



**YOUR
MOBILE
HOLIDAY
HOME**



**ERECTED
IN
ONE
MINUTE
BY ONE PERSON**

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The

PORTAFOLD

Britain's Oldest Folding Caravan

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4-5 Berth Caravan (approx

LIGHT | ROBUST | COMPACT | SMART

NO WOOD TO ROT | NO BODY TO RUST

Erected in **ONE MINUTE** by only one person

The **PORTAFOLD** is a real folding caravan constructed throughout of reinforced glass fibre, mounted on a steel chassis. It is designed on modern flowing lines—pleasing to look at either erected as a caravan or folded as a trailer.

The use of glass fibre for its main construction ensures strength with lightness in weight, minimum maintenance and complete resistance to rot, rust, worm, and other common forms of decay — in brief, a **Portafold** can be your friend for life.

Internally, the **Portafold** gives 6' 2" headroom and over 40 cubic feet of stowage, all of which remains undisturbed when either erecting or folding. All mattresses and cushions are covered with hard-wearing moquette with matching curtains throughout.

The **Portafold** takes the fatigue and worry out of towing and ensures speed (tested at over 80 m.p.h.) with safety.* Its unobstructed rear vision has great advantages on Motorways and winding mountain roads alike.

On continental and other overseas trips the **Portafold** shows a considerable saving in freight charges. On present rates £11 can be saved on the return trip to France.

*Speed limits in the U.K. and other countries should not, however, be overlooked.

**ENJOY ALL THE ADVANTAGES
OF UNOBSTRUCTED REAR VISION
WHEN TOWING**

7 cwt)

PRACTICAL | AMPLE STORAGE

folded down in ONE MINUTE and ready for the road

Designed for many purposes

The **Portafold** is designed to serve many purposes apart from the obvious and is ideal as a mobile office, spare room for visitors at home, demonstration van, etc.

Its design enables it to be towed by any size car from 800-cc. upwards, allowing rear vision while travelling and comfortable accommodation at any time in approximately one minute.

Although the advantages of towing a folding caravan are obvious, the **Portafold** can be towed erected, if required, in the same way as a conventional caravan.

As it is so easy to manoeuvre it can be stored in difficult places that would normally be inaccessible to a conventional caravan. Where space is difficult it can be stored on its side, and where space is very difficult the roof can be removed and stored separately. With the wheels removed its width, when on its side, can be reduced down to approximately 3-ft.

A plastic cover is available for outside winter storage if required.





ERECTING THE

Here is the trailer



PORTAFOLD IS

Lift rear end of roof with left hand and pull out rear wall with right



JUST AS SIMPLE

Snap smartly together at the top



AS IT LOOKS !

Lift front end of roof with left hand and pull out front wall with right snap smartly together at top



Pull out offside wall



which fits snugly into position



Pull out nearside wall



*All ready to move in . . . time taken—
55 seconds !*

**All stowage is completely
protected from the weather
while erecting or folding**

*(folding follows the same procedure in
reverse)*

*The Portafold can also be erected by
starting at the front, depending on
individual preference.*

AND NOW SEE

Cooking and Washing

Here the Portafold really excels many other types of caravan with a massive kitchen area approx. 5' 6" long and over 2 ft. wide! No more preparation and cooking of food in a few square inches.

The unit has a built-in sink with draining board and external waste outlet.

If preferred, it can be mounted on 4 screw-on legs and used in the tent annexe or elsewhere.

A range of cookers is available as an optional extra.

First illustration shows dining table top stowed at lower centre until required.

Three back-rest cushions from the seat nearest the camera have been removed for photographic purposes in the second illustration.

Just Relaxing

Plenty of room. These two illustrations are taken from the same position as the previous two. The cooker has been stowed away in the spacious locker at the front. The kitchen unit is now positioned across the front to form a back-rest behind the three cushions and one mattress which are available as optional extras.

Three back-rest cushions from the seat nearest the camera have been omitted for photographic purposes.

HOW VERSATILE THE PORTAFOLD IS INSIDE

The following photographs illustrate a few of the exciting interior arrangements that are possible. Many other layouts will come to mind depending on individual requirements.

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Tea Time

◀ The heat-resisting table top has been fitted with its three screw-on legs and positioned . . .



◀ . . . and the crowd has moved in—with room for more! !

Sleeping

This can often produce excitement, complication and problems!

Basically the Portafold sleeps either four adults in single berths or three adults (one double and one single) and two children (singles).

Other arrangements are possible depending on individual requirements. An additional upper berth could be used if required.



◀ This illustration shows the basic arrangement for four adult singles—three lower and one upper.

The kitchen unit as shown in the first photograph is now converted to an upper berth.



◀ This shows the basic arrangement for sleeping—

Three adults (1 double & 1 single)
Two children (singles)

To arrange this the small dining table top is placed across the front end of the centre gangway. One extra cushion 2' x 2' is required.

NOTE: In the two bottom photographs the upright strut seen in the foreground supporting the upper berth is not required but was used solely to make these photographs possible. Both ends of the upper berth normally rest on the side walls.

General Information

General Dimensions.

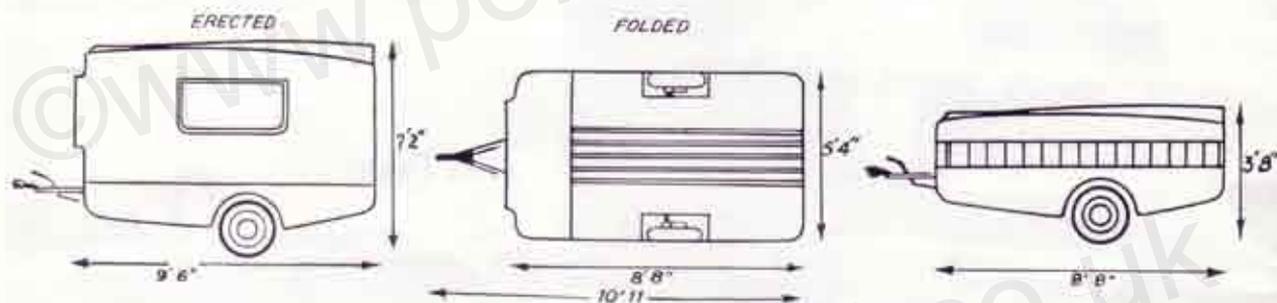
	Folded	Erected	
Length	8' 8"	9' 6"	Overall including tow bar 10' 11"
Width	5' 4"	6' 4"	Interior headroom 6' 2"
Height	3' 8"	7' 2"	

Ground Clearance 10". Base of 50-mm. towball 16" from ground level.

Bunk lengths: Top 5' 8", Lower 6' 2" approx. Nose weight unladen approx. 50-lbs.

Unladen weight: 7-cwt. approx.

Total weight, when loaded for travelling should not exceed 12-cwt.



Construction—Chassis and Undergear Resin bonded glass fibre mounted and bolted on a separate steel chassis. The steel chassis is continued and the towing equipment attached thereto includes a 50 mm. coupling with automatic lock, self-operating over-run brakes with ratchet type parking lever. The chassis is fitted with independent suspension units, 520 x 10 tyres, 7" x 1" brakes and chrome hub caps. Four screw-type jacks are bolted at each corner of the base.

Base Floors and Lockers The base is in two sections which when bonded together form the spacious storage lockers and three lower berths. This is watertight and fitted with seven timber lids for easy access and provides over 30 cubic feet of storage capacity.

Walls and Floors Modern styled ends in moulded glass fibre are secured to the base by brass hinges. The rear wall is shaped and recessed to provide clothes hanging space each side with clothes hooks. The door is in two sections to allow it to be opened when the van is in the towing position. A large fixed window is fitted in the upper section door and both sections are fitted with handles and locks. The opposite, or forward, end is fitted with a large opening window. The two sides are of panelled glass fibre, reinforced, which automatically increase the width of the van at their base as the Portafold is erected. These sides are also fitted with large opening windows and fixed shelves.

Roof Modern styling in moulded glass fibre with long fins and centre taper section.

Decoration The whole caravan externally has a permanent polished surface finish in colour-impregnated polyester resin which needs no maintenance or painting and which is impervious to all climatic conditions. The standard colours are cream or white, but other colours are available at a small extra charge. Special colours can be arranged and details of cost and delivery will be gladly given on request.

Internally, the base and bunks have the same finish as the outside and need no maintenance. The side walls are lined

above shelf level with attractive washable quilting, which gives a pleasant and cosy appearance.

The roof is flock-lined to reduce the risk of condensation, also for insulating purposes and to give a cosy appearance. There is a ventilation point at each of the four corners.

Attractive curtains are fitted to the windows and clothes hanging compartments, and all cushions and mattresses are moquette covered.

Equipment. The following standard equipment is supplied with every Portafold:—

Kitchen unit with built-in sink and draining board.

A separate dining table with heat-resisting top, size 24" x 24".

A 2 pin plug and socket is wired in for an electric lighting unit to be run direct off the car battery.

Floor carpet, four pairs window curtains, two pairs wardrobe curtains. Two foam mattresses, moquette covered size 6' x 2' 3" approx. six foam cushions, moquette covered size 2' x 2' approx., all 3" deep. These make up four adult berths. (One extra cushion size 2' x 2' is required to sleep three adults and two children). Seven-pin plug for lighting from the car. Flashing trafficators. Stop and tail lights. Jack handle brace. A cooker is not included but a range of these is available — see list of optional extras.

As glass fibre can be sawn, drilled, tapped, filed, etc., in exactly the same way as wood, the Portafold lends itself perfectly for the introduction of individual ideas, such as additional shelves, cupboards, hooks, fastenings, curtains, etc.

The Portafold is British made throughout and is produced to give a lifetime's pleasure and service.

This brochure is issued in an endeavour to cover as many details as is possible to convey and any further information required will be gladly given on request.

The manufacturers reserve the right to change these specifications without notice.

*A tent annexe has been specially designed for fitting to the rear of the Portafold and a separate leaflet is available on request.