



Coaches for first class returns

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Solera



With many of the features usually only found on high quality executive tourers, the style and specification of the Optare Solera impresses operators and passengers alike.

9.95 metres long, 2.5 metres wide and 3.15 metres high, it comes with up to 39 luxury reclining coach seats with ashtrays, grab handles, lap belts and headrest flaps. There's also a courier seat.





Wherever you look, the Solera places passenger comfort alongside real practicality. Full length parcel racks incorporate individual reading lights and forced air vents; bonded, tinted side windows feature full-draw curtains and the stereo sound system comes with public address facility as standard.

With air-conditioning, double glazing, video, toilet, hot drinks and a coolbox available as options, the Solera can be specified to match the facilities of the largest, most luxurious touring coaches.

Bags can be accommodated comfortably too with a large 5.9 cubic metre combined luggage boot and side lockers with cantilevered access doors.

Based on the Mercedes-Benz Atego chassis, the Solera boasts a heavy duty 6 cylinder, 231bhp Mercedes engine and six speed synchromesh gearbox for real performance. The comfort suspension system also features full air on the rear for an excellent ride.

Access is made easy for both drivers and passengers, with a driver's access door complete with electric window and air operated plug type passenger door.

By successfully combining style with strength, comfort with economy, the Optare Solera lets you offer smaller parties a 'big coach' travelling experience.



Nouvelle



In town or country, on airport transfer or as a hotel shuttle, the distinctive new Nouvelle has become a market leader in the midi-coach sector.

Voted midi-coach of the year three times, the Nouvelle is designed and built from the inside out to ensure complete passenger comfort and driveability. 8.4 metres in length and 2.4 metres wide, the Nouvelle has a wide entrance area and gangway leading to a spacious interior with superior colour co-ordinated trim, finished to the highest standard.

With tailor-made or standard models available, Optare offers you real flexibility in specification. From a 16 seat executive model with air conditioning, toilet/washroom, refreshments servery and on-board TV/video, right up to a 33 seater, the Nouvelle offers a ride quality normally associated with full size coaches.



The luxury coach seats are each mounted on floor tracking and feature ashtrays, grab handles, inertia reel lap and diagonal seat belts. For convenience and comfort, there are full length deep parcel racks with optional individual reading lights and forced air vents. A stereo radio cassette sound system comes as standard with a public address facility optional.



The Nouvelle offers a comfortable ride for drivers too with excellent visibility and superb ergonomics. Underneath, the Optare specified Mercedes-Benz Vario chassis, 136bhp engine and 5-speed synchromesh transmission offer enhanced performance and driveability. The full air suspension system on the rear axle offers superb ride quality.

The Nouvelle even carries luggage in style, with a high capacity illuminated boot with low loading platform and optional additional side lockers. And it's as hard wearing as it is hard working - featuring a welded steel box section safety structure with multi-stage anti-rust protection system.

Ultimately, with its stylish bodywork, air operated single swing entrance door, tinted side windows and optional curtains or blinds the Nouvelle cuts a real dash in the competitive midi-coach sector.

Soroco



This beautifully crafted 16 seat executive mini-coach is based on the turbocharged and intercooled 129bhp Mercedes Benz CDI Sprinter. With a raised roof for greater interior headroom and optimum passenger comfort, this stylish vehicle has an exceptionally high interior specification making it ideal for prestige operations.

- Stylish appearance for enhanced passenger appeal.
- 16 high-back coach seats trimmed in luxurious moquette and fitted with ashtrays, grab handles, gangway arm rests and Inertia reel lap and diagonal belts (12 recliners, 4 fixed).
- Interior trim combines plush moquette and easy-clean materials for comfort and durability.
- Full length saloon luggage racks, full-draw curtains.
- Heavy duty floor covering with gangway carpet.
- ABS brakes and M2-tested seat and belt installation.

Bonito



A well specified entry-level 16 seat mini-coach providing exceptional levels of comfort for the small luxury travel sector. It features the spacious, high quality Soroco body design on an advanced Ford Transit 350 long wheelbase chassis with a turbocharged/intercooled 125bhp diesel engine and 5-speed manual gearbox.

- Fully coachbuilt body based on an award winning design - not a van conversion.
- Approved bodyshell meets R66 rollover legislation.
- Anti-lock brakes and rear air suspension.
- 16 seat capacity with Fainsa Gaudi recliners.
- Lift-up roof vent with electric extractor.
- Forced air ventilation and individual reading lights.
- Optional integrated air-conditioning system.
- Convection radiator heating.
- Bonded tinted glazing with full-draw curtains.
- Electrically operated plug-type entrance door.
- Large rear luggage boot with coach-style rear panel.
- M2 approved seat and seat-belt installation.



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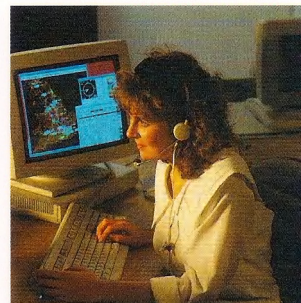
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Our extensive stock of genuine parts guarantees quality and excellent 'first time pick' levels. Our use of the latest logistics technology ensures that deliveries are made by noon the next working day.

UniTec's scheduled maintenance and inspection programme is designed to help you comply with your operator's license requirements. And as daily operation takes its toll on your vehicles' condition, our mechanical overhaul and complete refurbishment services can extend their working lives for significantly less than the cost of a replacement.

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SPECIFICATIONS	SOLERA SR	NOUVELLE	SOROCO	BONITO
Chassis	Mercedes Benz Atego 1223L.	Mercedes Benz 0814D Vario.	Mercedes Benz 413CDI.	Ford Transit 350.
Wheelbase	5360mm.	4800mm.	4025mm.	3954mm.
Engine	6 cylinder/Euro3/6.374 litres/ 231bhp/emergency engine stop.	4 cylinder/4.25 litres/136bhp/ emergency engine stop.	4 cylinder/2.15 litres/129bhp/ Common rail direct injection.	4 cylinder/2.4 litres/125bhp (92kw).
Gearbox	6 speed manual.	5 speed ZF manual.	5 speed synchromesh.	5 speed synchromesh.
Axle ratio	4.30:1	3.64:1	4.11:1	4.63:1
Electrics	24V - 28V/100amp alternator/ 2 x 165Ah batteries.	24V - 28V/100amp alternator/ 2 x 135Ah batteries.	12V - 14V/90amp alternator 88Ah battery.	12V - 14V/90amp alternator 88Ah battery.
Fuel Tank	180 litres.	125 litres (with locking fuel cap).	80 litres (plastic).	80 litres (plastic).
Brakes	Dual circuit/discs F&R/exhaust brake/ABS.	Dual circuit air/hydraulic discs F&R/exhaust brake/ABS/ Telma Retarder.	Floating caiper discs F&R/ ABS/ASR.	Front: discs. Rear: drums. ABS with traction assist.
Suspension	Front: parabolic leaf spring. Rear: air.	Front: parabolic leaf spring. Rear: air. Heavy duty shock absorbers and stabilisers.	Front: fully independent strut with transverse leaf spring, shock absorbers and stabiliser. Rear: parabolic leaf spring with shock absorbers and stabiliser.	Front: independent Macpherson strut with variable rate coil springs, stabiliser and gas pressurised shock absorbers. Rear: leaf springs with gas pressurised shock absorbers. Supplementary rear air with variable loading height control.
Wheels/tyres	6.75x19.5/265/70R.	6x17.5/205/75R.	5.5x15/195/70R.	5x16/185/70R.
Tachograph	Auto - one day/two driver.	Auto - One day/two driver.	Auto - one day/two driver.	Yes.
Speed limiter	100kph/62mph.	95kph/59mph.	N/A.	N/A.
Steering	Adjustable column/ power steering.	Power steering.	Power steering.	Power steering. Driver's airbag.
GVW	Plated at 11,990kg.	Plated at 8,200kg.	Plated at 4,600kg.	Plated at 4,600kg.
Body Structure	Welded galvanised steel box section with stretched panels/frame epoxy coated, Dinol wax injected and undersealed.	Welded steel box section tube treated with anti-corrosion process, wax injection and underbody treatment. Streamlined body styling.	Framework of galvanised steel profiles. Dinitrol treatment to underside.	Framework of galvanised steel profiles. Dinitrol treatment to underside.
R66 Rollover certification	Yes.	Under assessment.	Yes.	Yes.
Bodywork panels	GRP/aluminium.	GRP/aluminium plus one piece roof.	GRP/aluminium/steel.	Fibreglass/steel.
Body Dimensions	9.95m x 2.5m x 3.15m.	8.4m x 2.41m x 2.9m.	7.05m x 1.995m x 2.62m.	6.7m x 2.05m x 2.735m.
Luggage capacity	Boot - 5.9 cubic metres plus two side lockers.	Boot - up to 3 cubic metres plus one side locker.	Up to 3 cubic metres plus lift-up parcel shelf.	2 cubic metres.
Windscreen	One piece laminated.	One piece laminated.	Bonded laminated.	Bonded laminated.
Mirrors	Heated/electrically adjustable.	Heated.	Heated/electrically adjustable.	Manually adjustable.
Number of Seats	Up to 39 (35 with extra large boot option). 34 recliners, 5 fixed.	Up to 33.	16 - 12 reclining, 4 fixed.	16 fixed.
Seat specification	Fainsa Gaudi high-back moquette coach seats. Grab handles and gangway armrests. Velcro fixing headrest flaps. Inertia reel seat belts - anchorages conform to standard for M3 vehicles. Fainsa Gaudi reclining courier seat. Isringhausen PCV driver's seat.	Luxury high-back moquette coach seats on tracking. Grab handles with inertia lap and diagonal seatbelts - anchorages conform to standard for M3 vehicles. Fixed standard freelining option. PCV driver's seat with seat belt.	Fainsa Gaudi high-back moquette coach seats. Grab handles and gangway armrests. 3 point inertia reel seatbelts - anchorages conform to standard for M2 vehicles. Retrimmed driver's seat with 3 point inertia reel seatbelt.	Fainsa high-back moquette coach seats. Grab handles and gangway armrests. 3 point inertia reel seatbelts - anchorages conform to standard for M2 vehicles. Retrimmed driver's seat with 3 point inertia reel seatbelt.
Trim specification	Easy clean trim to window sills, pillars, outer roof panels, front & rear inner roof pods, cab area side panels and parcel racks. Soft trim to lower side panels. Moquette trim to centre roof panel, outer face of decency screens and parcel rack inserts.	Soft trim to interior body-sides, roof and parcel rack. Moquette centre roof panel. Driver's waist-level screen, decency screen to nearside. Soft trim on engine cowl and header panels.	Soft trim to lower side panels and easy clean finish to upper sides. Moquette centre roof panel. Soft trimmed full length luggage rack. Driver's waist-level screen, decency screen to nearside.	Soft trim to lower side panels and easy clean finish to upper sides. Moquette centre roof panel. Soft trimmed full length luggage rack. Driver's waist-level screen, decency screen to nearside.

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Carpeting	Heavy duty saloon floor covering with carpet to cab area and gangway.	Heavy duty saloon floor covering with studded gangway carpet.	Heavy duty saloon floor covering with carpeted gangway.	Heavy duty saloon floor covering with carpeted gangway.
Features	Digital clock. Lockable driver's locker. Raised floor to saloon with sunken gangway.	Walnut dashboard. Driver's fan. Digital clock. Lockable driver's locker. Raised floor to saloon with sunken gangway.	Lockable driver's locker. Raised floor to saloon with sunken gangway.	Lockable driver's locker. Raised floor to saloon with sunken gangway.
Windows	Bonded double glazed tinted side windows with full-draw curtains.	Bonded double glazed tinted side windows with full-draw curtains.	Bonded dark-tinted side windows with full-draw curtains.	Bonded tinted side windows with full-draw curtains.
Lighting	Fluorescent interior lights with night lights. Switched driver's light. Individual reading lights.	Fluorescent interior lights with dimmers. Switched driver's light. Individual reading lights.	Fluorescent interior lights with dimmers. Switched driver's light. Individual reading lights.	Fluorescent interior lights with dimmers. Switched driver's light. Individual reading lights.
Sound system	Blaupunkt radio/CD player, P.A. with driver's pedestal and hand microphone.	Blaupunkt radio/CD player with P.A., hand microphone and eight speakers.	Blaupunkt radio/CD player with P.A. and hand microphone.	Ford radio cassette.
Heating & Ventilation	One lift-up roof vent. Integrated air-conditioning fed via parcel rack vents. (Forced air ventilation only option). Convection radiator heating system on both sides of the saloon.	Two quad vents, forced air ventilation. Convection radiators. Air-conditioning optional.	One roof vent. Blown heater to saloon. Diavia air-conditioning ducted through individual vents.	One roof vent. Convection radiators. Forced air ventilation.
Doors	Air-operated plug entrance door with locking mechanism. Hinged driver's door with electrically operated window.	Air operated single swing door with locking mechanism.	Electrically operated single leaf plug entrance door with illuminated step. Offside hinged emergency door. Hinged driver's door.	Electrically operated single leaf plug entrance door with illuminated step. Offside hinged emergency door. Hinged driver's door.
Luggage boot	Large illuminated boot with low loading platform and side access doors.	Large illuminated, fully trimmed boot with low loading platform.	Extra large rear luggage boot with hinged rear parcel shelf.	Extra large rear luggage boot.
Electrics	Upper and lower marker lights with front and rear side indicators.	Battery isolator switch, reverse warning buzzer and battery safeguard system. Upper and lower marker lights.	Upper and lower marker lights.	Lower marker lights with front and rear side indicators.
Panels and wheels	Body panels fully insulated. Wheel trims all round.	Body panels fully insulated. Wheel trims all round.	Body panels fully insulated. Wheel trims all round.	Body panels fully insulated. Wheel trims all round.
Paint	Vehicle finished in two-pack paint (one colour, non metallic).	Vehicle finished in two-pack paint (one colour, non metallic).	Painted in one colour - non metallic.	Painted in one colour - non metallic.
Certification	Certificate of initial fitness.	Certificate of initial fitness.	Certificate of initial fitness.	Certificate of initial fitness.
Model variation	Also available is the Solera Corta . Specification as Solera SR except: Wheelbase: 4160mm. Body dimensions: 8.22m x 2.5m x 3.15m. Luggage capacity: 3.5 cubic metres. No. of seats: 25/27 plus courier.			



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