

Fact Sheet

Our top ten tips for van drivers.

How to save money and improve efficiency.



1. Select a vehicle with the right load carrying capacity and engine size.

Considering what you'll use the vehicle for and what you need to carry. Then design the interior to make the best use of available space. Remember that the cheapest vehicle won't necessarily be fit for purpose.

2. Use a specialist vehicle converter.

Use a specialist converter to design and fit the vehicle in line with legislation. Cutting cost at the start of the process may cost much more in the long-run. A specialist converter may be able to fit racking and cabinets that can be recycled several times over. Lex Autolease is able to arrange vehicle conversion through its Specialist Commercial Vehicle team.

3. Install racking and shelving.

Install racking and shelving along both sides of the van and against the bulkhead to make the best possible use of available space. Very few commercial vehicles use space to optimum capacity, with the result that more journeys and more vehicles are required.

4. Allow room for heavy and bulky items in the load space.

Allow room in the load space for heavy and bulky items, but remember to secure them safely before driving the vehicle. Not securing heavy loads is not only dangerous, but it can also lead to internal damage which could incur de-hire damage charges.

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Load the vehicle to distribute weight evenly between the axles. Uneven loads will affect how the vehicle handles and will cause uneven wear and tear to tyres and other parts.

7. Store small parts, tools and equipment in secure storage.

Store small parts, tools and equipment in secure storage to prevent them moving around when the vehicle is in motion. This also cuts down on the internal noise levels in vehicles which can be easily distracting while you're driving.

8. Organise stock and components into separate compartments.

Organise stock and components into separate compartments so that they can be found quickly and easily on site for optimum productivity, which creates a professional image with clients. You can also see when stocks are low more easily.

9. Lockable cabinets and drawers.

Lockable cabinets and drawers prevent casual theft which can cause costs to add up over the course of a year.

10. Install hand wash, cleansing facilities and lighting.

Install hand wash, cleansing facilities and lighting appropriate to your work requirements.

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