

Instruction booklet

# **DEVON MOTOR CARAVANS**

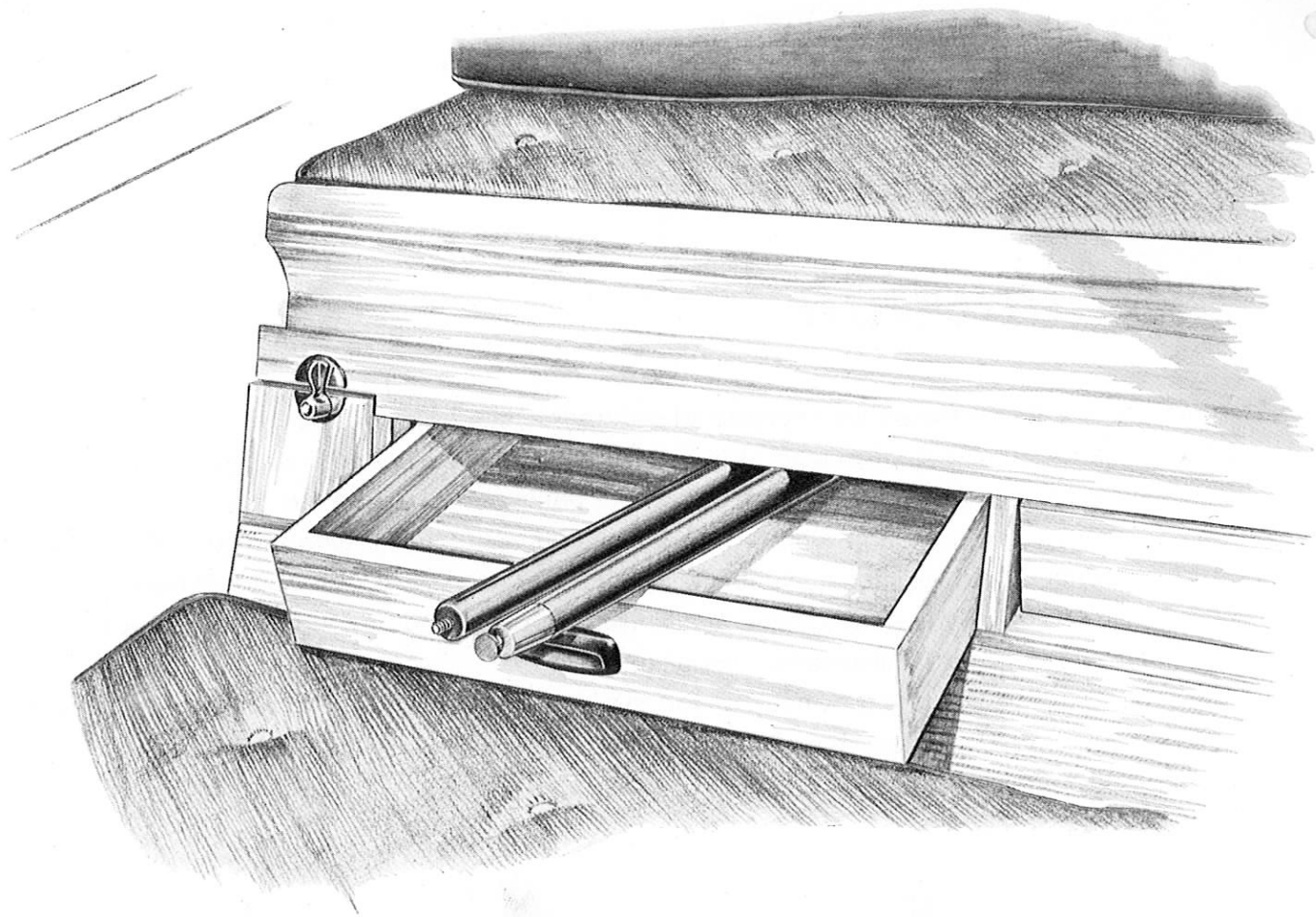


# *Introduction*

Simplicity and flexibility are the keynotes of design in Devon Motor Caravans. In all vehicles our fittings and equipment are designed to be readily accessible and easy to use, for, although we have made every effort to utilise all available space, our prime consideration has been your comfort. We believe that in a very short while you will make yourself familiar with the equipment in your Motor Caravan, and devise most suitable procedures for its use. This booklet will have served its purpose if it helps you during initial familiarisation ; when you no longer need to refer to it you may consider your familiarisation complete.

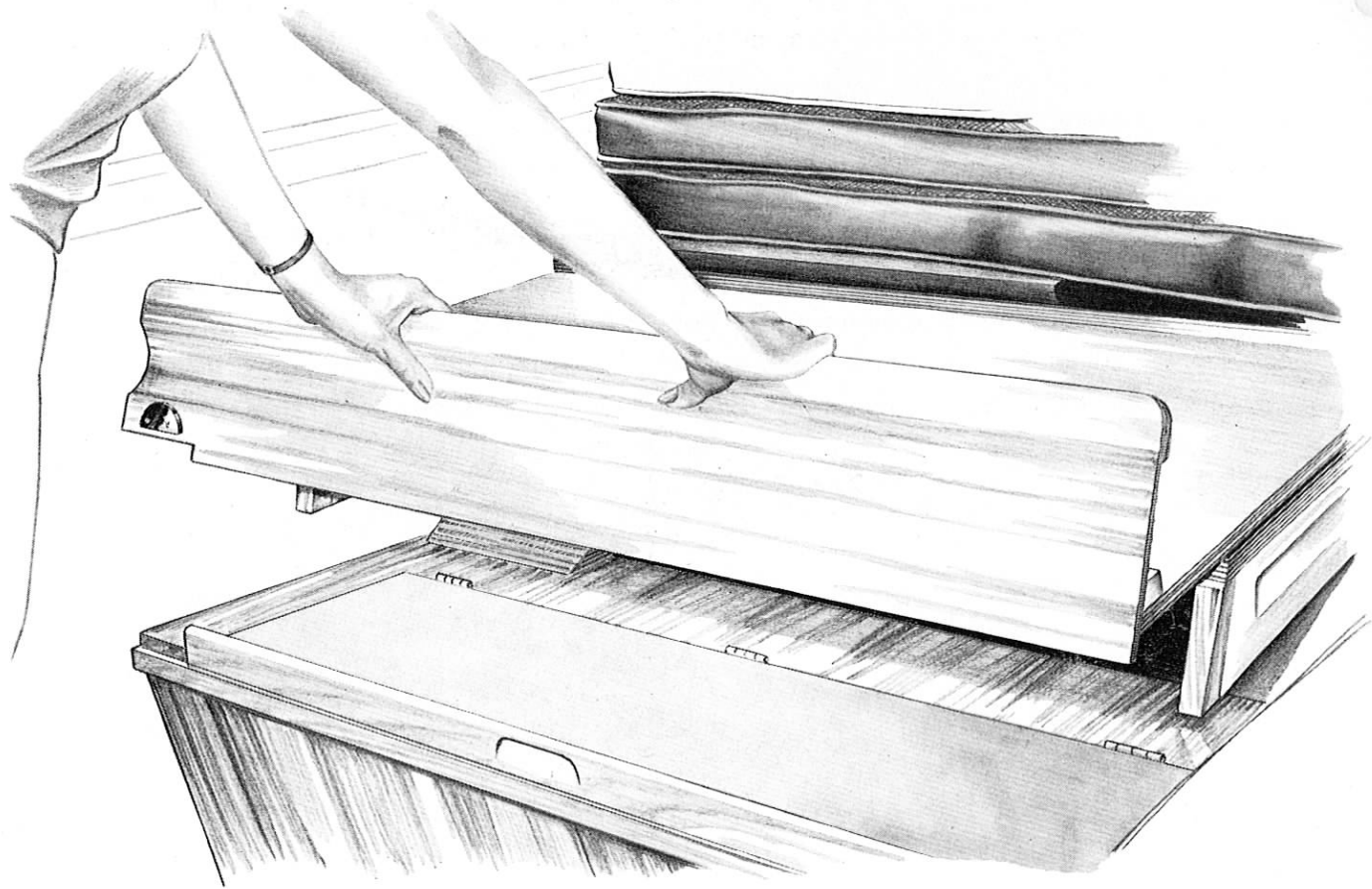
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# Beds



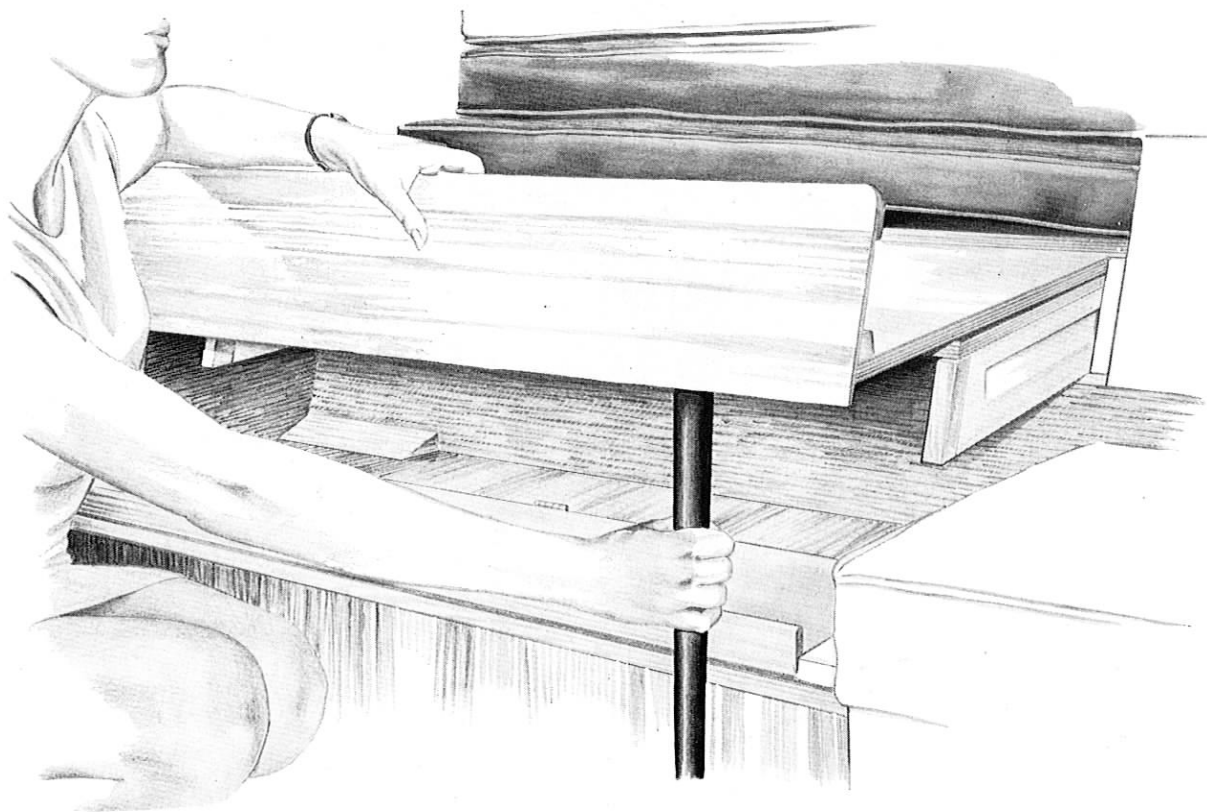
We provide a standard double bed with all our Motor Caravans, and facilities exist to fit two single bunks within an optional elevating roof. As further optional extras, we supply a child's bunk which can be fitted over driver and front passenger seats, and a low level double bed which leaves cushioned space on top of the engine housing free for a second child to sleep on. Determined people can make up sheets and blankets on all our beds, but we recommend that sleeping bags are used. We suggest also that occupants of double beds retire last, for both their own comfort and the ease of those climbing into upper bunks.

**Standard Double Bed.** When not in use, boards for our standard double bed are housed behind the rear seat. We have shown the seat back with the cushion removed, to indicate two drawers that extend over the engine housing. The two bed legs are normally stowed in one or the other of these drawers and can be identified from other legs by their shorter length. A catch retains the back centre board in position, and should be released after bed legs have been taken out of their drawer, and seat cushions moved clear.

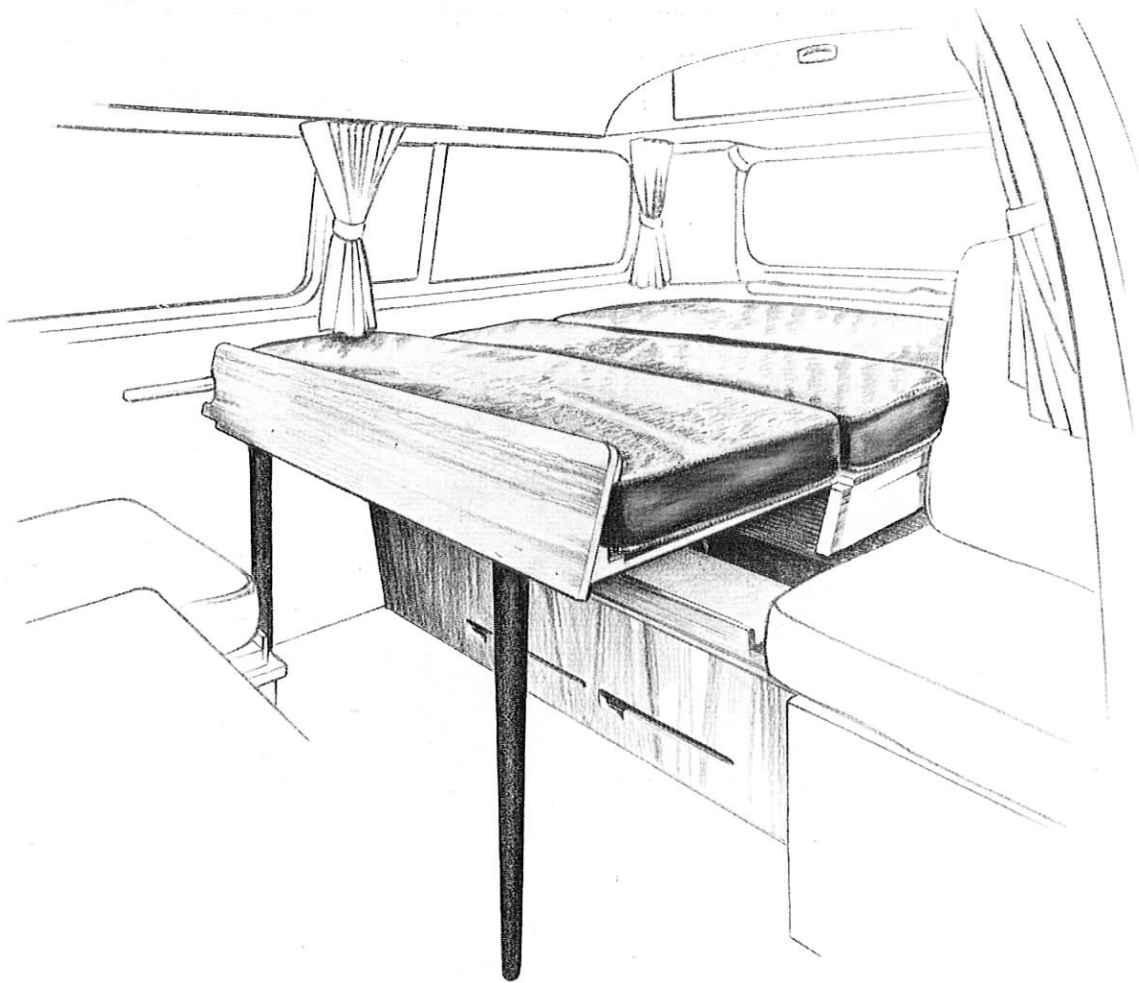


When the catch has been released, the back board can be pulled forward to reveal the first of two bed base boards.

It is advisable to screw in bed legs at this stage, before both base boards are extended, to avoid having to support the bed as legs are screwed in. Our drawing shows the legs being screwed in position.

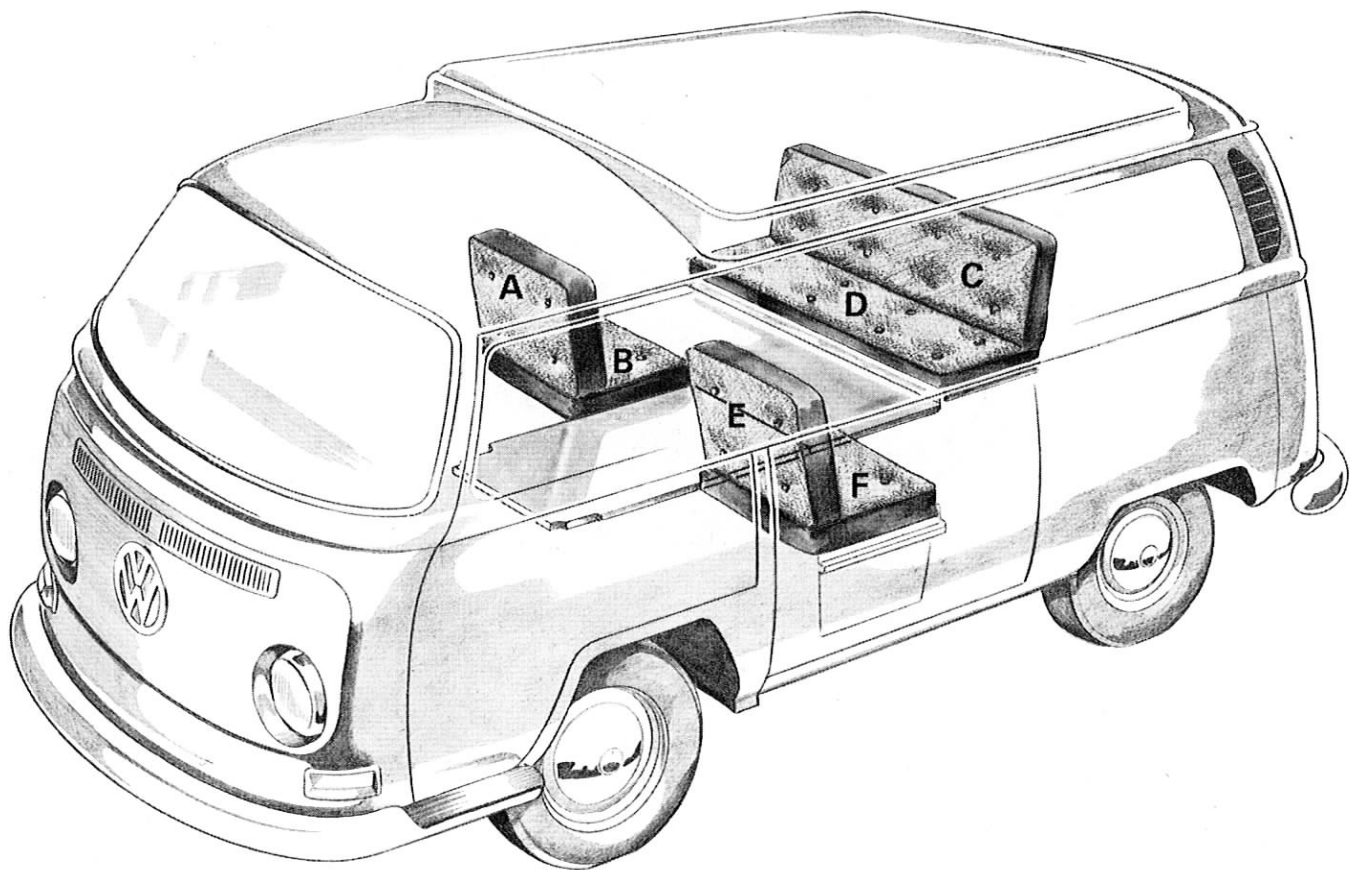


When both legs are attached the bed boards can be pulled fully forward to take both rear seat cushions and form a bed. Our illustration on page 7 shows the bed fully erected.

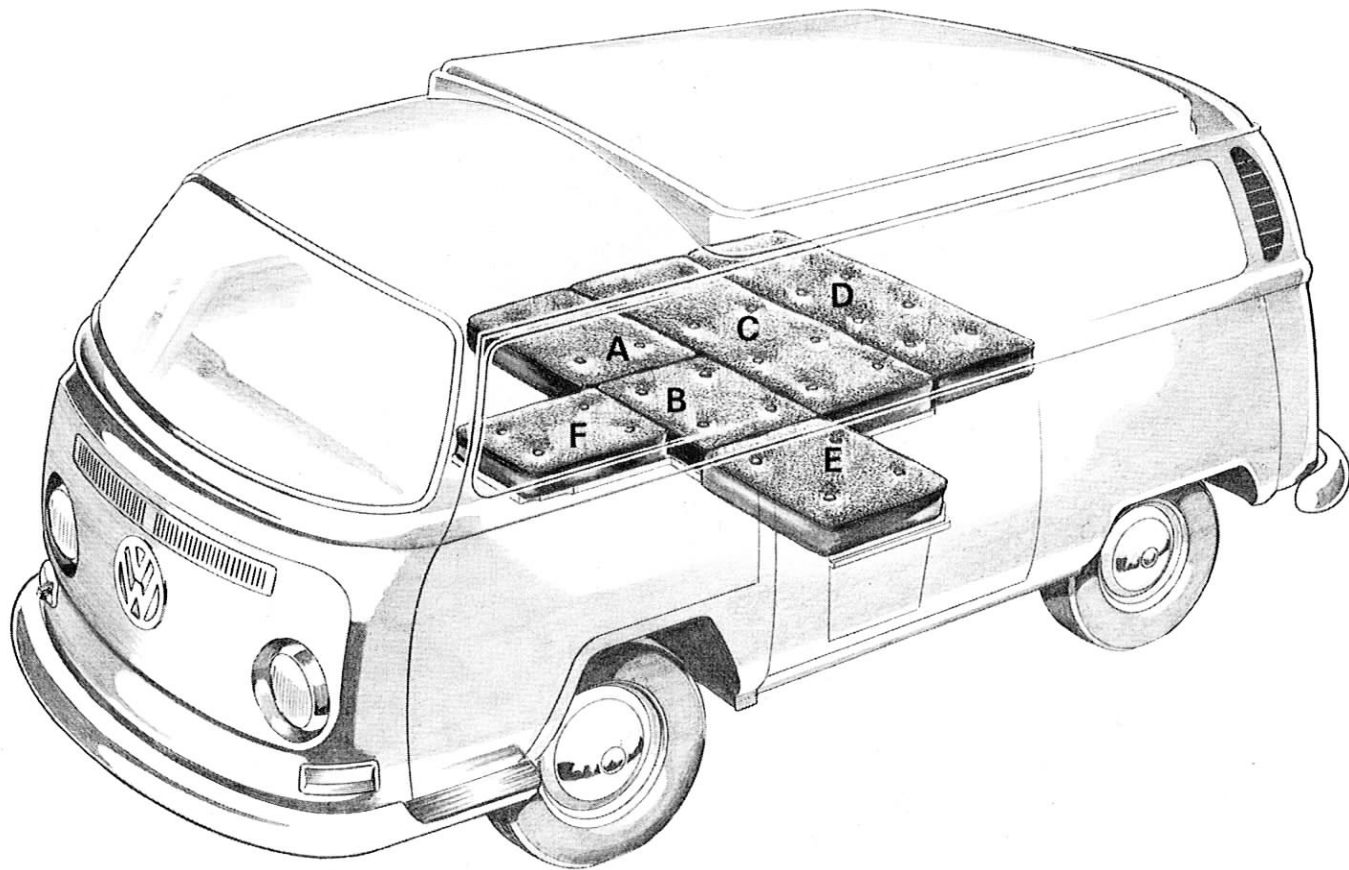




**Optional Low Level Bed.** Our low level bed is formed on two boards rested on special ledges. Caravette and Eurovette are the same, and differ from Torvette.

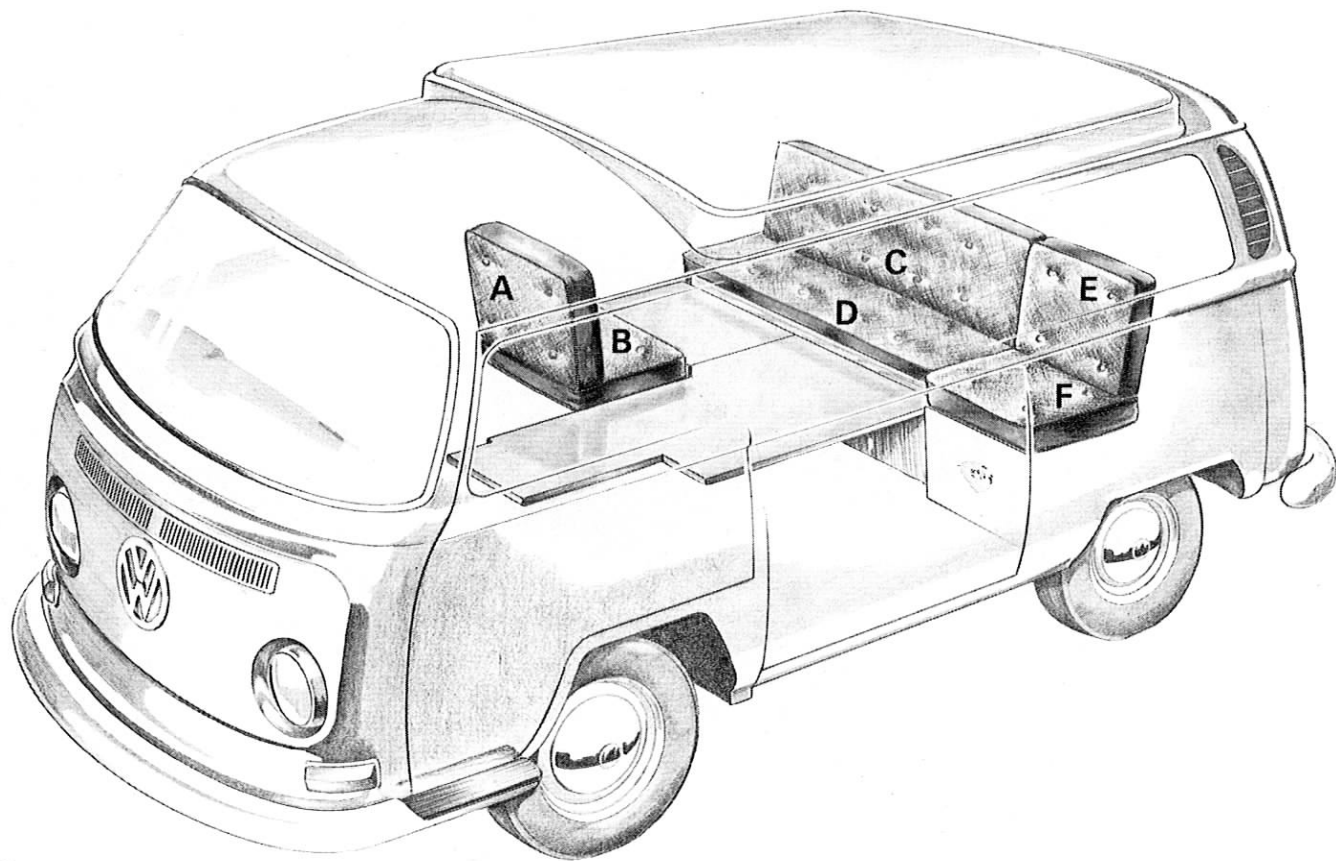


**Caravette.** Two boards are supported on ledges of rear seat, wardrobe box seat, and Compactum box seat. Our drawings show the boards in position, and the cushions to cover them. Cushions are lettered for ease of reference.



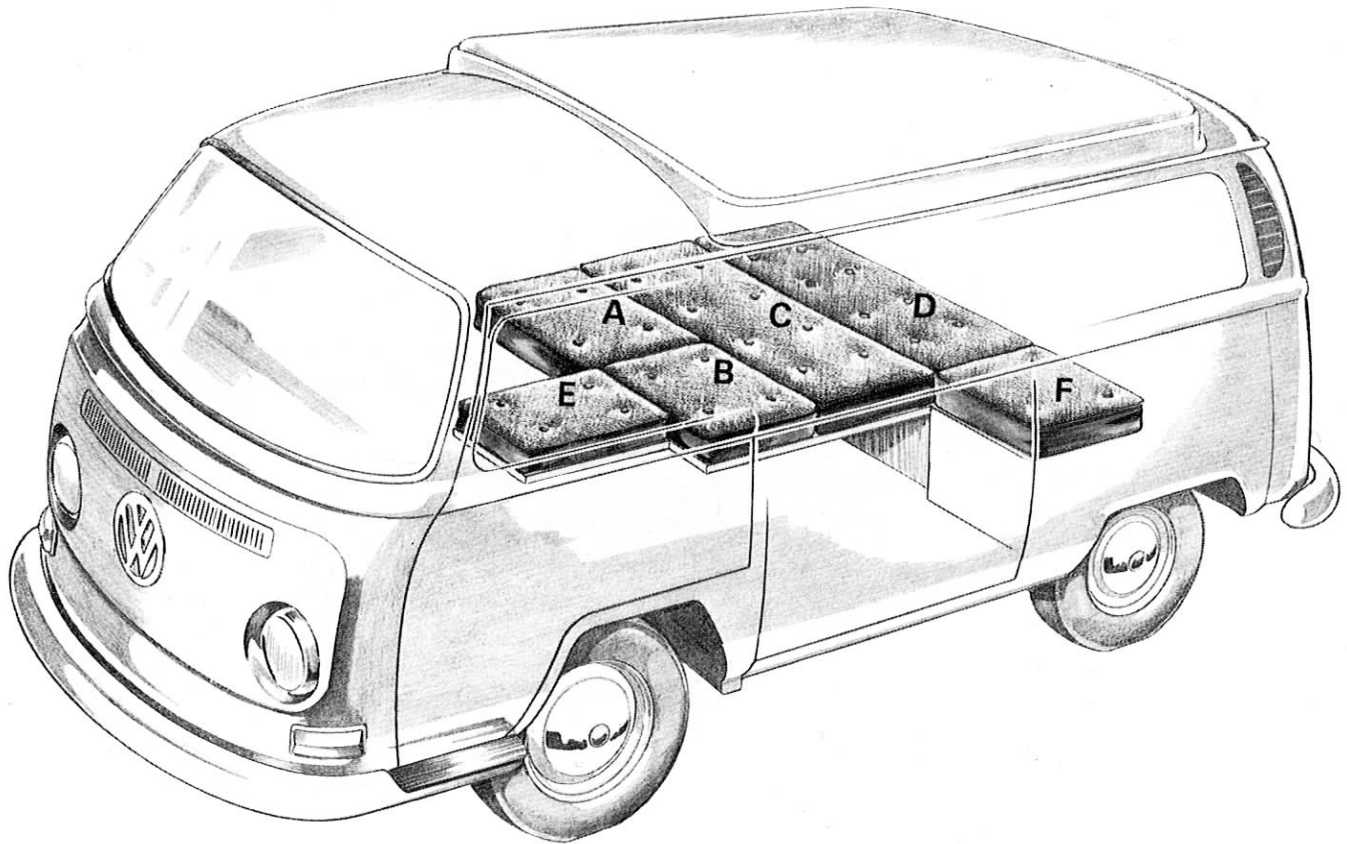
**Eurovette.** Similar to the Caravette but, because no Compactum box seat is provided, the boards are ledge-fitted to the side of the Compactum unit.

**Torvette.** Two boards are used, but they are supported this time on the rear seat, wardrobe



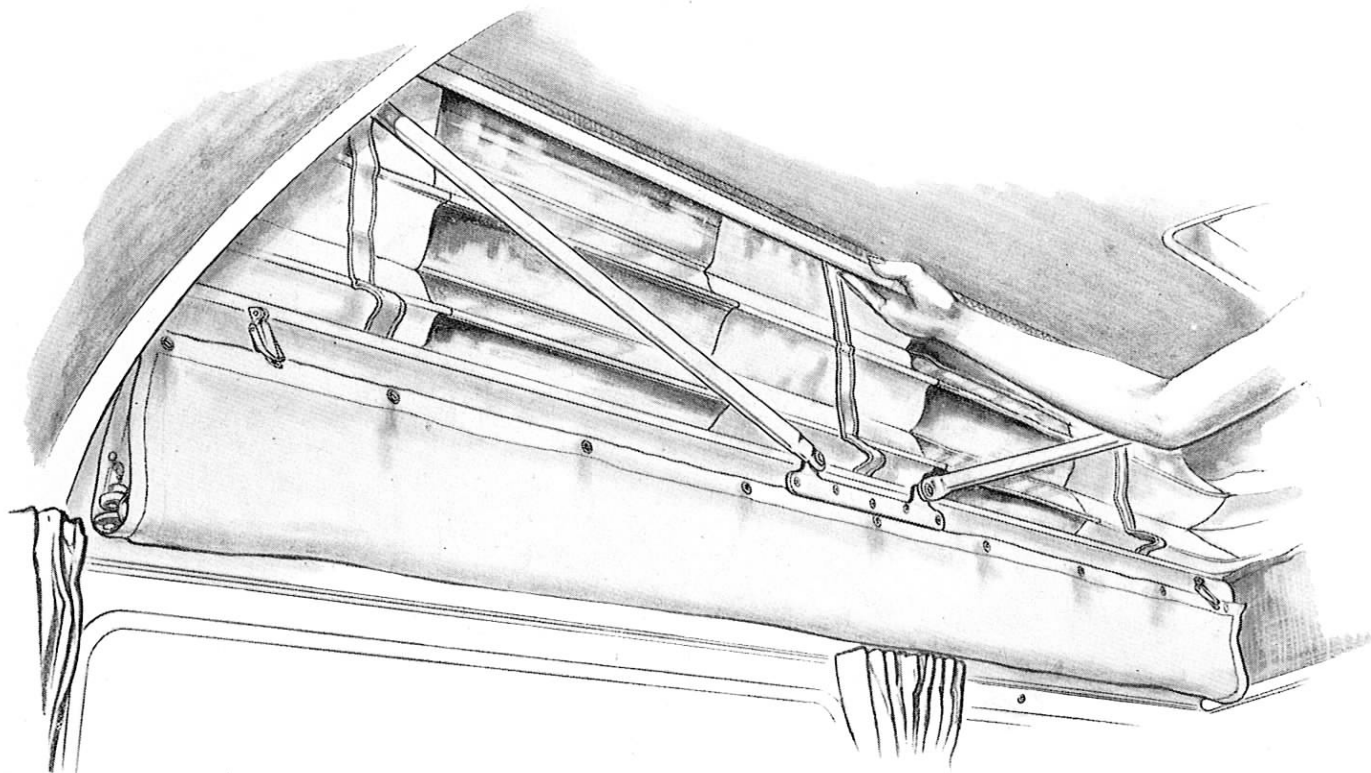
box seat and cooker.

We have drawn the boards in position, and have indicated the cushions which cover them.

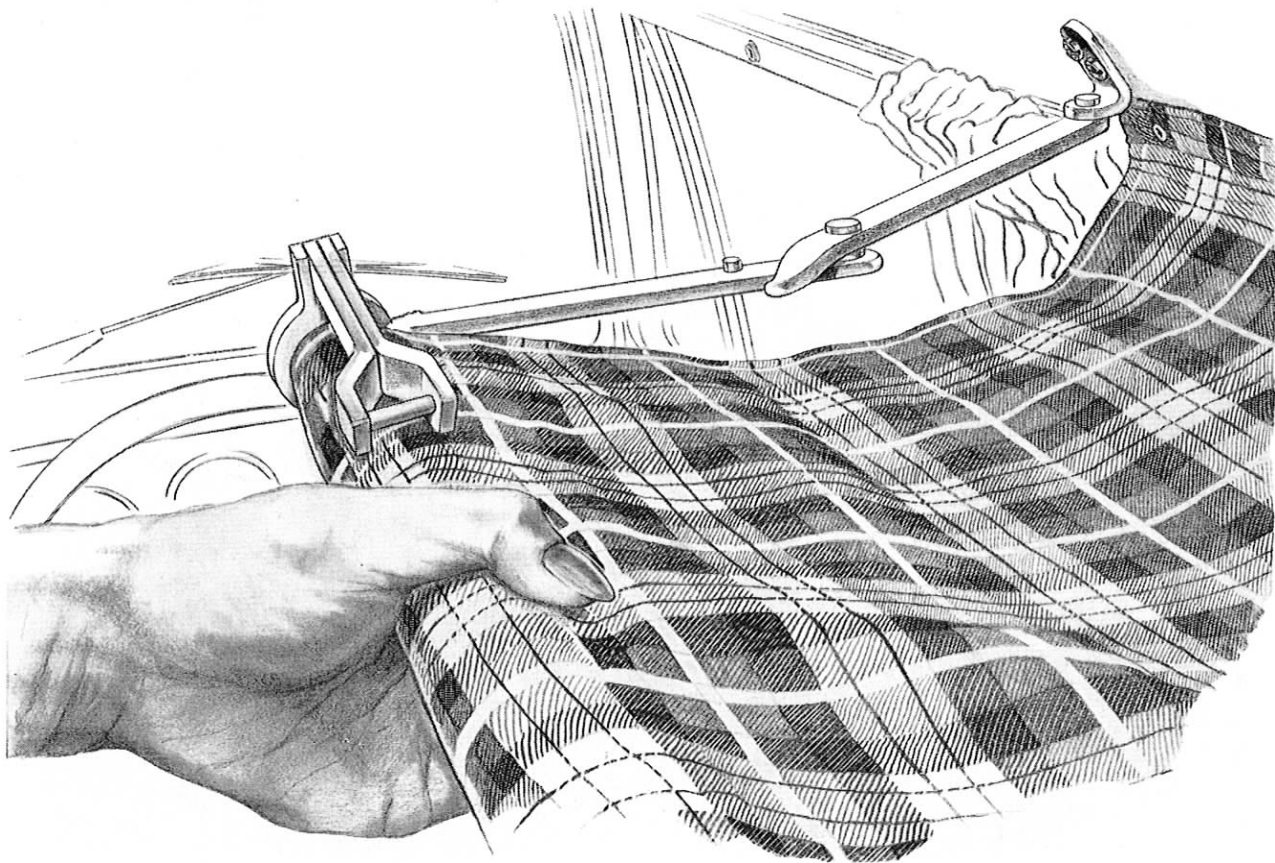


**Single Bunks.** Two single bunks are located within an elevating roof, and to enable them to be occupied the roof must be raised.

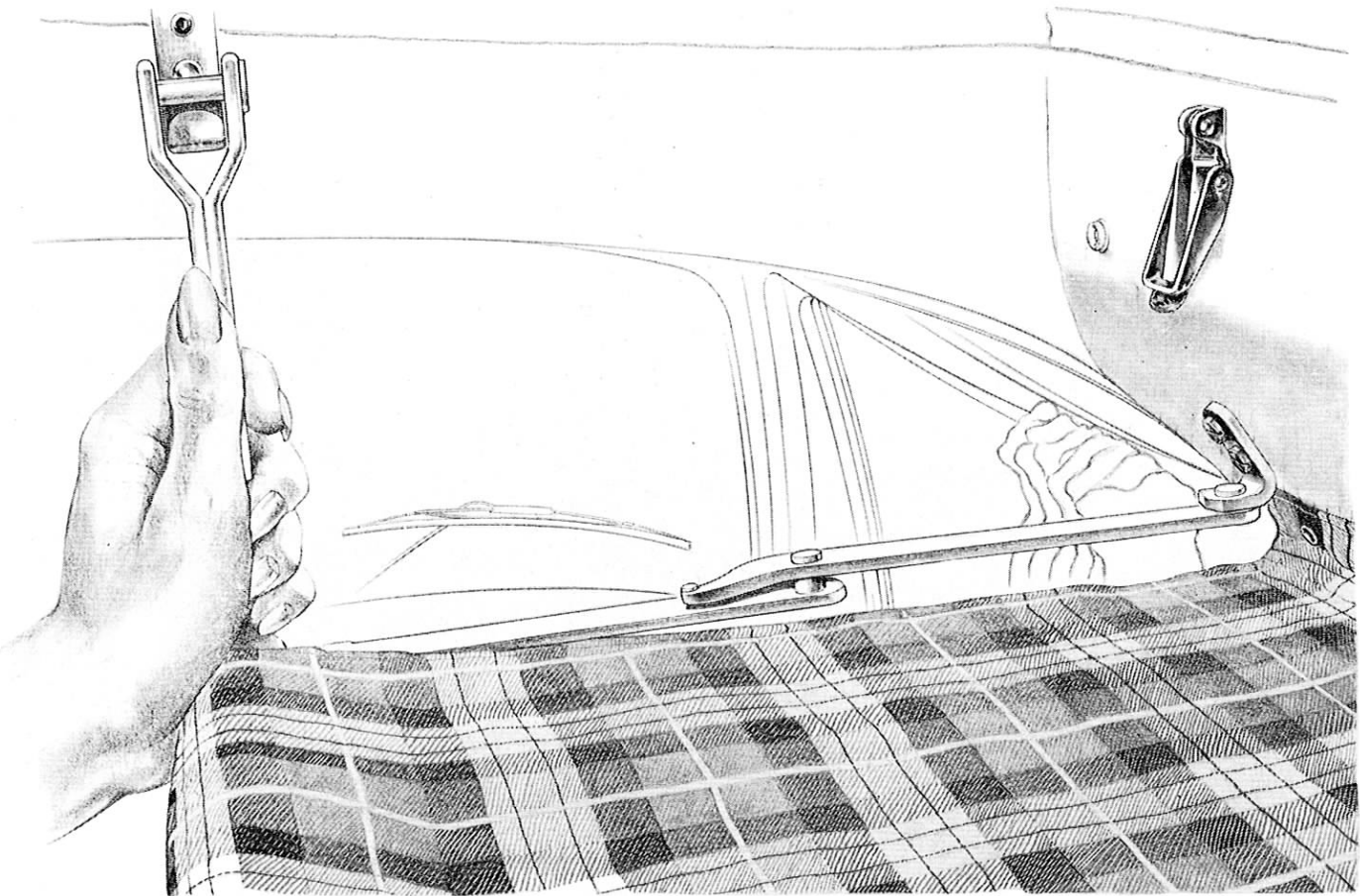
Our illustration shows a roof being raised. This is done by releasing four retaining catches, two either side, and pushing upwards on both horizontal bars. The roof is self-retaining in its raised position, and must be pulled downwards to close.

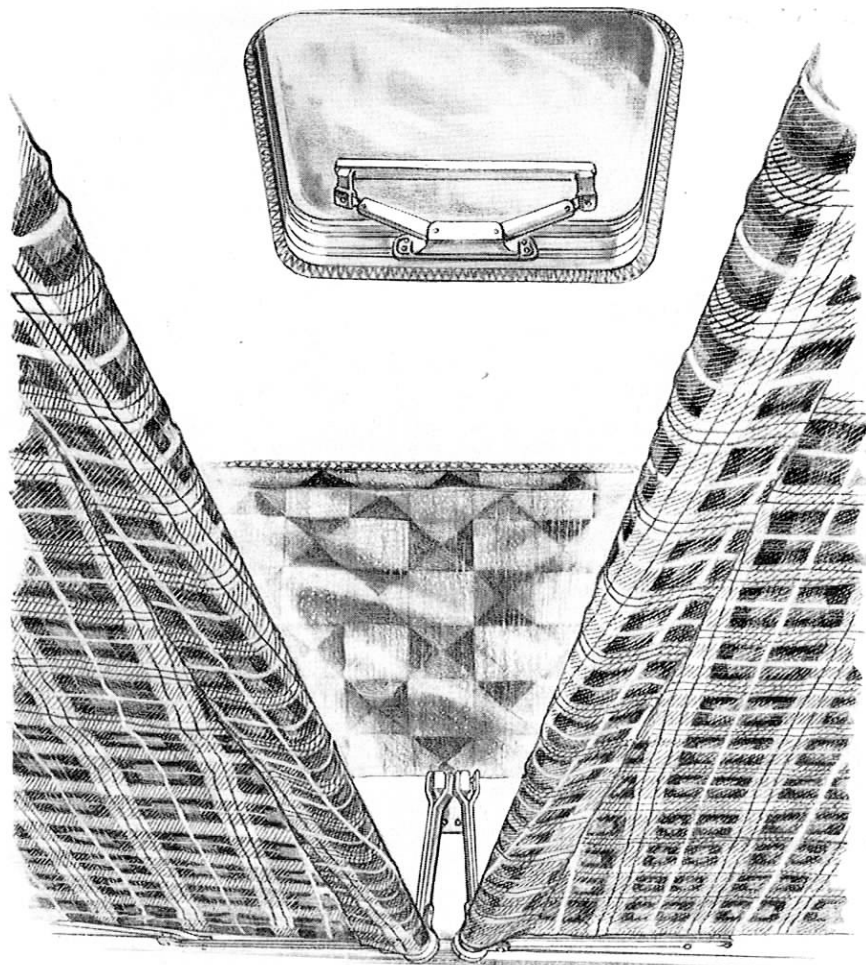


Beneath retaining catches on either side is a canvas flap, held closed by press studs.  
Within each flap is a canvas bunk; our illustration shows one of these being drawn out.



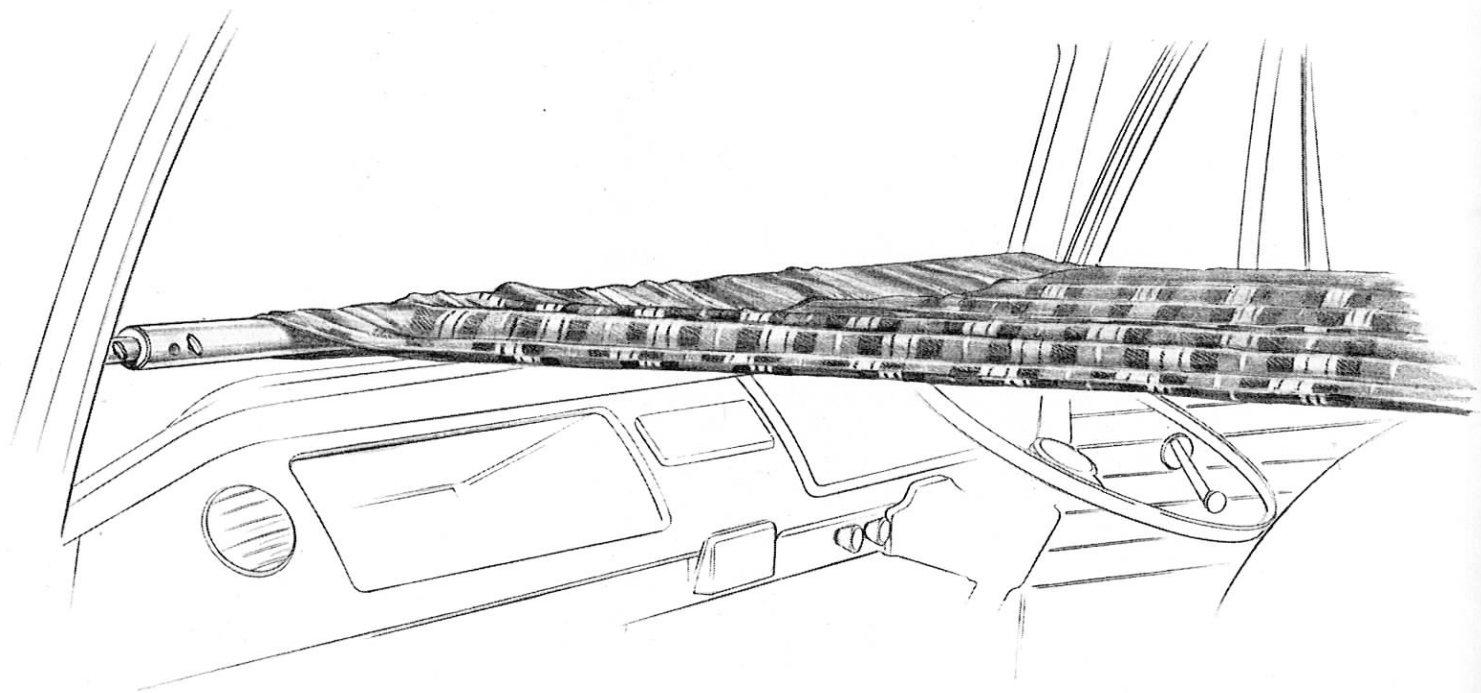
Bunks are suspended from central end supports as shown on this page. When both bunks are hung ready for use they appear as in our illustration on page 15.



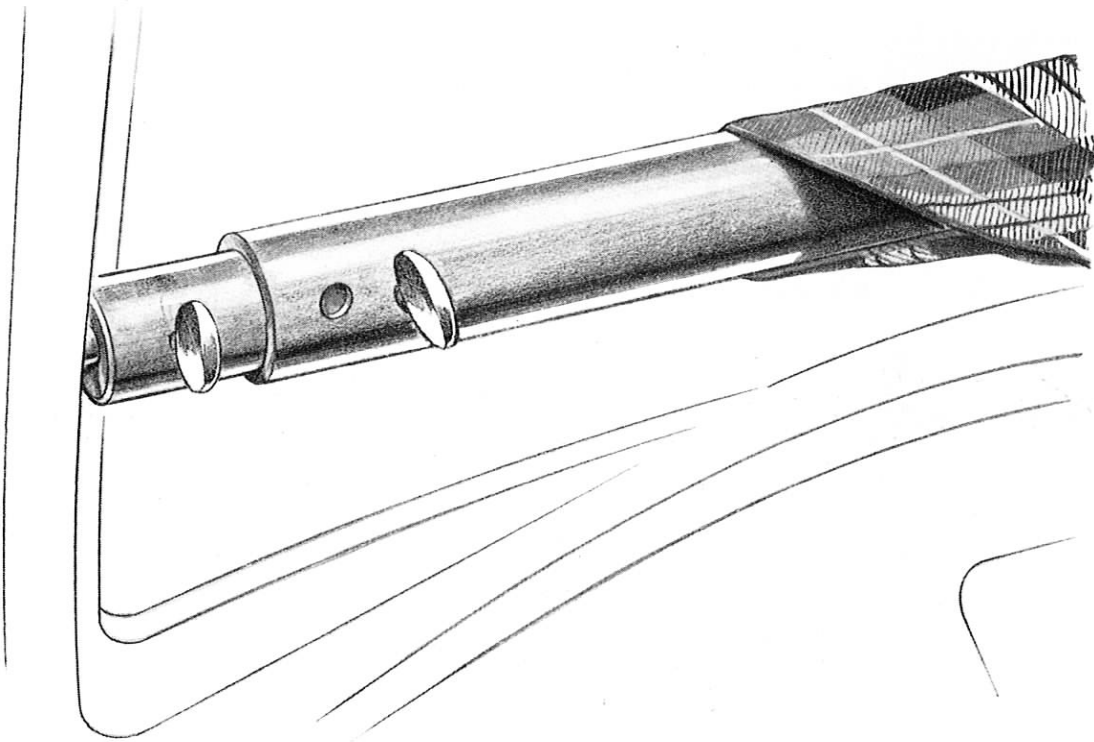




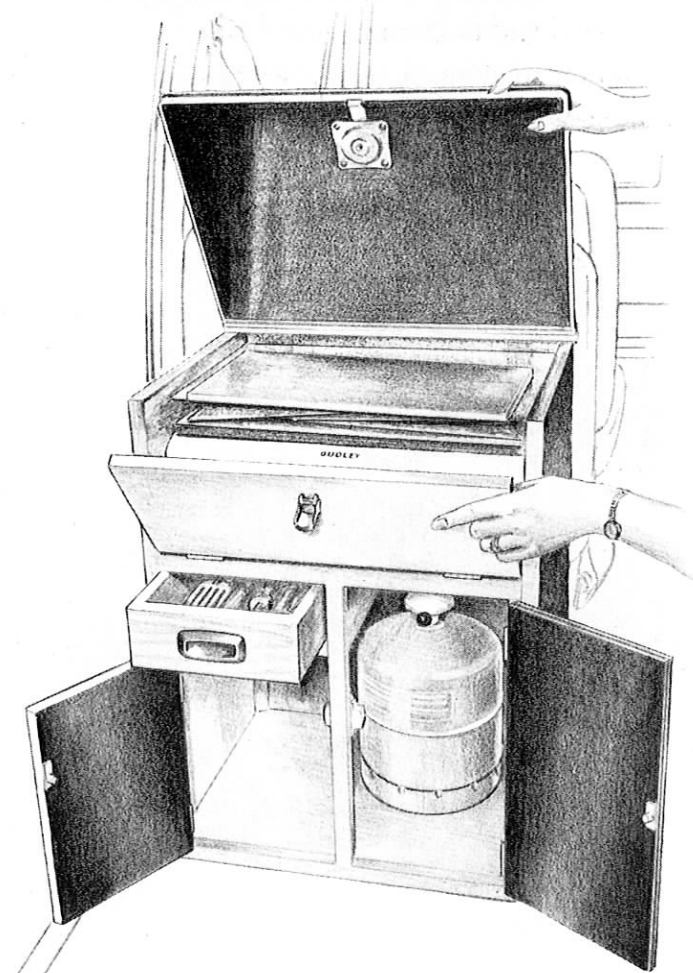
The child's hammock, supported by metal rods across driver and front passenger seats, is shown below. Rods are threaded through canvas side loops and their length adjusted by matching the outer holes in their sleeves with threaded holes on the inner rods.



When in position these rods can be effectively extended by unscrewing the thumb screw and matching inner sleeve holes to the centre rod tapped holes. Our illustration shows a rod end to help explain this.



# Cookers



A grill and two burners, supplied with gas from a cylinder, are standard in all Motor Caravans. We strongly recommend that, whenever possible, they are used outside the Motor Caravan. Our Motor Caravans are designed to keep out draughts, and this they do so efficiently that any gas leak can cause a complete, and sometimes permanent, loss of appetite. If cooking must be done indoors, at least two windows should be opened.

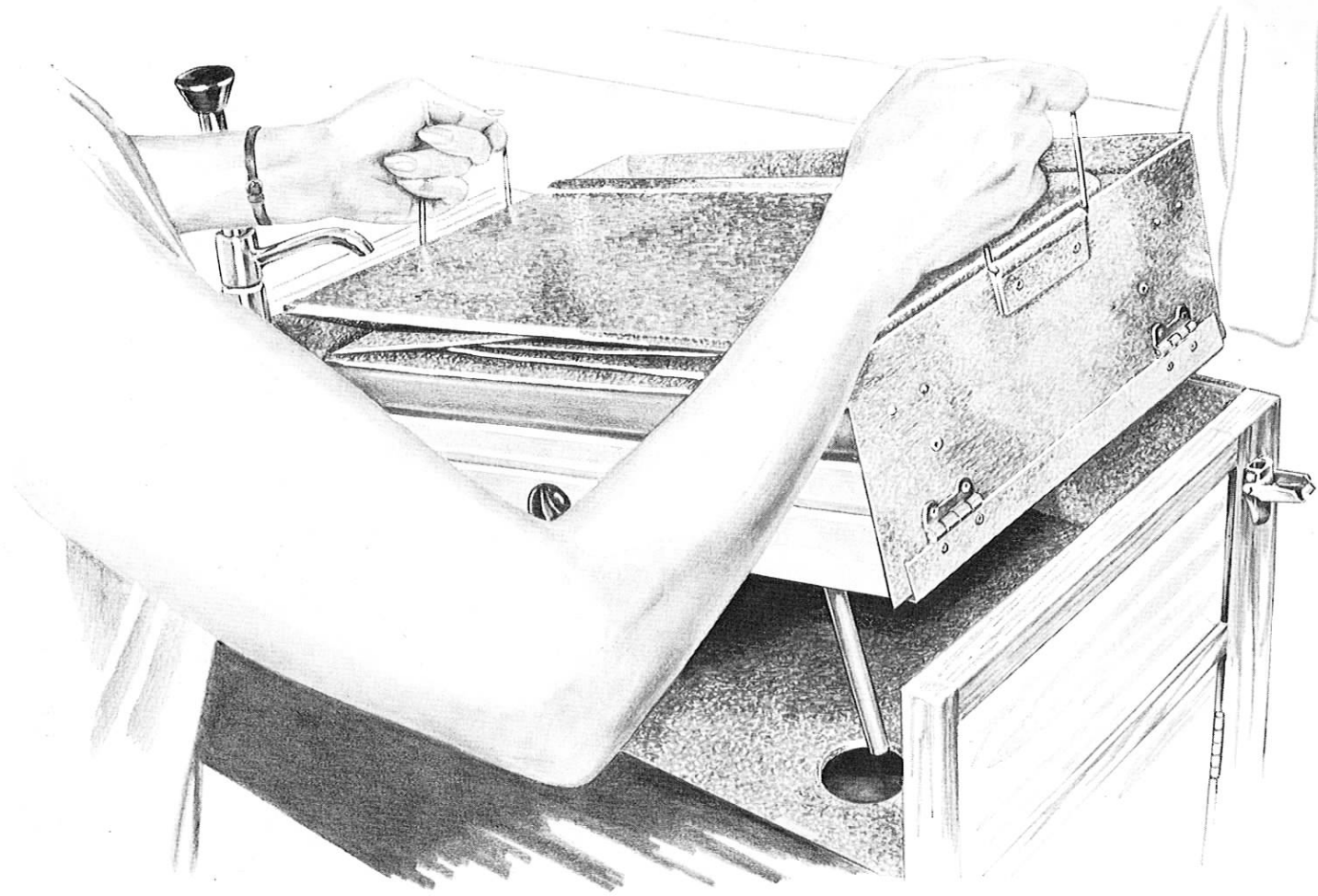
**Torvette.** The cooker is located immediately behind the front passenger seat, and can be swung through 90° to allow cooking outside the Motor Caravan. A bolt locates in one of two positions to fix the cooker. Our drawing on page 18 shows a cooker in situ.

**Caravette.** The grill and burners are located immediately to the left of the rear seat. They can be used in this position by left handed cooks, or people preparing snacks, but it is preferable to cook outside; the drawing on page 20 shows the cooker being lifted clear. The gas pipe has been disconnected previously from the connection projecting below the cooker.

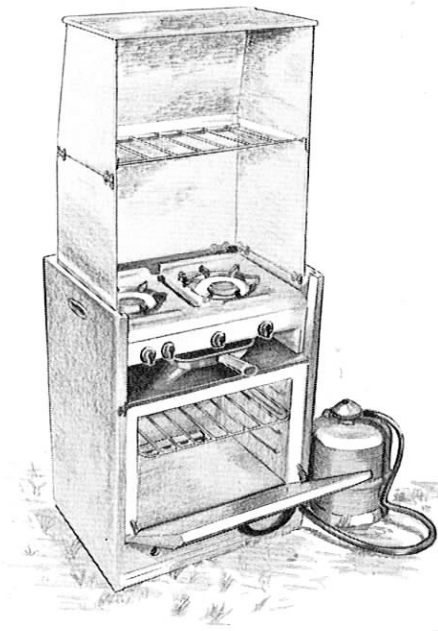
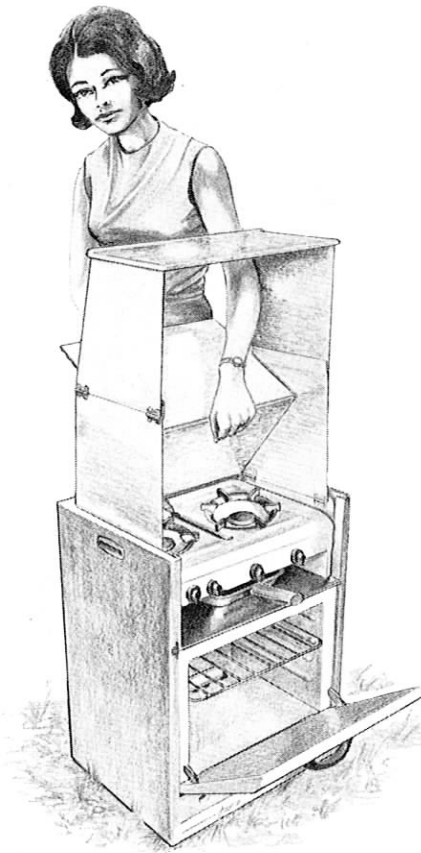
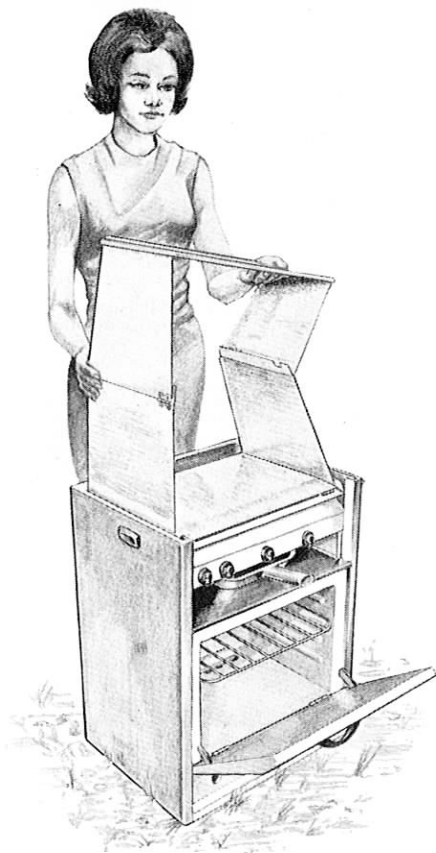
Gas cylinders in both Caravette and Eurovette are stored at floor level in a cupboard to the left of the rear seat.

**Eurovette.** The cooker, with its burners, grill and oven, forms a separate unit immediately in front of, and clip-fastened to, the gas storage cupboard. It is possible to take a cooker outside; we recommend this.

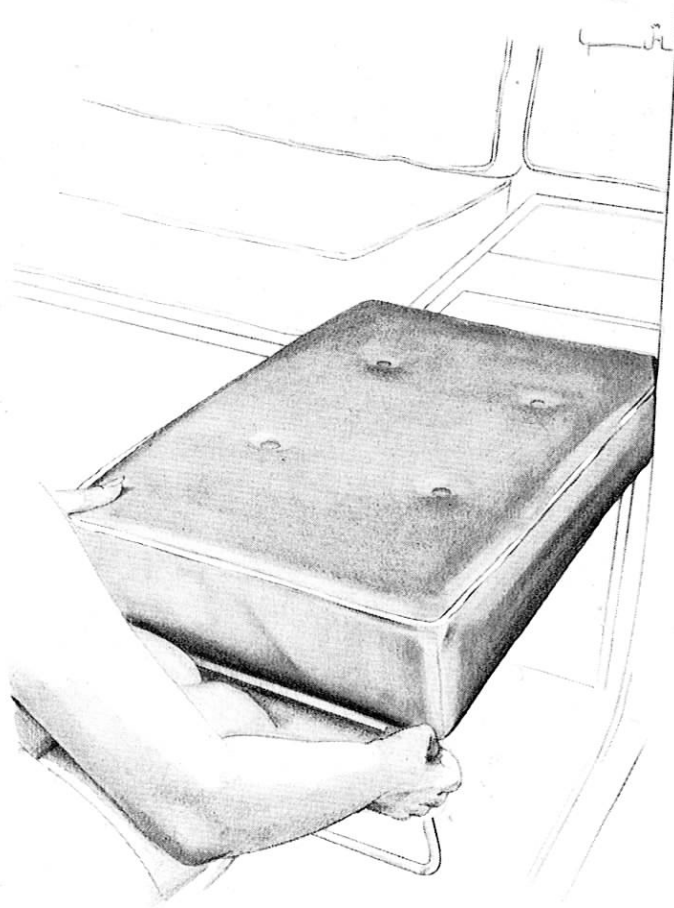
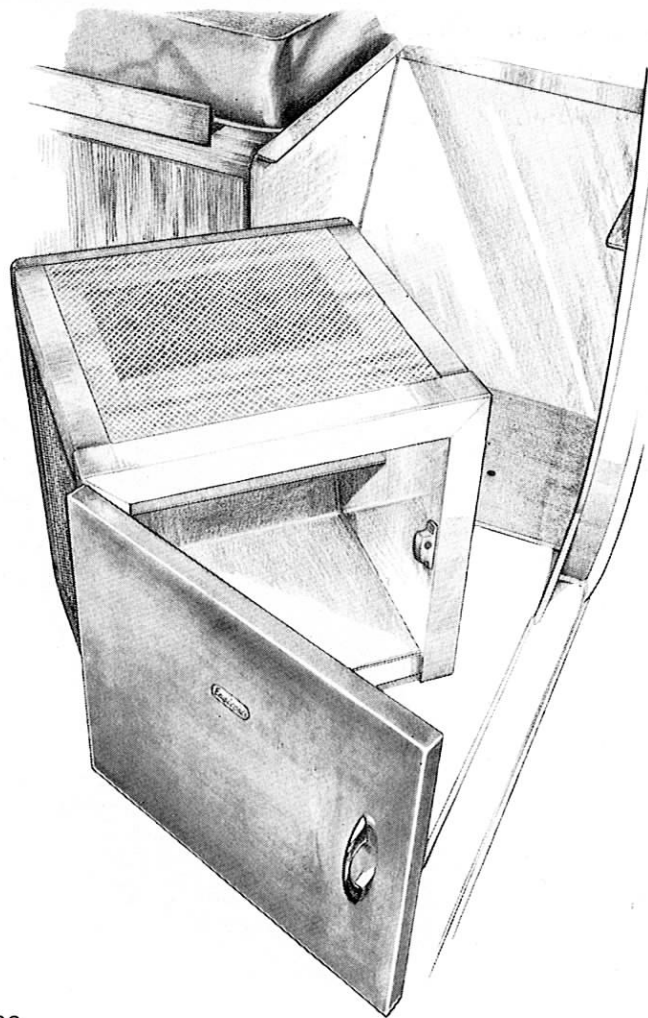
To facilitate outside cooking, we have a combined splash guard and wind shield fitted on all cookers.



The drawings below show the erection of a guard in two easy stages. When it was finished, the Eurovette cooker was as shown on the right, and it only remained for the gas cylinder to be connected to the inlet point at the bottom right-hand corner.



# Easicool



An Easicool is supplied with every Motor Caravan. Cold water is poured over the top of an Easicool to evaporate from top and sides as it drains to the bottom.

Food stored in an Easicool is cool because it is kept at the temperature of the evaporating water.

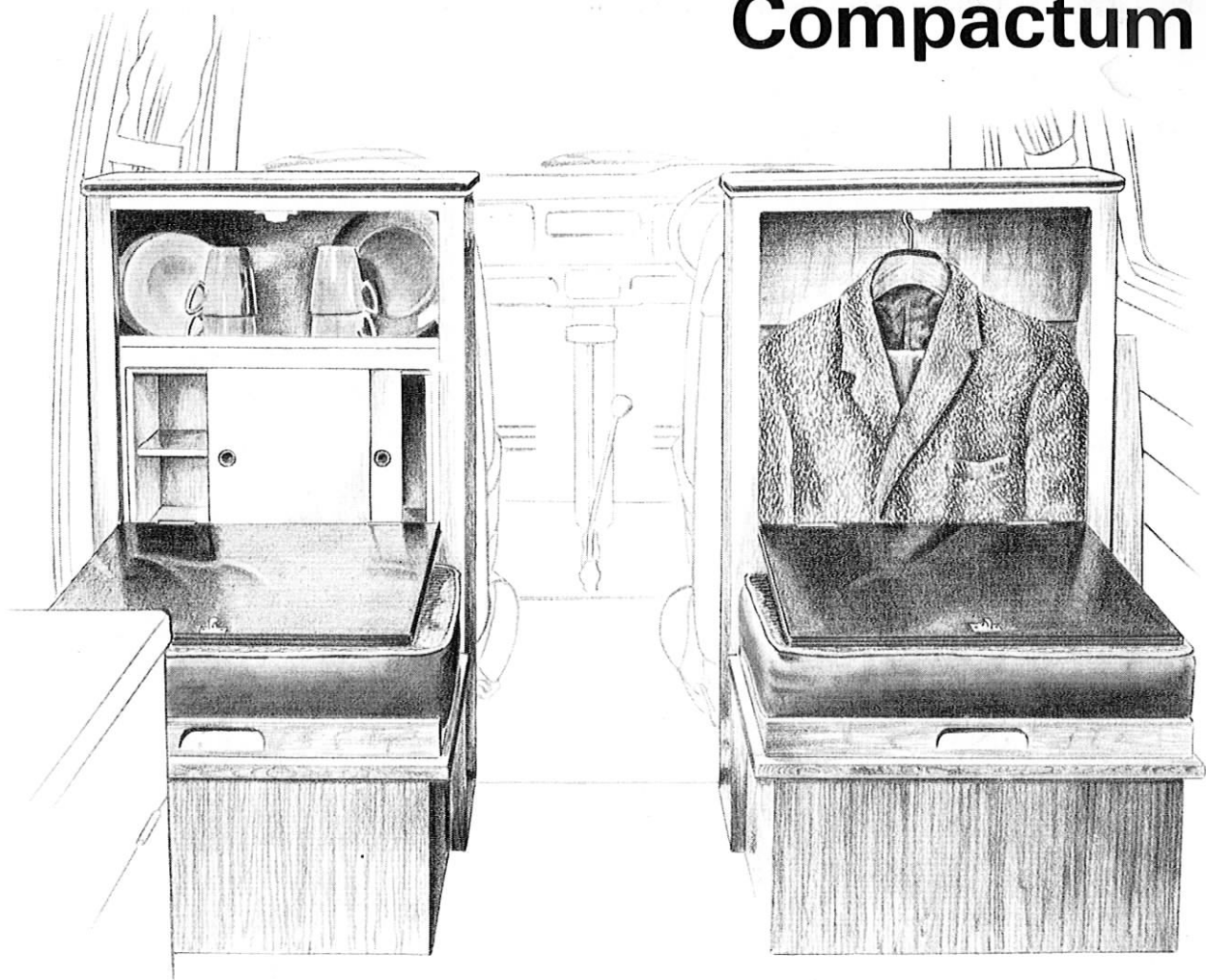
**Torvette.** The Easicool is located beneath the side rear seat. It is shown slightly displaced in our drawing on page 22 to reveal the drain hole that allows superfluous water to drain away.

The seat cushion on top of the Easicool can be pulled forward, and supported on its own legs to form a seat from which the cooker or its flat working top can be reached. Our drawing shows this being done.

**Eurovette** and **Caravette.** The Easicool is contained in the Compactum described on page 24.



# Compactum

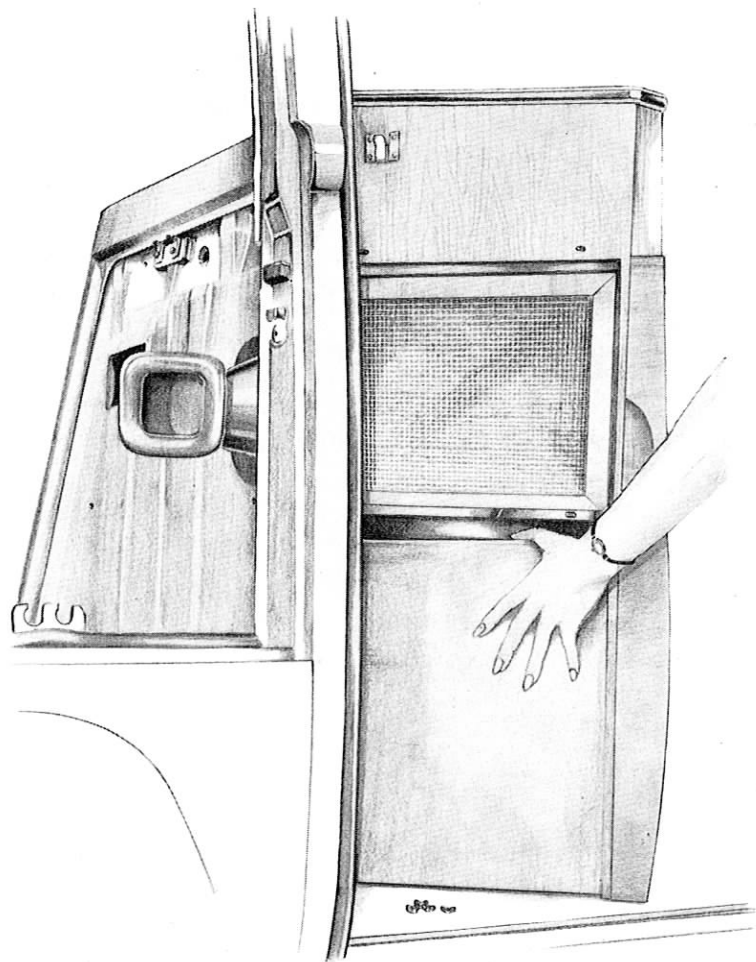


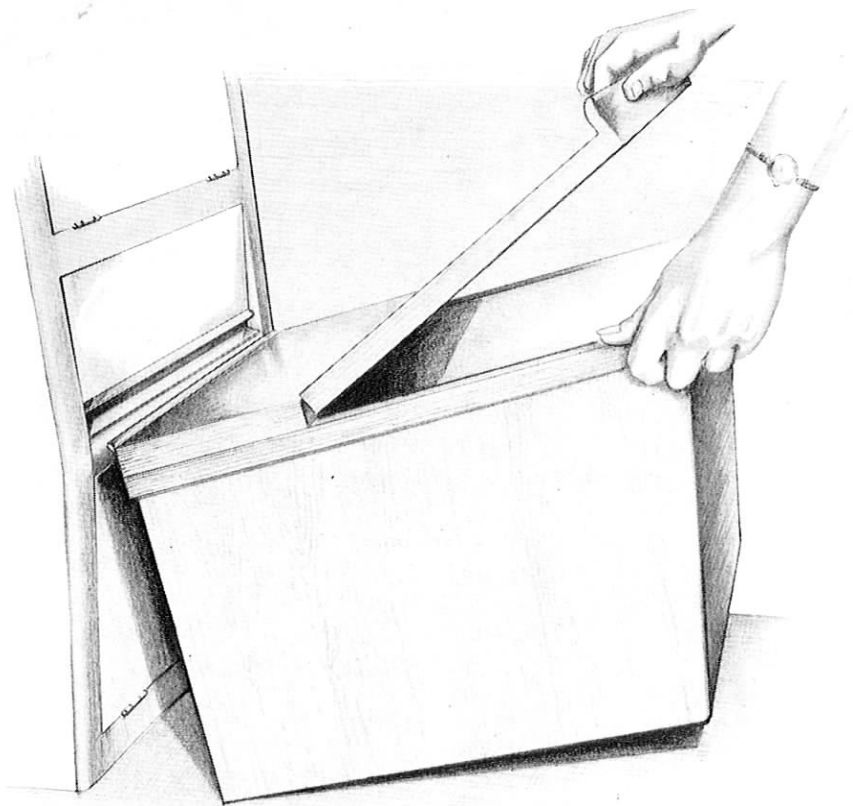
**Eurovette** and **Caravette**. The Compactum houses crockery, cutlery, an Easicool, and a polypropylene water tank. A Compactum is shown in situ on page 24, together with its companion wardrobe unit.

The especially designed Easicool within the Compactum is mounted on a tray with drain pipe attachment. The water container housed in the lower half of each Compactum should be cleaned regularly, and to be cleaned it must be removed. The drawing on page 26 (left) shows a Compactum being withdrawn from its normal position. Prior to this, six thumb screws were removed from the back of the front passenger seat to free the Compactum.

A freed Compactum can be tilted forward and held in that position by one person, while a second manoeuvres the water tank clear. This is not easily accomplished, but is possible. The illustration on page 26 (right) shows the moment when Compactum and container part company.

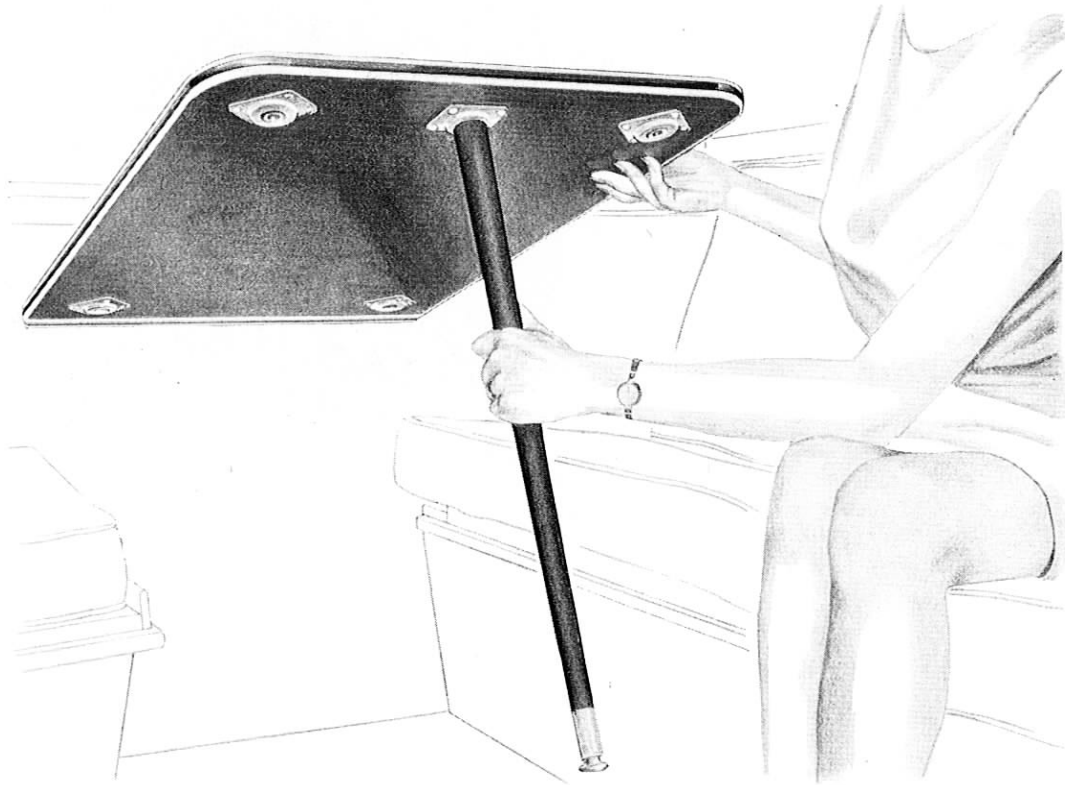
A wardrobe has been shown on page 24. Its box seat can be removed by lifting the front end and pulling, as in our drawing on page 27, to give access to a low level shoe storage space.



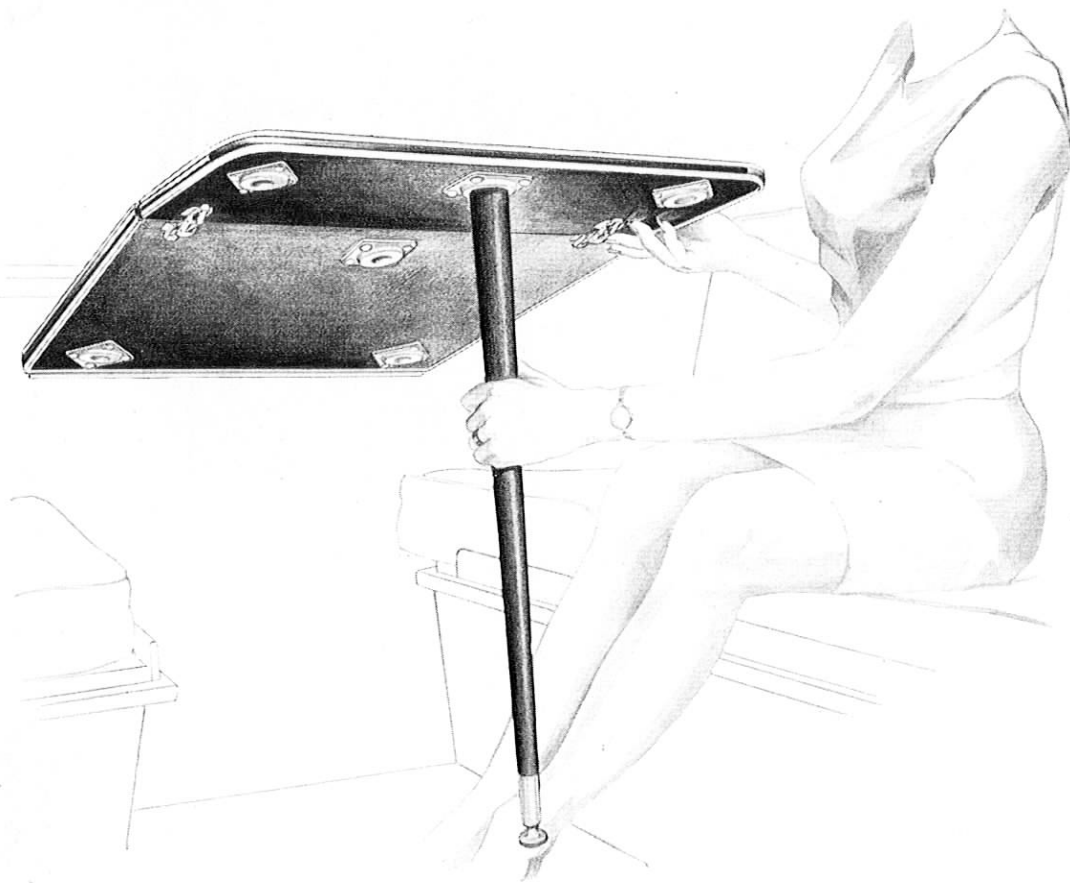


# Table

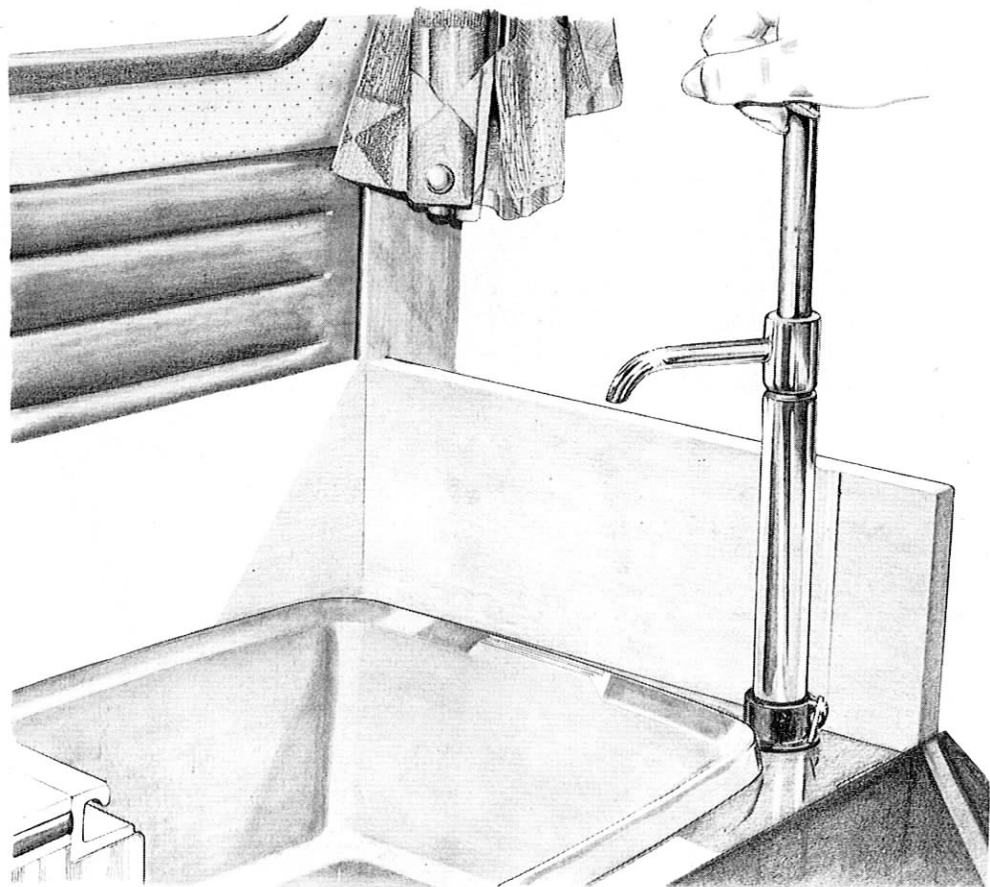
The table fits into a channel on the side wall, and is inserted in the position shown in the illustration below, before being lowered to rest on its screw-in leg.



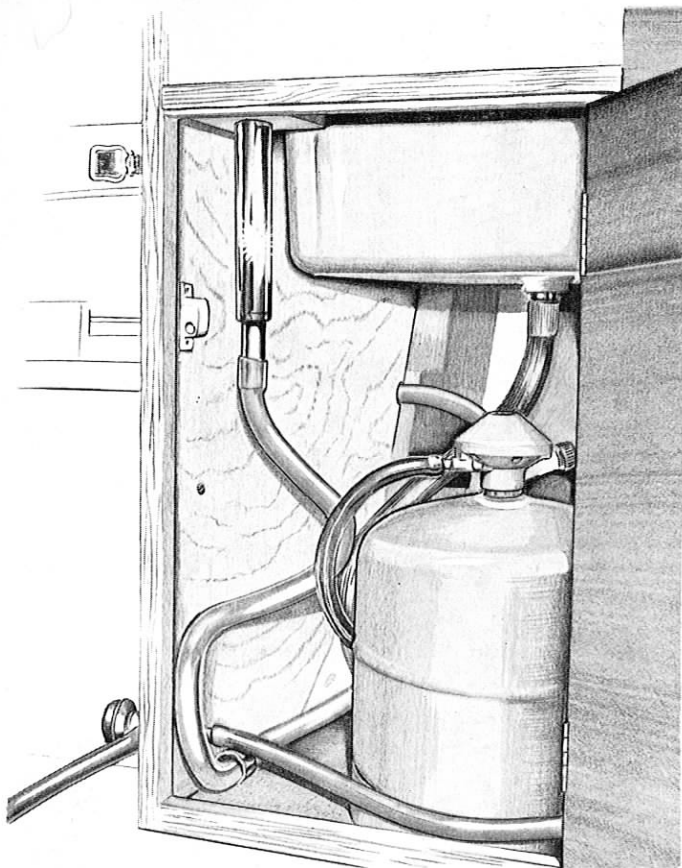
**Eurovette** is fitted with a flap table which can be used with flap down or up, as shown in this illustration. If the table is to be heavily loaded we suggest that both legs are inserted to give it extra rigidity.



# Sink Units



Only **Eurovette** has a permanently fitted sink unit. It is shown on page 30 with its pump tap in the raised position. A hose takes drain water from it through the gas storage space below, as shown on this page.

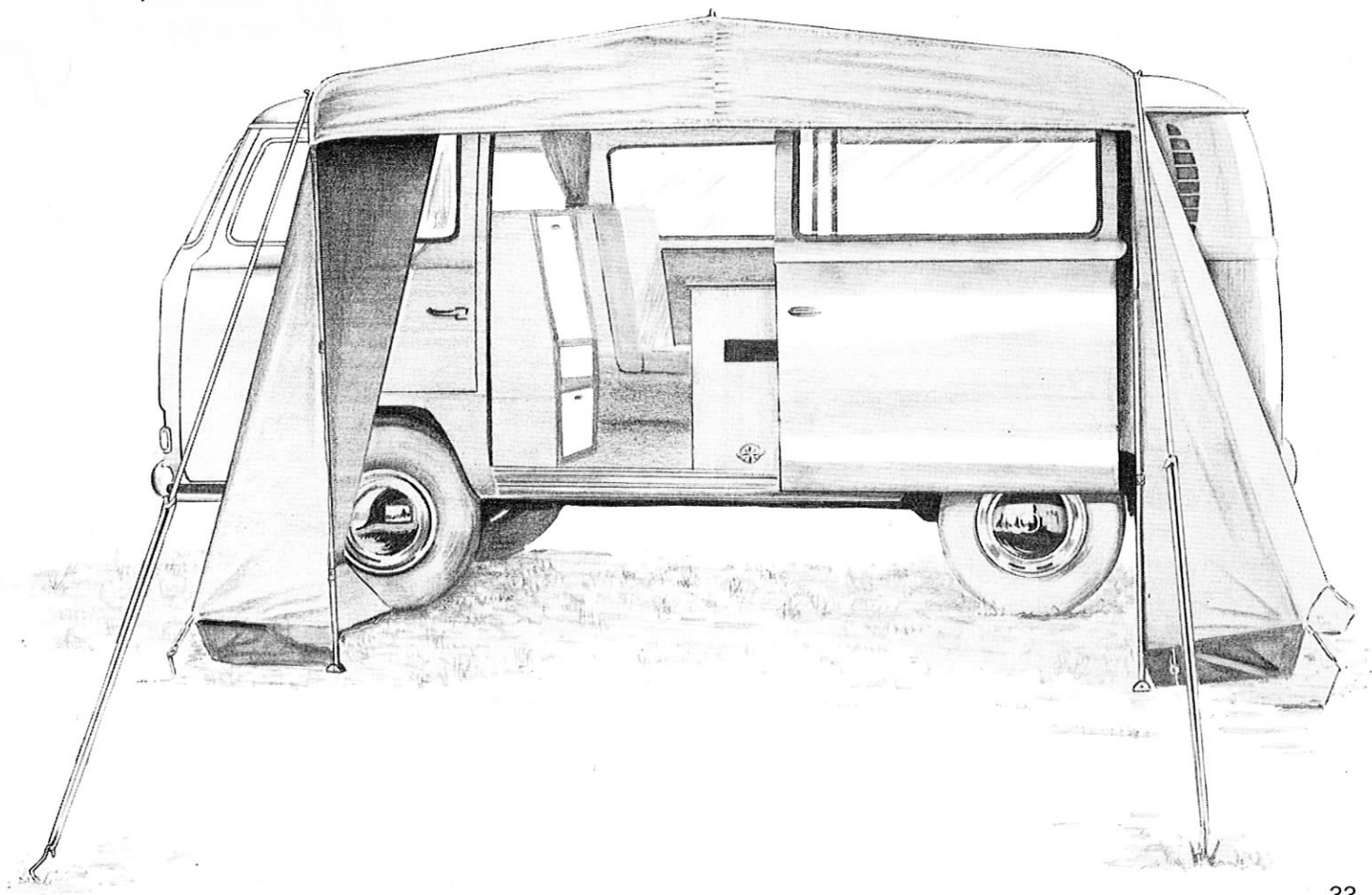


**Caravette.** The space normally occupied by grill and burners can be cleared to take a plastic bowl. It is not necessary, however, to remove the cooker to obtain water from Caravette's pump tap. This tap can be raised sufficiently to empty into a bowl placed on top of the cooker, providing, of course, that the wind shield is not erected.

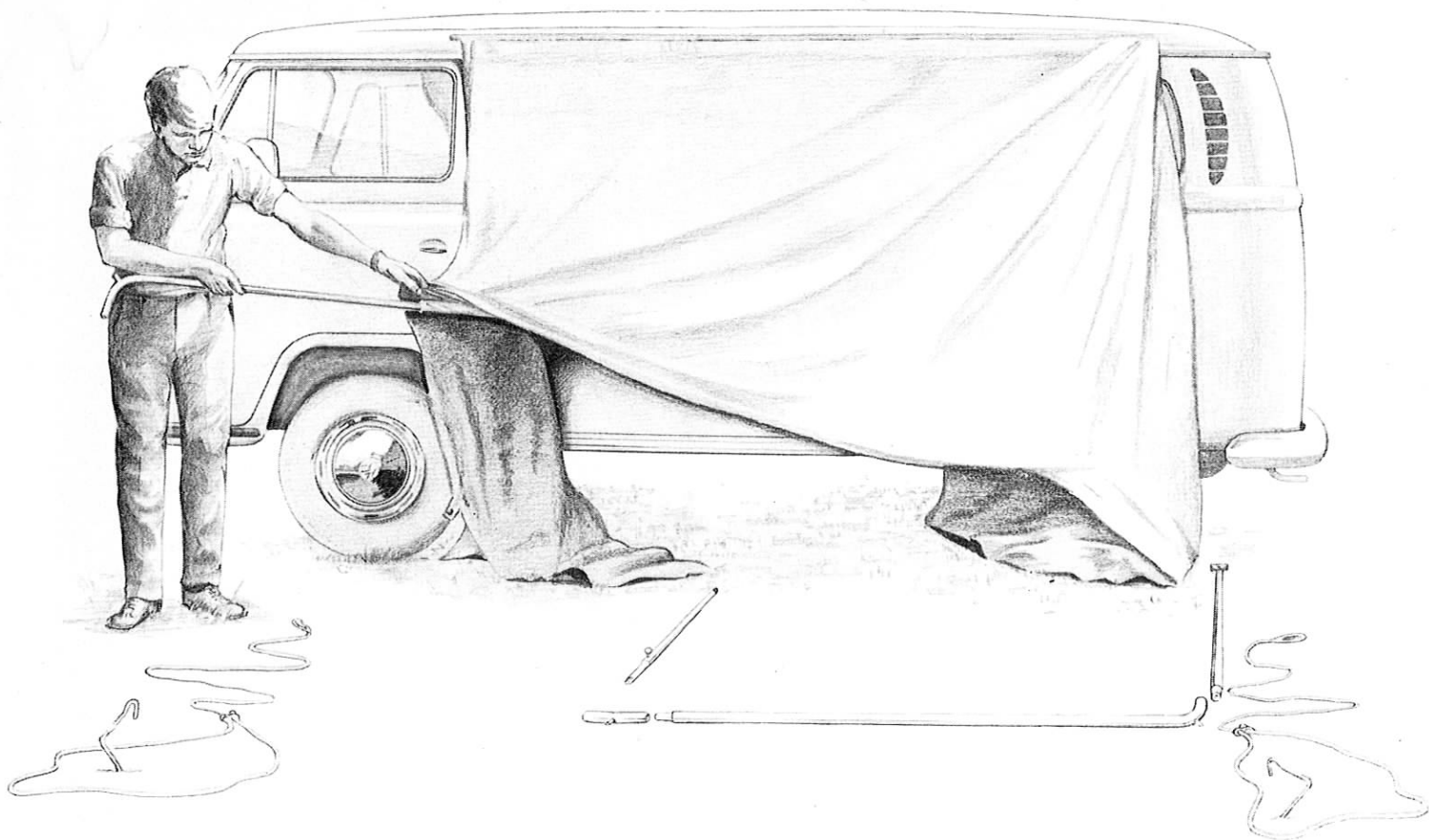


# Optional Extras Awning

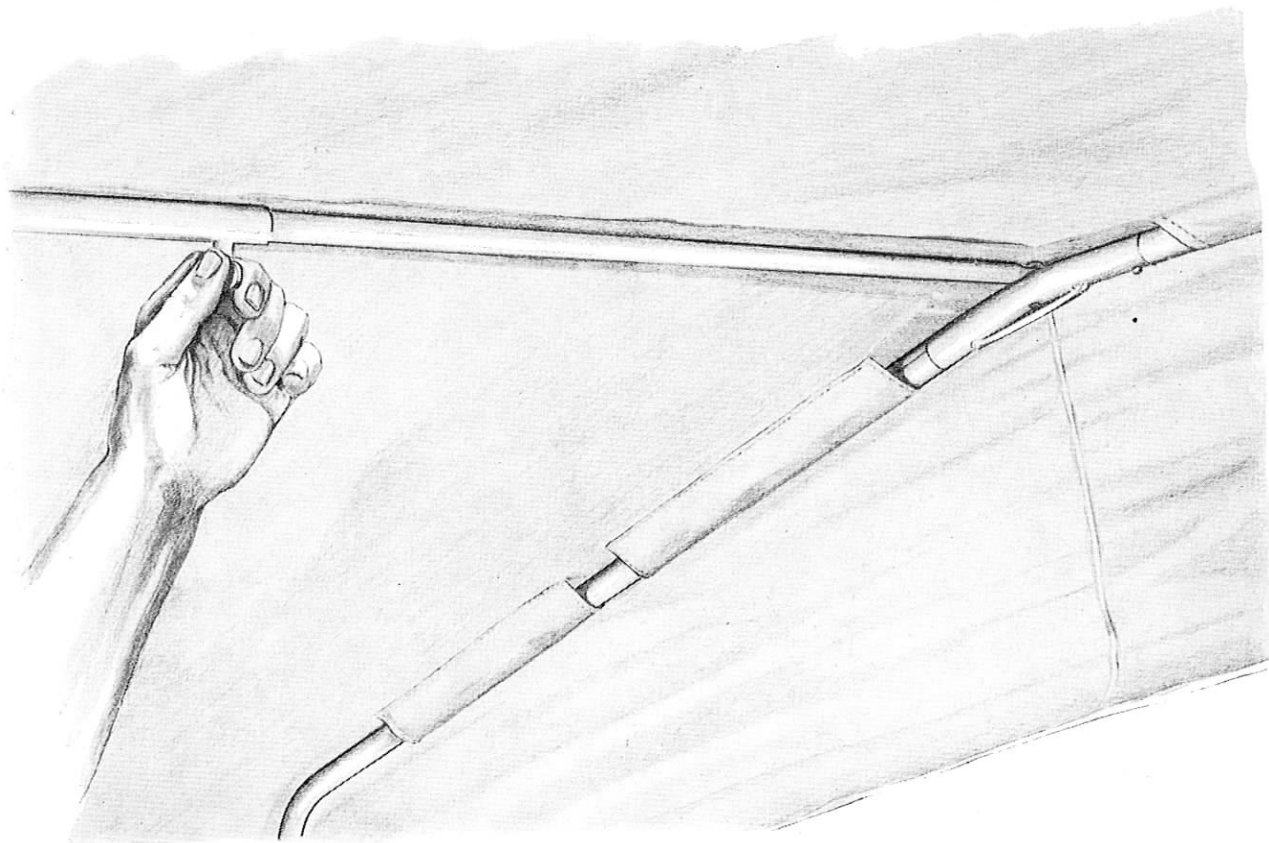
An awning, suitable for all Motor Caravans, is available for campers who wish to make their site more permanent.



Canvas is threaded through channel on the Motor Caravan roof, and a front support rod is passed through loops at the front of the canvas. Our drawing on page 35 shows this being done. Note that all remaining support rods are laid in readiness on the ground. This is not essential, but proof of the value of this methodical approach will be apparent the first time it is ignored.



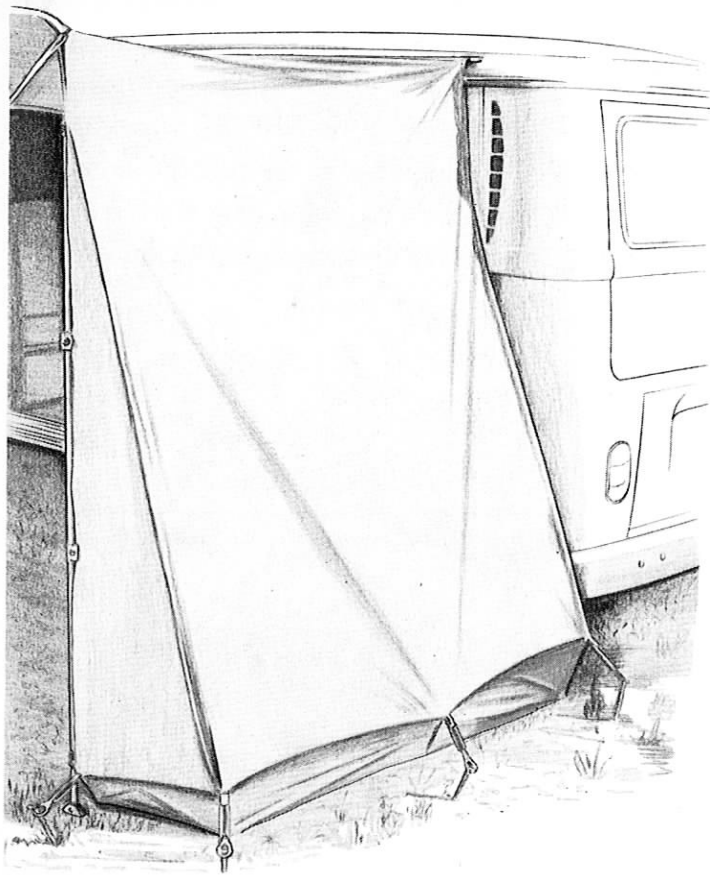
There is no centre support pole for this awning, a rod is stretched horizontally from caravan to centre front awning. Our drawing below shows the screw which must be slackened to vary the effective length of this rod.



The drawing below shows an awning side panel neatly pegged down, and fastened to the side support pole.

If yours doesn't look like this we suggest you try again.

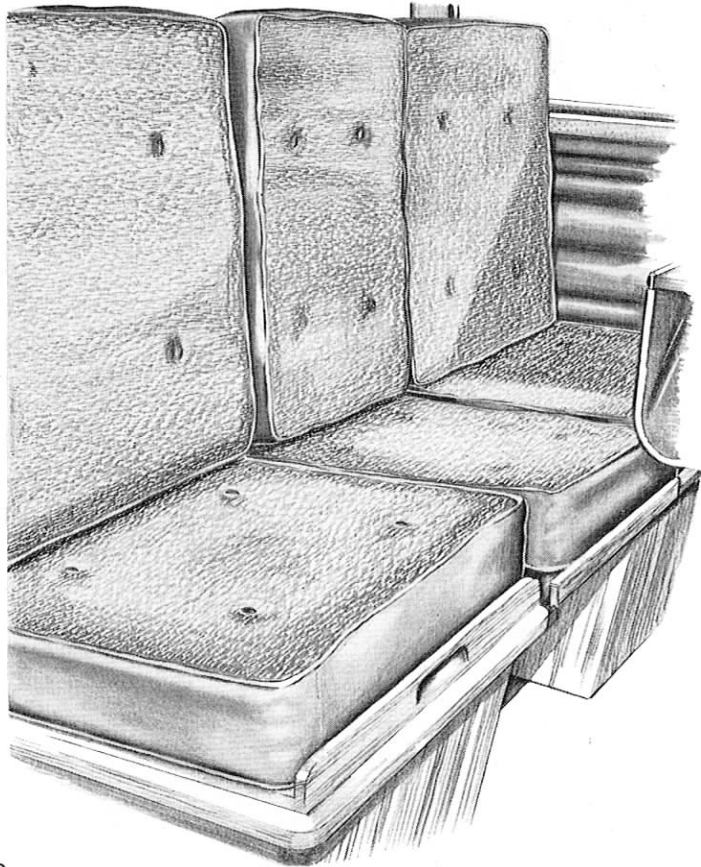
An awning fully erected is shown on page 33.



# Centre Seat

A centre seat that can be fixed between either driver and passenger seats facing forward or

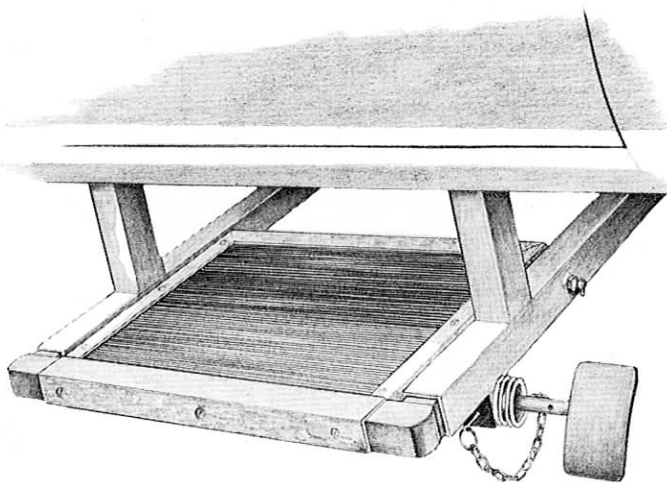
Compactum and wardrobe facing backwards is shown here. It is formed from two boards which locate on ledges and take cushions to form a comfortable seat.



# Retractable Step

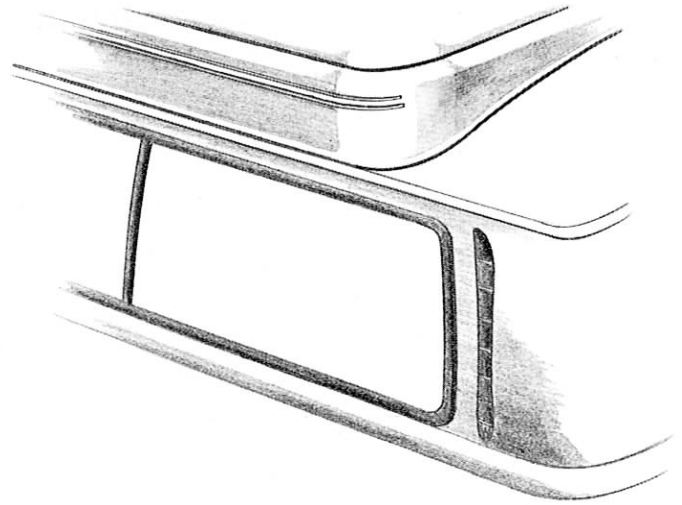
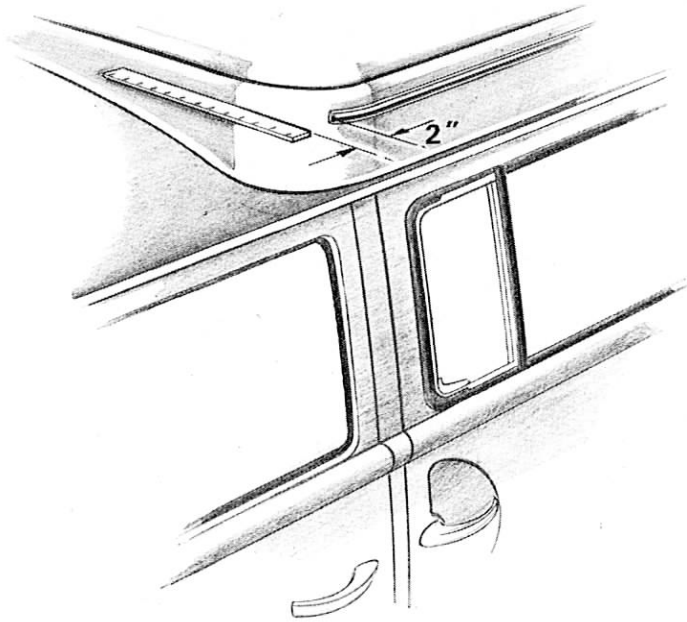
A retractable step can be fitted to all Motor Caravans. A locking pin prevents accidental operation of the step mechanism, and must be removed from its locked position beneath the step before the step can be extended. For convenience the pin can be stowed in a hole in the bar carrying the operating pedal.

It is important that you do not press the pedal down when you, or anyone else, can be hit by the step extending. Anyone forgetting this is liable to receive a painful reminder. When you are clear of the step, pressure on the pedal will cause it to extend, when you have finished with the step, backward pressure will retract it and the locking pin in position under the step will secure it.

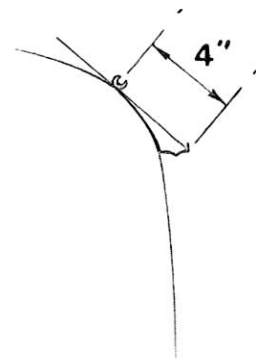
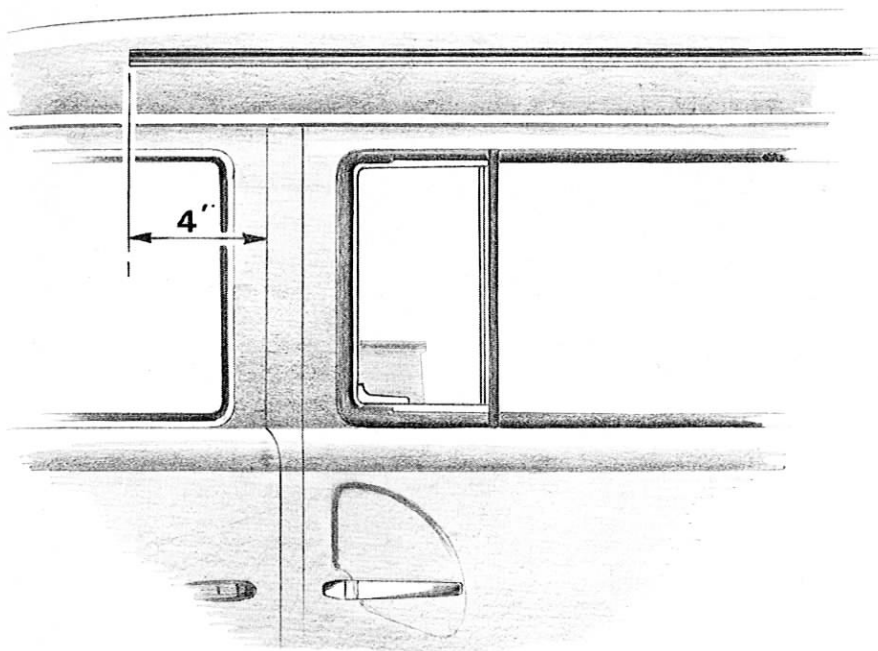




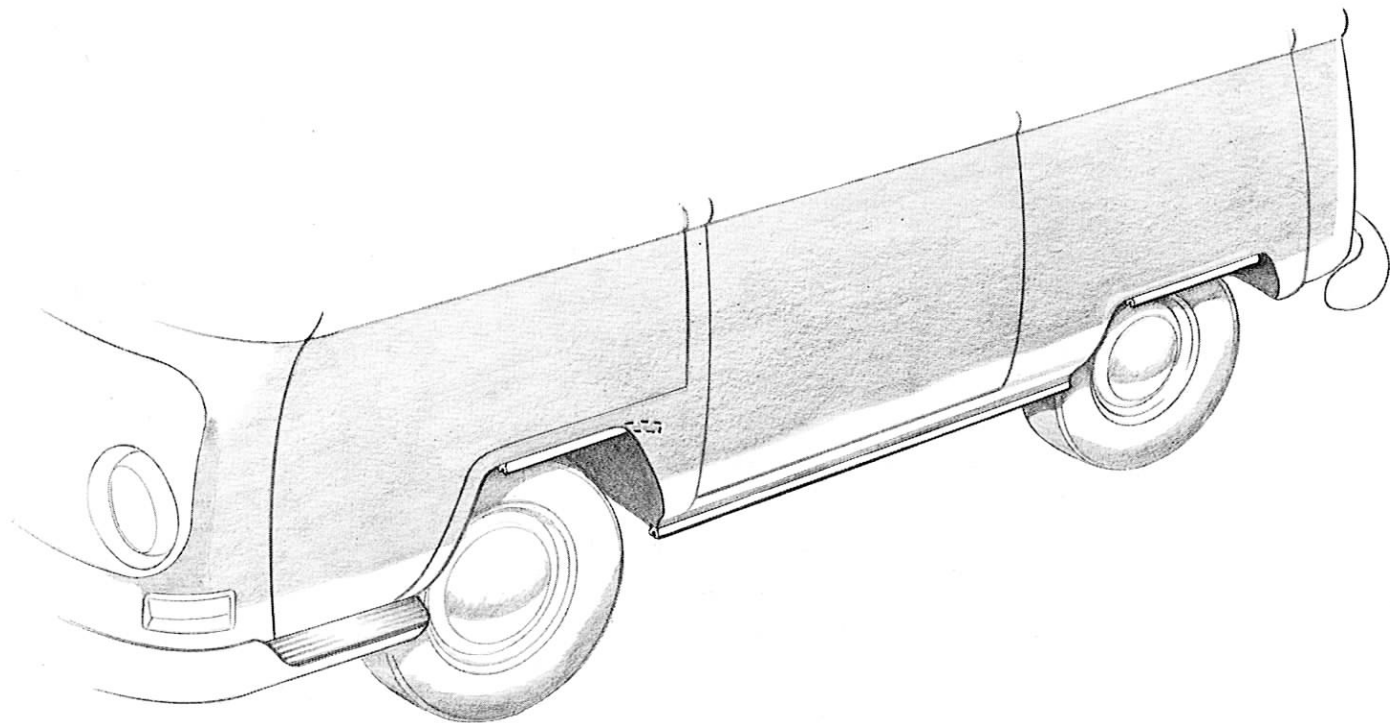
# Fixing of Channelling



The following notes are included for those people who purchase our awning and valance after their Motor Caravan. Channelling to retain awning and valance canvas is supplied with self-tapping screws, and it is necessary only to drill holes to correspond with holes in channelling. Our illustrations here and over the page show location of channelling on the vehicle body; where necessary, we have included dimensions.



We realise that you may find it difficult to measure over curved surfaces and vehicle protuberances, but we urge that as much care as possible is taken. Our dimensions are not critical to tolerances within  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch, but accurate positioning of channelling will result in easy erection of awnings, and is well worth while.



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# **Devon Conversions**

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