

For immediate release - 7th December 2015

Chausson wins the Non-Fixed Bed Motorhome category at the National Motorhome Awards 2016



The Chausson 620 (Ford) has been named as Non-Fixed Bed Motorhome of the Year 2016 by *MMM* magazine, the UK's best-selling motorcaravan magazine, and *Which Motorhome*, the UK's number one magazine for motorhome testing, at their prestigious 2016 awards.

In association with



The National Motorhome Awards 2016 are now in their twelfth year and for the fifth year running *MMM* has joined forces with *Which Motorhome*, with one set of combined awards which recognise the best new campervans and motorhomes on sale in the UK. The awards were sponsored by the Caravan Club and were held at The Ritz, London on Monday 7th December, with dealers and manufacturers from the motorhome industry present.

Expert and experienced judges from *MMM* and *Which Motorhome* looked at all the models new to the UK market or that have undergone significant design specification upgrades. To select a winner, the judges considered the functionality of the layout, the build quality and overall usability, as well as how the motorhome performs on the road and on the campsite, right through to whether it offers value for money.

The judges felt that the Chausson 620 deserved to win this category because it has one of the most innovative new layout ideas of recent years – the drop-down island bed. Based on Ford's excellent new Transit, the 620 also features the superb washroom/garage combination that helped Chausson's 610 become the Motorhome of the Year for 2015. Crucially, the new bed has all-round access, but without the need for an overly long vehicle that usually results with an island bed.

Editor of *Which Motorhome* and head of the judging panel, Peter Vaughan, commented: "The island bed in Chausson's new 620 takes drop-down beds to a new level. It's as good as any fixed island bed but rises out of the way, up to the ceiling, when you're not sleeping in it."

While Daniel Attwood, Managing Editor of *MMM* and *Which Motorhome*, added: "This is one of the most innovative and clever designs we've seen. When coupled to the Ford Transit base vehicle, this Chausson 620 will prove to be a superb motorhome for a touring couple."

Highly-commended in this category were the Dethleffs 4-Travel T6966-4, Bürstner Ixeo IT680G and Bailey Approach Advance 635.

Non-fixed bed motorhomes focus on making the lounge area as comfortable and roomy as possible, with seating aplenty for entertaining, whether that's at the front or back of the motorhome. So, while an appealing lounge is a prerequisite, the judges were also on the hunt for a design that ensures the rest of the motorhome is as spacious as the lounge. In addition, because this layout sometimes means less than capacious storage, the judges also looked for models that at least had some external storage.

The Chausson 737 (Ford) was also highly-commended in the Fixed Single Bed category in The National Motorhome Awards 2016.

Notes to editors:

Chausson 620

Price: £42,250
Engine: 2.2-litre 123bhp
Base vehicle: Ford Transit
Berths: 3
Travel seats: 4
Length: 6.99m

Chausson 737

Price from: £43,990
Engine: 2.2-litre 123bhp
Base vehicle: Ford Transit
Berths: 4
Travel seats: 4
Length: 7.49m

For more information on Chausson motorhomes, visit www.chausson-motorhomes.com

For more information on the National Motorhome Awards, please contact Daniel Attwood on 01778 391154 or danielattwood@warnersgroup.co.uk or Peter Vaughan on 01778 391118 or peterv@warnersgroup.co.uk or visit www.themotorhomeawards.co.uk