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# House & Garden

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AMERICAN  
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A GREAT AMERICAN TRADITION  
**THE GREAT  
NEW  
GETAWAY-MOBILE**

The mobile-minded alternative to that second house in the country or down by the sea is a new kind of house-on-wheels, which can be a vacation cottage in a different spot every year—and take you there as well. The new house-on-wheels, designed by General Motors from the tires up, has all the land-loving comfort, looks, and livability of a genuine second house—at a price few stay-at-home houses can compete with: One model of the GMC Motor Home is 23 feet long; another is 26 feet, and they range in price from \$13,000 to \$15,000. Both are filled with quick-care materials and House & Garden Colors no motor home dreamed of before.





In the 23-foot model, OPPOSITE PAGE, the front passenger seat swivels to join the conversation; in the rear compartment, a double bed (idea: trays used as portable bedside tables for the master's TV and accompanying munchables). The galley, here with bright tangerine counters and cabinet panels, occupies the center section. Real Red, Ultramarine, and white "Cape Cod" color scheme may be offered in the future. Fabric by Spectrum; television, plates, linens, and accessories at J. L. Hudson. Surprisingly big windows, ABOVE, open the motor home to the world outside (every one is also an emergency escape route), while you stay snug and dry even in rain that sends tent-campers scurrying for home. Pitching camp is as easy as pulling off the road and into the wilds: only 8 feet wide by 8 feet tall, and classified as a passenger vehicle, the GMC Motor Home can go anywhere a car can. Once you've picked a picnic spot or found the trout's secret lair, a pitch-and-roll compensating system keeps vehicle level even when terrain is not.

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**T**he ceiling in the living areas is a comfortable 6 feet 7 inches—yet the whole vehicle is only 8 feet high overall—(a feat accomplished by a special front-wheel-drive engine that eliminates the drive shaft). Below the floor, just 15 inches from the ground, are two 25-gallon fuel tanks, 40-gallon water and disposal tanks, a propane tank, and other paraphernalia arranged in such a way that no matter how full or how empty they are, the motor home is always perfectly balanced. A special system also compensates for lopsided loading of the motor home, keeping it automatically at the proper traveling attitude to the road.



IN THE  
GETAWAY-MOBILE  
**COMMON  
SENSE  
PLANNING,  
SUPER-  
TECHNOLOGY**



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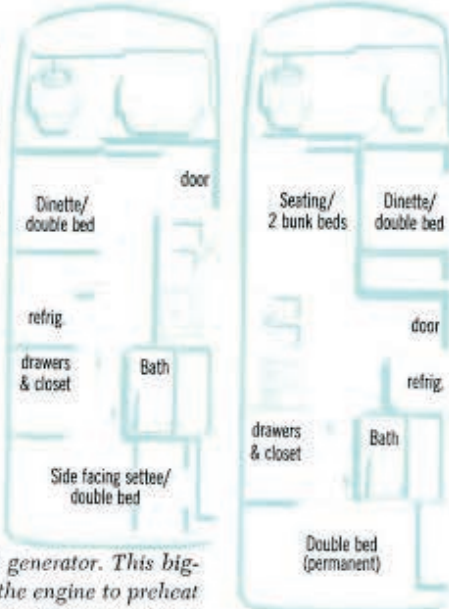
Everything about this house-on-wheels was engineered with people in mind: floor plans and placement of tanks and equipment were planned by computers and real live people, the best of technology *and* common sense. It's planned for stability and handling ease for the driver, living efficiency and privacy for the bed-makers and picnic-planners, and a comfortably at-home, liberated atmosphere for everyone. The driver's and front passengers' seats are plump as air-line seats, made to swivel around and lock in position, and perched two steps above it all in a flat-floored, easy-to-enter cockpit behind a broad bubble of windshield. Outsides of motor homes are the spiciest in sight, in House & Garden Colors like Camel, Parrot Green, Bittersweet, and Pineapple, as well as Blue Sky with white—with stripes in more House & Garden Colors.

23' floor plan

26' floor plan

**S**tandard equipment on the GMC Motor Home is a permanent double bed in the rear compartment, plus a front dinette that makes up into another bed for two. The longer, 26-foot model shown above in House & Garden Camel with Bittersweet and Orange Peel stripes adds a "dacco"—a kind of banquette—that flips up into bunk beds. But the floor plan is flexible enough to meet varying requirements. If you don't need a permanent bed in the rear area, for instance, you can order a set of side-facing settees, SEE 23-FOOT PLAN, RIGHT, or a banquette and ottoman arrangement, both of which unfold into double beds when needed. In fact, so versatile is the design that a large family could conceivably order every possible sleeping unit and have space for six people in the shorter version, seven in the longer. Or a man and wife could have a game table or swiveling club chairs instead of unnecessary bed space. Up in the cockpit, you can order a passenger seat that holds two people—or one navigator comfortably curled up while she tackles the task. In both models, there are sufficient seats and seat belts to accommodate everyone while traveling.

The perfectly ventilated galley, OPPOSITE PAGE, contains a 6-cubic-foot refrigerator (larger ones are available), oven, three- (or four-) burner propane range, a double stainless steel sink, cabinets in every available niche, and as much counter space as in some city-apartment kitchens. Most of the electrical apparatus works on a 12-volt system powered by the engine, or, on extended camping stops, by a 110-volt generator. This bigger generator handles the water heater (available: a cost-lowering system that uses the engine to preheat the water), optional air conditioning, and any toasters, televisions, or hair curlers you feel like plugging in.





IN THE GETAWAY-MOBILE NO-NONSENSE MATERIALS  
IN HOUSE & GARDEN COLORS



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**T**he baths, LEFT, is a pair of prefab fiberglass shells with a shower head above and a floor-drain below with a curtain that keeps the sink and countertop dry. Across the hall, FAR LEFT, wardrobe closet and deep drawers are stacked to the ceiling for storage.





The wonderfully unsober interiors in House & Garden Colors put the whole concept of camping out in a marvelous new frame of mind. Initially, four different interior decorating schemes inspired by national parks and seashores will be offered: A Bittersweet scheme called "Painted Desert," earth-toned "Canyon Land," blue and white "Glacier," and "Sequoia," the green and white scheme here. In all of them, fabrics, carpeting, and other surfaces are easy to clean. Everything zips off for washing or dry cleaning; in some models, cushion covers flip to solid fabric or vinyl. The carpet is a low nylon loop. In the 26-foot motor home you can get a built-in vacuum system to tidy up with. Everything else is covered with laminated plastic, fiberglass, or vinyl in one guise or another, so whether you take the family to the North Pole, the dusty desert, or the Amazon is, to the motor home, a matter of complete indifference.



The swirly pattern in Lettuce, Parrot Green, and Green Mint by Desley, on these pages, was specifically printed on pure nylon to GMC's specifications of durability and nonflammability. Security features include windows that open only from within and a strong door-latch mechanism that, once engaged, cannot be tampered with from the outside. There are options to fill almost anyone's needs or whims: water purifier, AC-DC converters, a complete stereo music system, tv antenna, and, in the future, a microwave oven. Standard waste-disposal system consists of a 40-gallon holding tank with an optional gauge that tells you when it needs to be emptied. Many communities and gas stations now offer waste-disposal facilities. (The American Automobile Association publishes a list of campsites and trailer parks for its members that gives disposal-station locations across the country.) There are also two optional disposal systems: one a chemical recirculating system, the other a sophisticated burn-out system that works through the engine exhaust. Beginning in February, GMC Motor Home Centers will be springing up around the country to sell, service, and instruct in the operation of new motor homes. The Centers will also offer leasing services and dry-dock space, for motor homes that can't be stabled at home, and handy stores full of pots and pans and other motor-household necessities, plus water and fuel services, waste-disposal facilities. Stackable plates, stainless steel flatware from Georg Jensen; bed pillows from The Molly Shop. To find out where you can see a GMC Motor Home in person, please write to GMC Merchandising Headquarters, P.O. Box T, Lansing, Mich., 48909.

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