



Paragon & Panther



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Best for your customers

Your customers are the people who really matter. They want comfort, reliability and style but it's comfort on which they judge you. It's comfort that makes them decide to travel with you again.

The classic Paragon and Panther range offers standards of comfort which will satisfy the most demanding of travellers and it's easy to see why these two models have been consistently the best selling coach range for the past decade.

Start with the entrance. Equal-height steps, which are DDA compliant, and carefully-sited grab rails make boarding and alighting easy, an important factor, particularly for older people. The entrance itself is now available in standard or extra wide configurations, this new option allows an extra 300mm door width on certain chassis combinations, ideal for express operation where rapid progress with boarding and alighting passengers is vital to maintain busy schedules.

Once inside, the front section of the floor is slightly ramped which helps minimise the height of the last step into the saloon, and provides even better forward visibility through the expansive front screen for passengers seated further back.

Paragon and Panther have a fully flat cabin floor – so there's no sunken gangway to trip the unwary.

Seating is one of the keys to passenger satisfaction, and Plaxton offers a range tailored to suit all requirements. The interior has been designed to maximise legroom, Paragon and Panther offer the best in their class in the standard 49/53-seat layout. Where even greater capacity is required, up to 57 can be accommodated in a 12 or 12.3 metre length or for even greater capacity, the options of 12.8m and 15m are available.

Weight is a critical factor which can be important in calculating the return on your investment. Excess weight leads to increased fuel consumption and reduced payload, both can significantly affect your competitive position. Paragon and Panther are among the lightest in their class, not that this compromises their construction, use of innovative materials and construction techniques ensure the highest standards of structural integrity.

The 2.55m-wide body adds to the spacious feeling of the Plaxton range, and passengers' comfort is further assured by a sophisticated climate control system.

A centre sunken washroom is, of course, a standard feature on Plaxton's top-quality touring coaches, this is easily demountable for ultimate flexibility or deleted where maximum capacity is a priority.



Best for your drivers

The driver's area has been ergonomically designed to ensure that controls are easy to identify and easy to use. Driver comfort is important too, and as standard, Paragon and Panther come with a choice of fully-adjustable driver's seats.

The deep, single piece windscreen offers a panoramic view for passengers and maximises the driver's all round vision. The electrically heated and adjustable mirrors* are located in positions where they provide a clear image of what is behind, without impeding the driver's forward vision.

Best for your accountant

Plaxton takes pride in building coaches with low running costs, minimum downtime, and strong residual values.

The stainless-steel structure is durable and trouble-free. Multiplex electrics reduce maintenance and are linked to a diagnostic system which cuts the time needed to identify faults and rectify them.

All of which means minimum downtime, and high availability to maximise the vehicle's earning capability.

When something does go wrong, Plaxton aftercare – Parts, Service and Glazing – provides prompt and effective back-up.

With proven residual values, low whole life operating costs and our reputation backed by over 100 years of quality coachbuilding expertise, the cost of owning a Plaxton may be significantly less than you might think.

Best for capacity

The technology which goes into the development of any new Plaxton ensures that our vehicles are developed to the highest standards of engineering efficiency and design. This dedication has ensured that the Paragon and Panther range are among the lightest vehicles in their class – minimising weight, maximising capacity and minimising fuel consumption – a critical factor in today's world.

Typically, a Panther or Paragon is up to 7% lighter than comparable other coaches on the same platform.



Best for choice

The possible combinations of length, chassis type, seat layout and door configurations give you over 100 different options when specifying your new coach, the widest possible choice in the UK market.

Plaxton has a long history of working with Europe's leading chassis manufacturers to build high quality coaches on customer's preferred chassis of choice. Paragon and Panther continue to offer a range of both mid and rear engine configurations allowing the customer maximum choice.

We offer the Paragon and Panther range in up to 4 different vehicle lengths.

Length	Vehicle lengths available	
	Panther	Paragon
12m	Y	Y
12.3m	Y	
12.8m	Y	Y
15m	Y	

Best for accessibility

Plaxton have led the industry in providing accessible solutions across the range and for all manner of applications. As well as making access easy for people with ambulant disabilities by providing a DDA-compliant entrance, Plaxton is able to offer factory-fitted wheelchair access to 12.3, 12.8 and 15m variants of the Panther and Paragon range*.

The front mounted NX lift arrangement on the Panther 12.3 and Panther 15m offers a highly sophisticated solution with a lift which is totally invisible to the uninitiated. Ingeniously concealed beneath the front entrance step, the lift can be deployed and controlled by the user. A unique "magic-floor®" arrangement raises the entrance platform floor to cabin floor level, allowing the wheelchair to glide easily into the cabin.

* Dependent on specification

Once inside, the NMI seating system can be specified to the Gala seat, this allows maximum flexibility and minimum loss of seating when accommodating wheelchairs.

An alternative on Panther and Paragon 12.8 models allows greater wheelchair capacity and operational flexibility. With a centrally mounted lift and entry through a half height door in the bodyside, you can maximise use of the tracking which can be fitted along the full length of the cabin.

We offer a variety of securing restraints types from leading manufacturers.

Best all round

With Paragon and Panther everybody benefits – customers, drivers, fleet engineers and even your accountant.

Cosset your customers. Choose Plaxton.



we're with you all the way

When you invest in a new Plaxton coach, you're also investing in top-quality aftersales service.

Plaxton Customer Support is dedicated to keeping your vehicles where they belong – on the road, earning money.

The Plaxton Customer Support operation is staffed by people who understand the coach business. They realise the importance of a prompt response, whether it's ensuring that a vital part is delivered promptly to your workshop, or attending to a vehicle breakdown.

Roadside support is provided 24/7 by a network of UK and European service agents, managed and monitored from a dedicated control centre.

We also offer an unrivalled glass replacement service with teams covering the UK.

For parts and service Plaxton Customer Support provides the back-up you need, when you need it. Fast.



SPECIFICATION



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Vehicle Dimensions

Panther : Width 2.55m, Height 3.66m, Length (2 axles) 12m, 12.3m, 12.8m, Length (3 axles) 15m.
Paragon : Width 2.55m, Height 3.66m, Length (2 axles) 12m, 12.8m.

STANDARD FEATURES

Framing

Jig-built welded steel frame meeting the requirements of ECE R66 regulations governing rollover strength. The entire structure is treated with primary protection against corrosion. In addition, a secondary protection is applied to the lower structure between the skirt and waist rails. Finally, wax protection is injected into the vulnerable cavity areas and all lower surfaces are undersealed.

Exterior Panels

Single piece stainless steel main side panels, bonded and mechanically fixed to the main structure. Aluminium framed locker doors with single piece aluminium skins. GRP front and rear panels.

Glazing

Tinted, double glazed, curved glass side windows. Single, two piece or three piece (Paragon only) laminated front screens. Double glazed rear window. Heated driver's signalling window with the option of power operation. Two glazed lift up roof vents.

Exterior Lighting

Halogen pinpoint headlamps, combined indicator and sidelamp lenses, all mounted on easy access swing out cradle. Triple front dome marker lights. Single side mounted indicator repeater lamps. Cantrail markers to front and rear roof dome corners.

Interior Comfort

Three step entrance with wide opening door, compliant with DDA if required*. Altro floor covering throughout. Satin finish moulded entrance and driver's partitions with decorative insert panels. Nylon fabric soft trim to side casings, racks, roof panels and decency shield trim panel inserts. Interior parcel racks with individual reading lights and vents, air-conditioning* and driver's personal locker. Fluorescent interior saloon lighting with nightlight facility and additional entrance area and stepwell lighting. Perimeter convector heating to saloon. Theatre style seating configuration including a maximum of 53 reclining seats (maximum capacity 57 fixed) with dropdown armrests to gangway side, inertia reel seat belts; air suspension driver's seat.

Driver Comfort

Driver's environment in easy care satin finish; ergonomically designed instrument layout incorporating chassis manufacturers standard instrument binnacle. CD player with AM/FM tuner; driver's microphone on flexible mounting; secondary crew microphone. Cup holder and storage tray, Motorised front screen blind.

Additional Features*

Sunken or floor mounted passenger washroom facilities to centre or rear of vehicle. Air-conditioning with full interior climate control facility. Hot and cold drinks facilities.

* Items subject to individual vehicle specification.

Optional Extras

Tailoring Paragon or Panther to your own operational needs is made easy and cost effective with an extensive range of optional extras. For further details of full option availability and prices, please contact your Plaxton Dealer.

DDA Compliance

Paragon and Panther are both available to meet the requirements of DDA with concealed front or centrally mounted lifts.

Air-Conditioning

Roof mounted with integrated climate control.

Mirrors

Two styles of gull wing mirrors, electrically heated and adjustable.

Pre-Heater

With digital timer and automatic low fuel level cut off.

Enhanced Seating

A range of options which can individualise your vehicle to reflect your own tastes and requirements.

Entertainment

A selection of video, audio and DVD systems to entertain your clients.

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