



11 Wrestling with all kinds of loads

This 1969 advertisement saw U.K. wrestling star Mick McManus highlighting the versatility of the Transit chassis cab for businesses that require specialised body designs.

12 The perfect rickshaw?

Enterprising rickshaw operators in Hong Kong purchased 200 new Transits in 1970. The Transit was declared to be ideally suited to the crowded, narrow streets of the world's most densely populated island.



13 Record breakers

To demonstrate the durability of its new diesel engine, two Ford Transits drove flat-out for a week non-stop at the high-speed Monza race circuit in 1972, breaking three world endurance records, including 10,000 miles (16,000 km) at an average speed of 73.684 mph (118.583 km/h).



14 The amazing Transit Supervan Mk1

The first Transit Supervan made its debut at Brands Hatch on Easter Monday, 1971. This hot property was based on a Ford GT40 sports racing car and powered by a 5.0-litre V8 engine. It could achieve a top speed of 149 mph (240 km/h).

15 Britain's most wanted van

London's Metropolitan Police cast aspersions on Transit's good name in 1972 by calling it "Britain's most wanted van." A Scotland Yard spokesman pointed out: "Ford Transits are used in 95 per cent of bank raids. With the performance of a car, and space for 1.75 tonnes of loot, the Transit is proving to be the perfect getaway vehicle..."



16 Big numbers

In 1976, the one millionth Ford Transit came off the production line.



17 Overland to Australia

Hughes Overland Tours pulls up at a bus-stop looking for more passengers at the start of a 10-week 10,000 mile (16,000km) Transit bus tour from England to Australia in 1973.

18 Lipsmackin' Transit

Sporting a 1.5-metre diameter drinks can on its back, this promotional Transit was built in 1977.



19 Van of the future

A six-wheeled Transit concept vehicle with gullwing doors was commissioned by Ford in 1979 as a vision for vans of the future.



20 Taking the rough with the smooth

For businesses that needed to get off the beaten track, Ford introduced a rugged 4x4 Transit with extra ground clearance in 1982. The model proved popular with utility companies and other users who valued its performance on all surfaces.