



Ford and Trigano Deliver Transit Motorhomes with Intelligent AWD; Introduce Extended 5-Year Warranty on All Vehicles

- Ford Transit Intelligent All Wheel Drive van to provide basis for versatile new Randger 560 camper from the Trigano Group, offering unique-in-segment factory-fitted AWD technology
- Four-berth, fully-equipped Transit-based Randger 560 features powerful and fuel-efficient 2.0-litre EcoBlue diesel engine offering up to 170 PS
- Ford delivers new extended five-year warranty for all Ford-based Trigano Group motorhomes

COLOGNE, Germany, Sept. 29, 2017 – The versatile Ford Transit van equipped with Intelligent All Wheel Drive (AWD) will provide the basis for the new Randger 560 motorhome from the Trigano Group – offering unique factory-fitted AWD technology for a leisure vehicle in the model's segment.

Ford also has confirmed its commitment to motorhome customers with a new, extended five-year warranty for all Ford-based vehicles from the Trigano Group registered from July 1, 2017.

The new Transit-based Randger 560 motorhome will deliver greater capability and fuel-efficiency for customers in Europe, supported by Ford's sophisticated [Intelligent AWD](#) for enhanced traction on challenging terrain, and high-performance, low-CO₂ emitting [2.0-litre EcoBlue](#) diesel engine with power up to 170 PS.

Advanced Ford technologies for a refined and confident driving experience on tour include Ford's [SYNC 3](#) voice-activated connectivity and entertainment system with a high-resolution 6-inch colour touch screen, Adaptive Cruise Control, Traffic Sign Recognition, [Pre-Collision Assist with Pedestrian Detection](#), and [Side Wind Stabilisation](#).

Developed at Ford's Dunton Technical Centre, U.K., and built at Ford's Kocaeli manufacturing facility, Turkey, the bespoke [Ford Transit](#) AWD vans are supplied to the Trigano Group specialist coachbuilders for conversion into four-berth motorhomes offering up to five seats and equipped with home comforts including a bathroom with integrated shower.

"Motorhome sales are growing fast as more and more customers recognise the opportunities for adventure that they offer," said Hans Schep, general manager, Commercial Vehicles, Ford of Europe. "Equipped with the segment's only factory-fitted All Wheel Drive system, Ford Transit-based Randger 560 customers can explore on and off the beaten track with total confidence in the capability and durability of their motorhomes."

Ford supplies around 7,000 vehicles annually from its commercial vehicle range – the best-selling in Europe – to motorhome coachbuilders. Sales of coachbuilt, van-based motorhomes increased by 18 per cent last year.

Ford Transit models supplied to the Trigano Group feature bespoke modifications including a relocated handbrake to allow for easier access between cabin and living space; revised fuel and exhaust systems to accommodate the adapted body; and augmented power socket and power take-off systems for convenience when touring.

The Transit's sophisticated Intelligent AWD technology will deliver a more secure footing for the Randger 560 on slippery surfaces such as snow-lined mountain passes or wet grass, and on loose or un-made surfaces such as gravel or forest tracks.

In Auto mode, the Intelligent AWD system monitors grip levels and can send up to 50 per cent of the engine's torque to the front wheels to prevent rear wheels slipping on loose surfaces. Drivers can also engage AWD Lock mode at any speed, to provide maximum traction in challenging driving conditions.

Ford last year introduced to the Transit the all-new 2.0-litre Ford EcoBlue diesel, featuring the latest turbocharging, fuel injection, combustion system, structural design and low-friction technologies to deliver significant improvements in fuel-efficiency, performance and refinement.

For the Randger 560 motorhome, the 2.0-litre Ford EcoBlue engine is offered in 130 PS and 170 PS power outputs with a six-speed manual transmission, offering 20 per cent more torque at 1,250 rpm than the outgoing 2.2-litre engine for more flexible and responsive performance.

The class-leading Transit driving experience also was last year enhanced through revised steering efforts for better feedback, and a new rear damper design for improved comfort and control.

Ford's extended five-year warranty for Ford-based Trigano Group motorhomes includes the One Call service, providing local language telephone support and priority service from Ford dealers for customers travelling throughout Europe.

The Randger 560 will be on show at the Salon des Véhicules de Loisirs, Le Bourget, France, from Sept. 30. The Trigano Group earlier this year revealed the Randger 560's sister-model for customers in Germany, the new Transit-based Karmann Dexter 4x4 motorhome, also featuring Ford Intelligent AWD.

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