

# Introducing the GMC 23-foot MotorHomes



Introducing Crestmont and Birchaven



CRESTMONT



Crestmont is our newest concept in motorhome thinking. For starters, it's a compact 23 feet in length. It features both rear- and side-bath floor plans.

New, yes. But underneath, Crestmont offers a score of proven GMC features. Like front wheel drive and tandem rear wheels with air suspension.

So, while floor plans and models may vary, one thing remains the same: GMC quality.

Quality that provides peace of mind each time you take the captain's chair.

A bonus, all windows are tinted to reduce glare.

Crestmont's living space is very comfortable. Each floor-plan features its own color coordinated upholstery, draperies and nylon carpeting.

The dinette area is designed for efficiency and comfort; the place to enjoy your meals. It also serves as a lounge area. You simply remove the table for extra legroom.

For sleeping, the dinette converts to a double bed. And, for privacy, a divider drapery easily separates the living area from the driver compartment.

There's no shortage of accommodations in Crestmont. The side-bath model features a rear bedroom with two gauchos that convert to a second double bed. A walnut-finished closet opposite the bath provides ample storage space.







Birchaven—another 23-foot motorhome offering. Because, to our way of thinking, a variety of styles can better satisfy a variety of needs.

Yet, underneath, Birchaven is a proven GMC MotorHome. From its sleek, aerodynamic body to its tandem rear wheels with air suspension.

All that built-in GMC know-how makes Birchaven a pleasure to drive. For increased enjoyment, all windows are tinted to reduce glare. And road noise is kept in check by a thorough application of thick foam insulation.

In Birchaven, you'll find a very comfortable environment in which to relax, sleep, dine, or just talk with



friends. Four interior colors are available: Gold, Green, Poppy, and Pewter. The soft-look, buttoned upholstery is color coordinated, as are the draperies, valances, and plush shag carpeting.

The dinette area is the place to enjoy meals in quiet comfort. The rich, heirloom mahogany wood table



features recessed coasters. And the dinette converts to a double bed. For increased seating comfort, the side-facing gaucho comes complete with bolster and accent pillows. It converts easily to a second, full-size double bed.

All draperies are designed to filter out harsh light. And, for privacy's sake, draperies separate the living area from the cockpit.

Birchaven's standard kitchen features will amaze and delight the chef in your family. The efficient 4-burner range has a full-size glass oven door and range cover. There's



a roomy 6-cubic foot refrigerator with freezer. And the stainless steel, double-bowl sink is fitted with laminated covers, which serve as cutting boards as well as serving trays. The dark-toned, butcher block counters are practical as well as





beautiful. And there's even a handy storage hutch for glasses and bottles.

The rich, mahogany-stained wood cabinets feature easy-touch latches and, for added strength, all drawers are of dove-tailed

construction with glued joints.

Birchaven's roomy rear bath is completely color-coordinated in gold tones and features a step-tub with shower and lavatory. Opposite the tub-shower arrangement is a large, cedar lined double-door

wardrobe with ample storage space.

In all, Birchaven is everything we think a second home should be.

Birchaven Interior by Coachman Industries, Middlebury, Indiana.

## **BIRCHAVEN**

### **Environmental Equipment.**

Heating. LPG Furnace—30,000 BTU (Forced Air).  
Ventilation. Two roof ventilators. Power unit in bath.  
Fire Extinguisher—2½ lb.  
Water Supply. 40 Gal.  
Polyethylene Tank with 12V Demand Water Pump.  
6-gal. Propane Hot Water Heater with engine preheat.  
City Water Hook-Up System.  
Disposal. 26 gallon Gray water and 12 gal. waste holding tanks.  
12V DC Electrical System with 40 Amp. AC/DC Battery Converter/Charger.  
110V AC—30 Amp. Power Cord.  
LPG—62 lb. Propane Tank.  
Monitor Panel—Battery, holding tank, water tank & LPG.

### **Interior Electrical.**

All Lights 12V Dual Fixture.  
Duplex Outlets—110V (4)—1 outside 12 volt, 158 Amp. Hour Battery capacity.  
Pre-wired for optional roof mounted air conditioners.

### **Interior Finishing.**

Walls & Roof insulated w/foam.  
Ceiling—Vinyl-covered Composite Panel.  
Paneling—¼" Birch.  
Drapery—All Windows Including Windshield and Driver Compartment Side Windows.  
Driver Compartment Divider Drape.  
Carpet—Nylon Shag.

### **Living Compartment (Front).**

Main Dinette. Removable Folding Leg.  
Table. Dinette converts to Bed.  
Gaucho—converts to double Bed.

### **Galley Area.**

Refrigerator—6 Cu. Ft. Three Way. 12V/110V/LPG.  
Range—4 Burner with Oven & Hood, 12V Fan & Light.  
Sink—17" x 24" Stainless Steel Double.  
Bowl w/Ledge Back & Swing Spout Faucet.  
Cabinets—Under and Over Sink & Below Refrigerator.

### **Bathroom.**

Molded Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic tub w/Shower & Curtain.  
Sink and Faucet.  
Storage Compartment.  
Marine-type toilet.

### **Windows.**

Windshield—Two-piece Laminated Tinted.  
Driver Comp.—Side Windows—Sliding—Solid Tempered.  
Living Area Windows—Three, Screened & Sliding.  
Entrance Door Window.  
Rear Window—One-piece Solid Tempered. Has Pop-Out Escape Feature.





The rear-bath Crestmont has a side-facing gauchio that also converts to a double bed. And built into the bath area you'll find a roomy, walnut-finished wardrobe.

Crestmont's standard kitchen is designed for ease of use. There's a roomy, 6-cubic foot refrigerator with freezer. And a 3-burner range with full-size glass oven door. The stainless steel, double bowl sink features a single lever faucet. Wood sink covers double as a serving tray and cutting board. And throughout, you'll find hand-finished cabinets

of South American hardwood.

The Crestmont rear-bath model features a large tub and shower. Close by, there's a roomy double door closet that features full-length mirrors. The side-bath version contains a personal shower system and vanity with full-length mirror.

Crestmont lets you feel at home, no matter how far you are from home.



Crestmont Interior by Midas International, Elkhart, Indiana.

**CRESTMONT Environmental Equipment.**  
 Heating, LPG Furnace—30,000 BTU (Forced Air).  
 Ventilation, Three roof, power unit ventilators.  
 Fire Extinguisher—2½ lb. (4 lb. Calif.)  
 Water Supply, 30 Gal.  
 Polyethylene Tank with 12V Demand Water Pump, 6 Gal.  
 Electric Hot Water Heater.  
 City Water Hook-Up System.  
 Disposal, 40 gal. holding tank.  
 12V DC Electrical System with 40 Amp. AC/DC Battery Converter/Charger.  
 110V AC—30 Amp. Power Cord.  
 LPG—40 lb. LP Tank.

**Interior Electrical.**  
 Nine Lights 12V.  
 Duplex Outlets—110V (5).  
 Pre-wired for optional roof mounted air conditioners.

**Interior Finishing.**  
 Walls & Roof insulated w/foam.  
 Ceiling—Vinyl-covered Composite Panel.  
 Paneling—3/16" Pre-finished.  
 Drapery—All Windows except Windshield and Driver Compartment Side Windows.  
 Driver Compartment Divider Drape.  
 Carpet—Nylon Shag.

**Living Compartment.**  
 Main Dinette. Removable Folding Leg Table. Dinette converts to Bed.  
 Gauchio—converts to double Bed (Rear Bath Model).  
 Twin Gauchio—converts to double Bed (Side Bath Model).

**Galley Area.**  
 Refrigerator—6 Cu. Ft. Electric, 12V/110V.  
 Range, Magic Chef—3 Burner with Oven & Hood, 12V Fan & Light.  
 Black Magic See-through Glass Oven Door.  
 Sink—17" x 24" Stainless Steel Double.  
 Utility drawer.  
 Bowl w/Ledge Back & Swing Spout Faucet.  
 Cabinets—Under and Over Sink & Refrigerator.

**Bathroom.**  
 Molded Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic w/Shower & Curtain.  
 Sink and Faucet.  
 Storage Compartment (Rear Bath only).  
 Marine-type toilet.

**Windows.**  
 Windshield—Two-piece Laminated Tinted.  
 Driver Compartment—Side Windows—Sliding—Solid Tempered.  
 Living Area Windows—Two, Screened & Sliding.  
 Entrance Door Window.  
 Rear Window—One-piece Solid Tempered. Has Pop-Out Escape Feature.



# The GMC MotorHome: Its Inner Strength

## Floor Plans

### CRESTMONT



Side Bath



Rear Bath

### BIRCHAVEN



Rear Bath

A lot of innovative thinking goes into our basic GMC MotorHome design. Consider our chassis, for instance. Front-wheel drive eliminates the need for the driveshaft and rear axle. An important point because that allows for a low floor and generous interior ceiling height of six feet, four inches. It means ground clearance is ample and the center of gravity is nice and low for good handling response.

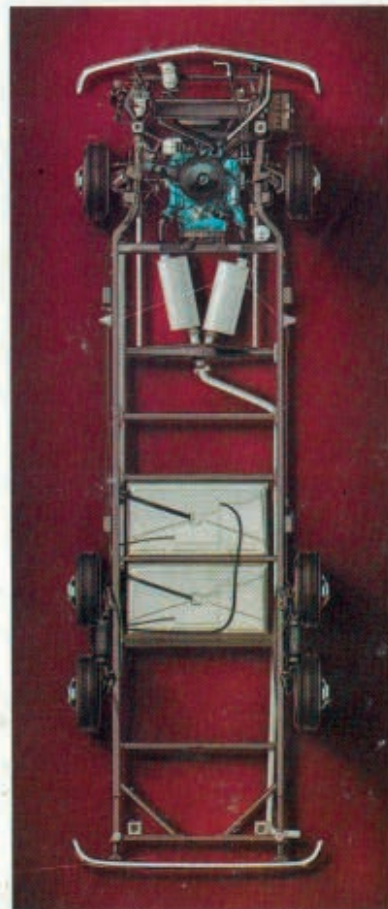
You'll also find tandem, not dual, rear wheels. Suspended on air rather than stiff steel springs. The design offers both a wide stance and smooth, stable ride. As a bonus, the rear wheels don't interfere with passenger space.

More worthwhile facts about our suspension system: The air springs are located between each pair of rear wheels to absorb shock. An automatic leveling valve keeps the rear suspension at the desired height under varying load conditions. And the front suspension is torsion bar sprung with stabilizer bars.

The MotorHome body is composed of a cage of aluminum ribs and stringers. The same principle used in jet airplane design. This substructure is then covered with outer skin panels. The lower, front, and rear sections are tough, molded fiberglass for a fine surface finish. Aluminum is used on roof and upper side panels for lightness and corrosion resistance.

We've also worked to reduce extremes of heat, cold, and noise inside your motorhome. Comfortable, even temperatures and quiet result from thick foam insulation.

Crestmont and Birchaven, like all GMC MotorHomes, are built according to our basic plan: dependable motorhomes.



26' MotorHome Chassis Shown

## Engine.

**Gasoline.** GMC 455, 8 cylinder, V-type.  
Net HP @  
RPM (SAE) .....212 @ 3400  
Net Torque (lbs. ft.) @  
RPM (SAE) .....344 @ 2400  
Comp. Ratio 8.5:1.

**Air Cleaner.** Oiled paper element.  
**Cooling.** Capacity: 21 qt. tube and center radiator, 9 lb. pressure cap. All season coolant, (-20°F), one 195°F thermostat, 19 in. 7-blade fan.

**Emission Control.** Conforms to Federal Standards.

**Oil Filter.** Throwaway type. 1 Qt.

**Engine Oil Cooler.**

**High Energy Ignition System.**

**Transmission.**

**Type.** 3 Spd. Turbo Hydra-Matic 425 with oil cooler. Ratios: (2.2:1 converter) 2.48, 1.48, 1.00; Rev. 2.08

**Rear Axle.**

**Independently Suspended Tandem Wheels** (non-driving), capacity—7000 lbs. at ground.

**Air Suspension** with leading and trailing arms. Two height control valves.

**Shock Absorbers.** Four 1" Dia. piston.

**Front Axle.**

**Torsion Bar Independent Suspension.** Rated capacity 4200 lbs. at ground.

**Shock Absorbers.** Two 1" Dia. piston.

**Steering Integral Gear Power Steering** (17.5:1 ratio).

**Steering Column.** Adjustable Tilt.

**Final Drive Ratio.** 3.07:1.  
2.99 steering wheel turns from full left to full right. Turn dia. curb to curb: 50.2 ft.

**Brakes.**

**Type.** Disc front. Drum rear (4) Vacuum-boosted, w/dual (split) system and a combination valve which differentiates, meters and holds off front brake pressure until rear brakes contact the Drums.

**Effective Brake Lining Area.**

Front .....37.88 sq. in.  
Rear .....167.00 sq. in.

**Brake Size.**

Front (Disc Type) ..11" x 1.205"  
Swept Area Per Axle  
(Sq. In.) .....210  
Rear (Drum Type—4) ..11" x 2"  
Swept Area Per Axle  
(Sq. In.) .....138

**Total Swept Area.**  
(Sq. In.) .....486

**Chassis.**

**Frame.** Ladder-type welded frame with 6 x 2.50 x .125 channel SAE 950 side rails and SAE 950 channel crossmembers.

**Bumpers.** For steel, chrome-finished, 2-piece front and rear. Energy absorbers—2 front and 2 rear.

**Fuel and Exhaust.**

**Fuel Tanks.** Two 25 gal. tanks w/fuel tank gauge selector switch.

**Exhaust.** Dual mufflers and single tail pipe.

**Body.**

**Sub-Structure.**

Heavy Gauged Alum. Extrusions. Body Materials: Fiberglass Frt. & Rear Caps & Lower Side Panels. Alum. Upper Side Panels & Roof.

¾" Treated Plywood Floor with 1" Polyurethane Insulation. 28" Wide Side Door.

**Driver & Passenger Compartment.**

Adjustable Contoured Driver & Single Passenger Swivel Seats & Seat Belts.

Two Painted Outside (7½" x 10½") Foldaway Mirrors.

Inside Rear View Mirror.

Left & Right Hand Sun Shades.

Two Ash Trays.

Map Lights—Driver & Passenger.

Safety Padded Dash.

Automotive Heater & Defroster.

Glove Compartment.

Map Pocket—Driver & Passenger.

**Instruments & Controls.**

Windshield Wiper/Washer (Hydraulic Wipers). Variable-speed.

Heater & Defroster; Lighter;

Speedometer; Fuel, Temp., Oil, Gen. Gauges.

Brake Warning Light.

Key Buzzer Warning Light.

Telltale Light—Door Ajar.

**Electrical.**

**Battery.**

73 Amp. Hour Automotive.

**Alternator.** 120V 80 amp.

Delcotron.

**Headlights.** Single 7" High

Intensity.

Amber Frt. Turn Directional &

Park Lamps.

Combination Stop, Tail, Turn &

Backup.

Five Amber (two Clearance,

three Identification) Marker

Lamps Upper Front.

Five Red Marker Lamps Upper

Rear (two Clearance, three

Identification).

Side Markers (Frt. & Rear With

Reflectors—Front Flash With

Turn Signals).

4-Way Emergency Flashers.

Porch Light.

License Plate Light at Rear.

**Wheels—Tires.**

**Tires.** (6) 8.75 x 16.5 (D Load Range) Blackwall. Max. Tire Capacity (Ea.) 2350.

**Wheels.** 16.5-K. 8 stud with 6½" bolt circle. Offset: 4.67".

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