

The California 6.1 Brochure



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The California 6.1
Iconic as ever. Refined, redesigned, restyled.

For more than 30 years, the California has been synonymous with freedom and adventure, the perfect companion for spontaneous trips, weekends away or family holidays abroad. Now, the iconic camper van is relaunched, more sophisticated and comfortable than ever before, with a revised interior and host of technological refinements. Compact enough to be used as an everyday vehicle, the new California 6.1 ticks every box. Designed for the road, built for making memories.

The original.

Since its debut in the 1980s, the California has been continuously improved, combining high levels of specification with quality engineering, comfort, performance and style. As winner of ‘Camper Van of the Year 2019’¹, it remains one of the most popular and successful camper vans of its type, now upgraded as a luxurious home-away-from-home.

Enhanced exterior design.

A completely new front design features a reshaped front grille, restyled front bumper and LED headlights with separate LED daytime running lights³, with new rear LED tail lights, alloy wheels and colour options.

Versatile.

Thanks to its compact exterior dimensions and vehicle height of 1,990mm⁴, the California 6.1 is a practical day-to-day vehicle, leisure bus and camper van all in one, suitable for cities and most car parks.

Optimum off-road capability.

Optional 4MOTION all-wheel drive^{2,5}, dual clutch gearbox DSG, Hill Descent Assist^{2,6}, Hill Start Assist and mechanical differential lock^{2,6} provide impressive off-road mobility.

State-of-the-art driver assistance systems.

The California 6.1 features a range of driver assistance systems more usually found on passenger vehicles, including Traffic Sign Recognition^{2,7}, Side protection^{3,7,9}, Crosswind Assist⁷, Active Lane Assist^{2,7,8}, Park Assist^{3,7}, Rear Traffic Alert^{3,7} and Trailer Assist^{2,7}.

Integrated accessories.

The camping table, camping chairs and opaque window shades are neatly stowed away behind the sliding doors and tailgate, saving space when not in use.

Proven quality.

As you’d expect, the California 6.1 is durable, versatile and built to last, with a highly stable body, quality materials and time-honoured workmanship.

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1 Source: promobil, category ‘Compact Camper van’, last award 03/2019. 2 Optional at extra cost. Please contact your authorised Volkswagen Van Centre for details of the standard equipment and optional extras available. 3 Standard on the California 6.1 Ocean and optional at extra cost on the California 6.1 Coast. 4 Please note that these are approximate values and the dimensions may differ due to manufacturing tolerances. 5 Not available for all engines. 6 Only in conjunction with the 4MOTION all-wheel drive. 7 Within the system’s thresholds. 8 The driver must be prepared to override the assistance system at any time and is responsible to drive the vehicle with caution. 9 No direct detection of lateral obstacles by sensors. Obstacles are ‘estimated’ by the system when they are detected by the front/rear sensors as the vehicle passes.

Maximum comfort. Total freedom.

Experience life off the beaten track as never before, thanks to a range of refinements and optional extras. A high-resolution Digital Cockpit¹, the latest generation of multimedia infotainment systems and state-of-the-art connectivity options with Volkswagen We Connect² provide unprecedented levels of driving enjoyment, ensuring you make the most of every journey, at home or abroad.

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New interior design.

The redesigned dashboard features contemporary black gloss surrounds and stylish decorative trims, along with fresh new seat upholstery, kitchen units, aluminium door handles, sliding cupboard doors and LED interior lighting fitted as standard.

Outstanding comfort.

The cabin offers excellent acoustic and thermal insulation, with ergonomic seats finished in robust premium upholstery. A new darker canvas and softer bed with spring system provides improved sleeping comfort in the roof section, whilst the lounge doubles as a bed extension with the option of a deluxe mattress overlay³.

Perfectly networked.

The California 6.1 is available to order with the optional Digital Cockpit¹, which features a high-resolution 10.25" display. The vehicle also features the latest touch-screen radio and navigation systems with integrated eSIM, App-Connect, We Connect² mobile online services and Bluetooth[®], ensuring you stay informed while you travel.

Adaptable interior.

The folding bench seat in the living area can be secured at any position on the sliding floor-mounted rail system, along with swivelling front seats, providing a highly flexible and adaptable interior.

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Your new favourite hotel.
Wherever you go.

The new California 6.1 offers home-from-home comfort, with an impressive range of standard equipment, including new cupboard decorative trim, sleeping for up to four people, loft space fitted with a proper sprung bed base and a central control panel that enables you to dim the LED ambient lighting¹, manage the heating system and operate the electro-hydraulic² elevating roof. Surely the ultimate mobile hotel, you can check in any time you like, whenever and wherever you choose.



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Park Assist.^{1,2} **NEW**

Park Assist aids positioning into parking spaces. When reverse is engaged, the vehicle assumes control of the steering. All that's required of the driver is to operate the pedals, whilst keeping a good lookout.



Trailer Assist.^{1,3} **NEW**

Trailer Assist automatically manoeuvres the vehicle, and trailer, during parallel and reverse parking in combination with tow bar preparation or removable and lockable tow bar.



Side protection.^{1,2,4} **NEW**

As part of Park Assist, Side protection monitors the vehicle's sides and alerts you with visual and audible warnings if you're getting too close to other vehicles, pillars, walls or pedestrians.



Crosswind Assist.¹ **NEW**

As part of the standard Electronic Stabilisation Programme (ESP), Crosswind Assist applies adaptive braking intervention when the vehicle encounters a strong crosswind.



Traffic Sign Recognition.^{1,3} **NEW**

Detects road signs and informs the driver. Optionally available in combination with the Discover Media or Discover Pro navigation systems.



Active Lane Assist.^{1,3,5}

Active Lane Assist countersteers the vehicle if the driver unintentionally drifts from a lane. The system also emits audible and visual warnings via the multi-function display to alert the driver of danger.



Rear Traffic Alert.^{1,2} **NEW**

As part of Active Lane Assist, Rear Traffic Alert helps by emitting an audible warning when reversing out of a parking space if another vehicle is approaching. If the driver fails to respond, the system intervenes and applies braking to help avoid a collision.



Tyre pressure monitoring system.³

Displays the current pressure for every tyre and warns of deviations from the set pressure.



Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC).¹

Adaptive Cruise Control uses a front radar to measure the distance (up to 120 metres) and speed relative to vehicles driving ahead. It automatically regulates the pre-set distance. ACC also includes the Front Assist with City Emergency Braking System. This detects critical distances, warns of hazardous situations and when necessary, a speed of up to 18mph triggers emergency braking.



Hill Descent Assist.^{1,3,6}

Allows you to descend slopes in a safe, controlled way by regulating the engine speed and applying the brakes as necessary.

Outstanding comfort.
Even while driving.

Pure driving pleasure.
On any terrain.

A choice of three engine and gearbox combinations ensures optimum performance and driving pleasure.

4MOTION all-wheel drive^{3,7} provides exceptional traction on virtually any surface, while the dual clutch gearbox DSG significantly enhances driving comfort with its smooth gear changes.

Dual clutch gearbox DSG. The standard 7-speed dual clutch gearbox DSG delivers fully automatic, almost imperceptible gear changing with no interruption in power flow, significantly enhancing driving comfort and efficiency. Choose between normal and sport mode.

Dynamic Chassis Control (DCC).³ Dynamic Chassis Control (DCC) offers you a choice of three settings: Sport, Comfort or Normal. At the touch of a button, the system adjusts the damping, enabling you to adapt your California 6.1 to suit the road and your driving style.

4MOTION all-wheel drive.^{3,7} 4MOTION all-wheel drive provides impressive traction, optimum handling and greater steering control, helping you master difficult conditions. The power transmission adjusts automatically to the driving situation via an electronically controlled clutch on the rear axle.

Mechanical differential lock.^{3,6} The mechanical differential lock is available as an option for the rear axle, providing additional support to the 4MOTION all-wheel drive^{3,7} making it easier to pull away in difficult off-road conditions and making the California 6.1 one of the most effective all-terrain vehicles in its class.

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⁶ Only available in conjunction with 4MOTION all-wheel drive. ⁷ Not available for all engines.



Perfectly equipped.
For every journey.

The California is one of the most popular camper vans in its class – no surprise given the extensive range of sophisticated equipment and integrated accessories fitted as standard. The entry level California 6.1 Coast is the ideal base camp for longer expeditions, and the California 6.1 Ocean provides you with the comfort and refinement to ensure perfect days and nights all year round.



Highlights of the
California 6.1 Ocean

An elegant camper van fitted with an extensive range of high-quality equipment:

- Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) with speed limiter [NEW](#)
- Radiator grille with five chrome strips and lower air intake grille with additional chrome strip [NEW](#)
- Fog lights with integrated cornering lights
- LED headlights and LED tail lights [NEW](#)
- Leather multi-function steering wheel
- Discover Media navigation system with 8 inch touch-screen and eight speakers [NEW](#)
- Digital Cockpit [NEW](#)
- Climatronic three-zone automatic climate control, auxiliary air heater and double glazing in the living area
- Camper control panel with touch-screen [NEW](#)
- Fully-equipped kitchen with gas cooker, sink and 42 litre compressor cool box
- Built-in cupboard design with Graphite Grey slate effect [NEW](#)
- 2-seater rear bench seat
- Interior lighting with LED technology and LED cupboard lighting [NEW](#)
- Lower bed area with lounge function (1,140mm x 2,000mm) [NEW](#)
- Fully sprung loft bed (1,200mm x 2,000mm) [NEW](#)
- Electro-hydraulic elevating roof with front opening and two side windows
- Space-saving stowable camping chairs and camping table

California 6.1 Ocean with kitchenette featuring integrated cupboards with Graphite Grey slate-effect trim, four seats and bed extension with lounge function.



Highlights of the
California 6.1 Coast

A comfortable camper van fitted with a wide range of features:

- Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) with speed limiter [NEW](#)
- Leather multi-function steering wheel [NEW](#)
- Multi-function 'Premium' colour display [NEW](#)
- Camper control panel with touch-screen [NEW](#)
- Fully-equipped kitchen with gas cooker, sink and 42 litre compressor cool box
- Built-in cupboard design with Bright Oak wood effect [NEW](#)
- 2-seater rear bench seat
- Lower bed area with lounge function (1,140mm x 2,000mm) [NEW](#)
- Fully sprung loft bed (1,200mm x 2,000mm) [NEW](#)
- Manually operated pop-up roof with two side windows
- Two additional batteries (150 Ah)
- Space-saving stowable camping chairs and camping table

California 6.1 Coast with kitchenette featuring integrated cupboards with Bright Oak wood-effect trim, four seats and bed extension with lounge function.

Paint

Two-tone paint

- 01 Candy White/Copper Bronze [NEW](#) | CO | OC |
- 02 Candy White/Bay Leaf Green [NEW](#) | CO | OC |
- 03 Candy White/Ascot Grey [NEW](#) | CO | OC |

Metallic paint

- 04 Reflex Silver | CO | OC |
- 05 Indium Grey | CO | OC |
- 06 Starlight Blue | CO | OC |
- 07 Mojave Beige | CO | OC |
- 08 Copper Bronze [NEW](#) | CO | OC |
- 09 Fortana Red [NEW](#) | CO | OC |
- 10 Bay Leaf Green [NEW](#) | CO | OC |

Solid paint

- 11 Candy White | CO | OC |
- 12 Ascot Grey [NEW](#) | CO | OC |
- 13 Cherry Red | CO | OC |

Pearl effect paint

- 14 Deep Black | CO | OC |

Two-tone paint



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Metallic paint



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Solid paint



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Pearl effect paint

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Wheels

01 'Clayton' alloy wheel

6½J x 16. In Silver with 215/65 R16 tyres.
| CO |

02 'Devonport' alloy wheel

7J x 17. In Silver with 215/60 R17 tyres.
| CO | OC |

03 'Aracaju' alloy wheel [NEW](#)

7J x 17. In Silver with 215/60 R17 tyres.
| OC |

04 'Woodstock' alloy wheel [NEW](#)

7J x 17. In Black with diamoned-turned surface.
With 215/60 R17 tyres. | CO | OC |

05 'Palmerston' alloy wheel

8J x 18. In Black with diamoned-turned surface.
With 255/45 R18 tyres. | CO | OC |

06 'Teresina' alloy wheel [NEW](#)

8J x 18. In Black with diamoned-turned surface.
With 255/45 R18 tyres. | CO | OC |

07 'Valdivia' alloy wheel [NEW](#)

8J x 18. In Black with diamoned-turned surface.
With 255/45 R18 tyres. | CO | OC |

All weather tyres | CO | OC |

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17"

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18"

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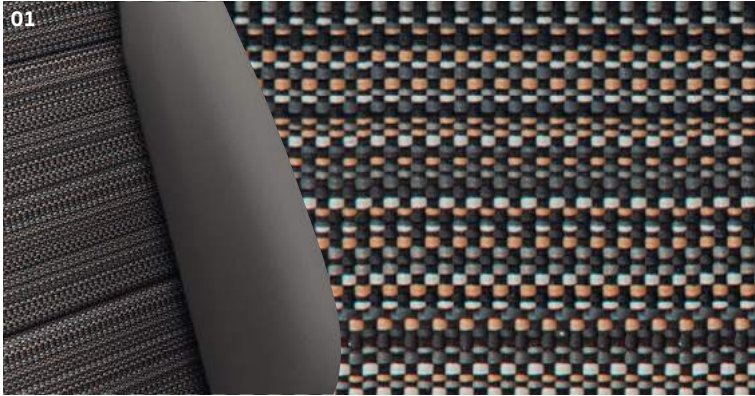
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Seat upholstery, interior colours and canvas sides



Seat upholstery

- 01 'Mixed Dots' upholstery in Palladium **NEW** | CO |
- 02 'Circuit' upholstery in Palladium **NEW** | OC |
- 03 'ArtVelours' microfleece upholstery in Palladium **NEW** | CO | OC |

Cupboard decorative trim

- 04 Bright Oak wood effect **NEW** | CO |
- 05 Graphite Grey slate effect **NEW** | OC |

Decorative trims

- 06 Bright Brushed Grey **NEW** | CO | OC |
- 07 Pewter Wave Grey **NEW** | OC |

Interior colours

- Titanium Black/Palladium **NEW** | CO | OC |

Canvas sides

- 08 Strawberry Red¹ | CO | OC |
- 09 Glacier Blue¹ | CO | OC |
- 10 Basalt Grey² **NEW** | CO | OC |



Please note: Not all upholstery combinations can be ordered together and in some instances certain combinations may incur extra cost. Please check details and availability with your Volkswagen Van Centre at the time of ordering. Screen representations do not allow exact reproduction of upholstery and trim colours. 1 Not available for all paint finish options. 2 Roof shown features a front window opening which is standard on California 6.1 Ocean and optional at extra cost on the California 6.1 Coast. Images shown are for illustrative purposes only. Vehicles shown are not UK specification.



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Model prices

*Manufacturer's on the road (OTR) package.		
Delivery to Van Centre	£620.00	£620.00
Number plates	£20.00	£20.00
VAT	£128.00	£128.00
First registration fee	£55.00	£55.00
Vehicle excise duty (VED) 1st year	£TBA	£TBA
Basic OTR price (exc. VAT)	£TBA	£TBA
Total OTR price (inc. VAT)	£TBA	£TBA

Trimline	Engine/transmission	Fuel type	CO ₂ emissions g/km ¹	Basic exc. VAT	Total inc. VAT	Total RRP inc. OTR* exc. VAT	Total RRP inc. OTR* inc. VAT
California Coast	2.0TDI 150PS 7-speed DSG	Diesel	TBA	£44,315.00	£53,178.00	£TBA	£TBA
California Ocean	2.0TDI 150PS 7-speed DSG	Diesel	TBA	£51,240.00	£61,488.00	£TBA	£TBA
	2.0TDI 199PS 7-speed DSG	Diesel	TBA	£53,575.00	£64,290.00	£TBA	£TBA
	2.0TDI 199PS 4MOTION 7-speed DSG	Diesel	TBA	£56,190.00	£67,428.00	£TBA	£TBA

* Please see opposite for more details on manufacturer's on the road (OTR) package.

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Please consult your authorised Volkswagen Van Centre for the wide range of optional extras available for your new California 6.1.

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