



MUSE & CO. OUTDOORS

Buying Your Van

Our foolproof guide will walk you through the steps on what to take into account when shopping for your new Sprinter Van. We've partnered with various dealerships across Northern California to facilitate the purchasing and delivery of your van directly to our shop in Alameda. Both our five-passenger Endeavor 5 and our two-passenger Venture 2 can be built on the same 2019+ Sprinter van chassis.

✓ Choose a 2019+ Mercedes Sprinter Van Model

2019, 2020 and 2021 models will all work for one of our standard conversions. Other model years will not. We don't currently convert Mercedes Metris vans, only Sprinter vans.

✓ Choose a Cargo Van

Our designs are specifically tailored to work with Cargo Vans. Choosing a Cargo Van will save you money while helping us reduce the amount of waste that goes into landfill.

✓ Choose a 170" Wheelbase

We use the 170" wheelbase instead of the 144" wheelbase because it provides ample space for our layouts, both of which include a queen-size bed, kitchenette, and dining area.

✓ Choose a High Roof

If you are over 5' tall, this is a must! Not only will the approximately 6'5" head room allow you to navigate your van comfortably, the increased interior height allows us to maximize the potential storage space in your van.

✓ Choose Diesel

Both of our van models are compatible with either diesel or gas engines. For most uses, we recommend choosing diesel over gas. Diesel engines last longer, will give you better mileage, are cleaner burning, and allow for a more cost-effective van build. Gas engines will require additional components to enable the same standard features that a diesel engine provides.

✓ Choose 2500 Series

Our models are specifically designed to work with Mercedes Sprinter 2500. 3500 or 4500 Mercedes series are not compatible with our offerings at this time.

Next Steps

- Before you purchase your van, send Muse & Co. Outdoors the order specification document prepared by your dealer so we can review your order and confirm everything is good to go for your Muse & Co. Outdoors van build.
- When delivery of your van to our shop is confirmed, send us a copy of your vehicle insurance and registration to have on file during your build. Get ready to enjoy the freedom of your new van!

Custom Options

✓ Powertrain Specifics

There is no significant difference between a 4 cylinder and a 6 cylinder engine except for the difference in gas mileage. Our van models work with both. If you plan on spending a significant amount in the snow or off-roading, we recommend adding 4x4 capabilities to your powertrain.

✓ Upholstery Considerations

If you're considering an Endeavor 5 with a second-row seat, it's important to note that while we only use aftermarket Mercedes-manufactured seats, matching your factory-standard upholstery is dependent on market availability, so we can't always guarantee a perfect match between your second-row and front seats, but we'll always use the most aesthetically complimentary option available.

✓ Mercedes Option Packages

The various packages offered by Mercedes, such as the Comfort Package, Driver Convenience Package, Premium Plus Package, etc. do not affect the design or functionality of either of our van conversion models. Feel free to add as many as you'd like.

✓ Exterior Packages

If you are considering towing or adding a Bike Package we recommend selecting a van with a factory standard trailer hitch to ensure structural integrity & electronic system tie-in. It also comes with a nifty step to facilitate access to the garage area.

✓ Swivel Seat Package

If you are considering an Endeavor 5 model you need to add a Swivel Seat Package if you want to seat 5 people at the table. Without the Swivel Seat Package, you'll only be able to seat 3 people. If you're interested in the Venture 2, you do not want the swivel seat package, since the kitchenette prohibits the rotation of the seats.

FAQs

Why a Mercedes Sprinter Van?

We only build on the Mercedes Sprinter van platform because they are proven to hold their resale value, have a great repair record, and are leaders in durability and construction quality.

Can I use a Crew Van?

Yes, Crew Vans are compatible with both our Endeavor 5 and Venture 2 Models. The only drawback is that there are some standard interior elements we have to remove from them, so Crew vans will produce more waste that ends up in the landfill.

Can I buy a Used Van?

Yes, used vehicles are fine to use as long as they follow the specifications mentioned above. We do recommend a vehicle with less than 40,000 miles to avoid potential drivetrain or mechanical issues. Mercedes has a 3 year/36,000 mile basic warranty, with a 100,000 mile powertrain warranty.

Can I use a van with a 144" or 170" Extended Wheelbase?

We don't currently do either of our standard builds using the 144" wheelbase. We do build on the 170" Extended wheelbase, which is 16" longer overall than the standard 170" wheelbase and allows for additional counter space in our Endeavor 5 model.