible quality and safety. Given the constantly rising cost of raw materials and energy, the importance of the economic aspect is also growing in momentum. With these considerations in mind, Hymer held a competition inviting motorhome users to submit their ideas for the design of tomorrow's motorhome.

From the multitude of suggestions, Hymer selected 50 ideas which formed the basis for a Hymer study brimming with clever details: the Hymer-Innovision was born.

The basic vehicle of the Hymer-Innovision is a Hymermobil B-Class SL with a body length of 6.36 metres. The vehicle has a Fiat-AL-KO chassis with additional "Goldschmitt" full air suspension for the front and rear axle to guarantee safe handling performance and to enable individual vehicle levelling and height adjustment. Further practical extras are a front step to facilitate cleaning the windscreen and a front trailer hitch to facilitate manoeuvring (boat) trailers.

Considering constantly rising fuel prices, liquefied petroleum gas was chosen to power the vehicle. LPG (not natural gas) for the two-litre, 120 hp engine with an average consumption of 12.5 litres, is available across many European countries. So far there are around 40,000 LPG fuel stations in Germany. At present the LPG cost is around 40 to 50 percent lower than

for diesel or petrol. In addition, environmentally friendly LPG is used for operating the heating system, cooker, refrigerator and a gas-operated fuel cell (220 to 250 watts) which is currently in preparation at Truma. All the energy-using equipment can be operated with this fuel, providing the benefit of low cost and lighter weight as additional gas cylinders and cylinder storage areas are dispensed with. The decision against natural gas was made due to inferior filling station network coverage and reduced range.

When it comes to safety, the Hymer-Innovision boasts a number of special features on top of the usual ones. The driver and passenger seats have additional side air bags. The tyre pressure monitoring system enhances safety, as does the blind spot camera with display integrated into the new Hymer digital speedometer display. A further camera covers the interior and is operable by mobile phone (along the lines of Webcam). The heating and air conditioning systems are likewise controllable by mobile phone. The vehicle also features an emergency call system with crash sensor.

Truly remarkable improvements have been achieved in terms of furnishings, fittings and comfort. Centred behind the driver and passenger seats is a third seat affording a view of the road. It goes without saying that all three seats come with three-point belts. The rear seat is also adjustable crosswise to the direction of travel and has seat-slide as well as relax and massage features. The lateral sofa invites the user to relax in the normal seat mode and to lounge by extension of the seat area.

Berths for three persons ensure blissful rest. An extending fold-down bed (as in the EXSIS-i) provides room for two persons to sleep comfortably in the direction of travel. A comfortable bed at the rear accommodates the third person. The multifunctionality of the rear area, by incorporating a garage, shower and bed, merits special attention. The bed pushes together, the shower tray folds down and the backlit washroom wall acting

as shower partition automatically swivels into the garage. The main plumbing functions are integrated into a washroom column designed together with the Stengele company. This column incorporates a wash basin, a shelf and the toilet. The toilet has a Dometic ceramic inlay, providing the quality characteristic of a household environment. All three parts swivel freely away, as required.

The kitchen with tap, sink and hob offers double use by swivelling sideways – through the kitchen window – for using outdoors and similarly the refrigerator can also be accessed indoors and outdoors.

Special highlights are the so-called privacy glazing or the special wastewater concept. In the case of the privacy glazing, all the panes turn opaque at the press of a button. In the Hymer-Innovision wastewater concept, solid waste is converted into grey water by an aqualizer, thus dispensing with a cassette function.

Alongside a host of forward-looking, stylish design features, the following items of equipment must be given special mention: a large, power-operated panoramic roof, dimmable ambient interior lighting with colour change, Car-PC with additional internet, satellite navigation and multimedia function including a high-quality sound system, an awning with solar cells, a bicycle rack extendable from the rear garage, a pivoting rear trailer hitch and a galaxy of other appointments – they all add up to prove the point: the Hymer-Innovision is truly tomorrow's motorhome.

The Innovision demonstrates once again that Hymer has its finger on the pulse of new trends and will continue to be at the forefront of innovative ideas.

The Hymer-Innovision will be unveiled at the Caravan Salon, Hall 17, in Duesseldorf from 30 August to 7 September 2008.

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