

Vehicle Manager Manuals

Manuals for installation and use of Vehicle Manager

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Vehicle Manager

Vehicle Manager is a powerful component to creating vehicles catalogs on a Joomla-based website. There are many new features for professional vehicle seller was added in Vehicle manager.

The lot of different fields for description your vehicles allows well to provide full information about vehicle for every customer. With this component users of your website can buy, rent and sale vehicles from frontend.

Vehicle Manager offers the following additional options (compared to free version):

- Possibility show/hide some info for some users groups
- Possibility add new Vehicle items (vehicle, car, truck) from frontend (from site)
- Extended Search
- Possibility Hide some tabs
- RSS with possibility set user groups right
- Languages file included: Arabic, Brazilian-Portuguese, Danish, Dutch, Farsi, French, German, English, Hungarian, Russian, Italian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Romanian, Turkish, Lithuanian, Spanish
- Button [Add Vehicle] with users Right manager
- Hide direct link to eDocument download (show internal Joomla URL)
- Hide eDocument download link from download managers with users Right manager
- Button [Suggest Vehicle] with AJAX show-hide form and users Right manager
- CAPTCHA for Guest [Reviews] & [Suggestions]
- Typed [Vehicles Reviews] kept on screen even when wrong CAPTCHA entered
- Show eDocument download license before allowing eDocument download
- [Print Report] option with fields choice in [Vehicle Manager]
- Allow external mambots in Vehicle descriptions
- Admin possibility approve/unapprove/publish/unpublish any car on site
- Admin possibility set option for auto publish/ approve cars from users with possibility

check User Right groups.

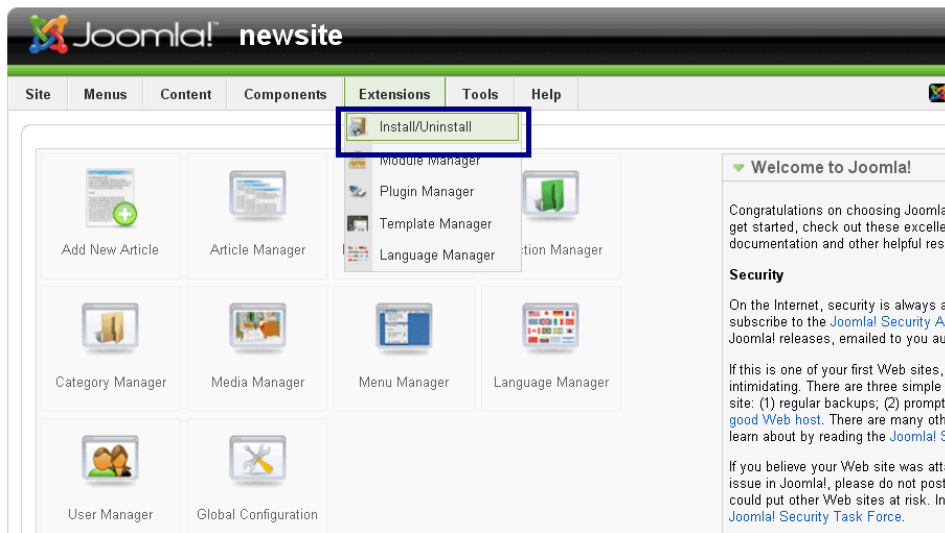
- Support multicategories (one car save in many categories)
- Create menu item to some car category
- Create menu item to vehicle owner list
- Create menu item to My vehicles list
- Create menu item to some owner/dialer vehicles list
- [Review Manager] for user submitted Vehicle reviews
- Email to admin when [User Review] added
- Suggestion Manager] for user suggested Vehicles
- Rights setting who is allowed to suggest Vehicles
- Save and show Rent request History
- Possibility take rent request for many different time period
- Email to admin when Rent Request submitted
- Email Notify Admin about some rent expire soon
- Possibility edit current open rent details
- Email to user about solution admin of lend request
- Template for email what we send to user about solution admin of lend request.
- Email to admin when Rent Request submitted
- Email to user about solution admin of buy request
- Template for email what we send to user about solution admin of buy request
- CSV import/export
- XML import/export
- Full data import/export
- Added explanations in [Import] and [Export] tabs
- Option [Show Contacts] with rights settings
- Option [Show Location tab] with rights settings
- Option [Show Reviews tab] with rights settings
- Option [Review Notification] with rights settings
- Option [Suggestion Notification] with rights settings
- Option [Buy Request Notification] with rights settings
- Option [Rent Request Notification] with rights settings

- Option [Show Rent status] and [Allow Rent Requests] with rights settings
- Option Show button [Add reviews] with rights settings
- Option Show button[Suggest Vehicle] with rights settings
- Option Show button [Add Vehicle] with rights settings
- Option [Suggest Vehicle] button with rights settings
- Option [Show Vehicle Price] with rights settings
- Option [Show eDocument Download License] before download
- Option [Show Owner vehicle] on frontend
- Option [Show vehicle owner liste] on frontend
- Option [Set Image Size] gallery view
- Set email addresses for [Review Notification]
- Set email addresses for [Suggestion Notification]
- Set email addresses for [Buy Request Notification]
- Set email addresses for [Lend Request Notification]
- Option [VehicleID auto-increment] or manual entry

01. Installing Vehicle Manager

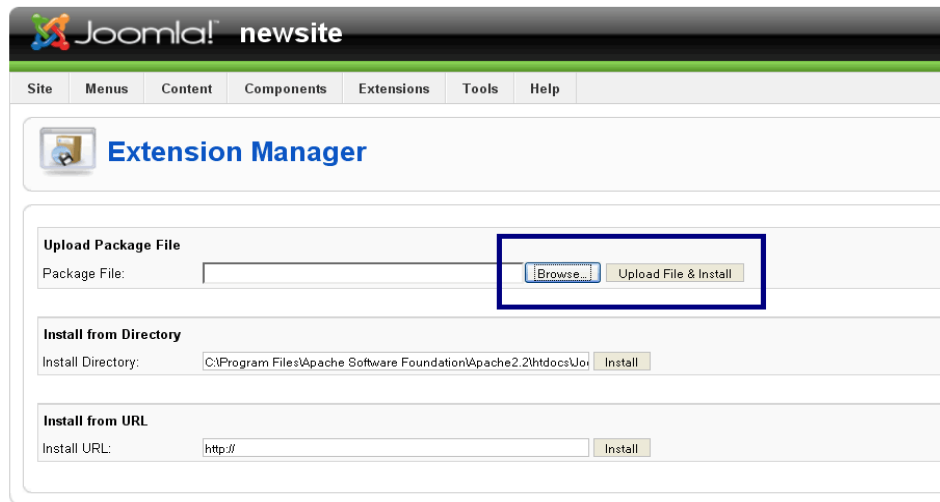
This article explains how to install Vehicle Manager

Step 1. Login to your Joomla Admin area > Extensions > Install/Uninstall.

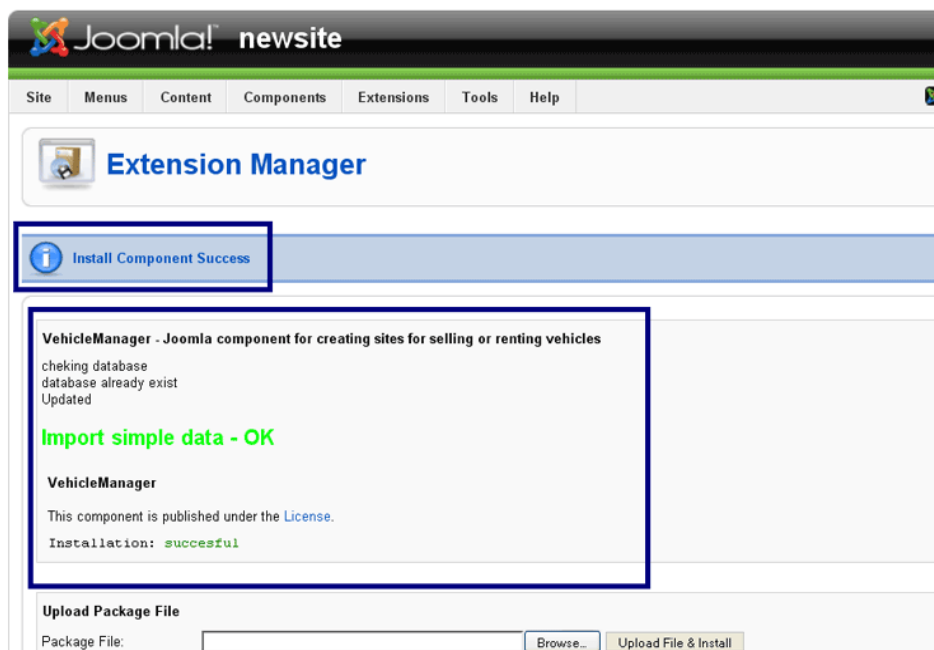


Step 2. In Extension Manager:

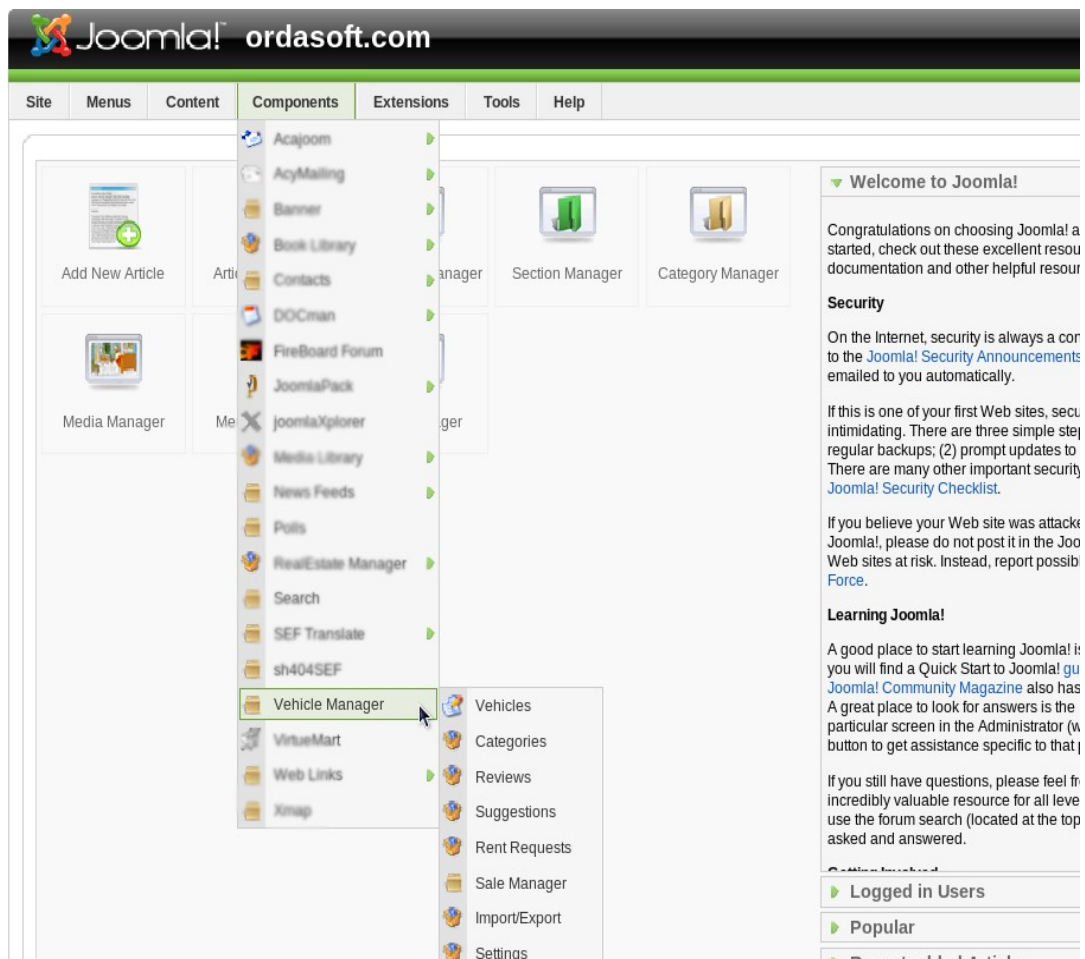
- In the Upload Package File section click Browse, select the Vehicle Manager component file (example: com_vehiclemanager.zip) that you want to install;
- Click Upload File & Install to upload the file and complete the installation



Step 3. When you click the Upload button, the Joomla component will hopefully upload successfully



Step 4. To perform some type components configuration Select the Components menu and find your Vehicle Manager.

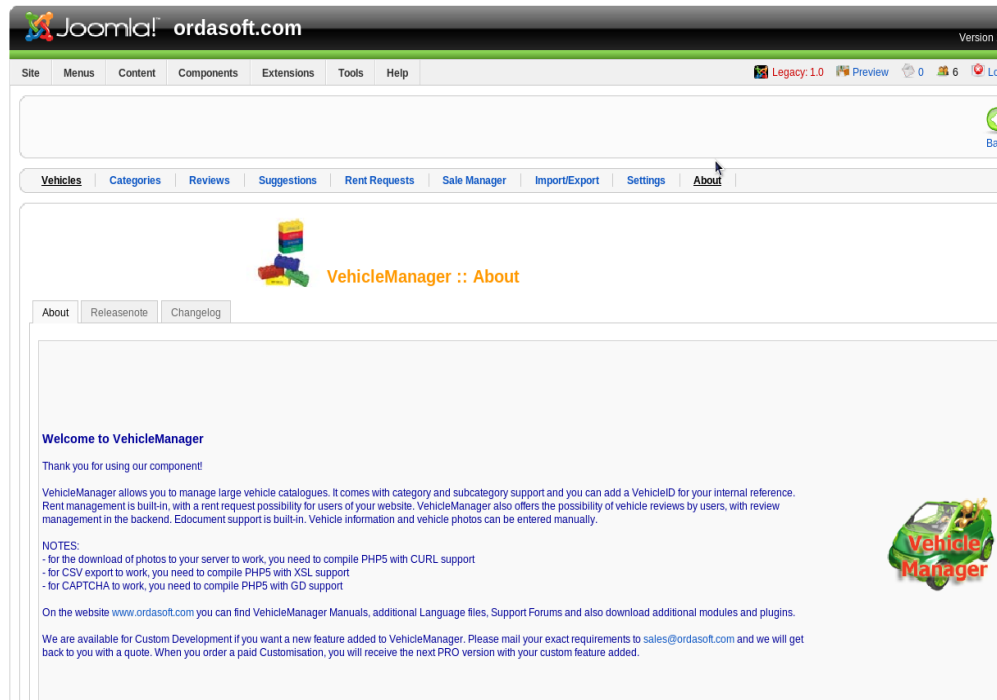


Vehicle manager admin menu has the following entries:

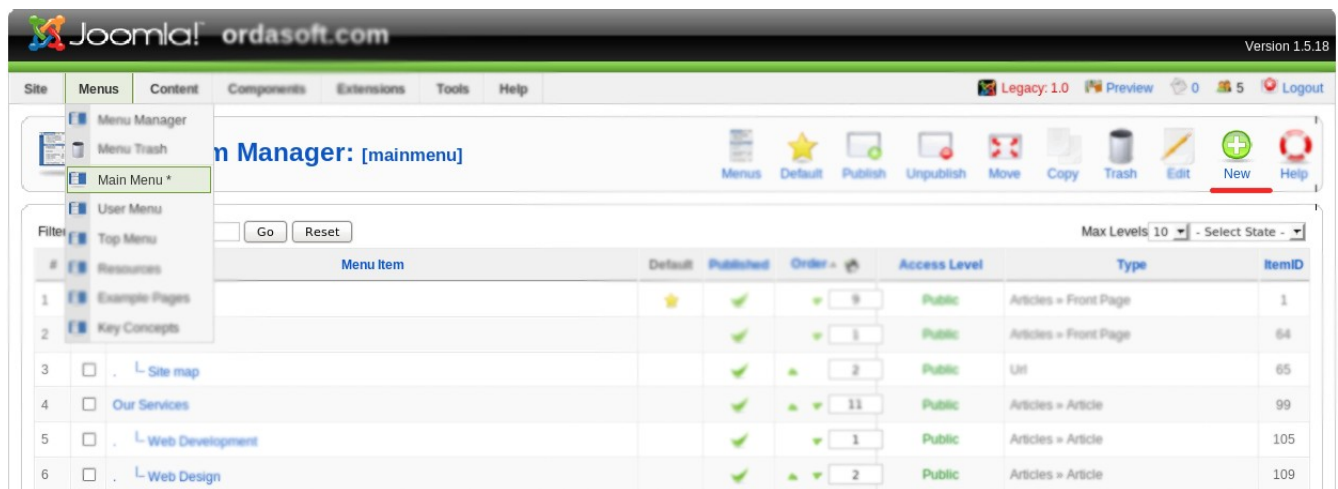
- Vehicles
- Categories
- Reviews
- Suggestions
- Rent request
- Sale Manager
- Import/Export
- Settings
- About

Vehicle manager About

First, check out the Components > Vehicle manager > About page, and read the Notes.



Step 5. To allow access to Vehicle manager, a menu item must be created. In Joomla Admin area select Menus > Main Menu > New (button in right corner)



Remark about the language of the menu entries:

The language of the top menu entries are the only part of the installation which is not handled by the Vehicle Manager language files. These entries are controlled through the vehiclemanager.xml file at installation time only. The menu entries in the horizontal top bar will follow the Vehicle Manager language file entries, but the top menu entries will not. So, if you also

want the top menu entries to be the same as your own backend language (presuming it is not set to English), then you need to adjust the vehiclemanager.xml file BEFORE you install!

Installation it is located in the directory /components/com_vehiclemanager/language/

02. Configure Vehicle manager Settings Frontend

In this article we will look at the various configuration options for Vehicle Manager Settings Frontend.


Settings frontend

Go to the Components > Vehicle Manager > Setting Frontend page.

(You can reach this page either through the top menu or through the horizontal menu bar.)

Set the options as you want them. The options are fairly self-explanatory. But if you need more information, you can hover with your mouse over the [i] at each option and it will show the tooltip for each option with a short explanation.

Vehicles | Categories | Reviews | Suggestions | Rent Requests | Sale Manager | Import/Export | **Settings** | About


VehicleManager :: Settings

Settings Frontend | Settings Backend

Settings Frontend

Show Contacts:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	User groups from which Review notifications will be sent:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Everyone <input type="radio"/> Public Front-end <input type="radio"/> Registered <input type="radio"/> Author <input type="radio"/> Editor <input type="radio"/> Publisher <input type="radio"/> Public Back-end <input type="radio"/> Manager
Show Location tab:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	User groups from which Review notifications will be sent:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Everyone <input type="radio"/> Public Front-end <input type="radio"/> Registered <input type="radio"/> Author
Show Reviews tab:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	User groups from which Review notifications will be sent:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Everyone <input type="radio"/> Public Front-end <input type="radio"/> Registered <input type="radio"/> Author
Send Review Notification:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	User groups from which Review notifications will be sent:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Everyone <input type="radio"/> Public Front-end <input type="radio"/> Registered <input type="radio"/> Author
Send Suggestion Notification:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	User groups from which Suggestion notifications will be sent:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Everyone <input type="radio"/> Public Front-end <input type="radio"/> Registered <input type="radio"/> Author
Send Rent Request Notification:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	User groups from which Rent Request notifications will be sent:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Everyone <input type="radio"/> Public Front-end <input type="radio"/> Registered <input type="radio"/> Author

- Show contacts

You can choose for which categories of users show the contacts.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click

- Show location tab

You can choose for which categories of users show the location tab.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click

- Show Reviews tab

You can choose for which categories of users show the reviews tab.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click

- Send Review Notification

You can choose for which categories of users send the review notification.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click

- Send Suggestion Notification

You can choose for which categories of users send the suggestion notification.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click

- Send Rent Request Notification

You can choose for which categories of users send rent request notification.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click

- Send Buying Request Notification

You can choose for which categories of users send buying request notification.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click

- Show Reviews

Set the user rights level which is allowed to submit vehicle reviews from the frontend. If set to Registered Users, no CAPTCHA will be displayed. If set to Guest Users, CAPTCHA will need to be filled in when submitting to avoid spam entries. If you only use vehicle in a controlled LAN environment, you can of course allow everyone to enter vehicle reviews.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click

- Show Rent status

You can choose for which categories of users allow rent status.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click

- Show button [Suggest Vehicle]

You can choose for which categories of users allow show button [Suggested vehicle].

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click

- Show button [Add Vehicle]

You can choose for which categories of users allow show button [Add vehicle].

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click

- Show button [print PDF]

You can choose for which categories of users show button [print PDF].

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click

- Show button [print View]

You can choose for which categories of users show button [print View].

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click

- Show button [send Link]

Whether or not to show the [send Link] button, and for which user groups.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click

- Show price

Whether or not to show the vehicle price, and for which users categories.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click.

- Show edocuments download link

Whether or not to show edocuments in the frontend, and for which user groups.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click.

- Approve added vehicles

In this category you approve to which users group can add vehicles from frontend.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click.

- Publish added vehicles

In this category you approve to which users group can add vehicles from frontend.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click.

- Show edocument download license. You can insert and edit the license text with a lot of tools. And whether or not to show edocument download license.

- Thumbnail photos size. You can edit vehicle thumbnail photos size.
- Vehicle main photos size. You can edit vehicle main photos size.
- Vehicle gallery photo size. You can edit vehicle gallery photos size.
- Page items. How many vehicles to show per 1 page in a category.

[illegible]

- Custom Category images.

Whether or not to have custom category images which show in the categories list in the frontend. If set to NO, all vehicle categories will have the standard folder icon in the list. If set to YES, each vehicle category will have its own icon in the category list

- Show subcategory.

Whether or not to also show the vehicle subcategories in the main category

- View type.

You can select view type of vehicle photos.

- Show RSS.

Whether or not to show RSS, and for which user groups.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click.

- Show owner.

Whether or not to show owner in the frontend, and for which user groups.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click.

- Show owners list.

Whether or not to show owners list in the frontend, and for which user groups.

You can select multiple user groups for rights settings by using CTRL + click.

03. Configure Vehicle manager Settings Backend

In this article we will look at the various configuration options for Vehicle Manager Settings Backend.

Settings backend

Go to the Components > Vehicle manage > Settings Backend page.

(You can reach this page either through the top menu or through the horizontal menu bar.)

VehicleManager :: Settings

Settings Frontend Settings Backend

Settings Backend

Review email: [text input]

Suggestion email: [text input]

Rent Request email: [text input]

Rent request answer: ☐ YES ☒ NO

Form for answer to rent request: [rich text editor]

Buying Request email: [text input]

Buy request answer: ☐ YES ☒ NO

Form for answer to buy request: [rich text editor]

You can use:
{title} - title of rent vehicle
{answer} - declined or accepted
{username} - the name of the user who requested a vehicle
{owneremail} - the email of the owner vehicle
{ownername} - the name of the owner vehicle

Set the options as you want them. The options are fairly self-explanatory. But if you need more information, you can hover with your mouse over the [i] at each

option and it will show the tooltip for each option with a short explanation.

- Review email. Who will receive Review notifications. Multiple addresses possible (separated by a comma)

- Suggestions email. Who will receive Suggestions notifications. Multiple addresses possible (separated by a comma)


- Rent Request email. Who will receive Rent Request notifications. Multiple addresses possible


- Rent request answer and form for answer. You can choose show or not the rent request answer, and edit the rent request answer form.


- Buying Request email. Who will receive buying request notifications. Multiple addresses possible (separated by a comma).


- Buy request answer and form for answer. You can choose show or not the buying request answer, and edit the buy request answer form.


Send email to admin before Rent end.
For that you need create GRON job and connect to Cron check so URL:
'http://{yours site}/index.php?option=com_vehiclemanager&Itemid={Yours ItemID}&task=rent_before_end_notify' with span - every day.
Cron Jobs may look like:
'wget -q -O - http://localhost/~andrew/joomla_15/index.php?option=com_vehiclemanager&Itemid=56&task=rent_before_end_notify /dev/null'


Rent before end notify:  ☐ YES ☒ NO


Rent end days: 


Rent end email: 

VehicleID auto-increment:  ☒ YES ☐ NO

edocument support:  ☒ YES ☐ NO

Location of edocuments: 

Key for google map API: 

Update:  ☐ YES ☒ NO

Rent before end notify. In this point you can set notify or not users before rent end. Please, necessary read the notice under this point.

Rent end days. In this point set how much days before rent request notify email.

Rent end email. Who will receive Rent end email. Multiple addresses possible (separated by a comma).

Vehicle ID auto-increment. You can choose YES or NO to use auto-increment or manually entered Vehicle ID.

Edocument support. Chose YES if you want to activate edocument support to the administrator interface.

Locations of edocuments. This field showed the location of edocuments on the server.

Key for Google map API. That key need to correct work with Google map. You can take it from <http://code.google.com/apis/maps/signup.html>

Update. Choose YES if you want don't remove database.

04. Create a menu entry for Vehicle manager

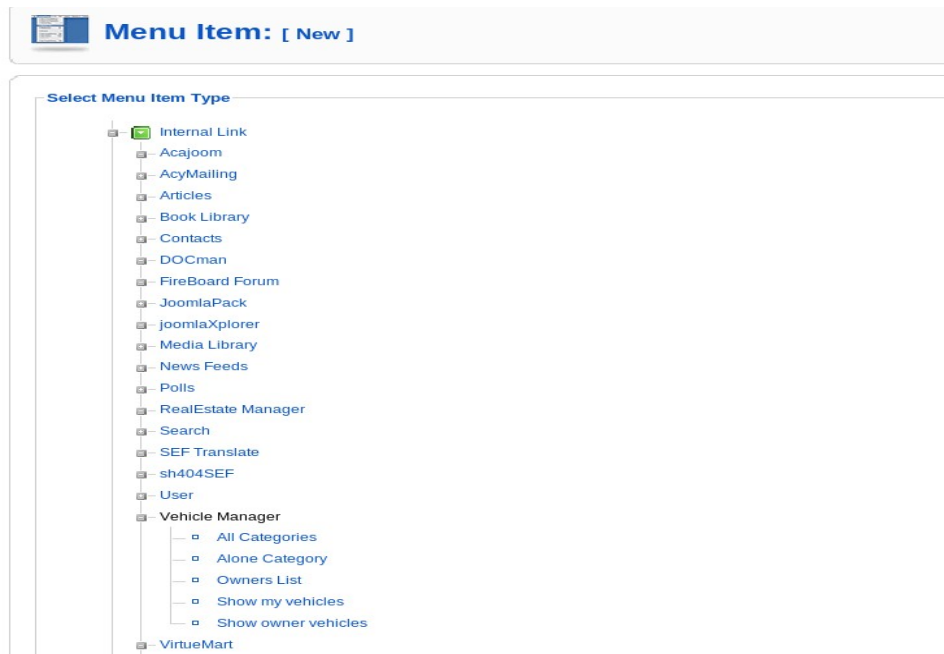
In this article we will create a menu entry in Joomla for Vehicle Manager.

Menu entry for Vehicle Manager PRO

In order to access Vehicle Manager in the frontend of your website, you will need to create a menu item for it.



In the Joomla admin panel go to Menu > Main Menu > New (button in right corner).

Next click on Vehicle manager > All categories or Alone category; Owners list; Show my vehicles; Show owners vehicles.



You will then enter the screen with the detailed settings for your menu entry.

Vehicle Manager – All categories


Menu Item: [New]


Menu Item Type

Change Type

All Categories

This menu shows categories from vehiclename.

Menu Item Details

Title:
Alias:
Link:
Display In:
Parent Item:

Top

- Home
- Home
- Site map
- Our Services
- Web Development
- Web Design
- SEO Marketing
- Web hosting
- Web Links

Published: ☐ No ☒ Yes
Order: New Menu Items default to the last position. Ordering can be changed after this Menu Item is saved.
Access Level:

PublicRegisteredSpecial

On Click, Open In:

Parent Window with Browser NavigationNew Window with Browser NavigationNew Window without Browser Navigation



Parameters (Basic)

Back ButtonUse Global

Parameters (System)

Parameters (JV Extended)

Vehicle Manager – Alone category


Menu Item: [New]


Menu Item Type

Change Type

showCategory

This menu shows category from vehiclename.

Menu Item Details

Title:
Alias:
Link:
Display In:
Parent Item:

Top

- Home
- Home
- Site map
- Our Services
- Web Development
- Web Design
- SEO Marketing
- Web hosting
- Web Links

Published: ☐ No ☒ Yes
Order: New Menu Items default to the last position. Ordering can be changed after this Menu Item is saved.
Access Level:

PublicRegisteredSpecial

On Click, Open In:

Parent Window with Browser NavigationNew Window with Browser NavigationNew Window without Browser Navigation

Parameters (Basic)

Select Category - Select Category -

Back ButtonUse Global

Parameters (System)

Parameters (JV Extended)

Vehicle Manager – Owners list



Menu Item: [New]



Save

Menu Item Type

Owners List

Change Type

This menu shows owners list from vehiclemanager.

Menu Item Details

Title:	<input type="text"/>
Alias:	<input type="text"/>
Link:	<input type="text" value="index.php?option=com_vehiclemanager&task=ownerslist"/>
Display in:	Main Menu
Parent Item:	<div>Top Home - Home - Site map Our Services - Web Development - Web Design - SEO Marketing - Web hosting Web Links</div>
Published:	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Order:	New Menu Items default to the last position. Ordering can be changed after this Menu Item is saved.
Access Level:	<div>Public Registered Special</div>
On Click, Open in:	<div>Parent Window with Browser Navigation New Window with Browser Navigation New Window without Browser Navigation</div>

Parameters (Basic)

Back Button

Use Global

Parameters (System)

Parameters (JV Extended)

Vehicle Manager – Show my vehicles



Menu Item: [New]



Save

Menu Item Type

Show my vehicles

Change Type

This menu shows current user vehicles from vehiclemanager..

Menu Item Details

Title:	<input type="text"/>
Alias:	<input type="text"/>
Link:	<input type="text" value="index.php?option=com_vehiclemanager&task=showmyvehicles"/>
Display in:	Main Menu
Parent Item:	<div>Top Home - Home - Site map Our Services - Web Development - Web Design - SEO Marketing - Web hosting Web Links</div>
Published:	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Order:	New Menu Items default to the last position. Ordering can be changed after this Menu Item is saved.
Access Level:	<div>Public Registered Special</div>
On Click, Open in:	<div>Parent Window with Browser Navigation New Window with Browser Navigation New Window without Browser Navigation</div>

Parameters (Basic)



Back Button

Use Global

Parameters (System)

Parameters (JV Extended)

Vehicle Manager – Owners vehicles

 **Menu Item: [New]**  Save

Menu Item Type Change Type
Owner Vehicles
This menu shows user vehicles from vehiclemanager.

Menu Item Details

Title:	<input type="text"/>
Alias:	<input type="text"/>
Link:	<input type="text" value="index.php?option=com_vehiclemanager&task=showownervehic"/>
Display in:	<input type="text" value="Main Menu"/>
Parent Item:	<div>Top - Home - Site map Our Services - Web Development - Web Design - SEO Marketing - Web hosting Web Links</div>
Published:	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Order:	New Menu Items default to the last position. Ordering can be changed after this Menu Item is saved.
Access Level:	<div>Public Registered Special</div>
On Click, Open in:	<div>Parent Window with Browser Navigation New Window with Browser Navigation New Window without Browser Navigation</div>

Parameters (Basic)

Select Owner	<input type="text"/>
Back Button	<input type="text" value="Use Global"/>

Parameters (System)
Parameters (JV Extended)

- Title

Choose a title for your menu entry. This will also be the name which reflects in the URLs. You can choose any name you want, it does not need to be Vehicle Manager.

- Alias

The Alias you choose for your menu entry.

- Link

This will be automatically filled field.

- Display in

Choose the menu which this link to Vehicle manager will display in.

- Parent Item

Choose the parent menu item which you want your Vehicle Manager menu item to be under.

- Published

Select YES to publish the new Vehicle Manager menu item.

- Order

Choose where in the list the Vehicle Manager entry will appear.

- Access Level

Set the user rights level which will be allowed to access the Vehicle Manager menu item in the frontend.

- On Click, Open in

Choose "Parent window with browser navigation"

- Parameters (Basic)

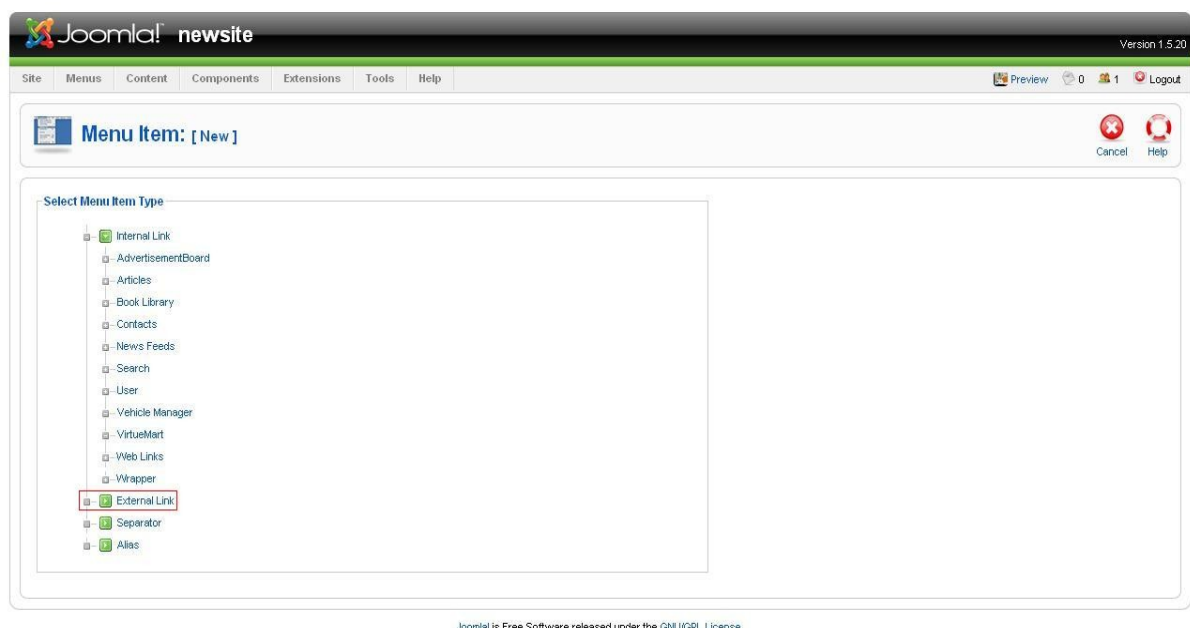
Back button – Show/Hide a back button, that returns you to the previously view page.

Select category/owner – you can select the category or owners.

Save your menu entry. Once it is saved, you are returned to the menu you chose earlier. Now you can rearrange the menu items until you are happy with the ordering. You now have a menu item in the frontend of your website which allow your users to access Vehicle manager.

Create a base of search menu for Vehicle Manager

In the Joomla admin panel go to Menu > Main Menu > New (button in right corner) > External Link



Then copy link on page what you want see on main menu and put in field

The screenshot shows the Joomla! 1.5.20 administration interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Site, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, Tools, and Help. The user is logged in as 'newsite' (Version 1.5.20). The main heading is 'Menu Item: [New]'. Below this, there are buttons for Save, Apply, Cancel, and Help. The 'Menu Item Type' is set to 'External Link'. The 'Menu Item Details' section contains the following fields:

- Title: [Text input field]
- Alias: [Text input field]
- Link: [Text input field]
- Display in: Main Menu (dropdown)
- Parent Item: [List box showing: Top, Home, Joomla! Overview, - What's New in 1.5?, Joomla! License, More about Joomla!, FAQ, The News, Web Links, News Feeds]
- Published: ☐ No ☒ Yes
- Order: New Menu Items default to the last position. Ordering can be changed after this Menu Item is saved.
- Access Level: Public (dropdown)
- On Click, Open in: Parent Window with Browser Navigation (dropdown)

The 'Parameters (Basic)' section shows 'Menu Image' set to '- None Selected -'. The 'Parameters Advanced' section is currently collapsed. At the bottom, a footer note states: 'Joomla! is Free Software released under the GNU/GPL License.'

05. Creating Vehicle Categories in Vehicle manager


In this article we will look at creating and editing vehicle categories in Vehicle manager.

Creating Vehicle categories in Vehicle manager

In order to enter vehicles in Vehicle Manager, you will first need to create categories which will hold the vehicles.

Remark:

Categories will only show up in the frontend if there are vehicles inside it and those vehicles are published. Go to Components > Vehicle Manager >Categories











Vehicles	Categories	Reviews	Suggestions	Rent Requests	Sale Manager	Import/Export	Settings	About
 VehicleManager :: Categories								
#	<input type="checkbox"/>	Category	Vehicles	Published	Reorder	Access	ID	Checked Out By
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sport (Sport)	2	✓	▼	Everyone	208	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trucks (Trucks)	2	✓	▲	Everyone	207	
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sedan (Sedan)	3	✓	▲	Everyone	206	
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smart (Smart)	5	✓	▲	Everyone	205	
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	. ^L Rent (Rent)	2	✓	▼	Everyone	210	
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	. ^L Sale (Sale)	1	✓	▲	Everyone	209	
Display # 20								

Remark:

The Checked Out By column indicates if the category is currently being edited by another Administrator.

Next click the New (button in right corner).

Search Vehicles

Category	# Vehicle	RSS
 Crossover	1	 RSS
 Trucks	3	 RSS
 Sports cars	8	 RSS
L  Muscle car	2	 RSS
L  Supercar	6	 RSS

Example how looks standard image in the categories.

Remark: optimum size for category images is 48x48 pixels

- Image Position

The alignment of the vehicle category image. Choose between left or right.

- Ordering

Select which position the new category will have in the category order. You can always adjust this later on.

- Access

Set the user rights level which will have access to this vehicle category.

- Published

Set whether or not this vehicle category is published.

- Details

Here you can fill in a description for the vehicle category if you want, for example: *"This category holds vehicles which are rented"*. This description will then show on top of the vehicles list in the category next to the category image and also in the main category list in the main Vehicle Manager entry in the frontend.

When you are done, Save (button in right corner) your category entry.











Remember:

Categories will only show up in the frontend if there are vehicles inside it and those vehicles are published!

06. Frontend Category View in Vehicle manager

In this article we will look at the frontend Category View of Vehicle manager.

Frontend Category View in Vehicle manager

Category	# Vehicle	RSS
 Crossover	3	
 Trucks	3	
 Sports cars	8	
L  Muscle car	2	
L  Supercar	6	

[Add Vehicle]

[Suggest Vehicle]

Owners list

- Pathway

On the top you will see the Joomla pathway (breadcrumbs) reflecting where you are inside Vehicle manager. That part can also be used for easy navigation; the links are clickable (except for the current location).

- Vehicles

Comes from the menu entry name you created for Vehicle Manager.

- Category Description

The text "Our vehicle catalogue with cars for rent or sale" can be found and changed to

your liking inside the language files (/components/com_vehicle manager/language/)

- Vehicle Image

The image of the vehicle can be found in the directory

/components/com_vehiclemanager/images/. The file is called vehicle.png and can be replaced with a different image if you like, just call it vehicle.png and upload in that directory.

- Categories & Subcategories

The categories created for your vehicles show here, together with the number of vehicles in them. If you have set Show Subcategory to YES in Settings Frontend, then subcategories are also shown.

Remember: Categories will only show up in the frontend if there are vehicles inside it and those vehicles are published!

- Category folder icon

When Custom Category images is set to NO in Settings Frontend you will see these default folder icons in the categories. When you set that to YES, then each category will show the image here which you specify in the Category itself (through category edit in the backend)

The optimum size for category images is 48x48px.

- Search Vehicles

This is a link to the Search form for Vehicle Manager

- # Vehicle

This column show how much vehicle items contains in this category.

- RSS icon

This icon-link to the RSS page.

- Suggest Vehicle

This button will show up if Show button Suggest Vehicle is set to YES in Settings Frontend. It allows the user groups you specified in Settings Backend to enter vehicle suggestions for inclusion in your catalog.

07. Frontend Vehicle List View in Vehicle manager

In this article we will look at the frontend Vehicle List in Category View of Vehicle manager.

Frontend Vehicle List View in Vehicle manager

The screenshot displays the Vehicle Manager interface. On the left, a sidebar titled 'Vehicle Manager Top' lists various vehicles with their images, titles, prices, and hit counts. Below this is a 'Vehicle Manager Top 10' section. The main content area features a 'Vehicle Manager top Vehicles scroller' with a row of vehicle images and titles. Below the scroller is a section titled 'Vehicle Manager:Muscle car' which includes a descriptive paragraph about muscle cars, a search bar, and a table of vehicles. The table has columns for View, Title, Model, Price, and Hits. At the bottom of the main area are two buttons: '[Add Vehicle]' and '[Suggest Vehicle]'.

Vehicle Manager Top

Image	Vehicle Title	Price	Hits
	Ford Mustang 1969	12000	(13827)
	Pontiac GTO 1964	4500	(10864)
	Volvo FH16 580	112000	(5196)
	Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren Roadster 722 S Convertible	500000	(4016)
	Lamborghini Gallardo	175000	(3954)
	Enzo Ferrari	568000	(3317)
	Ferrari F430 Spider HAMANN	286000	(3032)
	Mercedes-Benz Actros	132000	(2810)
	BMW X5	69000	(2231)

Vehicle Manager Top 10

Ford Mustang 1969	(13827)
Pontiac GTO 1964	(10864)
Volvo FH16 580	(5196)

Vehicle Manager top Vehicles scroller

[Pontiac GTO 1964](#) [Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren Road](#) [Mercedes-Benz Actros](#) [Lamborghini Gallardo](#) [Ford](#)

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Vehicle Manager:Muscle car

The muscle car term refers to a variety of high-performance vehicles, mainly affordable 2-door rear wheel drive mid-size cars with powerful V8 engines, that were most often made in the United States. Although opinions vary, it is generally accepted that classic muscle cars were produced in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Muscle cars were also produced in Australia and other nations.

[Search Vehicles](#)

[list](#) | [gallery](#)

Order by [Title](#)

View	Title	Model	Price	Hits
	Ford Mustang 1969	FORD, Mustang	12000 \$	13827
	Pontiac GTO 1964	PONTIAC, GTO	4500 \$	10864

[Add Vehicle]

[Suggest Vehicle]

- Pathway

On the top you will see the Joomla pathway (breadcrumbs) reflecting where you are inside Vehicle Manager. That part can also be used for easy navigation; the links are clickable (except for the last or current location).

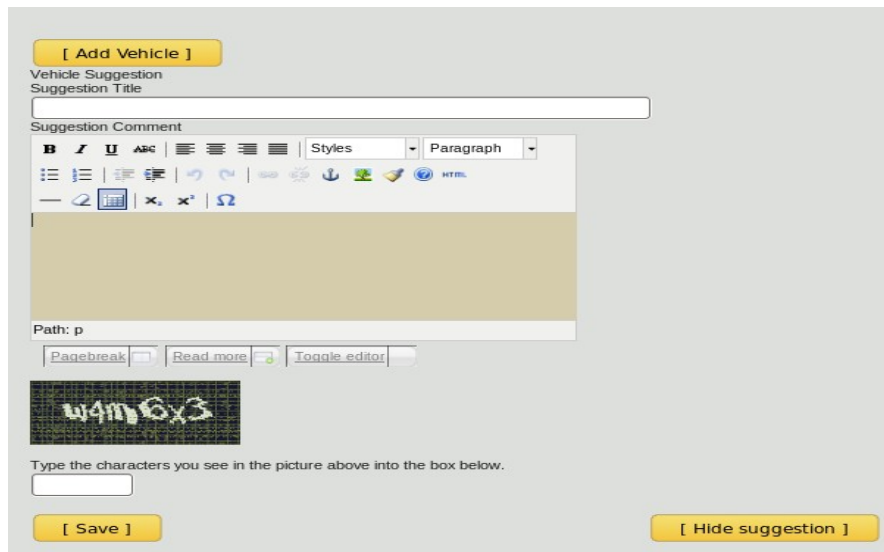
- Vehicle list

Show the vehicle list for the selected category, with View - Title -Model - Pice - Hits. View

show the image of vehicle. Title show the name of vehicle. Item. Model show the model of vehicle item. Price show the car price. The Hits column can be made to disappear if you prefer with a hack published in the forums.

- Search Books

This is a link to the Search form for Vehicle Manager.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Vehicle Suggestion". At the top left is a yellow button labeled "[Add Vehicle]". Below the title are two input fields: "Suggestion Title" and "Suggestion Comment". The "Suggestion Comment" field is a rich text editor with a toolbar containing various icons for text formatting (bold, italic, underline, text color, background color, bulleted list, numbered list, link, unlink, image, video, table, etc.) and a "Styles" dropdown menu. Below the editor is a "Path: p" label and a text input field. Underneath are three buttons: "Pagebreak" (with a page icon), "Read more" (with a magnifying glass icon), and "Toggle editor" (with a pencil icon). Below these is a small image showing the text "w4m6x3" in a stylized font. A text prompt says "Type the characters you see in the picture above into the box below." followed by a text input field. At the bottom are two yellow buttons: "[Save]" on the left and "[Hide suggestion]" on the right.

- Suggest Vehicle. This button will show up if Show button Suggest Vehicle is set to YES in Settings Frontend. It allows the user groups you specified in Settings Backend to enter vehicle suggestions for inclusion in your catalog.

8. Frontend Vehicle Details Page in Vehicle Manager

This article shows the frontend Vehicle Details page in Vehicle manager and explains the entries.

Vehicle detail page

- Pathway

On the top you will see the Joomla pathway (breadcrumbs) reflecting where you are inside Vehicle Manager. That part can also be used for easy navigation; the links are clickable (except for the last one or current location).

The screenshot displays the Joomla! frontend of the Vehicle Manager extension. The page is titled "Vehicle Manager top Vehicles scroller" and features a list of vehicles on the left and a detailed view of a Ferrari F430 Spider HAMANN on the right.

Vehicle Manager Top

Vehicle	Price	Count
Ford Mustang 1969	12000	(11435)
Pontiac GTO 1964	4500	(9066)
Volvo FH16 580	112000	(3649)
Lamborghini Gallardo	175000	(2992)
Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren Roadster 722 S Convertible	500000	(2940)
Enzo Ferrari	568000	(2636)
Mercedes-Benz Actros	132000	(2168)
Ferrari F430 Spider HAMANN	286000	(1890)
BMW X5	69000	(1624)

Vehicle Manager Top 10

Vehicle	Count
Ford Mustang 1969	(11435)
Pontiac GTO 1964	(9066)
Volvo FH16 580	(3649)
Lamborghini Gallardo	(2992)
Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren Roadster 722 S Convertible	(2940)
Enzo Ferrari	(2636)
Mercedes-Benz Actros	(2168)
Ferrari F430 Spider HAMANN	(1890)
BMW X5	(1624)
bmw320	(414)

Vehicle Manager Search

Search:

Year: From To

Title: ☒

Address: ☒

Vehicle type: ☒

Vehicle Manager top Vehicles scroller

Home > Vehicle Manager > Sports cars > Supercar > vehicle

Vehicle Manager: Ferrari F430 Spider HAMANN

Main Options Location Reviews

FERRARI F430 SPIDER HAMANN

MAKER FERRARI

MODEL F430 Spider

VEHICLE TYPE sedan

DESCRIPTION The equally stunning HAMANN Ferrari F430 Spider features a comprehensive aerodynamics package with motorsport undertones including an innovatively designed front spoiler, a newly designed rear diffuser and permanent rear spoiler for added downforce at the rear axle.

YEAR OF ISSUE 1900

CONDITION new

ADDRESS Ukraine, Kharkov

LISTING TYPE vehicle for rent

LISTING STATUS active

PRICE 286000 \$

PRICE TYPE negotiable

Vehicle Photo Gallery

[Rent Request]

[Add review]

Main

This page contain the main information about vehicle: maker, model, vehicle type, description, year of issue, condition, address, listing type, listing status, price, price type.

Options

This page inform user about vehicle details such as: title, description, year of issue, address, listing type, listing status, price, price type, transmission, drive type, number of cylinders, number of speeds, fuel type, number of doors, safety options.

Location

This page show the Google map with marker on that place where locate this vehicle.

Reviews

This tab contain reviews for this vehicle.

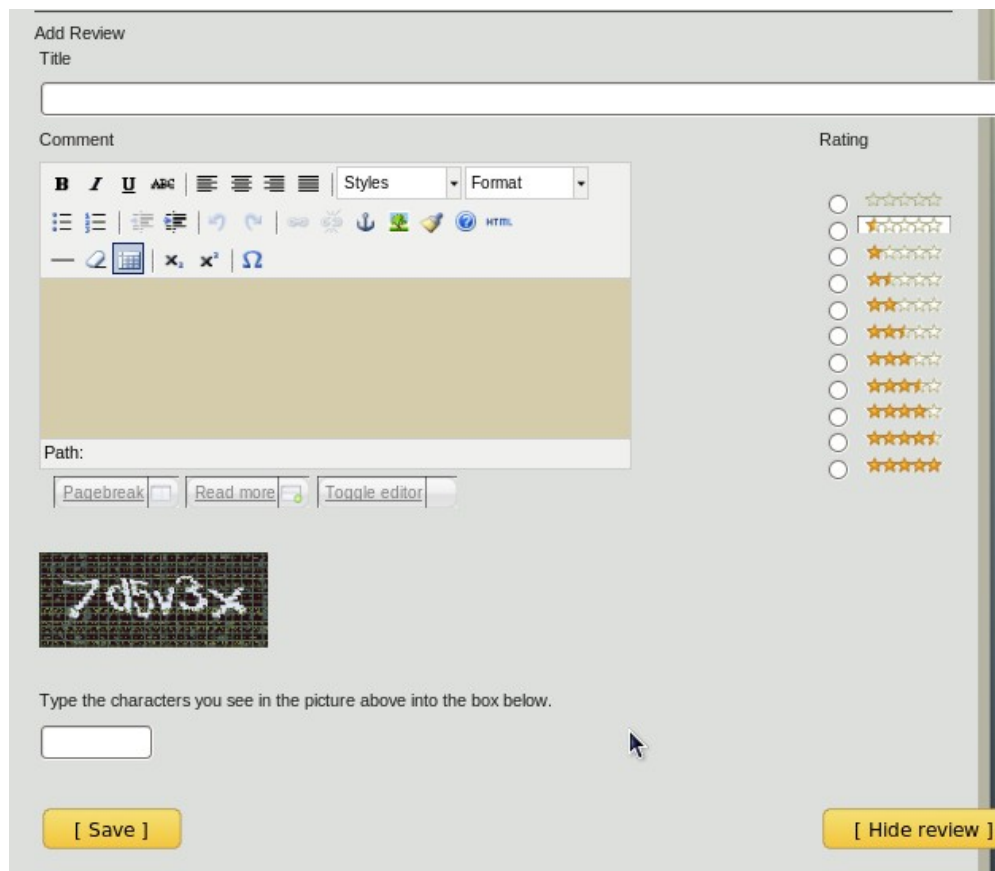
For all pages available the Vehicle photo gallery. Users can click on the photo and view the vehicle photo in full size.

09. Submitting Reviews in Vehicle Manager

In this article we will see the interface users have for submitting reviews in Vehicle Manager.

In the website frontend (providing you have allowed it in the configuration), users can submit their own reviews of the vehicles in your Vehicle Manager by clicking the

Add Review button. On the vehicle details page, they are then presented with the following form:



The screenshot shows the 'Add Review' form. It has a 'Title' field at the top. Below it is a 'Comment' section with a rich text editor toolbar (including bold, italic, underline, bulleted list, numbered list, link, unlink, image, video, and HTML) and a large text area. To the right of the comment area is a 'Rating' section with a vertical list of 10 star icons; the second star from the top is selected. Below the comment area is a 'Path:' field and three buttons: 'Pagebreak', 'Read more', and 'Toggle editor'. At the bottom of the form is a CAPTCHA image showing the characters '705v3x' and a text input field with the instruction 'Type the characters you see in the picture above into the box below.' Two yellow buttons are at the bottom right: '[Save]' and '[Hide review]'.

- Title

Title for the user's vehicle review.

- Comment

The user's text for the vehicle review.

- Rating

The user's rating of the vehicle. Rating is required in order to save the review!

- CAPTCHA

The CAPTCHA will only show for Guest users. If you specified Guest users are allowed to enter reviews at all of course in [Settings Frontend]. If the user enters a wrong CAPTCHA, the review is preserved through the session cookie of the user, so the user can try again without losing the typed review. Maximum 3 tries.

See the article about Vehicle Manager CAPTCHA and session save path in the Manuals section for explanation.

- Save

Saves the review. It will immediately show in the frontend.

- Hide Review

Hides the [Add Review] form on the vehicle details page.

When done, click [Save] to submit the review.

Review sorting:

Currently the User Submitted reviews are sorted by date of entry. If you should desire a different sorting method, there is hack described in the Support.

Forums for achieving sorting by Review Title Or Review Text first word.

In the next article we will see how user vehicle reviews show up in the Administration backend.

10. Managing submitted reviews in Vehicle Manager

Managing reviews in Vehicle Manager

The reviews which were submitted by the users of the website will sometimes need to be edited or otherwise managed by the Administrators. User submitted reviews in Vehicle Manager are stored together with the vehicles and can be managed through the [Reviews] Manager, where all user submitted reviews are visible on one administration page.

Go to the Admin backend > Components > Vehicle Manager > Reviews

Vehicles

Categories

Reviews

Suggestions

Rent Requests

Sale Manager

Import/Export

Settings

About

</

Here you will see all user submitted vehicle reviews on a single page (the page shown has only 2 review).

Select the review you want to edit or delete (checkmark). Once you have selected the review you want to manage, go to the top of the screen. You will see two icons there [Edit Review] and [Delete Review].

Edit Review.

Clicking the [Edit Review] button will open the user submitted review for editing. You will be presented with the following screen:

11.Submitting Rent Requests in Vehicle Manager


In this article we will take a look at the Rent Request submission from the frontend.


Submitting Rent Requests in Vehicle Manager Pro 2.1.


When you have configured Vehicle Manager to allow users of your website to submit Rent Requests for vehicles, the users can select vehicles for rent by choosing [Rent Request] button either in the Category View or in the Vehicle Details pages.



Rent Request

The list shows the vehicles selected for renting.
If it is empty, please check your selection again.



[Search Vehicles](#) 





Order by Date 










View	Title	Model	Price	Status
	Pontiac GTO 1964	PONTIAC, GTO	4500 \$	







Rent information

Your full name: email:




Your postal mailing address:


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
        

Path: p

[Pagebreak](#)  [Read more](#)  [Toggle editor](#) 

Rent from: 

Vehicle return date: 

[\[Submit Rent Request \]](#)

You must fill the [Your full name] and [Email] fields. Next you must specify the rent date

[rent from] and [vehicle return date].

Once everything is filled in, the user clicks on the [Submit Rent Request] button.

A confirmation screen appears:

The text says: "Your Rent Request was stored in our database. We will check your request and inform you as soon as possible. Thank you for using our service."

Remark: You can find this text in the language file, where you can change it to you liking.

Rent Request Flow

If email notification was set in [Settings Backend] for Rent Requests, then the designated Vehicle Manager will now receive a notification mail as well. The Vehicle Manager then needs to approve the request in the Administration backend.

Once the rent request is approved, the user will receive an email confirmation stating that the request has been approved and that the vehicle are ready to be picked up at the parking address.

Confirmation not send automatically to users – admin must self do email send or other notification.

The user's email address is clickable in admin RentRequestManager, so the admin can send reminders to the users easily from here.


12. Managing Rent Requests in Vehicle Manager

In this article we will look at the Rent Request Manager in Vehicle Manager

Rent Request Management in Vehicle manager

To manage user submitted Rent Requests, in the Admin backend go to Components > Vehicle Manager > Rent Requests.

You will see the following screen:

Vehicles	Categories	Reviews	Suggestions	Rent Requests	Sale Manager	Import/Export	Settings	About
 VehicleManager :: Rent Requests								
<input type="checkbox"/>	#	Rent from	Rent until	VehicleID	Title	User	email	Postal mailing address
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	2010-12-07	2010-12-07	6	Alfa Romeo 155	e		
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	2010-12-07	2010-12-07	6	Alfa Romeo 155	e		
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	2010-12-07	2010-12-07	6	Alfa Romeo 155	e		
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	2011-08-01	2011-08-16	7	2008 Chevrolet Corvette 2dr Cpe Z06	xxxxxxxxxx	xxx@yahoo.com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	2011-08-06	2011-08-06	9	2007 HONDA CIVIC HATCHBACK 2.0 I-VTEC TYPE R GT 3DR	ff	ff@fgg.com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	2011-08-17	2011-08-17	7	2008 Chevrolet Corvette 2dr Cpe Z06	trg3254tg254gt4	rwgvrng@fgwvtrg.com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	2011-08-17	2011-08-24	9	2007 HONDA CIVIC HATCHBACK 2.0 I-VTEC TYPE R GT 3DR	ghggh	thunderlover_us@yahoo.com	hy
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	2011-08-26	2011-08-26	7	2008 Chevrolet Corvette 2dr Cpe Z06	sdfdsadfsad	bc001122@hotmail.com	sdfasdfsadfsadf
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	2011-10-19	2011-10-19	4	2009 Lamborghini Gallardo LP560-4 Coupe	Daniel Weicht	dany_verah@hotmail.com	lpswich

All pending Rent Requests will be shown here. On the top bar, there are two buttons: Accept Request and Decline Request, which are fairly self-explanatory.

Reminders

The user's email address is clickable, so the admin can send reminders to the users easily from here.

Rent Request Flow

If the Rent Request is declined, the user will receive an email saying that the Rent Request was not accepted. Admin must manual send so email – if wish. If the Rent Request is approved, the user will receive an email confirmation stating that the request has been approved. Admin must manual send so email – if wish.

Vehicle availability indication in the frontend

In the frontend of the website, the vehicle details will now show that the vehicle has been lent out, so that other visitors of the website know that the vehicle is not available for lending.

In the Status column the vehicle which was lent out will have a red cross behind it, indicating that it is not available for lending. Also, the Rent Request button will NOT show when the vehicle is lent out.

13. Submitting Vehicle Suggestions in Vehicle Manager

In this article we will take a look at Vehicle Suggestion submission from the frontend.

Submitting Vehicle Suggestions in Vehicle Manager

When you have configured Vehicle Manager to allow users of your website to submit Vehicle Suggestions, the users can enter vehicle suggestions through the Suggest Vehicle button in the main Category View and in the Vehicle List in each category.

Frontend Vehicle Suggestion form

[Hide suggestion]

Vehicle Suggestion

Suggestion Title

Suggestion Comment

B **I** **U** **ABC** | | | | **Styles** **Format**

Path:

Pagebreak

Read more

Toggle editor

Type the characters you see in the picture above into the box below.

[Save]

[Hide suggestion]

Owners list

The user can enter a Title for their suggestion and enter the suggestion itself in a free text box. Once everything is filled in, the user clicks on the Save button on the bottom of the form. The Suggestion will be submitted to the backend. If you have allowed Suggest Vehicle for Guest users in Settings Frontend, then Guest users will see a CAPTCHA image underneath the form and a text box where they have to enter the code generated. Registered users will NOT see a CAPTCHA.

Suggestion Flow

At the moment the Suggestion flow is rather crude. The user enters a suggestion and the Admin views it in the backend. Admin can configured take emails with every new suggestions added.

The Admin will have to look up the vehicle manually and enter it into the Vehicle manager manually.


14. Managing Vehicle Suggestions in Vehicle Manager

In this article we look at the Vehicle Suggestion Manager in Vehicle Manager

Vehicle Suggestion Management in Vehicle Manager

To manage user submitted Vehicle Suggestion, in the Admin backend go to Components > Vehicle Manager > Suggestions. You will see the following screen:

Vehicles	Categories	Reviews	Suggestions	Rent Requests	Sale Manager	Import/Export	Settings	About
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VehicleManager :: Suggestions

<input type="checkbox"/>	#	Suggestion Title	Suggestion Comment	User	email	Suggestion da
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	sdfsd	sdfsd	Anonymous		2011-08-04 10:04
<input type="checkbox"/>	3			Anonymous		2011-09-20 01:41
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	buying cialis online medicatio	how to order cialis for men Cialis Medic	Anonymous		2011-10-30 03:08
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	OwrTiqSnjyJYvyPklw	I love these articles. How many words ca	Anonymous		2011-11-05 13:40
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	lvjyzJAglpz	This could not possibly have been more h	Anonymous		2011-11-05 15:58
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	TlroYVwDXp	I was so confused about what to buy, but	Anonymous		2011-11-06 04:58
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	XoJhCxzhHkTVl	I will be putting this dzazing insight	Anonymous		2011-11-06 07:43

Display # 20

All submitted Vehicles Suggestions will be shown here. On the top bar, there are two buttons: View Suggestion and Delete Suggestion, which are fairly self-explanatory. The Suggestion Comment is a clickable link, which will simply show the details of the suggestion:

Suggestion Flow

At the moment the Suggestion flow is rather crude. The user enters a suggestion and the Admin views it in the backend. The Admin will have to look up the Vehicle manually and enter it into the Vehicle Manager manually.

15. Vehicle Search in the Vehicle Manager

In this article we will look at the Vehicle Search function in Vehicle Manager.


Vehicle Search in Vehicle Manager






In the frontend right side of the component you will see a Search Vehicle button in the Category View and in the Vehicle List inside each category:

Vehicle Manager




Our vehicle catalogue with cars for rent or sale.




Search Vehicles 



Category	# Vehicle	 RSS
 Crossover	2	 RSS
 Trucks	3	 RSS


Vehicle Manager: Supercar

Supercar is a term generally used for ultra-high-end exotic cars, whose performance is superior to that of its contemporaries. The proper application of the term is subjective and disputed, especially among    enthusiasts.

Search Vehicles 

[list](#) | [gallery](#)

 Order by 

View	Title	Model	Price	Hits
	bmw520	BMW, 520	2500 2500	639
	Cool Car	BUICK, Century	420 420	136
	Enzo Ferrari	FERRARI, 360 GT	568000 \$	2839

Vehicle Search page.

On the search page of vehicles are so many different fields. This makes the Vehicle Manager very user-friendly.

Clicking the Search Vehicles button will take you to the Vehicle Search form: Search All Categories (default) or Single Category.

- By default the Search Vehicles will search through all Vehicle categories. Just enter the keywords you want to search for.
- By using the dropdown box (which will show all vehicle categories you have)
- you can restrict the search to a single category.

The screenshot displays a comprehensive vehicle search interface. At the top, there is a 'Search Keywords' text input field followed by a yellow 'Search' button. Below this, the form is organized into several sections. The 'Available for rent' section includes 'from' and 'until' date input fields. The 'Price' section features 'from' and 'to' dropdown menus. The 'Year' section has 'From' and 'To' dropdown menus. A 'Category' dropdown menu is set to 'Search category'. The 'Vehicle type' dropdown is set to 'all'. The 'Fuel type' dropdown is set to 'all'. The 'Listing type' dropdown is set to 'all'. The 'Condition' dropdown is set to 'all'. The 'Maker' dropdown is set to 'all'. The 'Model' dropdown is set to 'all'. The 'Transmission' dropdown is set to 'all'. A series of checkboxes on the left include 'Title', 'Address', 'Dashboard options', 'Safety options', 'Wheeltype', 'vehicleid', and 'owner', all of which are checked. On the right, another series of checkboxes include 'Exterior colors', 'Exterior extras', 'Interior extras', 'Warranty options', 'Interior colors', 'Description', and 'Engine type', all of which are checked. An 'exactly' checkbox is located near the bottom left.

Vehicle Search will by using of such fields:

- Available for rent: from/until
- Year of issue: from/to (with dropdown box of years)

- Price: from/to (with dropdown box of prices)
- Marker
- Model
- Transmission
- Vehicle type
- Fuel type
- Listing type
- Condition

And many other parameters which users can choose for search.

16. Entering Vehicles manually in Vehicle manager

In this article we will look at and explain the various fields in the Vehicle Manager Vehicle edit interface which are used when entering all Vehicles details manually.

Manual Vehicle entry in Vehicle Manager

Manual Vehicle entry in Vehicle Manager has one very simple principle:

To enter Vehicle manually in Vehicle manager, go to Components > Vehicle Manager > Vehicles in the Joomla Administration backend, then click on the New icon in the top bar.

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Publish
 Unpublish

Rent vehicle
 Return vehicle from rent

Edit rent
 New
 Delete

VehicleManager :: Vehicles

Search:		- All Vehicles	- All Vehicles	- All Categories						
#	VehicleID	Title	Maker, Model	Category	Rent out	Hits	Published	Approved	Checked out	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	3	1998 CITROEN XSARA 1.8i 16V EXCLUSIVE 5DR	CITROEN, Xsara	Trucks		314			Ira
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	8	2000 Mercedes-Benz S Class S430	MERCEDES-BENZ, S 430	Sale		178			Ira
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	2	2006 BMW 3 SERIES 2.0 320i ES SALOON	BMW, 320	Sedan		296			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	9	2007 HONDA CIVIC HATCHBACK 2.0 I-VTEC TYPE R GT 3DR	HONDA, Civic	Rent		291			
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	7	2008 Chevrolet Corvette 2dr Cpe Z06	CHEVROLET, Corvette	Sport		1327			Ira
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	5	2009 AUDI A3	AUDI, A3	Sedan		135			
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	4	2009 Lamborghini Gallardo LP560-4 Coupe	LAMBORGHINI, Gallardo	Sport		244			
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	1	2010 FORD Ka 1.2 Titanium	FORD(Europe), Ka	Smart		233			
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	6	Alfa Romeo 155	ALFA ROMEO, 155	Smart		119			
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	11	audio 100	AUDI, 100	Sedan		40			
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	12	KJK	JKL KJ	Rent		24			
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	13	my patrol	NISSAN, Patrol	Trucks		12			
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	14	sadas	AIXAM, 400	Smart		12			
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	10	ناردر	۱۳۳	Trucks		72			

You will see the Vehicles edit screen (we will explain all fields below the screenshots):

Save
 Back

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 [Categories](#) |
 [Reviews](#) |
 [Suggestions](#) |
 [Rent Requests](#) |
 [Sale Manager](#) |
 [Import/Export](#) |
 [Settings](#) |
 [About](#)

Vehicles:

Category:

Description:

VehicleID: 15

Category: Sport
Trucks
Sedan
Smart
Rent
Sale

Path: p

image Pagebreak Readmore Toggle editor

Upload document:

document Download Link URL:

Required fields

Maker: other

Model:

Vehicle type: sedan

Listing type: vehicle for rent

Price:

Price type: negotiable

Vehicle Title:

Screenshot 1

- VehicleID

This is the VehicleID for your internal reference. Fill in your own internal VehicleID here if you have set the option in Settings Backend for Auto-increment VehicleID to NO. If you have set that option to YES, you do not need to bother with this field.

VehicleID auto-increment:

☒ YES ☐ NO

TIP about internal reference IDs (VehicleIDs):

To make it easier for your internal administration, it is a good idea to use a numeric prefix for certain categories, for example all Vehicles in the category "Sport cars" will have their VehiclesID preceded by "01", all vehicles in the category "Crossovers" will have their VehiclesID preceded by "02", etc.

You can then choose how many numerics you want to assign to Vehicle, so you end up with VehiclesIDs like this for Vehicles in the "Sport cars" category: 01001, 01002, etc.

- Category

Select the category the Vehicle should belong to from the dropdown box.

- Description

Enter the Vehicle description here.

- Upload edocument

This point allows uploads the documents concerning this vehicle. Vehicle manager upload supported most popular documents formats.

- Edocument Download Link URL

You can add download link URL that users can download the edocument of this vehicle, if they want.

Required fields

- Maker. In this dropdown box select the maker of vehicle, which added. If there is no correct model select Other.
- Model. This field automatically changed when your select the Maker of vehicle. In the dropdown box select the vehicle model. If you early select "Other", entry vehicle model manually.
- Vehicle type. In this dropdown box select the vehicle type, which added.
- Listing type. You may select the parameter vehicle for rent or vehicle for sale.
- Price. In this fields setup the price of vehicle.
- Price type. Select type of vehicle price negotiable or starting.
- Vehicle Title. You can write full vehicle title.

Address fields

Address:

Owner:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Click on the map to choose the vehicle location:

Recommended fields

Year of issue:

Condition:

Mileage:

Listing status:

Contacts:

Options

Engine type:

Transmission:

Drive type:

Number of cylinders:

Number of speeds:

Fuel type:

City MPG/KPL:

Highway MPG/KPL:

Wheelbase:

Wheeltype:

Rear axle type:

Brakes type:

Screenshot 2

On screenshot 2 shown recommended to fill fields, they are explained below.

Address fields

- Adress. Fill the address of location vehicle.
- Owner. Were is owner of vehicle.
- Latitude. Fill the latitude of location vehicle or it automatically filled when you marked vehicle on map.
- Longitude. Fill the longitude of location vehicle or it automatically filled when you marked vehicle on map.
- Click on the map to choose the vehicle location. Moving the map with the hand-cursor find the vehicle location and mark them.

Recommended fields

- Year of issue. Select year in the dropdown box.
- Condition. Select condition of vehicle in the dropdown box.
- Mileage. Write the vehicle mileage in this field.
- Listing status. Select the listing status in the dropdown box.
- Contacts. You can specify the contacts, by which the user can contact the seller.

Options

- Engine type. Specify the engine type of vehicle which you add.
- Transmission. Select the transmission type automatic or manual.
- Drive type. Select the drive type of vehicle in the dropdown box.
- Number of cylinders. Select the number of cylinders.
- Number of speeds. Select the number of speeds.
- Fuel type. Select the fuel type of vehicle in the dropdown box.
- City MPG/KPL. Specify manually the city MPG/KPL in this fields.
- Highway MPG/KPL. Specify manually the highway MPG/KPL in this fields.
- Wheelbase. Write the wheelbase in this fields.
- Wheel type. In this fields specify the wheeltype.
- Rear axle type. In this fields specify the rear axle type.
- Brakes type. Specify in this fields the brakes type.

Exterior options

Exterior colors:

Number of doors:

Exterior extras:

Interior options

Interior colors:

Number of seats:

Dashboard options:

Interior extras:

Other options

Safety options:

Warranty options

Basic:

Drivetrain:

Corrosion:

Roadside assistance:

Screenshot 3

On screenshot 3 shown exterior, interior and other options fields.

Exterior Options

- Exteriors colors. Specify the vehicle colors in this fields.
- Number of doors. Select the number of doors in the dropdown box.
- Exteriors extras. In addition you can describe the exteriors extras manually.

Interior Options

- Interiors colors. Specify the vehicle interiors colors in this fields.
- Number of seats. Select the number of seats in the dropdown box.
- Dashboard options. You can specify the dashboard options in this field.
- Exteriors extras. In addition you can describe the interiors extras manually.

Other options

- Safety options. Describe the safety options in this field.
- Warranty options. The warranty options list.
- Basic. Fill this field if you consider it necessary.
- Drivetrain. Fill this field if you consider it necessary.
- Corrosion. Fill this field if you consider it necessary.
- Roadside assistance. Fill this field if you consider it necessary.



Screenshot 4

On screenshot 4 explain how upload the vehicle photos.

Photo manage

Upload main photo. To upload main photo click the Browse button, than select the necessary photo in your computer.

Click to upload new photos for vehicle photo gallery. To upload other photos of vehicle click the Add new photo > Browse buttons and select the photos in your computer.

17. Using the Vehicles Manager in Vehicle Manager

In this article we will take a closer look at the Vehicle Manager and see how an administrator can use that interface to Publish Unpublish, Rent or Return Vehicles.

The Vehicle Manager

In the Admin backend, go to Components > Vehicle manager > Vehicles. From the Vehicles Manager you can select one or multiple vehicles (checkmarks in front of the titles) and then apply actions to them with the icons in the top bar.

- Publish Publish selected Vehicles. When the vehicle published in front of its name is a green check mark.
- Unpublish. Unpublish selected Vehicles. When the vehicle published in front of its name is a red cross.
- Rent vehicle. When you click on this button opens new page, that shown below.

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VehicleManager - Rent out a vehicle

Rent to: User:
 email:

Rent from: 2011-11-18 07:56 Rent until: 2011-11-18 07:56

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Select date

- Rent to: Just select the user from the dropdown box
- User: Fill in username
- e-mail: Fill in user email
- Rent until: Select the return date by clicking on the button (will show a calendar pop-up)

When you have filled in the details, click the [Rent vehicle] button in the top bar. Once you have rent vehicle out, they will show up inside the Vehicle Manager with a Rent until: date, as in the following screen:

- Return vehicle from rent.

[Return vehicle from rent](#)
[Cancel](#)

[Vehicles](#) | [Categories](#) | [Reviews](#) | [Suggestions](#) | [Rent Requests](#) | [Sale Manager](#) | [Import/Export](#) | [Settings](#) | [About](#)

VehicleManager - Return vehicle from rent

<input type="checkbox"/>	#	VehicleID	Title	Rent from	Rent until	Rent return	Rent to
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	2	Ferrari F430 Spider HAMANN	2011-11-18 00:00:00	2011-11-30 00:00:00		:

When required return vehicle from rent click the Return Vehicle from rent button, than select vehicle and click Return Vehicle from rent yet.

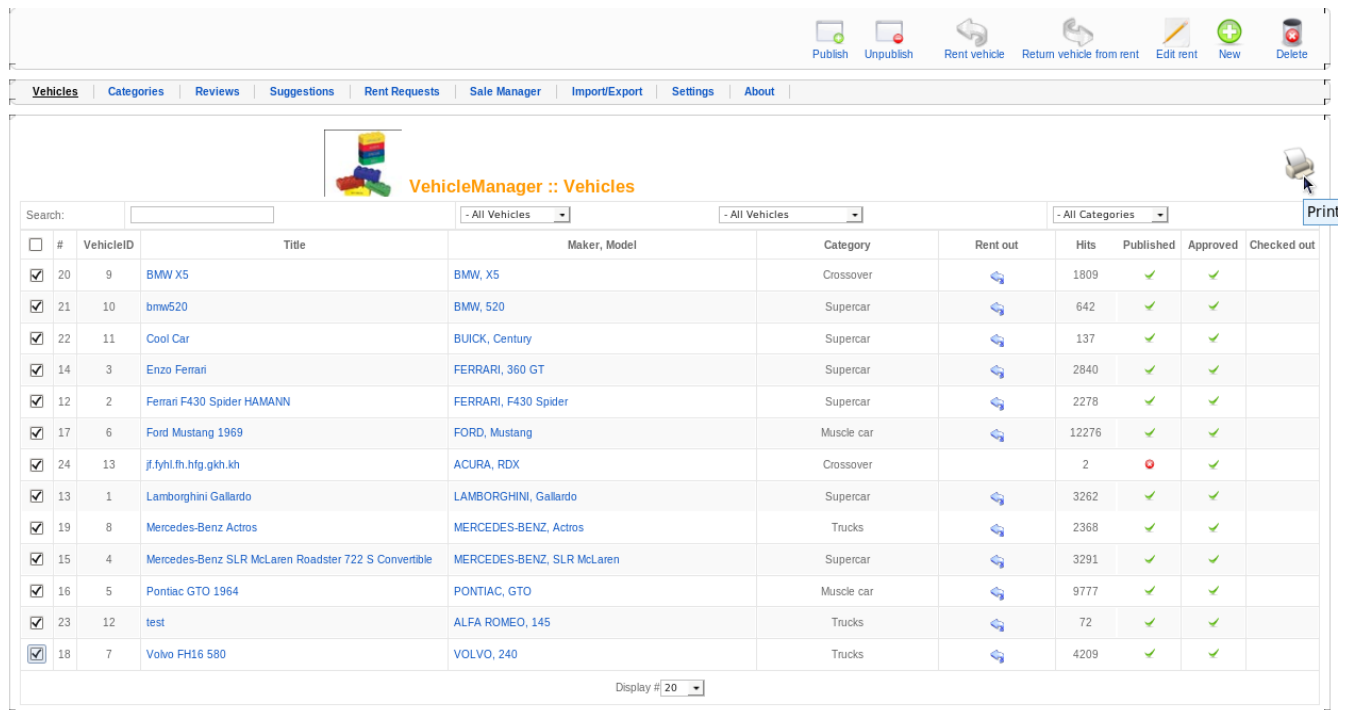
- Edit rent. On this page you can change the vehicle data
- New. Create a new Vehicle entry
- Delete. Deletes the selected vehicles.

18. Printing Reports in Vehicle Manager

In this article we will look at the option to print reports in Vehicle Manager in Vehicle Manager.

Print Reports option in Vehicle Manager

In the Admin backend, go to Components > Vehicle manager > Vehicles.



The screenshot shows the Vehicle Manager interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Vehicles, Categories, Reviews, Suggestions, Rent Requests, Sale Manager, Import/Export, Settings, and About. Below the tabs, there is a search bar and several dropdown menus for filtering vehicles. The main table lists vehicles with columns for #, VehicleID, Title, Maker, Model, Category, Rent out, Hits, Published, Approved, and Checked out. A 'Print' button is located in the top right corner of the table area.

#	VehicleID	Title	Maker, Model	Category	Rent out	Hits	Published	Approved	Checked out
20	9	BMW X5	BMW, X5	Crossover		1809			
21	10	bmw520	BMW, 520	Supercar		642			
22	11	Cool Car	BUICK, Century	Supercar		137			
14	3	Enzo Ferrari	FERRARI, 360 GT	Supercar		2840			
12	2	Ferrari F430 Spider HAMANN	FERRARI, F430 Spider	Supercar		2278			
17	6	Ford Mustang 1969	FORD, Mustang	Muscle car		12276			
24	13	j.fyhl.th.hfg.gkh.kh	ACURA, RDX	Crossover		2			
13	1	Lamborghini Gallardo	LAMBORGHINI, Gallardo	Supercar		3262			
19	8	Mercedes-Benz Actros	MERCEDES-BENZ, Actros	Trucks		2368			
15	4	Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren Roadster 722 S Convertible	MERCEDES-BENZ, SLR McLaren	Supercar		3291			
16	5	Pontiac GTO 1964	PONTIAC, GTO	Muscle car		9777			
23	12	test	ALFA ROMEO, 145	Trucks		72			
18	7	Volvo FH16 580	VOLVO, 240	Trucks		4209			

In the Vehicle Manager select one or multiple Vehicles (checkmarks in front of the titles) which you want to print a report from. Then click the [Print] button on the top right.

You will now see the following screen:

- Font Size. Select the font size you want with the dropdown box
- Format. Select the paper format you want with the dropdown box
- Print checkboxes. Select the columns you want to include in the Report print-out.

When you have selected all the details you want, click the [Next] button. You will now see the preview screen according to the choices you made.

- Print. By clicking the [Print] button again, your printer selection screen will come up. You can print to a physical printer or to a PDF creator if you have that installed.

19. Exporting Vehicles to XML in Vehicle Manager

Vehicle Manager has options to export your vehicles to CSV, XML and MySQL. In this article we will explain the XML Export and its results.

XML Explanation




The Extensible Markup Language (XML) is a general-purpose specification for creating custom markup languages. Extensible because it allows its users to define their own elements. Its primary purpose is to help information systems share structured data, particularly via the Internet, and it is used both to encode documents and to serialize data. It is designed to be relatively human-legible.

[Read more on XML on Wikipedia.](#)


XML Export in Vehicle Manager

In the Admin backend, go to Components > Vehicle Manager > Import/Export and then click on the Export tab.

With the dropdown boxes, choose XML as the Export Type and the Category to export from.

 Import vehicles
  Export vehicles
  Back

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VehicleManager :: Import/Export

[Import](#) |
 [Export](#)

CSV EXPORT:


- CSV export will contain all fields for further editing in a text editor or spreadsheet application
- Please note that for subsequent import, only the following CSV format is supported: VehicleID | Description | Link | Model | Vehicle type | Listing type | Price | Price type | Vehicle Title | ... |
- You can also import later including Vehicle Reviews, use FULL export instead!


XML EXPORT:

- XML export is the preferred way to export vehicles with Vehicle Descriptions
- XML export will contain all vehicle details, including Descriptions, ready for later import

FULL DATA EXPORT:






- This export will export all VehicleManager data and save all fields and entries
- You can later use these files to restore your VehicleManager data in full
- This subsequent import will overwrite ALL existing entries, so be careful when using it!
- To restore all vehicle photos, please restore all files from folder: --components/com_vehiclemanager/photos--!
- To restore all vehicle eDocuments, please restore all files from the folder you have set in [Settings Backend] -- [Location of edocuments]


Export type:  XML File

Category:  Sport

Trucks
 Sedan
 Smart
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 Legacy: 1.0
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Export Result

You can download the requested Export under the following URL (right-click to save):
http://ordasoft.com/administrator/components/com_vehiclemanager/exports/vehiclemanager_20111221_053212.xml
 Please note that the files will still be saved on the server and you have to clean them yourself.

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You will see the following page:

By clicking on the link, you can save the export file you just made to your local workstation.
Change the name to reflect the category you are exporting:

XML Export from Vehicle Manager.

The XML file export can be opened with an appropriate text editor or XML editor of your choice and edited for subsequent import. Since XML files are quite human-readable, this is an excellent option. In the following screenshot we have opened the just exported XML file in PSPad, which is a fine freeware editor for Windows which supports ANSI, UTF-8 and has many cool

options:

PSPad is highly recommended and available from <http://www.pspad.com>. Make regular backups of your vehicles

It is a good idea to do exports of your vehicle categories every now and to keep them safe somewhere as a backup.

This is certainly a good plan before changing Vehicle Manager version for example with an upgrade. With a small note of your Vehicle Category names and these exports, you can always restore your Vehicle Manager content easily.

- We recommend exports to XML for this because:

They will contain all fields from your Vehicle Manager, including Vehicle Descriptions and User Reviews

- They will give you the most
- flexible output (you can decide to later import into different categories, for example)
- They are totally database structure independent, so if there any changes in the Vehicle Manager database tables structure in a later version (which may happen when new functionality is added), then with XML exports available it will not ruin the effectiveness of your subsequent imports.

For Full XML export please save all vehicles images and edocuments files from folder: {yours site}/components/com_vehiclemanager/edocuments/ and {yours site}/components/com_vehiclemanager/images/ for next restore at import time.

20. Importing vehicles from XML into Vehicle Manager

In this article we will take a look at importing vehicles from an XML file into Vehicle Manager. This can be from an XML export you did earlier, or from a freshly created XML file.

What does the XML Export function say?

First, let's take a good look at what the XML Export function says:

XML EXPORT:

- XML export is the preferred way to export vehicles with Vehicle Descriptions and Vehicles Reviews present
- XML export will contain all Vehicle details, including Descriptions and Reviews, ready for later import.

What does the XML Import function say?

XML IMPORT:

- XML import is the preferred way to import Vehicles with Vehicle Descriptions and Vehicles Reviews present.
- XML import will import all vehicles details, including Vehicles Descriptions and vehicles reviews.
- If the user who wrote the original Vehicle Review does not exist anymore in the system, the Review will be assigned to "Anonymous"

Importing an XML file in Vehicle Manager

Go to Components > Vehicle manager > Import/Export and choose the Import tab.

VehicleManager :: Import/Export

Import | Export

CSV IMPORT:

- At the moment the following CSV format is supported: VehicleID | Description | Link | Model | Vehicle type | Listing type | Price | Price type | Vehicle Title | ... |
- Fields are separated by a pipe character (|)
- You can import a whole list with just VehicleID by leaving the other fields empty, for example: VehicleID | empty | empty | Model | empty | empty | Price | empty | ... |
- WARNING:** do not use CSV import if there are Vehicle Reviews present, in that case use full data import!

XML IMPORT:

- import in XML format
- WARNING:** do not use XML import if there are Vehicle Reviews present, in that case use full data import!

FULL DATA IMPORT:

- This import will import all VehicleManager data and restore all fields and details
- This option will overwrite ALL existing entries, so be careful when using it!
- For save all Vehicles photos, please save all files from folder: --components/com_vehiclemanager/photos--!
- For save all Vehicles eDocuments, please save all files from folder what you set in setting backend --Location of edocuments--!

Import type: ⓘ Please select

Category: ⓘ Sport
Trucks
Sedan
Smart
L Rent
L Sale

File to import: ⓘ

- Choose XML for the Import Type and a Category to import into.
- Next use Browse to point to the XML file.
- Then click the Import Media button on the top bar.

Because XML imports also contain user submitted Vehicle reviews, you will see the following warning:

Click OK.

You will see the following screen which gives you the results of the import:

Site Menus Content Components Extensions Tools Help					
Media Categories Reviews Suggestions Rent Requests Import/Export Settings Frontend Settings Backend About					
#	ISBN\ASIN	Media Type	Category	Title	Status
0	B000E5LEXS	video	video	Jeff Dunham - Arguing With Myself	A media with this type and MediaTypeID already exists!
1	B001GZ6QDS	video	video	The Dark Knight (Two-Disc Special Edition + Digital Copy)	A media with this type and MediaTypeID already exists!

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Click Back in the top bar to return to the Import/Export page, or go to Components > Vehicle Manager > Vehicles to go to the Vehicle Manager window. You will see the Vehicles you have just imported, still unpublished.

You can now publish the vehicles, or edit each vehicle as you wish.

21. How to add a new language to Vehicle manager

This article will describe how Vehicle Manager handles languages and how to add a new language file to the Vehicle manager component.

Vehicle manager and language behavior

The Vehicle Manager component for Joomla comes with full language support. And with Arabic, Brazilian, Portuguese, Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Turkish. language files included. What does this mean?

- All Vehicle Manager language variables are stored in one file.
- That file can be translated to add other languages.
- Once you have put a language file for a language into Vehicle Manager, then the language chosen as default in Joomla will automatically be picked up by Vehicle Manager.
- On multilingual sites with JoomFish, Vehicle Manager will automatically pick up the language chosen in the frontend.

Remark:

Yes, we know... the current language files in Vehicle Manager are done the "old fashioned" way, as it used to be in Joomla 1.0.x. Joomla 1.5.x uses translations through .ini files, split between admin area and frontend area.

The reason we kept the old way for now is because it gives us less headaches maintaining different translation methods for the two Joomla versions. Perhaps we will look at transforming the translations to the new Joomla 1.5.x way for a future version. Important thing is: the translations work, and they work fine!

Obtaining or creating language files

Many Language files for the Vehicle Manager component can be obtained from the

website. But if your language isn't there yet, you can translate Vehicle Manager yourself and add your language. Once you have it, please share it on the website to help others!

How to translate Vehicle Manager language variables

First, find the file called english.php, either in your installation or in the zip archive of the component. Or download the latest English language file for Vehicle Manager from the Vehicle Manager languages section of the website.

In the Vehicle Manager installation it is located in the directory
/components/com_vehiclemanager/language/.

Next, make a copy of english.php and rename it to your own language, for example dutch.php.

Now open dutch.php with a text editor which is capable of handling UTF-8. We recommend PSPad if you are on a Windows operating system.

WARNING:

All Joomla 1.5.x files need to be saved as UTF-8.

WordPad or Notepad can NOT handle UTF-8, so they are NOT FIT to create or edit these files with!

Try PSPad instead (<http://www.pspad.com/>), and set it under [Format] to UTF-8 before you edit and save your files.

A partial example of what you will see:

```
<?php
/**
 *
 * @package Vehicle Manager
 * @copyright 2008 Andrey Kvasnevskiy-OrdaSoft
 * Homepage: http://www.ordasoft.com/
 * @version: 1.5.2 Shop $
```

* English Language File (EN) - UTF-8

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// components/com_Vehiclemanager

DEFINE('_VehicleManager_TITLE','VehicleManager');

DEFINE('_VehicleManager_DESC','Our library with suggestions for vehicle for you to enjoy.');

DEFINE('_VehicleManager_SEARCH_DESC1', 'Search Vehicle');

DEFINE('_VehicleManager_SEARCH_DESC2', 'Search Vehicle');

DEFINE('_VehicleManager_SUBMIT_Vehicle','Submit a Vehicle');

etc.

You translate the text portions only, so ONLY the parts between the single quotes.

Example translation for Dutch (NL) would look like this:

<?php

/**

*

* @package Vehicle Manager

* @copyright 2008 Andrey Kvasnevskiy-OrdaSoft, Rob de Cleen

* Homepage: <http://www.ordasoft.com/>

* @version: 1.5.2 Shop \$

* Dutch Language File (NL) - UTF8

* Dutch translation by Rob de Cleen

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// components/com_VehicleManager

DEFINE('_VehicleManager_TITLE','VehicleManager');

DEFINE('_Vehicle Manager_DESC','Onze bibliotheek met suggesties voor boeken die je misschien leuk en nuttig vindt.');

DEFINE('_VehicleManager_SEARCH_DESC1', 'Boek zoeken');

DEFINE('_VehicleManager_SEARCH_DESC2', 'Boek zoeken');

DEFINE('_VehicleManager_SUBMIT_vehicle','Boek inbrengen');

etc.

Continue to translate all language variables in your language.

REMARK:

You can use accented letters and special characters like é, ô, ü, ç, ñ, ¿, ©, ß etc. inside the files, with ONE exception:

You cannot use single quotes inside the language variables.

Please replace all single quotes (') with back-accents (`)

So for example French "l'emprunt" inside a language variable needs to be written "l`imprunt".

This is because single quotes are part of the PHP code normally. The “`” or back- accent will be ignored by PHP and interpreted as normal text.

Adding your language file to the Vehicle manager installation

You can either do the operations on the component archive and then unzip and install, or edit the necessary files in place inside an existing installation.

1. Place your language file inside the directory

/components/com_Vehicle Manager/language/ using an FTP client or similar (if you are on a shared hosting account, please use internal Joomla FTP or QuiXplorer or similar to preserve the file ownership).

2. In the file Vehicle Manager.xml in the directory /components/com_Vehicle Manager/ add the language entry for your language. This goes right after the entry
<filename>language/english.php</filename>.

So if you use for example Dutch and Spanish on your site you would add those, like this:

<filename>language/english.php</filename>

<filename>language/dutch.php</filename>

<filename>language/spanish.php</filename>

3. To ensure the languages you use are visible inside the dropdown boxes in the administration part for selecting, you will need to add the language entries to every language file

in use in your installation. In each language file, find the part marked //Languages and add your language there.

Example:

```
//Languages
```

```
DEFINE('_VehicleManager_LANGUAGE_NOT_USED', 'Not specified');
```

```
DEFINE('_VehicleManager_LANGUAGE_ENG', 'English');
```

```
DEFINE('_VehicleManager_LANGUAGE_DUT', 'Dutch');
```

```
DEFINE('_VehicleManager_LANGUAGE_GER', 'German');
```

```
DEFINE('_VehicleManager_LANGUAGE_FRE', 'French');
```

```
DEFINE('_VehicleManager_LANGUAGE_ITA', 'Italian');
```

```
DEFINE('_VehicleManager_LANGUAGE_SPA', 'Spanish');
```

etc.

Save each file. Remember to translate the entries according to the language file you are editing. That's it, you're done!

Sharing your created language files with the community

Once you have a working translation for Vehicle Manager ready, please share it on the website to help others!

You will receive full credits for your work in the Vehicle Manager Languages Section, as well as a link to your website.

Submitting language files for Vehicle Manager can be done in two ways by registered users:

- You can upload your language file from User Menu > Upload file
- Or you can attach the file in a forum post

When submitting your language file, please mention:

- version of Vehicle Manager the language translation is for
- your name as you want it mentioned in the credits the website you want mentioned in

the credits

Thank you in advance for sharing your efforts with the rest of the Vehicle Manager users!

21. Vehicle Manager CAPTCHA

- When you do not see a CAPTCHA image in the frontend (and all the needed PHP extensions have been checked to be activated), then the issue is related to an unwriteable session save path. Fix below.

Why does Vehicle Manager need a session variable?

Vehicle Manager uses a session variable to keep the typed review on screen if a user accidentally types the CAPTCHA wrong, so that they don't lose everything they typed, but can try again. No one wants complaints from their users.

- In order for CAPTCHA for Guest users to work (for submitting Vehicle reviews and suggestions), we need to make sure that the session save path is writeable, so that the session variable for each user can be stored when working on screen.

Joomla and session save path Joomla in combination with a session save path which is not writeable can create many difficult problems related to security and also for admin access in the backend. See the many discussions on forum.joomla.org if you want to know more.

- For example, the issue in Joomla 1.0.13 with Administrators being unable to get into the backend was related to this (session variable would be set after the headers were sent).

How to set the session save path and make it writeable .

Below are some options for setting that "session save path" in your installation.

These solutions were provided on forum.joomla.org by Dean Marshall.

Preferred solution is to do it in `php.ini`, but it can be done in `.htaccess` too if you don't have access to the bowels of your OS installation.

Solution 1

Best solution is to make the needed change in your php.ini file. If you have a dedicated server, you can set the variable in the php configuration

(php.ini).

Just uncomment (remove the ;) from in front of the line

```
;session.save_path = "/tmp"
```

change to

```
session.save_path = "/tmp"
```

If you do not have access to that file, the best solution is to ask your provider to make the session_save_path writable. If they won't or cannot do that for you, you can still try the options below.

Solution 2

You can also solve the problem by adding a line to your .htaccess file (Apache only) that looks something like this:

```
php_value session.save_path /usr/local/www/Joomla/sessions
```

Adapt the path to suit your actual installation of course. An added advantage of changing the session path instead of using the default /tmp is to keep all your session data out of public eyes.

After fixing the session save path and restarting your webserver, the CAPTCHA images will show as they should.

Vehicle Review CAPTCHA for Guest Users

