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The Modular Sunbox

Your guide to our Sunbox Pod
Modular offering
- A way to start your van life sooner.



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Message from Darren

Not every camper needs to be a full conversion. Some people want to do part of the work themselves. Others want a smaller build now and more later. Sometimes what you're after is a beautifully made Pod in the back of a van you already love, with space for a mattress, a cup of tea, and a view.

We built the Sunbox Pod and our rock 'n' roll bed installations for all of those people. Neither is a compromise. Both are made by the same carpenters in the same workshop, from the same FSC-certified birch ply, with the same natural sheep's wool insulation and the same recycled upholstery fabrics we fit in our full conversions.

You choose your finishes. You see the craft up close. You get the Sunbox welcome when your van arrives at our Newhaven workshop for installation.

If you know you want a full conversion, our [Electric Campervan Guide](#) is probably the better starting place. If you're looking for something more modular, something that grows with you, or something you'll finish off yourself, you're in the right guide.

**Happy adventuring,
Darren, Clara and all the Sunbox Team**



Darren Munday

Company Director

Yes, a Sunbox Pod has less functionality than a full conversion but it isn't of lower quality. Same carpenters, same materials, same workshop. The scope is what changes, not the standard of the build."

Darren Munday - Company Director

How the Sunbox offering works



An alternative path which isn't a compromise...

You don't have to choose between a £50,000 bespoke build and a plywood kit from the internet. There's a middle path, and a lot of the people we meet are genuinely happier on it.

The middle path is modular. You start with a handcrafted foundation: a Sunbox Pod or a rock 'n' roll bed, fitted in our workshop. You add things over time: a pop-top next summer, windows the year after, the lining when you've saved up, a proper electrical system when you're ready to camp off-grid.

You end up with a camper that's yours, built at your own pace, to your own budget, in your own order. Or you stop wherever you like.

What stays consistent across everything we make, from a £1,920 Pod to a £70,000 ID Buzz, is the craft, the materials, and the workshop experience.

FSC-certified birch ply. Thermafleece sheep's wool. Chieftain Earthly 100% recycled fabric. Vinyl flooring made from 100% recyclable material. Lining made from recycled plastic bottles.

The same carpenters, the same design thinking, the same Newhaven workshop. The same conversation with the team about how you'll actually use the van. What varies is the scope of the work, not the standard of it.

What kind of 'van lifer' are you?

The Creative Self-Builder



You resonate with the creative 'van life' community and want to put a personal stamp on your build - without the stress of heavy engineering.

As experienced experts, we handle the high-stakes structural spine, pop-top, and electrical systems.

You get the pride of a self-build and the confidence that the critical foundations were laid by professionals who convert vans every day. This leaves you free to focus on the creative finishing touches that make the van truly yours.

The Spontaneous Adventurer



You don't need a full, permanent conversion; you'll likely sleep in it a dozen nights a year, not live in it full-time. A full build is far more than you need, but you still demand quality.

You want a beautifully-made Pod that turns an existing van into a sanctuary of real wood and clever design. You want a tactile, high-end space to switch off from the world, not a van full of plastic.

When Friday afternoon hits, and you need to clock off from the stress of the world, your Sunbox is ready and waiting.

The Sunbox Pod

What do you get?

The Sunbox Pod base unit is a handcrafted wooden furniture unit that converts your van into a campervan after one visit to the workshop. It's our starting point and the piece most people add first.

What are its features?

- A lounge area with hidden storage
- A removable table that converts into a spacious double bed
- A pull-out worktop, perfect as a kitchen surface
- Pull-out storage compartments
- Worktop surfaces in your choice of wood

What you customise

- Base unit finish in unvarnished birch ply, varnished birch ply, or a custom colour.
- Worktops in natural oak or caramel bamboo.
- Upholstery, wood finish, flooring, and lining all from the full Sunbox Campers curated range.

This is all the same palette a full-conversion customer chooses from. You browse and select through the members area once your build is booked.



What makes us different?

How we differ from other pods on the market

There are several well-made pod products on the UK market, and we're often asked why you should choose a Sunbox over a different system. It's a fair question, and one we want to answer honestly. Pods generally fall into two distinct categories, and understanding the difference is key to finding your perfect setup.

Slide-in, Slide-out Systems (What we are not)

These are engineered for the "multi-purpose" life. They are self-contained units (sink, hob, bed) designed to be bolted in for the weekend and removed on Monday morning so you can use your van for work.

Permanent Foundations (The Sunbox Way)

This is where we live. A Sunbox Pod isn't a temporary addition; it's a handcrafted, FSC-certified birch ply base unit designed to stay in your van. We don't see our pods as quick-changeover units - we see them as the foundation of a conversion that grows with you. It's a commitment to quality and a permanent upgrade to your lifestyle.

What sets us apart?

What distinguishes a Sunbox Pod from other handcrafted or flat-pack alternatives is the ecosystem you become a part of.

When you choose us, your Pod is created by the same master carpenters who build our bespoke full conversions. It's born in the same Newhaven workshop, from the same premium materials, and with the same obsessive attention to detail.

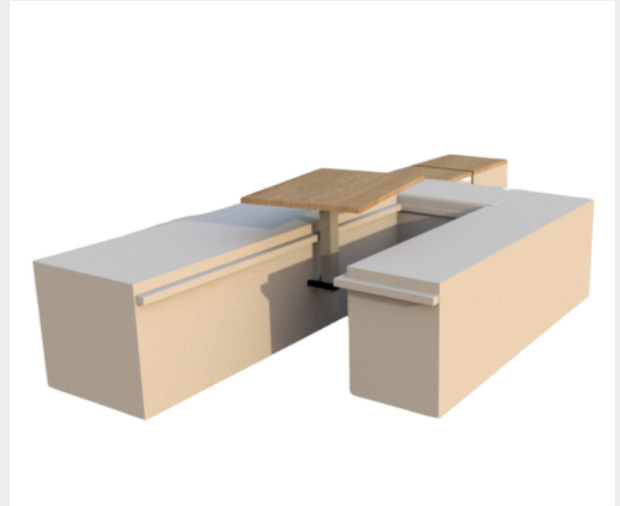
You aren't just buying a product; you're embarking on a creative process. You choose your wood finish, your fabric colours, your flooring, and your lining - the exact same high-end choices our full-conversion customers make.



Which base unit?

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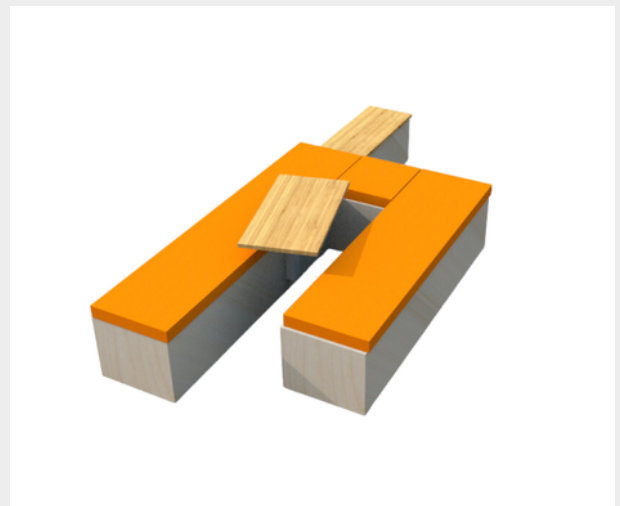
**Birch Ply Unvarnished
Sunbox Classic
Base unit**



**Birch Ply Varnished
Sunbox Classic
Base unit**



**Custom Colour
Sunbox Classic
Base unit**



Unit Prices

Landing on your decision...

You'd choose a Pod if you want the most open living space when the bed isn't made up, if you're a couple or solo traveller, if you're happy with campsite-plus-portable-kit camping (see page 15), and if you like the idea of starting with a foundation and adding upgrades over time.

Families who need rear belted seats for day-to-day driving should look at our rock 'n' roll bed installation on the next page.

Birch Ply Unvarnished · *Sunbox Classic*
Base unit

from £1,919.99

Birch Ply Varnished · *Sunbox Classic*
Base unit

from £2,279.99

Custom Colour · *Sunbox Classic*
Base unit

from £2,399.99

Full upholstery set

Cushions, seat backs, bed mattress ·
100% recycled fabric

£800

Total price expectations

So, for a Sunbox Pod that comes ready to sleep in, these are the combined costs:

- Natural Finish: From **£2,719.99**
(unvarnished birch ply)
- Varnished Finish: From **£3,079.99**
- Custom Colour: From **£3,199.99**

All prices include VAT, professional collection, and expert installation at our Newhaven workshop.

Every Pod is built to order which means our typical build time is two weeks.

If you're tailoring your van with additional upgrades, we'll provide a bespoke timeline to ensure everything is perfect.

Rock 'n' Roll installation

The rock 'n' roll bed installation is our other foundation product. Priced in the same range as the Pod, built by the same team, with a fundamentally different layout.

What it gives you

Rear belted seats for passenger travel. The foundation of a traditional campervan layout: bed behind the cab, kitchen running along one side, additional furniture around it.

What you get to customise

Same full access as the Pod. Upholstery, wood finish, flooring, and lining from the whole Sunbox Campers curated range.

Who it's for

Choose this over a Pod if your van is also a family vehicle, if you need belted seats for children or adult passengers, if you want the traditional VW camper layout, or if you're planning a larger build over time and want to start with the bed most full conversions use.



Vehicles we fit



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VW ID Buzz

Citroën ë-Dispatch

Vauxhall Vivaro Electric

Toyota Proace Electric

Peugeot e-Expert

Fiat e-Scudo

Kia PV5

VW Caddy Maxi (all variants)

VW Transporter (all gen.)

Ford Transit Custom

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A look Inside



What we fit



→ What we fit

- ✓ A simple electrical system (leisure battery, LED, USB/USB-C, B2B charger, 12V coolbox port, optional solar)
- ✓ Pop-top roofs
- ✓ Extra windows (standard or sliding)
- ✓ Curtains
- ✓ Flooring, lining, insulation

✗ What we don't fit

- ✗ Integrated gas hobs or gas bottle installations
- ✗ Integrated electric cooking (hard-wired induction)
- ✗ Integrated water systems (fitted sinks, tanks, pumps)
- ✗ Integrated off-grid heating (Propex, diesel heaters)

Our top recommendations...

Bring a portable gas hob. Use a gravity-fed water container. Warm water from a Pundmann unit if you want it (see page 15). Hook up at campsites for heating when it's cold. That's how most three-season UK camping works anyway, with or without a Pod.

How you'll camp



How your adventures will look...

The Pod and rock 'n' roll bed installation are designed for a particular kind of camping. It's worth being clear about what that is, because it shapes what we do and don't fit, and it explains a lot about how the pricing works.

Think campsite-based, three-season, with portable kit for cooking, water, and hot drinks. Hook-up when you want mains power. Your leisure battery and solar top-ups when you don't. Proper warmth from the van's own heating (powered from the engine when you drive, from hook-up when you're parked, from electric blankets at night when you're off-grid). A pop-top if you want standing room and a bigger sleeping footprint. Plenty of lovely camping, at a sensible cost.

It isn't designed for year-round off-grid wild camping in Scottish winters. It isn't designed for permanent van life or long European tours. Those are the scenarios a full conversion is genuinely better at, because they need integrated heating, integrated cooking, proper water systems, and a level of self-sufficiency that turns a Pod into an over-engineered compromise.

A Pod that tried to do everything a full conversion does would cost what a full conversion costs.

Products we recommend

None of these are affiliated with us and we don't take commission. We're recommending them because we think they're genuinely great tools for a Pod-level build.

COOKING

Portable gas hobs

A decent Campingaz, or similar cartridge-gas hob fits neatly in the Pod's pull-out storage.

WATER

Collapz gravity-fed containers

Collapsible water containers that fold flat when empty. 10L, 15L, and 23L options. Fits in Pod storage when empty, stands upright when full.

COLD STORAGE

12V compressor coolbox

An electric coolbox runs from the 12V port in our electrical system and keeps food cold for days. Much better than passive cool boxes and not much more expensive once you factor in the ice you won't have to buy.

OTHER

Boxio modular kit boxes

Boxio make a range of modular plywood storage boxes that fit inside Pod storage beautifully. They offer a whole range of.....

Making it yours



Developing your build into the finished product

A Sunbox Pod or Rock 'n' Roll bed is just the beginning, not an end.

Here are the three ways you can take your adventure forward:

We want you to have the freedom to finish your van your way.

1. Stick with us

Our workshop is always creating. Whether you need a simple electrical system, a pop-top roof, or premium lining and insulation, your Pod is designed to accept these upgrades cleanly. We fit them right here in Newhaven, with the same expert care that built your foundation.

2. Buy elsewhere with our advice

You own the van, and you aren't tied to our inventory. If you have a stove you love or a cool box you've already settled on, that's your call. Because we know these vans inside out, we'll give you honest advice on whether a product fits or if it's worth the investment. We'd rather you bought the right thing elsewhere than the wrong thing from us.

3. Make it yourself

Your Pod is built to be adapted. Feel free to drill for storage, add custom shelves, or build your own kitchen inserts. You aren't voiding a warranty by modifying your Pod; we actually learn from our self-builder community and the clever ways you push our designs further.

Upgrading your Pod

Your options for upgrading the Sunbox Pod further

The electrical system from £1,199.99

LED lighting, USB & USB-C ports, leisure battery sized to your needs, B2B charger (engine tops up leisure battery when you drive), 12V coolbox port, optional solar. Enough power for lights, phones, a coolbox, and modest accessories for several nights off-grid.

Flooring £500

Hard-wearing 100% recyclable vinyl in pale slate or American oak finish, fitted over proper sound-deadening.

Insulation & lining £1,200

Thermafleece sheep's wool behind lining made from recycled plastic bottles. Four colour choices: black, anthracite, silver, barley. Sold together — one without the other doesn't really make sense.

Extra windows £300 / £320

Standard fixed glass £300 each fitted, or sliding (opens for airflow) £320 each. Dramatically brightens the interior.

Curtains £180

Tailored curtains for privacy at night and temperature control in warm weather. Made from our curated fabric range.

Pop-top roof on consultation

Standing room, a second sleeping area, dramatically more usable interior. Price varies significantly by vehicle — we quote rather than list a fixed figure.

How this could look in reality...

Three examples of how you could create a full camper

Because the "from £2,719.99" headline is only useful if you can see what it turns into.

The weekend warrior

Pod base (unvarnished)	£1,919.99
Cushions	£800.00
Electrical system	£1,199.99
Total	£3,919.98

Hook up at the campsite or run off the leisure battery, portable stove, Collapz water container, you're off. The typical first-build spec.

The year-one builder

Pod base (varnished)	£2,279.99
Cushions	£800.00
Electrical system	£1,199.99
Flooring	£500.00
Insulation & lining One	£1,200.00
sliding window	£320.00
Curtains	£180.00
Total	£6,479.98

A proper, comfortable three-season camper with power, insulation, a view, and privacy.

The considered build

Pod base (custom colour)	£2,399.99
Cushions	£800.00
Electrical system	£1,199.99
Flooring	£500.00
Insulation & lining	£1,200.00
Two sliding windows	£640.00
Curtains	£180.00

Total **£6,919.98**

Add the pop-top and you're in the £10k range depending on your vehicle.

Why choose us?

Reasons to choose us over others

The workshop

Our Newhaven workshop is staffed by people with serious skills: two highly experienced master carpenters, a former toolmaker, and a workshop manager qualified in managing complex building sites. When you collect your Pod, you're collecting something made by the same people who build bespoke £70,000 campers.

The materials

Every material is chosen on three criteria: does it perform, does it last, and is it sustainable? More on our material choices on page 21.

The design thinking

We design in-house. The people who built the Pod are the people who designed the Pod. They understand why every detail is the way it is, because they made those decisions.

Our approach

We'd rather lose a sale by being upfront than win one by overpromising. If a Pod isn't right for you, we'll tell you. If the £800 cushions aren't needed for your use case, we'll tell you. If the pop-top pricing for your vehicle comes back higher than you'd hoped, we'll explain why rather than finding ways to hide it. This guide is an extension of that philosophy.



A commitment to craftsmanship

Our Values-Based Approach to Builds

Sunbox is more atelier than factory.

Based in Newhaven, East Sussex, our workshop is staffed by people with serious skills: two highly experienced master carpenters, a former toolmaker, and a workshop manager qualified in managing complex building sites. This isn't a team of unqualified fitters following someone else's instructions.

That matters because we're design-led.

We created our conversion designs in-house, and the people doing the fitting are the same people who created the designs. They understand why every detail is the way it is, because they designed it.

We never use plastic edging to disguise poor finishes.

Every Sunbox is built by hand. The tricky craft elements become a feature rather than something to conceal. The quality is in the details: how a joint is fitted, how an edge is finished, how a door closes.

Your personal touch makes each van unique.

Flooring, upholstery, wood finish, interior lining, curtains: all chosen by you from our curated range. When you become a customer you access our members' area to see and select your options. This is your van, not a cookie-cutter conversion.



The materials we use

We believe a camper should be built with the same integrity as a permanent home, prioritising sustainability, longevity and well-being over mass-produced shortcuts.

FSC-certified birch plywood

The structural backbone of every conversion. FSC certification means the wood comes from responsibly managed forests. Birch is hard, light, and beautiful. We use it for the frame, cabinets, and visible furniture surfaces. We chose it over cheaper alternatives like MDF or particle board because it's stronger, lighter, more durable, and more honest.

Thermafleece sheep's wool insulation

Natural sheep's wool, sourced from British farms, processed in the UK. It breathes, reducing condensation, which is the enemy of any van. It regulates temperature naturally, absorbs sound, and doesn't itch or degrade like fibreglass. It costs more than synthetic alternatives, but it performs better and it's a sustainable material.



The materials we use

Chieftain Earthly fabric

100% recycled, fire-rated, and it looks and feels premium. Available for customers who want it. The point: recycled doesn't mean inferior. This fabric is beautiful.

Solid wood worktops

Real hardwood, not laminate. You can feel the difference when you put your hand on it. Properly finished, built to last.

Lightweight engineering

Heavier conversions reduce range. We use quality materials that are also light. This is where sustainability and practicality align perfectly: lighter means more miles on a charge.



Working with us

The whole process

We know that purchasing a campervan can feel like a big step into the unknown. Here's what the journey looks like.

Step 1: Get in touch.

Email hello@sunboxcampers.co.uk or call 07973 687950. Tell us about the van you have (or the van you're thinking about), how you'll use it, and what kind of foundation you're considering. We'll talk you through the options and give you a sense of the budget you're looking at.

Step 2: Visit us.

If you're Pod-curious but not fully committed, come to Newhaven and see one in the flesh.

Step 3: Choose your spec.

Pod or rock 'n' roll bed? Which finish? Which upgrades now, which later? Which fabrics, flooring, lining? You'll get access to our members area to browse the full curated range. Take your time. Most customers make these choices over a week or two.

Step 4: Book & Build.

Once your spec is locked, we'll quote you a fixed price (inc VAT) and a build date. A deposit secures the slot. Build time varies: two weeks for a base unit, two to four weeks with upgrades, longer for pop-tops depending on vehicle.

Step 5: Bring your van in.

Bring your van into the workshop so we can begin the installation process.

Step 6: Collection.

When you pick up, a member of the team walks you through everything we've fitted. You'll drive away understanding your van completely.

Aftercare: Our relationship doesn't end at handover. Got a question? Need our help with something? We're still here. Email or call anytime.



A circular economy



A unique opportunity for a trade-in & discount

If you ever decide that a full Sunbox Campers conversion is the right next step for you, we offer a part-exchange. Inspired by the circular economy, we offer this scheme to minimise waste.

The exact credit depends on the condition of what's being returned and what upgrades you've had fitted. What comes back to us gets refurbished in the workshop and sold on as a refurbished unit at a reduced price, where that's possible.

3% discount

3% off the full conversion price when you trade your Pod or rock 'n' roll bed back in. This could be a substantial amount off a full conversion.

This initiative encourages responsible consumption and helps keep campervan components in use for longer.

FAQs



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How long does a Pod install take?

A couple of hours for the base unit alone. Two to five working days if you're combining it with flooring, lining, windows, or a pop-top.

How long from ordering to getting my van back?

We need a couple of weeks to build your Pod but can fit it in a few hours whilst you wait. If you need other fitting jobs done we may need the van for a few days.

Can you install a Pod in a van I'm buying elsewhere?

Yes, normally we do not source vans for Pod customers.

Can you deliver the Pod to me?

No. We only install at our Newhaven workshop. This is how we maintain quality and how we keep costs where they are.

Is the Pod removable?

Yes, but it's not designed for regular in-and-out use. Think of it as long-term fitted furniture that can be removed if your circumstances change.

Can I take my Pod with me if I sell my van?

Yes. Many customers do exactly this.

Do I need to buy cushions from you, or can I bring my own?

Our £800 upholstery set is made from Chieftain Earthly 100% recycled fabric in your choice of colours, cut exactly to fit, and fire-rated to British Standards. Most customers choose this option. If you'd rather bring your own cushions or a camping mattress, that's fine.

What if my needs change and I want a full conversion?

We can take your Pod or rock 'n' roll bed as part-exchange, credit up to 3% against your full build, and recycle or refurbish what comes back.

Can I get a pop-top without a Pod?

Not generally, no. Pop-top installation is offered to existing Pod or rock 'n' roll bed customers who are upgrading.

How does the Pod fit alongside my existing insurance?

Most standard van insurance policies are fine with a Pod installation. But you should tell your insurer.

Where can I see a Pod in person?

Our Newhaven workshop. Just get in touch and we'll arrange a visit. We can also send you a video walkthrough of a completed Pod if you can't visit.

Next steps

Book a consultation

A 15-minute call. No commitment, just a conversation to help you think it through. We can discuss which vehicle might suit you, answer your questions about heating or charging, or just talk through whether electric is right for your plans. If you don't want to speak on the phone we can do this by email and you can go straight to visiting the workshop.



Keep exploring our work

We'd highly recommend browsing our websites to get an idea of how you might want to personalise your pod. For example, whether you'd choose a colour paint or varnished wood base unit. A good place to start is the link below, but if you want the full range of options we can send this to you by email.

<https://sunboxpod/yourchoices>
<https://sunboxcampers.co.uk/>

Visit the workshop

Come to Newhaven and sit in the vans. See the craftsmanship up close. Meet the team. It's the best way to understand what a Sunbox conversion feels like, and the Sussex coast isn't a bad day out either.

We can also do this by video call if you aren't sure about making the trip.

Make the dream a reality



We look forward to hearing from you

Whatever you decide, we hope this guide has helped clear the fog a little. Choosing the right van is a big decision, and it's one you should feel completely confident about before you commit.

If you have any questions at all - no matter how small or specific - just get in touch. We genuinely love talking about these builds, and we're more than happy to share what we've learned. Whether you end up choosing a Sunbox or heading in a different direction, we're here to help you get the right setup for your adventures.

Hopefully, we'll be able to show you around the workshop soon!

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Darren Munday, Company Director



Thank you
for reading our
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