

Custom vans get more display area

More than 70 customized vans representing 30 van conversion companies will be on display at the Detroit Auto Show.

The van exhibit has grown every year since its inception three years ago. The exhibit is now so large that show officials have moved it from the River Room to Hall D at the Cobo facility. The exotic display and the show restaurant have also been moved to Hall D.

Hall D is the lower exhibit area at Cobo, reached by escalators from the main floor.

"THE VAN show outgrew the available space in the River Room," said auto show chairman Bill Cook, "which certainly says something about the public's interest in customized vans."

Auto show officials estimate that more than 30,000 customized vans will have been sold in the Metro Detroit area during 1984.

Dan Hayes, executive vice president of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, said, "We know the van show is going to be an exciting addition. Van conversions are big business now and we have some of the best converters in the country represented."

Some of the van conversion companies exhibiting are: Advanced Creations, Lloyd Bridges Traveland, Cars and Concepts, Centurion-Lehman, Georgie Boy, Consolidated Leisure, Country Sales, Travelcraft, Eagle Coach, Gladiator, Imperial Industries, Jayco, LaSalle Van Conversion-Division of Champion Home Builders, Lipps Industries, Sands Industries, Starcraft, Tra-tech, Tram Body and Coach, Trans Aire, Universal Motor Coach and Van Epoch.



GMC's new aerodynamic Safari vans are smaller than full-size vans, but roomier than minivans. The all-purpose passenger van carries up to eight people, with

available seating. Standard seating accommodates five people. The new-size Safari is about 177 inches long.

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