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HY Van Restorations

There is no doubt that a beautifully restored Citroen HY van is going to turn heads and create a buzz and become the object of countless conversations.

The journey from the initial find in France to the hundreds of hours of meticulous cleaning, rebuilding, painting and installation pays for itself when the van comes to life again.

Every restoration project that we undertake is meticulous and thorough. Our heart and soul goes into every single van, hence we have very few slots available throughout the year.



All our vans are sourced direct from France and stored at our family farm in the South West of France. We never use vans that have already been imported which guarantees that every restoration we perform is honest and unmolested. This also allows the new owner to become the first registered keeper in the UK.

Sourcing vans is one of the most challenging aspects. Due to their popularity prices and demand have gone through the roof. 10 years ago a good restoration model could be found for under £5000. These days expect to pay £12000 or more. This increase is driving restorers and dealers to buy lesser quality models as a way of maximizing their margins. We do not do that.

Our restorations always start with a good solid van, good chassis, engine and gearbox. We are less concerned about the bodywork as we tend to replace most panels with new ones which are better quality steel, are lighter and protected with an anti-rust coating.



New body panels are fitted to all restorations





The Restoration Process

Each van takes between 500 - 1000 hours to complete and includes the following steps:

Mechanicals:

- Complete overhaul of the engine, brakes and gearbox
- Reconditioned Starter motor
- Reconditioned Alternator
- Reconditioned Master cylinder and Brakes
- All new oils
- Lights and wiring overhauled and replaced
- Filters, plugs and leads replaced



All engines are completely overhauled

The Restoration Process continued

Bodywork:

- Complete restoration of the bodywork inside and out, completely stripped clean of paint and any filler
- New panels where required
- All internal rust cut and replaced
- Bodywork prepped and treated for paintwork and painted in colour of your choice (currently there are currently 12 standard colours to choose from)
- New seat foam and covers
- Seat frames stripped and painted
- Service hatch fitted (if required)
- Rust treatment throughout
- All rubbers cleaned and replaced where necessary
- 50 hours or more are spent cleaning, checking and fixing any imperfections

You will be emailed regularly with photos of the restoration. Upon completion you will be given a photo album showing the complete journey of your van from France to beautifully finished restoration.

Please note: Unfortunately we cannot guarantee the kilometre reading on a van as the HY odometer has only 5 figures and most of the vans we restore are almost 50 years old.



Aftercare

It is important to note that after you receive your van, just like having a child, it will require love and attention if it is to behave as you want it to. Ultimately how you care for and nurture your four wheeled companion will determine what value in life it will one day possess.

While it is impossible to completely shield your van from precipitation on our often rainy roads, it is advisable when possible, to rinse off and dry any excess rain and muck that may have been picked up. This is especially true if your van is working or staying in one of the coastal areas of the UK where the corrosive effects of the salt-rich drizzle and humidity can eat away at your van's bodywork.

Keep your van garaged whenever possible and service regularly and she will look after you for many years to come.

Finally, these vans are very desirable, so fitting a good quality alarm/tracker is highly advisable.







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