

## Alexanders - VCA Approved™



### What?

is the VCA Approved badge on your Alexanders Horsebox

The Vehicle Certification Agency or VCA is the official UK Government body responsible for implementing a stringent system of testing and certification for all roadgoing vehicles, including horseboxes, and the components that go into making them. The VCA ensures that the environmental, security and safety regulations set for British vehicles meet all European rules while also representing the needs of the UK's drivers and vehicle operators in pushing forward the standards we would all expect.

### Why?

is it so important to passengers and horses

Lets face it, you may well have chosen a Renault, Fiat or Mercedes chassis because of its reputation for safety, reliability or efficiency. Indeed those brands are held to account by regulation (homologation), but how do you know that a horsebox manufacturer is working anywhere near the standards that the chassis must adhere to. At Alexanders we have been inspected, audited and our horsebox bodies tested to ensure that we do meet those standards and are considered worthy of being granted a European Community Whole Vehicle Type Approval (ECWVTA), aligning our work with that of the chassis it is built on.

### How?

important is the VCA test to your Horsebox

The VCA carry out any physical testing on our horseboxes that may be required to confirm the strength, safety and effectiveness of the body fitted to the chassis. Only when VCA are satisfied that ALL requirements are met will they grant us the approvals which under legislation are now essential to ensure that a new horsebox can be legally registered throughout Europe. While there are basic approvals for individual vehicles that smaller manufacturers can utilise to meet minimum requirements for this legislation in the UK, we believe in surpassing those and achieving the highest level of certification available for our horseboxes, ECWVTA, so that they can be registered all across the continent.

