

## AIRRIDE CAN GIVE YOU

- Great ride quality
- Superb handling
- Control of ride height
- Ability to ride very low
- Stability
- Help with towing
- Support for heavy loads

# VW TRANSPORTER T5 / T6

# AIRRIDE

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Air suspension is adjustable, so you can obtain the exact ride or height you want. An air suspension conversion replaces your metal coil spring with a rubber air spring (also called an air bag) and is inflated by a Schrader or controller.



### For motorhomes/heavy vehicles:

- Air suspension improves your Transporter's handling and cornering and gives you a much more comfortable ride.
- It prevents your T5/T6's rear from ever sagging even after years of strain OR will level the vehicle if the rear is already sagging, making it feel brand new again.
- This will improve your Transporter's stability, especially at junctions, roundabouts and motorways, making it nicer to drive.
- It can increase the distance between the bottom of your T5/T6 and the ground, which reduces damage to the underside of the vehicle and makes towing easier, all at the touch of a button.
- All of the kits in this brochure are also available as rear only motorhome kits and come with 40+ page instructions.

### ABOUT AIRRIDE

*We are the UK's only 100% and full-time air suspension specialists; this means we are the only company who focus purely on making, selling and fitting air suspension - to vans, cars, motorhomes and everything else.*

*Since 2000, we have forged our reputation as the country's leading experts in air ride by designing hundreds of kits for all manner of vehicles, including the T5/T6 kits inside these pages.*

*AirRide were the first company to introduce a range of kits specifically for the T5/T6 and have refined them to perfection in the 14 years since.*

*As experts, we're also here to give you the best advice on air suspension you can get - and, once you've made an informed decision, we can provide you with the kit to meet your needs.*

*Give us a call or e-mail if you need - we always have a specialist on hand, ready to help.*

### For modified vehicle owners:

- Air suspension can lower your T5/T6 as far as you want to give off a great modified look.
- BUT you can also raise your vehicle whenever you want to manoeuvre speed bumps or uneven roads.
- Air also offers a significantly comfier ride than coil-overs. Unlike coil-overs, it won't cause your T5/T6 to crash or bang.



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# SUSPENSION PACK

## STEP 1

Pick your suspension pack

These kits are also available as rear only

Some air suspension kits offer better ride quality, while others allow your Transporter to drop extra low. To settle on your perfect kit, you need to decide on the compromise you want between each – either amazing ride quality, really low drop or a balance between the two.

### IF YOU'RE MAINLY LOOKING FOR A LOW STANCE

#### AIRRIDE CUSTOM PLUS

This kit has shorter struts and lower-volume bags to offer more drop at the front and rear. This makes it much easier to give your Transporter a street-skimming stance, while the bags are still big enough to offer good ride quality; Custom Plus is a great compromise between the two.



RIDE QUALITY  
AMOUNT OF DROP

6/10  
9/10

Best used on stanced vehicles,  
lightweight vans

#### AIRRIDE GOLD

Gold bags allow for lots of adjustment. This means you can ride your T5/T6 very low but at the price of the ride quality, which is similar to decent coil-overs at a decent height (i.e. not as good as original suspension). However, the Gold kit is much more refined than coil-overs and won't leave you with any crashing or banging.



RIDE QUALITY  
AMOUNT OF DROP

5/10  
10/10

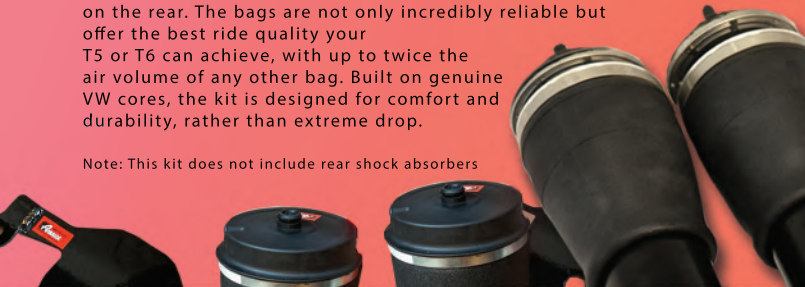
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### IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR INCREDIBLE RIDE QUALITY

#### AIRRIDE ULTIMATE

This is the best Transporter kit on the market. It uses huge, reversible sleeve bags made by Dunlop for front struts and on the rear. The bags are not only incredibly reliable but offer the best ride quality your T5 or T6 can achieve, with up to twice the air volume of any other bag. Built on genuine VW cores, the kit is designed for comfort and durability, rather than extreme drop.

Note: This kit does not include rear shock absorbers



RIDE QUALITY  
AMOUNT OF DROP

10/10  
5/10

Great for load support on heavy  
vehicles. Heavy-duty  
motorhomes, vans, wheelchair  
access vehicles, campers

#### AIRRIDE CUSTOM

Uses 7-inch bags at the front and 7-inch bags at the rear. The rear suspension will drop the tyres inside your Transporter's arches. The front struts are OEM struts for maximum comfort.

This kit is focussed on offering a great ride for your T5/T6 and is best driven at practical heights. It is a good option for motorhomes. Use this if your budget won't stretch to AirRide Ultimate.

Note: This kit does not include rear shock absorbers



RIDE QUALITY  
AMOUNT OF DROP

8/10  
7/10

Best used on medium-duty  
campers, vans, minibuses

### OTHER KITS

#### TA TECHNIX

A good option if you are on a budget. This German-made kit is high-quality and durable. It rides and drops well, albeit not to extreme levels. A nice entry-level kit for practical, everyday use.



RIDE QUALITY  
AMOUNT OF DROP

5/10  
6/10

Low cost and easy to fit

#### AIR LIFT

Air Lift Performance, renowned globally for giving cars a street-skimming stance, are now determined to give your T5 or T6 the same treatment. Sizes of the bags are 5.5-inch on the rear, and 7-inches on the front.



RIDE QUALITY  
AMOUNT OF DROP

7/10  
7/10

Best used on stanced cars  
and lightweight vans

# MANAGEMENT PACK

# INSTALLATION

## STEP 2

*Pick your management pack*

## STEP 3

*Install your kit*

**No T5/T6 kit is complete without air management. Management gives you the option to change your ride height at the touch of a button, inside or outside your Transporter, and with some kits using just your phone.**



The manual paddle control kit is a simple and effective way to manage your air. With this kit, you get four electric-window-style switches, one for each air bag – you press up on each one to raise the height of the T5/T6 and down to lower your height.

### **Install it yourself**

As with any air or coil-over kit, our Transporter kits are bolt-on after a small modification to the rear. This makes them so easy to install you may even be able to do it yourself.

### **At a garage local to you**

All our kits are simple enough for any competent local garage to install. Our technicians will also always be on-hand to help during the install process, by phone or e-mail.

### **Bring it to us**

Alternatively, we're happy to fit your kit for you in our workshop in Norwich. We can fit your kit in two different ways:

### **PLUG AND PLAY**

This involves simply fitting the compressor, tank and computer into the back of your T5 or T6. This is quicker and cheaper than our 'Hidden' installation option but obviously your system isn't hidden! Ideal if you want to style it yourself.

The AirLift 3P computer will save up to five pre-set ride heights (such as slammed, normal and high), allowing for quick and simple adjustment. By far the simplest controller to install and because of this has now become the default control for most customers.



All our Transporter management kits come with a compressor with 100% duty cycle. The compressor generates the air that the bags use and is the heart of your air-ride system. Any compressor with a duty cycle of 100% can run at all times and is heavy-duty, meaning you'll be able to alter your height whenever you want.



*Hidden Installation*

### **HIDDEN**

This is ideal for maximising room in your van. With this option, we will hide your computer (but not the computer display), compressor and tank under panels in your T5 or T6. This obviously makes for a much cleaner feel and more space for you. However, this does take longer and as such is more expensive than the 'Plug and Play' option.

## WHY GO ULTIMATE?

**Airride Ultimate** and **Airride Custom Plus** are the best T5 and T6 kits on the market. For the last 14 years, they have been made here at AirRide, by our technicians with over 20 years experience. We would always recommend one of these kits if you want the best that air suspension has to offer.

### **What makes our T5/T6 kit so good?**

- 1. Our struts.** The T5 and T6 are three-ton vehicles at max weight, which means a car strut isn't safe or legal for road use with them. The struts we make are designed specifically for the T5 and T6, made to the correct 25mm piston and 58mm body that all T5 and T6 varieties should have – they are not inferior rewelded/undersized car struts, which can be identified by a stepped bottom.
- 2. Our air bags.** Diameter is everything in air suspension; small bags can't support the weight of a Transporter, but if they could the pressure would be too high to offer a good ride anyway. We know that the cross section of an air bag dictates the load it can support, and this allows us to work out the perfect size for a Transporter bag – 7-8 inches for a double-convoluted bag, or 6-7 for a reversible-sleeve bag.

We also either keep the original thrust bearing or use an uprated bearing (the device that allows the top of your suspension to remain still while the bottom moves with the steering), rather than replacing it with a smaller one that can't handle the weight of the Transporter. AirRide can happily say that we have not received a single report of a broken strut.



**WE DO KITS FOR EVERY VW TRANSPORTER & CADDY 1979-CURRENT**

Transporter T2.5/T25/T3  
Transporter T4  
VW Caddy

All other VWs, and a wide selection of vans and motorhomes!



**T3 / T2.5 KIT**



**CADDY KIT**



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*We are actively looking for distributors of our full range of air suspension kits which covers every car, van, motorhome and motorcycle on the market. Please phone or e-mail.*

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# T5/T6 TRANSPORTER KITS



KIT	SUSPENSION + PACK	PNP INSTALL OR HIDDEN INSTALL
<p><b>AIRRIDE CUSTOM PLUS</b></p> <p>This kit has shorter struts and lower-volume bags to offer more drop at the front and rear. This makes it much easier to give your Transporter a street-skimming stance, while the bags are still big enough to offer good ride quality; Custom Plus is a great compromise between the two.</p>	£2075	£975 OR £1125
<p><b>AIRRIDE GOLD</b></p> <p>This kit will allow you to go as low as possible. Gold bags allow for lots of adjustment, and have a fully adjustable damper. This means you can ride your T5/T6 very low but at the price of some ride quality, which is similar to decent coil-overs at a decent height (i.e. not as good as original suspension). However, the Gold kit is much more refined than coil-overs and won't leave you with any crashing or banging.</p>	£2075	£795 OR £995
<p><b>AIRRIDE ULTIMATE</b></p> <p>This is the best Transporter kit on the market. It uses huge, reversible sleeve bags made by Dunlop for front struts and on the rear. The bags are not only incredibly reliable but offer the best ride quality your T5 or T6 can achieve. Built on genuine VW cores, the kit is designed for comfort and durability, rather than extreme drop.</p>	£3395	£795 OR £995
<p><b>AIRRIDE CUSTOM</b></p> <p>Uses 7-inch bags at the front and 7-inch bags at the rear. The rear suspension will drop the tyres inside your Transporter's arches. This kit is focussed on offering a great ride for your T5/T6 and is best driven at practical heights. It is ideal for motorhomes.</p>	£1850	£925 OR £1125
<p><b>TA TECHNIX</b></p> <p>This German-made kit is high-quality and durable. It rides and drops well, albeit not to extreme levels. Uses 6-inch bags at the front and 5.5-inch bags at the rear. A nice entry-level kit for practical, everyday use.</p>	£1399	£775 OR £975
<p><b>AIR LIFT PERFORMANCE</b></p> <p>Air Lift Performance have released their own full kit for the T5 and T6, for Transporter owners looking to show off their custom builds while carrying heavy loads. The guys at Air Lift have used a 7-inch bag for the front and 5.5-inch bag for the back, providing you with a 6.2-inch drop at the front and a 6-inch drop at the rear.</p>	£2500	£925 OR £1125

MANAGEMENT EXPLAINED	NO MANAGEMENT	MPC	SOLENOID	DIGITAL COMPUTER
	<p>You may already have a management system for your T5/T6, in which case another one from us isn't required. We would always recommend having a management system with a full air kit.</p>	£850	£925	£1,495

INSTALLATION EXPLAINED	PNP (PLUG AND PLAY)	HIDDEN INSTALL
	<p>This involves simply fitting the compressor, tank and computer into the back of your T5 or T6. This is quicker and cheaper than our 'Hidden' installation option but obviously your system isn't hidden!</p>	<p>This is ideal for maximising room in your van. With this option, we will hide your computer (but not the computer display), compressor and tank under panels in your T5 or T6. This obviously makes for a much cleaner feel but does take longer and as such is more expensive than the 'Plug and Play' option.</p>

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