

User Manual



Using Bodhi the VW California

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Welcome

Thank you for hiring Bodhi, we are sure you will have a wonderful time with him.

Bodhi is not part of a fleet of holiday campers but belongs to our family and while we are happy to share him, we do ask that you treat him as you would your own vehicle.

Bodhi needs to be home by 5pm on your return, if it looks like you won't make this deadline, please contact us to let us know.

In the unlikely events of any problems please do give us a call and we will do what we can to help you out.

An electronic version of this manual can be found on our website, with how to videos and other information.



Have a fabulous holiday,

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Driving and Fuel

Bodhi is an **automatic**.

You will need your foot on the brake before you select a gear and pull away. Please be aware that there can be a little delay before accelerating out of junctions, so please leave yourself plenty of time.

Bodhi is a **diesel** engine.

The fuel cap can be found on the passenger side by opening the passenger door and opening the small flap. Please return the van in the same state you collected it and with a full tank of diesel.

If by any chance you put petrol in Bodhi by mistake:

DO NOT

- ✗ Put the engine on
- ✗ Drive away
- ✗ Put diesel in after

DO

- ✓ Call Camplify for their breakdown details
- ✓ Call and let us know



The fuel cap

Breakdown

Bodhi is a great vehicle and we have never had any problems with him running, however if you do breakdown for any reason, just call Camplify for their breakdown details and let us know.

Height

The van height with the roof bars is just over 2.0m – and will obviously be more if you put anything on the roof. Please be aware of this when entering height restricted car parks – you can only access car parks with a **height of 2.1m** or more!

No Smoking

Bodhi is a no smoking vehicle please.

Using the pop-up roof

The pop-up roof creates an additional sleeping compartment above the main cabin space by extending a canvas pod above the roofline of the van.

For couples using the van, we actually recommend sleeping in the roof as it leaves the main cabin available to remain set up as living and/or cooking quarters.



The control panel

Opening the Roof

1. Keys need to be in ignition and turned to the first point.
2. The control panel is in the centre of the front cabin above the rearview mirror.
3. **Make sure the sliding door or a window is open.**
4. Power up the control panel and use the navigation dial to find the “pop-up roof” option.
5. Select “open” and hold your finger on the button in the knob until the roof is fully extended.
6. For full height in the van, simply push the remaining part of the roof up.
7. For sleeping, the remaining part of the roof can be pulled down carefully, leaving a hatch over the driver and passenger seats.
8. Use the seats to climb into the roof space.
DO NOT STAND ON THE ARM RESTS!
You may stand on the seat and on the shoulders of the chairs to climb in.
9. Twist the back of the light to switch on/off.

Closing the Roof

1. Remove everything from the roof space except the sheet on the bed.
2. Close any of the zip up windows.
3. **Make sure the sliding door or a window is open.**
4. Select “close” on the “pop up roof” menu on the control panel and hold the button on the knob.
5. The roof will start to close and after a few seconds will stop and ask you to do some final checks.
6. Look up through the hatch and check you have removed everything.
7. Check that the tent is folding inwards as it closes.
The roof will be damaged if the wind catches the tent and it folds outwards.
8. Resume the closure by pressing the button in the knob.
9. Slide the hatch closed and carefully, fold the tent neatly to make sure it doesn't get caught as you close the hatch.

Using the awning

1. Open the drawer under the rear seats and remove the long winding pole fixed to the front of drawer.
2. At the rear end of the awning, you will find a small device to insert the pole into.
3. When the pole is secure begin unwinding by turning the pole in the direction indicated on the awning casing
4. When the awning has extended approx 50cm / 2' stop winding and remove the legs.
5. The legs are secured at the front of the awning and can be released from the middle by squeezing the leg to release the mechanism. Do this for each leg and extend until they reach the floor. There is a plastic latch about halfway down each leg to lock the leg in place.
6. Return to the winding mechanism and continue winding until the awning is fully extended.
7. Make sure the legs are in a suitable stable position.
8. The legs can be held in place using metal tent pegs found in the boot cupboard.
9. Detach the winder and return to the drawer

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE AWNING IN HIGH WINDS

Closing the Awning

1. Remove the tent pegs
2. Attach the winder in the same way and carefully begin winding in the opposite direction, taking time to move the legs as you go.
3. When the awning is wound so only 50cm / 2' remains extended, carefully release the lock on the legs, retract them and stow them back in the front of the awning.
4. Complete the rewind and stow the pole back in the drawer.



Awning winding point

Power

At your campsite use the hookup cable to connect to their electricity with the orange cable in the cupboard in the boot.

The hookup point is on the rear passenger side of the van.

Once hooked up you can use the 3-pin plug socket in the van behind the passenger seat.



Electric hookup point

The Kitchen

Using the Fridge

The fridge can be turned on by simply pressing the snowflake button on the control panel.



The fridge 'snowflake' button on the control panel

The fridge is powered by a separate 'leisure' battery. If you are connected to power at a campsite, it will run directly from this power, or can operate for 3-4 days without. The leisure battery is recharged during longer drives.

The fridge is accessed to the left-hand side of the rear seating.

Depress the button and lift the hatch.

In order for the fridge to work it must be able to close fully, so beware of over filling.

Using the hob

Before using the hob, be sure to open the window above the hob.

If not already on, turn on the gas - the gas bottle can be found in the bottom of the boot cupboard.

Open the cupboard and remove the rear shelf, unscrew the black lid and turn the gas bottle on by twisting the knob on the bottle anticlockwise.

Open the hob, depress the button in the middle and lift the lid.

To ignite, push down the large knob and turn to the largest flame, keeping the knob pressed down whilst also pressing the smaller ignition button.

Repeat this until the flame lights for each required hob.

Slowly release the large knob and move the dial to the desired position.



The hob controls

Using the heater

The heater can be useful to take the edge off chilly mornings and evenings. It runs off the diesel tank so remember that significant usage will affect your fuel consumption.

From researching this, the heater is quoted as using 0.25L / hour on medium and 0.38L / hour on high heat settings; so still pretty low!

To turn on the heater, use the main control pane and, press the top left button, selecting the level as appropriate.

As an alternative, blankets can be found in the drawer under the rear seats.

DO NOT LEAVE THE HEATING ON WHEN YOU ARE AWAY FROM THE VAN.



The heater button on the control panel

Tables and chairs

In the van

A fold out table is stowed in front of the fridge, release the catch behind the table by pushing it.

The table slides out and lifts, with a leg underneath which can be released to support the table.

Al fresco

In the inside of the sliding door there is a table stowed. Release the catch above and the table can be removed.

The legs can be released and extended.

Chairs are stowed in the boot.

Lift the boot door and look up. A black canvas holdall is attached to the door which, when unzipped, will reveal two deck chairs.

The holdall must remain zipped up when not in use as it can easily get caught in the boot closing mechanism.

Rear Seats

The rear seat can be used as a part of a living area, a dining room seating when combined with the table and also as a bed.

Moving the seats

To slide the seat forward or backwards sit on the seat, lean down with your right hand and release the dark grey catch on the front of the bench seat.

Using your weight, you should now be able to slide the seat.

Converting to a bed

Roll up the green rug and lower the seat headrests.

Slide the seats as far forward as they will go. Turn round and find the fabric loop situated between the two seatbelt locks.

Pull the loop and use your weight to lean the back of the seats down until they are flat.

Unfold the mattress to lie over the top of the seats.

Please use the sheet provided in the drawer under the rear seat.

To convert back to a seat

Fold back the mattress and find the fabric loop, pull the loop and kneel on the fold of the seat. Use your weight to fold the back of the seat back into position.

Slide the seats backwards into the desired position.

Pull the headrests back into position.

The front seats

In order to create a more social space, the front seats both rotate around to face the rear.

Rotating the passenger seat

Open passenger door, pull the seat fully forward using the seat adjustment lever on the right under the seat.

Put the seat in an upright position to about 90 degrees.

Reach under the front of the seat and push the middle lever to release the swivel mechanism and turn the chair 180 degrees, taking care to avoid rubbing the sides of the van (you may have to tweak the seat adjustment as you do this).

Once in position you may adjust the seat as necessary for comfort.

Rotating the driver's seat

Follow the same process for the driver's door, but remove the handbrake first.

As you turn you may need to do a little more adjustment forward and back to slide the chair past the steering wheel.

When returning to driving position, make sure the seats are fixed in place and no longer swivel.

It should go without saying that the seats must be facing forwards during travel!

Water

The van has a water storage tank that links to tap in the sink.

The tank access is at the rear on the passenger side next to the electric hookup point and can be opened with a key which is kept in the glove box (with a 'W' on it).

There is usually an area at most modern campsites from where you can fill this tank.

You cannot however drive with the water tank full, so this will need to be drained each time you wish to leave wherever you are camping (there is usually a specified draining point at campsites).

For this reason, we do not use the water function. We have found that at most modern campsites there are more superior places to wash up etc. and the problem of emptying the tank is just a pain.

We recommend you don't bother.

Blinds and Duvet

The van is equipped with blinds for the windows.

Front blinds

In the drawer under the rear seats are some soft blinds to attach to the front windows.

There are two smaller pieces of fabric that have magnetic edges, these are attached to the side windows.

One large piece of fabric stretches across the windscreen and is held in place using the sun visors.

Middle blinds

There are concealed blinds above the windows in the central part of the van, find the tab and simply pull down.

Rear blind

The final blind is concealed below the rear windshield.

This needs to be pulled up and actually held in place by looping round a hook at the top. This is a trickier one to attach, be careful it doesn't 'ping' when you are trying to loop it round the hook.

Games Cupboard

Above the rear seat there is a cupboard that stretches the width of the van, this has a release catch along with a magnet closure so can be a little tricky to open.

Inside you will find a selection of our favourite games.

Please feel free to use while you are staying in Bodhi.

Inventory

Front compartment

- Bodhi's manual
- Spirit level
- Phone chargers and USB connector
- Map
- Service log

Central compartment

- Green carpet
- 2 cushions with pillowcases

Kitchen cupboards

- Forks/knives/spoons/teaspoons x 4
- 2x knives: Sharp knife with cover & bread knife
- Tongs
- Spatula
- Vegetable peeler
- Can opener
- Lighter

- Chopping board
- Frying pan
- 2 saucepan pots
- Universal saucepan holder
- Colander
- Dustpan and brush
- Kettle
- Toaster
- Washing up liquid/sponge/brush
- Bin liners
- Antibacterial wipes
- Tea towels x2
- Melamine plates/bowls/beakers x 4
- Large salad bowl
- Metal mugs x2
- Tablet holder

Rear seat drawer

- 2 blankets
- 1 Double duvet
- 2 sheets (one on bed in roof, one in drawer for downstairs bed)
- Removable blinds for front windows
- Winding arm for awning

Rear compartment

- Electric hook-up cable
- Chocks to balance the van
- Extension lead
- Tent pegs x4
- Rubber mallet
- Outdoor rug
- Roof rack straps x 2

Overhead games cupboard

- Playing cards
- Yahtzee
- Shut the box
- Kite
- Who wants to be a millionaire?
- Tic tac Toe
- Boules x2