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A Guide to Mercedes Sprinter Hire Vans - Part 2 - Doors, Locking, Storage and Spare Wheel

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This is an continuation of [part 1](#) of our guide to the Mercedes Spsrinter hire van. This section covers the use of doors, remote central locking, ignition, spare wheel location and breakdown assist.

The Key, Fuel level and ignition System of your rental van.

The first thing you get when you hire a van off us is the key. The Mercedes sprinter key is an all plastic device. The key has 3 buttons. The top button locks all doors. The open padlock button opens the cab and the final button opens the rear area of the van.



To Start your van insert the key into the ignition. You will hear an audible noise from the vehicle as the key is read. It is important to wait a couple of seconds **for the key to be read** and then turn the key to the right to pre-heat the engine, after a couple of seconds turn the key further to the right to start the vehicle.



The Fuel level of your van is now easy to see. We put all rental vans an hire trucks out full of diesel. The Mercedes sprinter vans do not have a traditional fuel gauge, instead there is 10 bars at the botton of the display. These bars equate to about 7 litres each.



Internal Storage and Door Usage on your Rental Van.

The mercedes sprinter hire van has a number of internal storage areas for your valuables. In the Medium roof version pictured right, there is shallow compartments above the drivers and passengers heads. In the high roof version these are much larger.



There is also a very useful area located under the passenger bench seat that is perfect for carrying laptops or handbags that you do not want in plain sight. This is very useful for housemovers as you can keep the cab area of the van locked independently from the load area of the van while you are lift your belongings into your new home.

To access this area simply slide the bench seat forward a bit and then lift at the rear.

NB - If you use this area, please check it upon return of the vehicle as its easy to forget about items placed here, we will of course ring any customers who leave belongings in one of our rental vans.



When operating the side door you should be aware of the automatic retainer on the door. This means that once the door is opened, it locks in place. The purpose of this is to stop the door sliding shut when parked on uneven surfaces.

When you are ready to close the door simply press and hold the button pictured on the right and slide the door closed.



The rear doors on the vans have a retainer mechanism that limits the door opening angle to 90 degrees.

If you are trying to get large or awkward items into the van, it is possible to open the rear doors to 180 degrees. To do this, simply open the rear doors and lift the retainer was from the door. When closing the door the retainer will snap back into place.

The retainer is shown opposite in black.



The Spare Wheel, Toolkit and Breakdown Assist for your hire Van

The spare wheel is located under the van, just behind the back axle. It is held in place with a cage. For detailed instruction of removing the spare wheel, check the user manual, located in the passenger side glovebox.



