

41 Golden celebration

Celebrating 50 years of loyal service to businesses around the world, this convoy of four golden Transits toured the U.K. in the months leading up to the official Transit anniversary on August 9 2015.



44 Super Downforce

The aerodynamic design of the SuperVan 4.2 means that at a speed of 150mph, two tonnes of downforce is created.



47 Is it a van? Is it a boat? No, it's a Hovervan!

The Transit can cope with all manner of road conditions, but what happens when you're faced with floods, or an unavoidable river crossing? The BBC Top Gear team took a standard Transit van and added two extra engines with a combined output of 600hp, and a skirt. Able to quickly transform from a road vehicle to a hovercraft, it was able to skim over water, but, as with many Top Gear escapades, not without the occasional incident.



50 Across the desert

7,500 miles across the North African desert? (Almost) not a problem for this Transit, competing in a particularly tough rally.

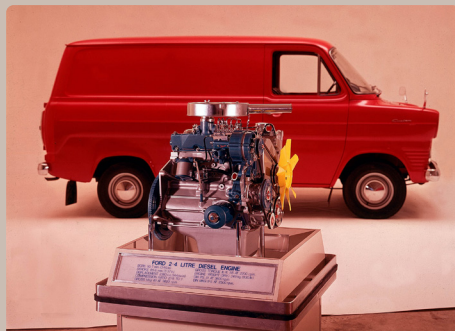


42 Transit as a birthing partner

Many have started life in the back of a Transit ambulance, but, perhaps not so many in the footwell, but this is where little Alfie Kerr first saw the light of day. His parents, Daniel and Jess, were on their way to the Furness General Hospital in Barrow, Cumbria. They didn't quite make it in time.

45 The modestly powered Transit

The diesel engine fitted to the first Ford Transit had a power output of just 43.6PS. The lowest power output available in today's diesel Transit Custom van is rated at 136PS.



48 By royal appointment – almost

Whilst living on Anglesey, royal couple William and Kate used a white Transit van in order to remain incognito (photo is not the actual van).



43 The SuperVan 4.2 tackles the Pikes Peak

Inspired by the Ford E-Transit Custom, the SuperVan 4.2, with its 1,400 horsepower produced by three electric motors took to the Pikes Peak International Hillclimb in Colorado in 2023.



46 The most powerful production Transit yet – and it's electric

The MS-RT Ford E-Transit Custom has an electric motor with a power output equivalent to 285PS (281HP). That's over six and a half times more power than that 43.6PS (43hp) diesel engine fitted to the first Ford Transit in 1965.



49 Van chasing

The Transit has been used in many feature films, but not often in a car chase. Michael Caine is pictured here in-between takes on set for the Fourth Protocol in 1987.

