

Gadgets for... A TIDY 'VAN



Many of us like taking our pets on tour but their hairy coats can make a mess of motorhome interiors. Pet hair seems to get everywhere and it can be a real pain to remove... enter the Car Pet brush from 'Wicked or What'. It is a simple-touse, but very effective, brush that picks up all stray pet hairs from upholstery and carpets: you simply brush it over the affected area. Later, the accumulated hair can just be washed away.

Price £5.99 Tel 01285 760656 Web www.wickedorwhat.com



GET A GRIP

These useful non-slip mats from Dycem are extremely thin, have a very strong grip, and come in a range of colours so they can be matched to your motorhome's interior. They are non-toxic and do not use adhesives or suction so they are safe to use and will not harm your motorhome's furniture in any way. The material is also available on a reel so that it can be cut to fit inside drawers. Price From £2.17 (mats). From £16.95 (reels) **Tel** 0117 955 9921

Web www.dycem-ns.com

SQUIRT AND CLEAN

The Stihl RE108 pressure washer delivers a powerful, adjustable jet of cold water to clean even the most ground-in dirt from your 'van. There is also a wide range of accessory brushes, spray lances and attachments available, making it useful for a wide range of cleaning tasks.

The Stihl's strong, telescopic handle (retractable for easy storage) means it can be easily manoeuvred around your motorhome's interior. The nozzle includes a rotary jet and the lance is attached to an 8m-long pressure hose which should be sufficient for cleaning even the highest parts of your 'van.

Price £189 Tel 01276 20202 Web www.stihl.co.uk



(The new RE108 is a similar design to the model pictured above.)



STICKY SOLUTIONS

This ultra-strong super glue from Loctite is perfect for sorting minor fixes around your van, such as putting small bits of trim back up, or mending broken catches and the like.

The glue has a rubber-infused formula which not only bonds flexible surfaces such as rubber and plastic but also fixes items that are likely to become dislodged during transit. The glue is water resistant and Loctite states that it has been tested against the harshest of conditions. The gel is non-drip, too, meaning it is ideal for applying to overhead trim – it's also very effective on porous surfaces. **Price** £3.59

Tel 01606 593933 Web www.makingdiyeasier.co.uk

PUT YOUR MITTS UP

Motorhomes have many surfaces to keep clean, which makes JML's Microfibre Super Mitt a perfect cleaning accessory. Its shape and ultra-long absorbent fibres mean that it's great for cleaning in tight spots. When damp, it uses a capillary action to attract dirt and water. When dry, its static charge helps to attract the dust. This is a versatile, multi-purpose product which can be used to clean both the interior and exterior of your motorhome without causing harm to the surfaces.

Price £2.49 Tel 0871 221 2677 Web www.jmldirect.com



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A HANDY DYSON

The Dyson DC16 hand-held vacuum cleaner weighs 1.6kg and measures only 22.5 x 11.5 x 36cm (HxWxD), but don't let its compact size fool you – it sucks up dirt and dust better than most. How? Well its 'root cyclone' technology means it doesn't lose suction during cleaning. Also, the Dyson's innovative shape makes it easier to hold and use in hard-to-reach spaces. It's easy to empty, too: it has a swing-down base so it can be emptied directly over a bin.

The DC16 is powered by a 21.6V lithium-ion battery that





Web www.dyson.co.uk

TIME TO COVER UP

Sadly, it is nearly that time of year again when some of us start thinking about bedding our motorhomes down, ready for the winter. The good news is that Unipart has launched a new, improved range of Royal motorhome covers with a 100 per cent waterproof roof section: the four-layer Airbreathable middle layer allows water vapour to escape, yet prevents liquid from penetrating. The covers come in a range of sizes. *(Please state the length of your motorhome, on your postcard.)

Price £164.99 – £199.99 **Tel** (n/a) **Web** www.unipartleisure.com



GET YOUR 'VAN GLEAMING

Motorhomes can get pretty grubby during long tours. But worry not, as cleaning and degreasing specialist, Gunk, has added a new product to its range - a specially formulated, biodegradable cleaner for motorhomes, caravans and boats.

It's a fantastic product to keep in your 'van because it can be used to clean up all sorts of motorhome mishaps. The nonabrasive liquid removes dirt, oxidation, oil, grease, diesel fumes and algae. It is safe to use on all surfaces, too, including acrylic windows, aluminium panels, rubber, fibreglass, cab decals and mastics or sealants. **Price** From £4.99

Tel 0870 444 6640 Web www.gunk.eu.com



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