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## LONG TIME



The start of every DARC MONO build is stripping a brand new Iveco Daily 4x4 chasssis down to its core.

## NO SEE

Yes, we know... it's been 18 months since the last DARC Journal came out. Between finishing client vehicles and brand new developments, we didn't have much time to spare. But one thing is for sure: DARC is moving. It's moving rapidly. And it's becoming bigger than all of us expected.

With new team members on board, exciting cooperations ahead and unprecedented automotive projects in the making, we make sure to keep you entertained.

This issue will give you insights on our new Van projects, take you on a trip through the Americas and of course bring the long awaited deep dive into the first DARC MONO builds. And in case you want to do some early Christmas shopping, there is enough opportunities to do so in the Sleazy Sales section of this Journal.

Enjoy!



The DARC MONO's carbon fiber monocoque unprecedently combines form with function. Besides its OEM style design, it is extremely sturdy and lightweight. So light in fact, that the whole vehicle weighs in at a mere 4.950KG, making it the lightest fully equipped expedition vehicle in the industry. With its total admissible weight of 6.600KG, you can load more than 1, 6 tonnes of cargo. In other words: weight is not an issue.

DARC MONO

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## OFF ROAD

If you've been at this year's Abenteuer Allrad show, there is no way you missed MostVanted's Iveco Daily 4x4 Van. And what an impact it had!

If you've been following DARC for some time you know that we have a portfolio of Daily 4x4 chassis parts available. But now that more and more clients opt for the Van version, we simply started to carry-over





our off-road equipment on this new platform. MostVanted's truck rocking DARC our wheel set, the MONO Carbon Fiber Snorkel as well as front Bull Bar and LED Kit. By the time you read this, we will also have the modular Roof Rack and frame mounted Rear Rack available.

### **NEW DARC SERIES**

But it doesn't stop here. Starting now, we are accepting commissions for full DARC Iveco Daily 4x4 Van builds matching the look & feel as well as unique build quality of our MONO series.

We're positive that these will be the wildest 4x4 Vans out there, but still comfortable enough to





seat and sleep up to four people. How can we be so sure you ask? - Check out Family Van Expedition's Daily 4x4 Van featured on page 20 of this Journal. Its owner Nuria and her family of four travelled thousands of off-road miles through the Americas with their fully DARC equipped truck.

### **MEET DARC RIG**

If you want to stick to a more conservative vehicle choice, you need to see our new **DARC RIG** line of modifications for the Mercedes Benz Sprinter 4x4.

With this we're not trying to compete with existing van builders. Rather, we supply them with the best products in the industry to make their vehicles even better for everyone.

But let's start from the beginning: the idea behind our constant development is to shape the future of the overlanding scene from merely being a niche of hand-built solutions to becoming an independent sector of the automotive world. It is our strong believe, that this can only happen through a revolutionary push in innovation, quality and scalability, as it for example did in the car tuning scene in the past decades. What started as a few people optimizing their cars, have now become OEM supplierts such as Nismo, AMG and the like. And it is

## D/RC RIG

our goal to become the Nismo of the expedition vehicle world. Simultaneously, this paves the way for others to follow, pushing the entire industry forward.

So what did we do? - We listened. To both end clients and our B2B partners. And unsurprisingly they asked for the same thing: Body parts that are easy to use, readily available, subtle, time saving during install and thus cost effective.

WHAT WE'VE GOT

The new line was started off with fully insulated **Flares** for the 906 & 907 Sprinter and Crafter. Industrial FRP

Our Sprinter 4x4 demo vehicle is

available for viewings at our

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quality, OEM design and no necessity for any further work made them a best seller immediately. Currently over 20 European outfitters use the RIG Flares exclusively for their projects.

To line up the inside of the Flares seamlessly with the interior buildout, we developed the RIG **Flare Rings**. Again, the goal was saving time and increasing the overall quality of the vehicle, instead of looking fancy. The fit is perfect and clients are satisfied.

A visual highlight serving an important purpose is the visible Carbon Fiber **Snorkel**. It flows perfectly with the body lines of the 907 Sprinter, while making it more agile through water and dusty regions (yes, you can add a cyclone filter!). Its sleek design stays out of the driver's field of vision and does not require any A-pillar drilling.

modular Roof Rack for The Sprinters of all lengths will come with two different front LED light options (1 curved LED light bar or 4 round LED spots), with options for 360° LED lighting, side ladder and awning mount. With a fully flexible roof layout, you can incorporate roof fans, sky lights and other modules easily. This rack system will be available for other vehicle models shortly.

The **Front Guard** is probably our favorite Sprinter add-on. Protecting the original bumper while working as an additional lighting mount, almost makes it a mandatory body part for overlanding vans. Needless to say, it works with our Sprinter Winch Kit and comes either in Raptor'ed FRP or visible carbon fiber.

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## DASC MONO

THE ULTIMATE EXPEDITION VEHICLE



When we released first renderings of our DARC MONO in 2021, we got very mixed reactions. Media and the press loved it for its innovative approach as a breath of fresh air on the scene. However competitors and enthusiasts deemed it impossible to every see the light of day. Be that as it may, our team of engineers didn't let themselves be discouraged and these days the first client commissioned DARC MONOs are rolling off the production line. The owner of the

MONO pictured above requested some exciting modifications, making his truck stand out even more. So while the MONO remains a small series model, our engineering team is more than happy to incorporate individual wishes into each and every vehicle to make it your own.

Solely the carbon monocoque shell remains identical with all units, but the variety of options and opportunities for individualization are endless.



The first DARC MONO to leave our production in 2022 is a fully built-out model in RAL Stone Grey. It was also the first ever build to show

DETAILS MATTER: All handles and hinges are custom CNC-milled in house.



the world how a composite cabin specifically tailored to the Iveco Daily 4x4 chassis looks like. The cabin's body lines are matched perfectly for an integrated appearance. Its distinctive paint job consists of the upper half being in client-specific body color, while the lower half is coated in extremely resilient Raptor. All windows and outside storage hatches are molded flush with the cabin's surface in full carbon fiber frames.

The rear of the vehicle is highlighted with a rear spoiler

functioning as an overhang protection and rear brake light housing. The 3-in-1 LED rear lights act as taillights, brake lights and indicators and sit flush with in the rear light panel. The lower exterior storage spaces (as shown in detail in Volume II) function as pull-out drawers compression latches. The upper exterior storage spaces (identical on both sides) are fully insulated and accessible from the inside and the outside of the vehicle.



## LE OUBLE

The next DARC MONO unit comes in stealthy green to blend in with its surroundings. This one is special, with many interesting features such as a 360° rotating roof rim to take pictures out of while driving. Additionally this vehicle will receive our heavy duty rear rack (not on the images yet) to carry a motorcycle. The chassis is equipped with all available options including the Carbon Fiber Snorkel, Bull Bar, Winch and LED Kit, as well as the Thule Awning on the passender side.

**Additional** storage is used on the DARC **MONO's CRP** cabin roof rack. reached by a ladder on the passenger side. The optional heavy duty rear rack can be used to carry bulky equipment, such as a motorcycle.





One of the main characteristics of the MONO is the unprecedented window surface. Its windows include one 1500x600mm (dining), two 1100x600mm (dining), one 900x600mm (kitchen) and one 600x350mm (bathroom). All of them can be opened, locked in ventilation mode, have bug meshes and 100% dark blinds. The skylights are 1500x600mm and 350x600mm in size. Check page 25 for more!

The DARC R-1 wheels complement the MONO visually and handle even most challenging environments with ease. The 37" x 12, 5" tires on 17" aluminum rims featured on all of our builds are incomparable to the stock 19. 5" street wheels in terms of on and off road performance, unsprung mass and possibility for deflation.

As you may know, the stock Iveco Daily 4x4 suspension system is not known for being a great setup. So in order to take this build to the next level, a fully adaptive KW Suspension Kit with dedicated ECU unit is installed for ultimate driving capabilities. This upgrade specifically takes into account comfort, safety and customization aka your personal driving preferences.

So as you see, we have shed light on every aspect of the vehicle to make it the best version possible. But to truely experience the MONO with all its details, you have to see it in person. For this, contact us anytime.





The kitchen unit is the heart of the cabin. The lightweight wooden base is fitted with an extremely strudy FENIX surface and Corian countertop.

The Thetford Triplex stove and oven is our recommendation, but can be changed to an induction unit to remain gas-free.

All drawers are equipped with a soft close system and flush locking mechanisms. To save the water filter, you can choose filtered or unfiltered water from the water faucet.



Natural light is one of the DARC MONO's main USPs. The 270° view from the back of the cabin is a unique feature and lets its owners be one with the nature around them.



SCAN FOR VIDEO ROOM TOUR:



The bathroom is just as inviting as the rest of the living area. A large double glazed window lets in tons of natural light, ceiling lights and front facing LEDs do the rest. The storage space features the same surfaces and mechanisms as the kitchen. The entire floor is a laminated one-piece shower tray with a wooden duckboard cover. No seams means no leaking, no leaking means no risk for mold.

While travelling with an Expedition Vehicle, you'll mostly either sit in the driver's seat or spend time in the living cabin. So no matter how pretty it may look from the outside, the **inner values** is what truly counts. This is why we designed the interior keeping function AND form in mind through out all modules.

The concept was worked out by our interior architect, specializing in tiny homes and hotel

rooms with a modern scandinavian look & feel. Rounded edges, pastel color palettes and warm materials combined with stone-look surfaces form a contemporary yet timeless result.

Tapware, power outlets, fittings and handles are all kept in flat black for a discreet and stain-resistant finish. All drawers and doors are equipped with soft close mechanisms, which work perfectly with the hidden catch locks





The fifth seat in the dining area is not covered by the bed in the lowered position. Thus you can get some work done, even if your partner is still in bed. Above it sits the wireless Full HD beamer projecting onto the rear window blinds. The Jehnert sound system with subwoofer completes the entertainment setup. 
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The entrance offers space for hats, jacket hangers and shoes, with more (dirty) shoe storage available in the cabin stair case. Two large drawers below the fridge make room for anything from food supplies to kitchen utensils.

behind each unit. The countertop can be extended with a folding piece from the same material for extra working space.

Even with the bed down the whole kitchen and 5th dinning seat remain fully operational. Our custom bed system includes point-by-point support and a client specific mattress.

With the 100% dark blinds rolled up, the MONO cabin transforms into a movie theater. Its Full HD

beamer projects onto the rear window blind and the integrated sound system adds to an immersive experience. And just like a real theater, the subtle LED floor lights guide the way and create an indirect light source.

Each vehicle is configured client-specific with colors, textures, materials and special options. Our team is happy to accommodate your personal requirements.

We strive to make our products more accessible to everyone. Thus starting today you can order our carbon fiber monocoque cabin for your own DIY expedition vehicle build.

Ever since we started the **DARC MONO** project, its most noticible feature was the living cabin. Ideal proportions, sleek yet functional shapes and design elements carried over from the Iveco Daily 4x4 chassis made it stand out from the crowd.

But the destincitve look is by far not the only feature making the MONO cabin unique. Being built entirely from carbon fiber, the finished unit weighs under 500kg, leaving a significantly higher additional load capacity for your gear.

To save more weight while increasing the structural strength of the cabin, all window, door and hatch frames are 100% carbon parts as well, while being laminated fully flush with

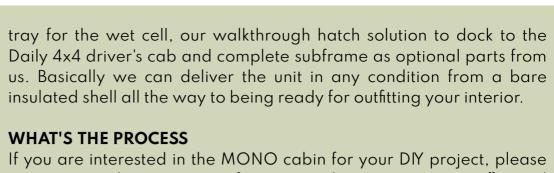
the outer surface of the cabin shell. The cabin features both insulated and non-insulated exterior storage space as well as an uprecedented amount of window and skylight surface, making it the perfect choice for the 3780mm wheel base Iveco Daily 4x4.

### **GET YOUR ORDER IN**

While availability lasts, we offer a limited amount of stand-alone MONO cabins to be built to client specifications. While the size of the cabin and the position of windows, doors hatches are fixed, you can still determine if you want to leave any of them out completely.

Additionally you can get the one-piece shower





If you are interested in the MONO cabin for your DIY project, please contact us to discuss your preferences and receive a custom offer and timeline for your commission. Although our cabins are hand laminated by experts to meet highest quality demands, we are

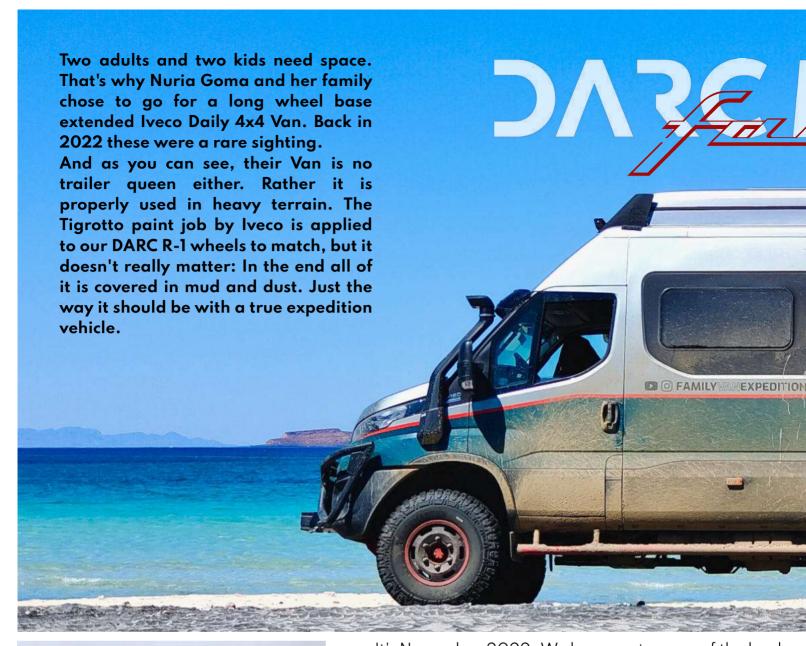
" Basically we can deliver the unit in any condition from a bare insulated shell all the way to being ready for outfitting your interior."

nowhere near the incredibly long delivery times of (mulitple?) years you are used to see. Our industrial manufacturing process allows us to deliver a standard cabin within 5 months of the start of the build

process. Reach out to us through info@darc-exp.com for further details.



Usually the MONO cabins come ready to be painted and outfitted with your custom interior. If you'd like to do more work yourself to save costs, you simply tell us where to draw the line for you to take over.





It's November 2022. We keep seeing one of the back then very rare Iveco Daily 4x4 Vans on Instagram. It is a grey model, mostly stock and with a high quality interior builtout. And most importantly a seemingly cool owner: **Nuria Goma**. To be fair, we don't understand much. Their content is mainly in Spanish but the way she, her husband David and her kids Koa and Kaia interact with the audience and enjoy their fantastic journeys is contagious. We keep coming back to their profile, get to see their Van

## Follow @FamilyVanExpedition on Social Media to see how this family of four travels with their motor home full time.

in more detail. Roughly around this time we launch the series production of our Iveco Daily 4x4 exterior parts and decide to send them an email to see if they would be interested to work with us. Just one hour later (at 3am) we get a response. A few emails back and forth and we agree to equip their vehicle with a set of our exterior components. The very first time on a Daily 4x4 Van.

But there's a catch, they need everything immediately, because their truck is about to board a ship from Spain to



the port of Los Angeles. Within days we get a palette of parts ready and shipped to Barcelona. Nuria and the team from NECO Spain take it over and install the complete set including our signature DARC R-1 wheels and Carbon Fiber Snorkel in just a few days. It gives their Van a entirely different look. Not least because of the special Tigrotto paint job applied by Iveco as a hommage to 1950's commercial trucks. The ship leaves with the FamilyVanExpedition truck by DARC on bord.



BE BRAVE: Within the first days on the other side of the world, the Nuria and her family already made a trip into the middle of the Mexican desert. Upon arrival to the American East Coast, the Family Van wastes no time getting dirty. Heading south they cross through Tijuana right into the Baja peninsula with stunning views and desert landscapes. Right off the bet their newly installed offroad equipemnt is put to the test but holds up even during the most challenging of times (check their Instagram page for video proof!). We must admit to some jealousy every time we click the location link on a new post from our rainy offices in



Germany. But at the same time we are excited and proud to see our products being used the way they were intended to.

With thousands of miles in the Daily 4x4 Van and days worth of kite boarding some of the best beaches in the world, the four are on their trip back to the USA. Crossing the Anza Borrego Desert State Park making their way through Nevada to Las Vegas, the Van turns heads everywhere it goes. Especially as this version of the Daily 4x4 is not street legal in the US and thus extremely rare to encounter.

They carry on seeing Lake Powell and the Antelope Canyon, driving through the night and camping in the middle of nowhere when the circumstances allow. One of our personal highlights is Yosemite Park and its Red Woods, seeing these images feels like a Sci-Fi movie. But it is in fact very real and seing a "normal" family making their dream to roam the world come true shows us, that it is truly possible for anyone.

It is hard to put into words, but watching the daily content feels like we are right there with them, even if we just follow through our tiny smartphone screen.

Right now Nuria is at the Bonneville Salt Flats, with her family, planing their next expedition. Stay tuned and



follow along!





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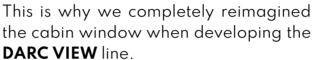
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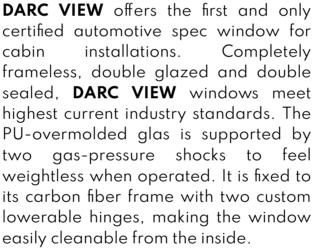
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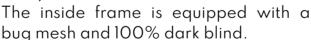












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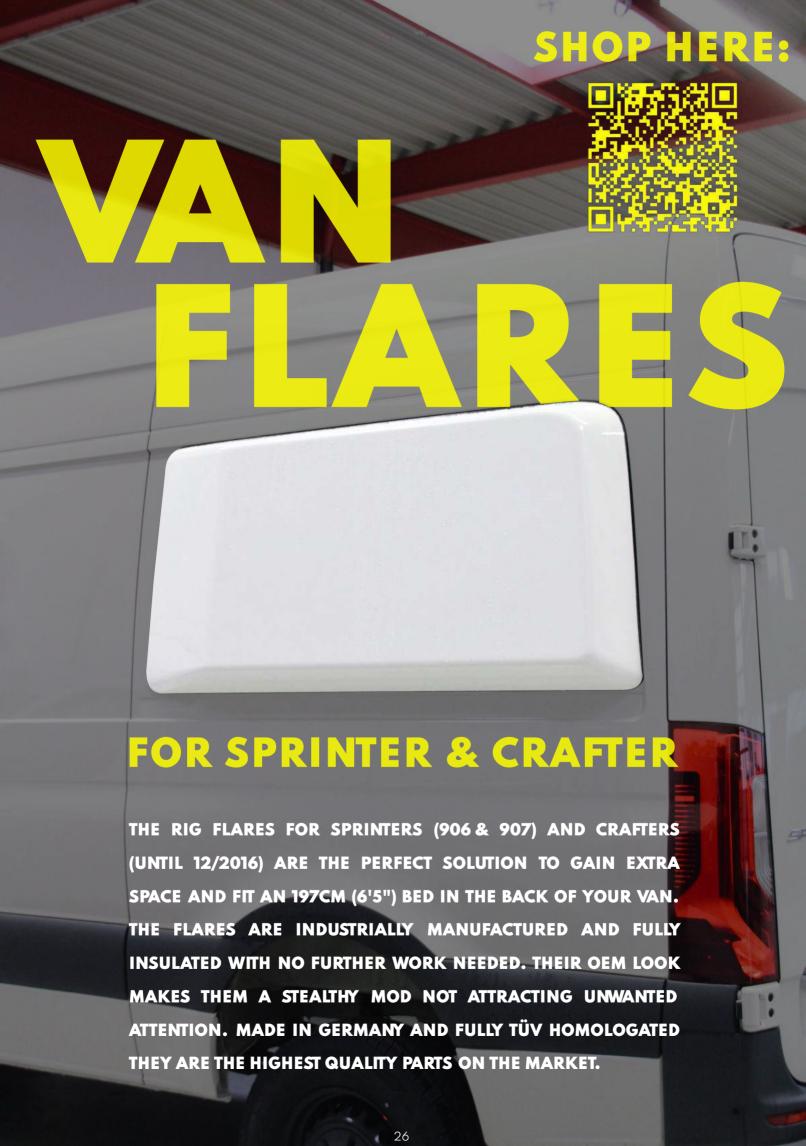
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