

FORETRAVEL NIMBUS SE 40

Twenty-one new standard features should pique the curiosity of buyers searching for a luxury coach



Foretravel, an originator and innovator in custom-coach building since 1967 under the guidance of founder C.M. Fore, has continued its significant presence in high-end motorhome construction with the latest version of the Nimbus SE Caspian floorplan. Built on Foretravel's proprietary TravelRide air-ride semi-monocoque chassis with improved frame and suspension geometry — and offered with an optional independent front suspension (\$10,450) and standard ABS air discs on all axles — this motorhome creates the solid, comfortable ride discriminating owners often seek. Power comes from the standard

Cummins 500 HP ISM engine and Allison six-speed 4000MH transmission with automatic traction control and retarder, making travel to any elevation of the U.S. an effortless experience.

Outside, the 2009 Nimbus has a new face that recesses all forward lighting, creating a clean, sleek look that caught our eye from a distance and is offered in a choice of four exterior full-body paint schemes.

The Nimbus offers the ample cargo storage expected in a motorhome of this caliber and provides easy access to compartments below the slides with unique horizontal pantograph doors. With an Occupant and Cargo Carrying Capacity of 7,200 pounds, there's ample capability for handling heavy packing, and the chassis is rated sufficiently to accommodate the standard 18,000-pound rated hitch receiver.

Maintenance access for checking engine and coach systems is well thought out from years of experience and customer feedback. Both are placed within safe and easy reach. The utility bay with cleanup station protects all external coach connections along with new-for-2009 standard electric dump

valves and gray-water bypass of the single holding tank, allowing for direct-connect sink and shower discharge.

Inside, the Caspian floorplan is a four-slide design wrapped in beautiful clear cherry wood cabinetry. Three other woods and six fabric choices are available with Silestone solid-surface countertops throughout.

The semi-wraparound cockpit places all gauges and controls in clear view and easy reach of the driver seated in the comfortable air-ride leather chair with six-way power adjustments. Copilot amenities include a swivel chair with six-way power, foot and head rests, and his/her own A/C dash controls for adjustable temperatures on the right side. The 2009 model features a motorized backup camera with dash control as well as MP3 audio connections.

The streetside pantry with forward entertainment center — which includes a 37-inch LCD TV or optional 42-inch LCD TV (\$680) — and dinette lounge faces the curbside galley and sofa bed in dual opposing, pneumatically sealed slides, creating a spacious yet intimate feeling. The living area is enhanced by the addition of the Intellitec multiplex





SPECIFICATIONS

CHASSIS: FORETRAVEL SEMIMONOCOQUE TRAVELRIDE	WHEELBASE: 247.5"
ENGINE: CUMMINS ISM 500 HP	FRESHWATER CAP: 135 GAL
FUEL: 150 GAL	BLACK-WATER & GRAY-WATER CAP: COMBINED SINGLE 145 GAL TANK W/GRAY-WATER BYPASS
GVWR: 46,800 LBS	LP-GAS CAP: 17 GAL
LENGTH: 40'	MSRP: \$576,000
WIDTH: 8' 6"	
INTERIOR HEIGHT: 7'	
HEIGHT WITH AC: 12' 3"	

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lighting control system with dimmers. Additional accent lighting is also new for 2009.

Chefs can remain a part of social gatherings while preparing meals in the roomy and well-equipped galley. A 12-cubic-foot residential side-by-side refrigerator, aided by the two-burner cooktop and GE Advantium microwave, makes mealtimes quick and convenient.

Pocket doors create versatile privacy for the full-width, amidships lavatory at both ends. The spacious bath area sports a large corner shower with sliding showerhead and skylight. The sink and medicine cabinet share the shower wall, creating an open dressing area with vanity for the bedroom. A second sink and medicine cabinet are installed in the streetside enclosed toilet room.

The queen-size bed and matching nightstands are set into the streetside slide. The overhead storage cabinets, as well as the full width

of the rear wall, is devoted to wardrobe space. A louvered storage cabinet is already plumbed for an optional washer/dryer combo (\$2,020). The fourth slide contains a built-in dresser with four large clothing drawers and more storage cabinetry to house the rear 23-inch LCD TV.

Meticulously crafted cabinetry with tight fit and beautiful finish is evident throughout the coach and Foretravel's attention to detail is obvious. Using design cues that carry from exterior paint to interior design, one prospective client summed up her appraisal of the Nimbus SE 40 — simple elegance. We agree. ♦

