



Silver 90 300Tdi soft-top conversion

FIRST UP is a very straight forward conversion to a 1995 Defender, and typical of the kind of preparation for sale that Brooklyn undertake.

Originally a commercial hard-top, the vehicle has been completely overhauled and fitted with a new soft-top including a roll-over hoop behind the front seats, together with a set of fancy wheels, BF Goodrich tyres and resprayed in stratos silver.

Owner Mike Norton is extremely pleased with his new vehicle. "I've always owned soft-top vehicles, and this is the best I've ever had" he enthuses. "The [300Tdi] engine is fantastic – I regularly tow a trailer, so it's a hard-working vehicle as well as a lot of fun. And the children adore riding in it," he smiles. Having cast his eye over the other assembled vehicles here, Mike reveals that he's already booked in for a few more accessories to be fitted. "I really like the A-bar and driving lights, and will also have lamp guards fitted," he adds. By the look on his face, I can see this is just the beginning.

Right:
Soft-top retrofit is a popular conversion at Brooklyn 4x4. A thorough mechanical overhaul, updated detailing and a lick of paint can rejuvenate tired vehicles no end



Black 300Tdi 90 soft-top conversion

OWNER BRIAN Poynter is quick to quash any assumption that this vehicle is actually black, rather it has a subtle metallic sheen that changes through dark blue and even a hint of purple depending on the light. Indeed, for those few moments when the sun did come out on this rather dull March morning, the effect could be clearly seen.

Brian came to Brooklyn with an initial idea, and together they created his perfect vehicle. "The first vehicle I ever drove was a Series III Land Rover, when I worked on a farm as a child, and since then I've owned a number of Land Rovers over the years" he reveals. "When the time came to change the family car, I suggested to my wife Sandy that if I were to look at a cheaper vehicle, then the balance of our budget could be used to build my dream Land Rover – and as you can see, she agreed." Brian had always admired the NAS Defenders, and came to Brooklyn

with a clear idea of what he wanted, which included a soft-top and roll-hoop, four individual inward facing rear seats "far more supportive than a regular bench," he points out, and that the hood must have windows.

"We liked the visibility they afforded in our old Series III – I find they really are essential for everyday driving," he adds. Detailing includes a fine set of alloy wheels and sizeable boots, a Safari Snorkle, the latest generation grille and lamps, together with folding steps all round and a rubber lined load-bay for practicality. "I like to go fishing, so having 4WD is often essential, and the rear load bay is very practical, with all four seats folding completely out of the way," he reveals. "I'm very very pleased with the result, and Brooklyn have been fantastic throughout the

build process," says Brian. "I'm not really one for going off-roading seriously myself, but as a poser's vehicle, it's ideal."

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No expense was spared with this example – the owner wishing to create his dream Defender, based on the NAS vehicles he had admired for many years. Individual rear seats provide greater comfort for when the kids want to ride

