

# I.D. Buzz Cargo concept



Radical huh? But shades of the Austin Allegro in that steering wheel. Still, when it drives itself, you won't have to look at it



**VOLKSWAGEN RECENTLY** announced development plans for the I.D. Buzz Cargo, an all-electric, Panel Van version of the I.D. Buzz Microbus concept.

Don't get too excited yet, the I.D. Buzz Cargo is still a way off (the current expected launch date is 2021/'22), but rumours are this may appear for sale before the Microbus version. Besides, it gives you some time to start saving your hard-earned cash in the meantime!

According to Volkswagen, the I.D. Buzz Cargo will have a range of up to 340 miles per charge, with a large solar roof panel that can extend the daily range by an additional nine miles. More importantly, re-charge time (to around 80 per cent capacity) is said to be just 15 minutes.

The Van will be fully connected, with an onboard cargo tracking system that allows it to track orders and manage online supply networks from inside the cockpit.

VW says it hopes the I.D. Buzz and I.D. Cargo will have the ability to transition toward fully autonomous driving modes by the mid-2020s.

Hmmm... great news maybe for city folk that do a regular daily commute, or a parcel delivery route, but where's the sense of adventure for those who use their Vans for on-the-fly road trip adventures?

## African adventures

**CORNWALL-BASED** Campervan conversion company, Ecowagon, has been in touch to let us know about a rather special Transporter conversion the company has designed and built for two customers setting out on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure across South Africa.

Ecowagen's Kenny Green said of the build: "Jeff and Nikki came to us with some very specific requirements for their Camper build, which were at times quite challenging to meet, but we get a great buzz at Ecowagon from turning customers' dreams into reality."

Starting with a long-wheelbase T6 Kombi, the conversion includes a kitchen and full washroom / toilet facilities with a custom-made water calorifier to provide hot running water using either the engine or electric from a state-of-the-art lithium inverter battery. That battery alone cost £2,500!

As the owners plan to drive across Africa, where they will have no access to gas, this revolutionary feature, alongside a diesel-powered hob, means they will still be able to enjoy all the mod cons of luxury Camper living wherever they end up staying at night.

Word is over £100,000 went into creating what Ecowagen describe as the ultimate in outdoor living luxury.

We just hope we receive a Road trip feature out of Jeff and Nikki, and wish them the very best for their upcoming African adventure.

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### Department of correction

In the October issue (72) we failed to thank the good guys at Ston Easton Park for the fab photoshoot location. Sorry guys. Find out more at [www.stoneaston.co.uk](http://www.stoneaston.co.uk)

