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The *Globetrotter XLI*: the pioneer in design and function

The *Globetrotter XLI*'s design has been completely reworked on the inside and out for the 2022 model year. The premium A-Class motorhome is embracing the new Dethleffs exterior design language with dynamic lines, precision contours and sporty accents. From handle-free access locker doors right through to a central smart home system, the *Globetrotter XLI* is ready to hit the road with numerous innovative features.

Dynamic, sporty, home-like and innovative: Front to rear, inside and out, Dethleffs has totally reclad the *Globetrotter XLI* 2022 and treated the premium A-Class motorhome to a few new and highly functional features. The *Globetrotter XLI* therefore continues to be showcased as the pioneer in design and functionality of the Dethleffs family, as it once again sets the benchmark in comfort, practicality and value retention with its modern look and innovative features. There are good reasons why the *Globetrotter XLI* is very popular among active motorhome-owners who use their recreational vehicle throughout the year. And not just because the *Globetrotter XLI* is always one of the first Dethleffs models to benefit from technical developments and comfort-based innovations. Experienced motorhome-owners appreciate it for its suitability for use in winter with its heated double floor and hot-water heating as standard, for its rot-proof Lifetime Plus construction technology that helps the vehicle to retain its value and for its excellent driving characteristics thanks to the premium low-platform chassis with a broad gauge and tandem axle. Not forgetting the ultimate in comfort that the 8.65-metre long, three-axle A-Class recreational vehicle brings by nature with its vast room to move, spacious bedroom in the rear, bathroom facilities that can be partitioned off from the rest of the vehicle, high-end kitchen and luxurious L-shaped lounge.

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New Dethleffs exterior design

The XLI's new exterior design incorporates familiar elements from the Dethleffs designer range and complements it with new, dynamic lines and shapes. As such, the *Globetrotter XLI* will have the consistent Dethleffs look that can already be seen in the A-Class vehicles in the Pulse and Esprit model ranges. The characteristic dynamic curve in Dethleffs red seamlessly directs the gaze to the side panel, where, together with the large, colourful decal, there is visual emphasis on this vehicle being related to the other model ranges in the Dethleffs family.

The Dethleffs designers' remit was to achieve design quality worthy of automotive design, while also creating a vehicle with emotional design value. This can be unmistakably recognised in the completely reworked rear, which is characterised by sensual, calm spaces, sculptural transitions and sporty proportions. It is also enhanced by the slender tail lights with a horizontal red connecting element, which has been unmistakably inspired by the latest automotive design trends. Not to mention the tail lights, which now use LED technology, as well as the vehicle's dynamic indicators.

The bottom of the new rear boasts a dynamic black diffuser, which is also inspired by current automotive design trends and gives the XLI rear a strikingly sporty look. The construction of the rear, which features a glass reinforced plastic element moulded from one single piece, is functional and allows Dethleffs to break the design mould. The beading, edges and moulding in this rear element enable technical fixtures and fittings, such as the third brake light, the upper marker lights or a rear-view camera, to be seamlessly and harmoniously integrated into it. Two inconspicuous button-activated cameras are used for the rear-view camera, one at the same height as the marker lights, one above the tail lights.

People wanting to further enhance the exterior design of the *Globetrotter XLI* can purchase 18-inch ORC alloy rims for all six wheels with the optional GT Advance package.

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Handle-free doors and hatches with a push-to-open function

To emphasise the harmonious automotive design of the *Globetrotter XLI* with an ultra-smooth exterior, Dethleffs has developed new lock and hinge mechanisms that do without traditional convex hinges, fitted or recessed handles and mechanical stays. These new mechanisms are used on the doors to the rear garage and the access locker doors. The key elements of the new technology are the solid, sophisticated, internal hinges and the latches with the push-to-open function similar to the ones used on cabinet drawers or hatches. All it takes is to briefly press the door or hatch to open it. People will search in vain for handles to open doors and the usual wedges on the door and side panel, as a gas-filled shock absorber keeps the habitation door open.

The rear garage doors on the *Globetrotter XLI* can be locked and unlocked using central locking as standard. With the Convenient Access optional package, central locking can also be installed in the access locker doors and service hatches, except for the gas bottle locker. Keyless door locking for the habitation door using a card with an RFID chip is also included in this package.

More functionality, more comfort, more benefits

The design and functionality of the *Globetrotter XLI's* interior has also been upgraded and reworked. The lounge is welcoming and light. Surface finishes and upholstery designs follow current trends in the interior, with a subtle colour palette, light surface finishes and elegant accents in grey. The airy interior with a mix of light woods and white surface finishes emphasises the lavish character of the interior. The new overhead lockers with large, bright hatches and their strikingly rounded shape emphasise the airy and home-like ambience and the modern element of the interior design.

Sideboard with multifunctional drawer

Where a bench seat along the right-hand side of the vehicle once complemented the seating in the luxurious L-shaped lounge, a multifunctional sideboard has now been put in its place. This mid-height cabinet can be used as practical storage

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space. But the highlight of this piece of furniture is in the lower drawer, which houses an extremely durable block of seat padding, which can be used as a practical step to climb into the pull-down bed, as a footrest for the front passenger seat or an additional seat at the table. The traditional bench seat along the length of the vehicle can still be ordered as an optional extra. There is also space for a 32-inch television on the wall above the sideboard.

Light in its most beautiful form

A new generation of the Light Moments light composition in the *Globetrotter XLI* ensures harmonious lighting throughout the lounge and bedroom in the 2022 model year. Four different levels, instead of the usual three, can now be controlled separately – the ceiling, wall, flooring and the functional level – to create the perfect, pleasant setting to suit the situation. For example, just the floor lights are enough to see a little at night without disturbing your sleeping partner. The functional level has lights in all the right places to create the perfect lighting for cooking and reading. Most bulbs and light levels can also be dimmed.

High-end kitchen with worktop made of solid surface material

One of the most striking features of the *Globetrotter XLI* is and will always be the fully furnished, lavishly designed high-end kitchen. It features a high-performance 3-ring stove and large drawers with automatic central locking that activates as soon as the vehicle's ignition is turned on. The kitchen is also further enhanced by its worktop, which is made of easy-care, hygienic, acid-resistant solid surface material. The high-quality material feels warm and velvety to the touch and provides a seamless transition between the worktop and sink.

Another top-of-the-range feature in the kitchen is the 141-litre fridge-freezer, which comes as standard. Upon request, this can be replaced by a 177-litre version with an oven. It can be opened to the right and to the left, as it has hinges on both sides. Another popular option for the *Globetrotter XLI's* kitchen is the extractor fan with a check valve to keep out draughts.

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Spacious bathroom for a top-of-the-range vehicle

In the *Globetrotter XLI*, Dethleffs has positioned the bathroom facilities with a bathroom and shower cubicle on the left and right of the passageway between the kitchen and the bedroom in the rear of the vehicle. When fully opened, the bathroom door separates the bathroom from the lounge, merging the shower, bathroom and centre aisle into a large bathroom with plenty of room to move. The bedroom can be partitioned off using a sliding door. To add even more class to the bathroom, buyers can purchase the ceramic toilet as an optional extra. This is also available as a macerating toilet and includes a permanently installed holding tank, which would mean motorhome-users would no longer need to empty the standard cassette toilet.

Double or single beds

The major difference between the two available layouts, the I 7850-2 DBM and I 7850-2 EB, is the bed configuration in the rear bedroom. While the *Globetrotter XLI 7850-2 DBM* model has a central, two-metre-long double bed to offer, the bedroom in the *Globetrotter XLI 7850-2 EB* features two two-metre-long single beds. An ergonomic wooden frame and 150-millimetre thick seven-zone premium mattresses made of heat-regulating material come as standard with both bed options.

Driver's cab seats for premium comfort

The *Globetrotter XLI* doesn't just offer top-of-the-range comfort in the lounge but during the journey, too. The high-quality, ergonomic captain seats from SKA with padded armrests, built-in headrests and 3-point seat belts integrated into the seat offer the driver and front passenger the ultimate in comfort and safety. The air-suspension seats, commonly used as driver seats on coaches, offer comfort fit for a king. Ventilation and heating for these seats can also be ordered as an optional extra.

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New and innovative: smart controls for consumers

Dethleffs is proud to present Dethleffs connect, the central digital control system in the *Globetrotter XLI* in the 2022 model year, the first motorhome to feature this technology. Not only can the operational statuses, such as the water levels in the fresh water or waste water tank or the battery charge status, be read on a central control unit, but the controls can also regulate various consumers, including the fridge, heating, air conditioning, satellite antenna and lights. A touchscreen above the habitation door is used to control the system, while an optional smartphone app can be used to control the consumer functions from a smartphone.

New optional Electric packages with a lithium-ion battery

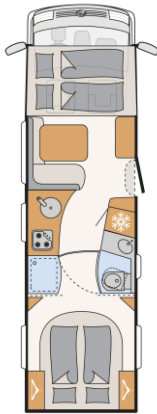
New lithium-ion battery technology is now finding its way into leisure batteries in motorhomes, including the *Globetrotter XLI*. Not only are lithium-ion batteries lighter than the AGM batteries usually installed as standard, but they can also be charged quicker and their capacity can be fully drained as they will not be damaged if they are completely discharged. Lithium-ion batteries are also highly compatible with solar cells on the roof. In the two optional Electric packages for the *Globetrotter XLI*, the lithium-ion batteries complement the existing AGM battery with 95 Ah capacity. Each package includes a Victron Energy MultiPlus 2-in-1 inverter and charger with 1,600 watt (Package 1) or 3,000 watt (Package 2) power, which is optimally designed for lithium technology.

Large payload and powerful engines

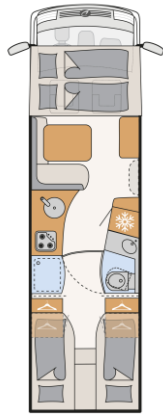
The basic vehicle for the *Globetrotter XLI* is the Fiat Ducato Maxi with AL-KO low-platform chassis, three axles and a 5.0-ton maximum authorised mass. A weight upgrade to 5.4 tons is available upon request. This allows for payloads of more than a ton. In the standard vehicle, a 140 HP Euro 6 engine drives the premium motorhome, although more torque and driving enjoyment are available with the optional 160 HP or 180 HP engine variants.

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An overview of *Globetrotter XLI* layouts



I 7850-2 DBM



I 7850-2 EB

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About Dethleffs

“Not without my family!” This decision taken by Arist Dethleffs in 1931 inspired him to design Germany’s first ever caravan, which he called the “Wohnauto” (original camper) – all because the ski pole and horsewhip manufacturer wanted to have his family by his side when he went on long business trips. Very few people were familiar with the word “leisure” back then; family holidays were a privilege and tourism was still in its infancy. The invention of the Dethleffs caravan marked the beginning of a new era – especially for the company, which eventually devoted itself entirely to the production of caravans, followed by motorhomes.

The pioneering spirit of Arist Dethleffs can still be felt throughout the company to this day. It can be found in the ongoing development of model ranges, in the countless innovations and, needless to say, at the heart of the Dethleffs camping story – the family. The company has had close ties with Isny im Allgäu since the very beginning and, with its position as a “friend of the family”, has its sights firmly set on the core values of the brand.

In addition to motorhomes and caravans from the Dethleffs brand, camper vans and urban vehicles for the Pössl and Crosscamp brands are also developed and produced in Isny.

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