

Marathon Super Slide-Outs

Made by Valid Manufacturing Ltd.

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Marathon Coach is proud to report that its H3-45 bus conversions equipped with Valid slide-outs have been an unqualified success. The versatile slide-outs, built by Valid Manufacturing Ltd., are specifically designed to significantly expand and alter the living space in bus conversions.

In addition to standard 14.5-foot salon slide-outs, Valid provides a super slide in the bedroom—a 125" slide-out—which is 35" longer than most slides on the market. The extra three feet expands the slide-out to approximately 11 feet, allowing the wardrobe to slide out on the driver's side, which creates more space beside the bed. Coach owners have been amazed by how much the Valid slide has made it easier to navigate in the bedroom.

Triple slide-outs on the H3-45 are also becoming very popular. The third slide-out, located in the curbside bedroom wall, expands the bedroom into a virtual master suite. This added space has allowed Marathon engineers to place massive drawers and countertop space the length of the slide. Retractable or stationary LCD television screens have been added, as have additional wardrobe, cabinet and shelving space. Another design innovation has been the addition of comfortable full-length benches in the third slide. The triple slide-out significantly increases the living space, and design options, in a bus conversion.

Another benefit of Valid slide-outs is the ability to vary the size and location of the bedroom slides, which maximizes the flexibility for custom floorplan designs. By modifying the placement of the bedroom slides, a completely new dynamic is added to a bus conversion: An entire room can be added to the rear of the coach! Marathon design engineers have converted this



Valid triple slide in master suite.

room into a spacious master bath on private coaches, or an additional office or lounge area on corporate coaches. The custom design options for this extra room are limited only by the imagination and desires of coach owners.

Founded in 1991 with an experienced production staff of approximately 80 employees, Valid is a privately owned and operated company based in Salmon Arm, British Columbia. They specialize in the design and manufacturing of innovative solutions for industrial and recreational applications: wood processing sawmills and planer mills, electrical enclosures and control products, and a 55' quad slide trailer with a pop-up 2nd floor roof extension. In addition to their products, Valid offers custom electrical and mechanical services such as 3-D solid modeling design, CNC manufacturing, and a fully approved wiring and assembly shop.

Marathon has custom designed a wide variety of floorplans to maximize the benefits of Valid slide-outs. Marathon Super Slides offer coach owners unprecedented value and versa-

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125" rear slide-out in bedroom.



Private master bath possible with forward placement of bedroom slide-outs.



tility in a bus conversion. Please contact your sales representative today to learn more about the design possibilities of these exciting Valid slide-outs.

INNOVATIVE SLIDE-OUT FEATURES

- Low-friction precision bearing rails provide stable and reliable room extension.
- The cam drive system is an effective, low-maintenance actuation system. It provides automatic locking in both the extended and retracted positions, even in the event of a complete loss of power and air. Does not require the use of locking pins.
- The high-thrust ball screw drive provides smooth, quiet, low-friction actuation of the room extension.
- There are no bulky hydraulic systems and therefore no possibilities of any damaging oil leaks.
- Durable aluminum frame construction.
- Inflatable air seal around each slide-out room to seal the room against the elements. Includes a wiper to minimize carrying water and debris into the interior.
- The Valid slide-out control has the diagnostic capability to diagnose malfunctions.
- Up to three slide-outs possible on a Prevost H3-45 chassis.
- Front slide-outs can be up to 14.5-feet long with a 30-inch extension; available in flat floor or raised floor configurations.
- Custom window placements are available.
- Rear slide-outs can be up to 10 feet 5 inches long with a 30-inch extension.
- Windows can be ordered on the ends of the slide-out rooms.
- Ample storage space in bay areas. •