



Extreme conditions are daily fare for this expedition vehicle, based on a U 100 L turbo chassis

and when travelling cross-country, but at a reasonable price – the U 100 L fits the bill perfectly.”

He made the one-piece body himself in glass fibre-reinforced plastic and gave it plenty of thermal insulation to resist the harsh Canadian winters. Inside David used equipment of naval and aircraft origin. Thus, the ‘Explorer’ houses a 12 V compressor-type refrigerator, washroom, shower, toilet and plenty more besides. For longer expeditions, a second fuel tank increases the vehicle’s range and roof-mounted solar cells plus a wind-powered generator ease the load on the batteries. The freshwater tanks mean David can bid farewell to civilisation for weeks on end.

With all that equipment, the U 100 L turbo, has been transformed into a genuine expedition base that its owner can rely on even under extreme conditions. Drawing on his extensive practical experience, David Lam has now set up Safari Vehicles Manufacturing Inc. with the aim of supplying his special “go-anywhere” Unimog bodies to customers all over the world.

A Canadian adventurer

David Lam, a Vancouver engineer and four-wheel-drive fan, knows the wilds of British Columbia in Canada like the back of his hand. This is a place where real adventure still awaits those intrepid enough to want to explore every last corner of the province.

According to David, all-wheel-drive motor caravans are ideal for the job and he was originally very surprised indeed to find that no such vehicles existed in North America. Undeterred, he did his

homework and hit upon Canada’s sole Unimog importer, Moss Import Service. After a very close look indeed at one of their Unimogs to see whether it could be converted to suit his needs, he quickly decided to order a new U 100 L turbo chassis. Commenting on his decision, David said: “I believe the Unimog U 100 L is the best vehicle there is for building a lightweight, efficient and agile expedition motor caravan. I wanted something that would be easy to handle both on the road