

Volkswagen Owner's Manual

1970 Models





Fastback Sedan Squareback Sedan

Dear VW Owner:

Congratulations!

You are now the owner of a Volkswagen. A lot has gone into the manufacture of your car. Including advanced engineering techniques, rigid quality controls and thorough inspections. The engineering and safety features that have gone into your VW will be enhanced by . . . you.

You, the safe driver - one who knows his vehicle and all the controls

- one who maintains his vehicle properly
- one who uses his driving skills wisely

Because safe driving is important to you, we suggest that you read this manual carefully, maintain your VW properly and get into the habit of following the check list shown below each time you use your VW.

Before getting behind the wheel:

- 1 Make sure that the tires are inflated properly.
- 2 Watch the tread depth indicator on the tires. Look for bruises and wear.
- 3 See that all windows are clean and unobstructed.
- 4 Check that headlight and tail light lenses are clean.
- 5 Check that all lights are functioning properly.
- 6 Check turn signal lamps and indicator light (ignition on).

In the driver's seat:

- 1 Position seat properly for easy reach of controls.
- 2 Adjust inside and outside mirrors for unobstructed rear view.
- 3 Fasten seat belts.
- 4 Check brake warning light (ignition on).
- 5 Check brake operation.
- 6 Make sure that all doors are properly closed and locked.

And when you are on the highway:

- 1 Always drive defensively. Expect the unexpected.
- 2 Use signals to indicate turns and lane changes.
- 3 Turn on headlights at dusk.
- 4 Follow at a safe distance. A good rule of thumb is to allow a minimum of one car length for each 10 mph of speed.
- 5 Reduce speed during night hours and inclement weather.
- 6 Observe speed limits and obey highway signs.
- 7 When tired, get off the highway, stop and take a rest.
- 8 Use emergency lights when stalled or stopped for repairs.
- 9 Pull hand brake lever when vehicle is stopped or parked.

Do not invite car theft!

An unlocked car with the key in the ignition offers both opportunity and temptation.

Therefore, a steering wheel lock and a buzzer alarm are standard equipment in your 1970 Volkswagen. The buzzer will sound if you open the driver's door while the key is in the steering/ignition lock. It is your reminder to take the key and lock the doors.

In accordance with the Federal Safety Regulations, the chassis number of your car is also located on the left of the instrument panel and can be seen from the outside. This precaution is taken for your protection — to aid in the apprehension of thieves and the recovery of stolen vehicles.



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This sticker assures you that your 1970 Volkswagen complies with all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards which were in effect at the time the vehicle was produced.



The tires of your Volkswagen conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

When purchasing replacement tires, make sure that they show the same specifications for tire size, load carrying capacity etc. This also applies to VW recommended alternate replacement tires.

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All pictures are of the Volkswagen Fastback Sedan with four speed synchromesh transmission and the text is based on this vehicle. Where the controls, equipment and technical data of the Squareback Sedan and the Automatic Transmission differ considerably, attention is drawn to the difference.

Specifications are subject to alteration without notice.

Get to know your new car quickly so you can start off on your first trip with complete confidence. The first part of this booklet deals with the operation of your Volkswagen. We urge you to read it carefully.

The second part tells you everything about winter driving and care of the car. It also contains some useful do-it-yourself tips. Plus some information on the proper fuel and oil, lubrication and technical data.

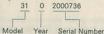
When you have studied this manual, you will know how to operate your car properly. Then you can expect many years of reliable and economical service from your car.

This brings us to the Volkswagen Maintenance Record – which you also receive with the car. The Record explains what VW Diagnosis and Maintenance is all about. And tells you how to keep your VW in top driving condition. Always have the Volkswagen Maintenance Record with you when you take the vehicle to an Authorized VW Dealer for service – it helps establish proper contact with the service department staff. In your own interests: Have your Volkswagen serviced as indicated in the Volkswagen Maintenance Record right from the start. Proper treatment plus complete proof of all maintenance work carried out can be of vital importance should you have occasion to make a claim under warranty.

Identification plate, Chassis Number, Engine Number

The identification plate

is found under the front hood beside the hood lock. The 10 digit number after the words "Fahrgest Nr." is the chassis number. It describes the model number, model year and serial number of the vehicles as shown in this sample:





is also found on the frame tunnel under the rear seat . . .

... and on the instrument panel so that the Number is visible from outside the car.



is found between the oil cooler and the air cleaner near the crankcase joint.







Operation

Keys

Only one key is required to unlock and lock the doors and to start the engine. The other key locks the glove compartment.

Be sure the key numbers are recorded in the front of the VW Maintenance Record. If you should lose a key, you can obtain a replacement from your Authorized Volkswagen Dealer.



Doors

The doors can be closed more easily if a window is opened slightly.

1 - Vent wing lock

To open the vent wing, turn knob of vent wing fastener until locking catch points in driving direction and push knob of vent wing fastener forward.





3 - Inside door handle

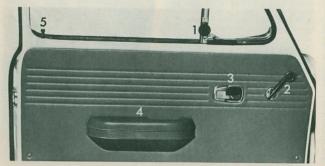
4 - Armrest and door closing grip

5 - Locking knob

The doors cannot be opened from inside or outside unless the locking knobs are raised.

When leaving the vehicle, just press the locking knob down and pull the trigger in the outer handle as you close the door. The vehicle is then locked.

If the door closes by itself after the locking knob has been depressed, it will not lock because the locking knob will spring up automatically. This is an additional safety measure to prevent you from being locked out if the door should slam shut while the key is still inside the vehicle.



Seats

When driving, you should sit comfortably. Volkswagen's separate front seats provide his comfort. You can alter seat position and backrest rake to suit you. This is quite simple – just lift the lever –A— on the side of the seat and slide the seat forward or backward. After adjusting, release the lever and move the seat

slightly until it is securely locked securely in position.

The backrest angle can be set to eight different angles by turning the large knob –B–. Try them out until you find the angle which suits you best.



As a safety feature, the backrests of your Volkswagen are secured against tilting forward. To release the lock, just pull the knob—C—on the side of the backrest upward.

To take a seat out, pull lever —A— and depress the leaf spring on the inner runner then seat slide to the front.

Seat Belts

Your Volkswagen is equipped with a seat belt for each seat. Occupants of the vehicle should wear the belt at all times.

Shoullder belts should not be worn by persons less than approximately 55 inches in height.

lengthen either section of the belt, release buckle from housing, hold buckle at a right angle to belt and pull belt through buckle.

To release the belt, pull the unlocking lever on the tunnel housing upward. Only a light pull on the belt and a small movement of the lever is necessary.



The front seats

The front seat combination lap/shoulder belt is completely adjustable to fit different size persons and to allow for seat and backrest adjustment. When not in use, the lap section of the belt retracts and the belt should be hung on the hook on the door post by means of the hole in the buckle tongue. This prevents the belt end from lying about, getting dirty and permits easy entrance and exit for the rear seat passengers.

Operation: After sitting down and adjusting the seat and backrest positions, pull the belt buckle across in front of you to the center of the car. Insert the buckle tongue into the opening in the housing on the center funnel and press it in lightly. A click will be heard when the buckle locks. Be sure the belt is not twisted. Pull lap belt through buckle until belt is completely unrolled from retractor and fits snugly across lap. Take up any slack of the locse belt end by moving slide. Adjust shoulder belt by pulling belt until it fits snugly across lap. Take ky pulling belt until it fits snugly across lap. Take ky pulling belt until it fits snugly across chest. Take up any slack by moving slide. To



The rear seats

Each rear seat is equipped with an adjustable lap belt.



Operation: After sitting down and making yourself comfortable, pull the longer section of the belt across in front of you until the buckles meet. Insert the tongue of the outboard buckle into the recess in the inboard buckle and press lightly together. A click will be heard when the buckles interlock. Be sure the belt is not twisted. Pull belt through the buckle until belt fits snugly across the pelvic area. Take up any slack by moving the slide. To lengthen the belt release buckle, hold buckle on longer section at a right angle to belt and pull belt through buckle.

To release the belt, pull the unlocking lever on the inboard buckle. Only a light pull on the belt and a small movement of the lever is necessary. For each rear seat, a third mounting point is provided to facilitate subsequent installation of combination lap/shoulder belts.

Do not strap in more than one person with each belt.

Keep belts clean. Wash belts with mild detergent without removing from vehicle. Dry belts in the shade and do not allow lap belts to retract until completely dry. Do not bleach or dye the belts or use any other material to clean the belts because some of these agents can weaken the webbing.

Check buckles, retractors, and fittings periodically to make sure they function correctly and check belts to ensure that the webbing has not been damaged.

Instrument panel, hand and foot controls

Even if it is not your first Volkswagen, just have a quick look at the dash and try out the various knobs and levers with the ignition switched on:



1 – Defroster vents	d
2 - Fuel gauge with warning lamps (page 13)	
3 – Speedometer with 1/10th mile indicator	е
4 – Fresh air vents	(
5 – Dual circuit brake warning light (page 12/26)	
6 - Clock	
7 - Windshield wipers and washer	
8 – Plate over radio aperture	
9 - Fresh air control knobs	V
10 - Grab handle	t
11 - Emergency flasher switch	
12 – Light switch	f
13 – Turn signal and dimmer switch lever	a
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15 - Clutch pedal	d
16 – Horn ring	е
17 – Brake pedal	
18 – Accelerator pedal	
19 – Handbrakelever	
20 - Steering / ignition lock	
21 - Switch and warning light for rear window defogger (page 15)	
22 - Gearshift lever	6
23 – Ashtray	,
24 - Glove compartment lid knob, lockable (page 15)	1
25 - Tank flap release knob	k



2 - Fuel gauge

When the needle is on the "R" mark there is about one gallon of fuel left in the tank - time to refuel at the next opportunity.

In addition, the fuel gauge contains the following warning lights:

oil pressure a - red b - red - generator c - blue - headlight high beam

d - light green arrows - turn signals e - dark green - parking lights

6 - Clock

The clock is electrically operated. The hands can be moved by pressing in and turning the knob in the dial center.

Sliding roof

(optional equipment)

For safety reasons, the sliding roof crank should always be in the recess. When closing the roof, turn the crank as far as it will go then turn it back slightly until it can be folded into the recess.

Interior trim

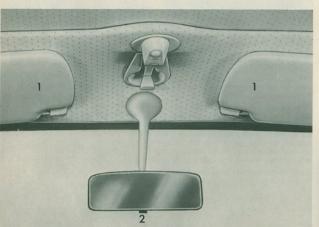
1 - Sun visors

You can lift the visors out of the center mounting and swing them toward the door windows to prevent glare from the sides.

2 - Rear view mirrors

Outside and inside mirrors are adjustable so that they can be set to give clear vision to the rear at all times.

The outside mirror is hinged to fold flat upon contact.



The inside rear view mirror is rimmed with plastic for safety and designed to detach upon impact. It is equipped with an anti-glare provision and can be adjusted at the lower portion of the mirror.





7 – Windshield wipers and washer

The two-speed wipers are controlled by turning the wiper switch knob. The blades park automatically when turned off. Push button in the knob to spray fluid on windshield. Fluid will spray as long as button is held in.



11 - Emergency flasher switch

If the vehicle is disabled or parked under emergency conditions, pull the switch to make all four turn signals flash at once. A warning light in the switch knob flashes when the system is turned on.

12 - Light switch

Pull the knob to the first stop to switch on parking, license plate, tail and instrument lights. A green warning lamp lights up in the fuel gauge dial. Pulling the knob all the way, switches the headlights on and turns off the green warning lamp for the parking lights.

The brightness of the instrument lights can be adjusted by turning the light switch-knob.



13 – Turn signal and dimmer switch lever

Lever up — right turn signals Lever down — left turn signals

The turn signals are cancelled automatically upon completion of a turn.

Pull the lever toward steering wheel to raise or lower headlight beams. A blue warning light in the fuel gauge dial shows when high beams is switched on.

19 - Handbrake

To release the handbrake, pull the lever and depress locking knob.



20 - Steering/ignition lock

- 1 Ignition off steering locked key can be removed
- 2 Ignition off steering free
- 3 Ignition on 4 - Starting
- Important

Remove key from lock only when vehicle is stationary.

If key is left in steering/ignition lock at position 1, a buzzer will sound when the driver's door is opened.

Hint:

Should it be difficult to turn the key after inserting, gently move the steering wheel from side to side until key turns freely.

21 - Switch for rear window defogger

With the ignition switched on, the rear window defogger is activated by this switch. The green control lamp near the switch will light up when the system is in operation. After the rear window has been cleared, switch off the rear window defogger to avoid an unnecessary drain on the battery.



22 - Gearshift lever for manual transmission

Shift into reverse gear only when the vehicle is stationary. Reverse gear is fitted with a lock so that it cannot be engaged unintentionally. To engage reverse, press the lever down, move it over to the left and pull it back to the stop.

Detailed instructions on the Automatic Transmission are given on page 30.

When the ignition is switched on, the back-up lights come on as soon as reverse gear is selected.



23 - Ashtrav

Remove ashtray by depressing leaf spring and pulling ashtray out.

24 - Glove compartment

To open turn knob to the left. Inside the glove compartment is the release lever for the front hood (see also page 22).

For added protection, the glow compartment lid can be locked. This prevents access to the front luggage compartment and spare wheel.

3 - Flexible window

4 - Interior lighting

The light has a built-in switch which is operated by pressing on the side of the lens. There are three positions:

Lamp in center position – light comes on when a door is opened

Lamp pressed in on right – light on Lamp pressed in on left – light off

5 - Assist straps and coat hooks

6 - Rear ashtrays

They are removed by opening them and lifting them out of housing at the bottom first. To insert, hook the ashtray onto the leaf spring at the top and the press in at the bottom.

Ventilation

The volume of fresh air coming from the vents at the lower edge of the windshield can be controlled with the upper knob. The lower knob regulates fresh air for the legroom.

Turn knobs to the left - increasing air flow Turn knobs to the right - decreasing air flow





VW Air Conditioner

Operating controls

1 - Air volume switch ("AIR")

1st position - HIGH 2nd position - MEDIUM

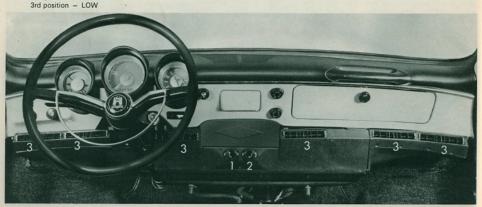
A dual function is performed with this switch. Rotating the knob to the right turns on the air conditioning system, and the blower fan speed to 1 of 3 speeds. The blower fan positions are:

2 - Air temperature switch ("COLDER")

By progressively turning this switch to the right, the desired cooling range can be selected. It is in the coldest position when rotated as far as possible to the right.

3 - Air discharge louvers

These movable louvers can be adjusted to direct the conditioned air-flow up, down or sideways.



Starting the Air Conditioner

With the engine running, windows and fresh air regulator closed, turn the air temperature switch to the desired position and select the air volume speed desired. On extremely hot days turn the air volume switch to "HIGH" and open a window. Within a few minutes, the hot air will be forced out of the car and the window can be rolled up as cooling starts.

Adjust the air discharge louvers to the desired position.

Operational hints

If the volume of cold air suddenly decreases it is likely that the evaporator coil is "icing up". To remedy, turn the air temperature switch to the left and leave in this position until the air volume is back to its original rate.

If the car interior becomes too cold after adjusting the air volume, turn the air temperature switch to the left until the desired comfort level is reached.

In case the window exteriors fog over on warm, humid days, turn the air temperature switch to the left until they are cleared up.

If the window interiors should become fogged up during adverse weather conditions, they can be quickly cleared by switching on the air conditioner.

During highway driving, set the air temperature switch in approximately the middle position.

During the winter months, the air conditioner should be operated for a period of at least five minutes at intervals of six weeks.

Stopping the Air Conditioner

Turning the air volume switch to the "OFF" position stops the entire air conditioning system.

When shutting off the engine, the air conditioner should also be turned off and not turned on again until the engine is running. This is to reduce the load on the electrical system and conserve the battery.

Maintenance hints

After the winter months and before prolonged summer usage, the air conditioner should be checked and, if necessary, serviced by an Authorized VW Dealer.

The condenser located at front of vehicle below and behind spare wheel well should be checked periodically for cleanliness. If clogging in any area exists, wash condenser with water.

If, upon inspection, the condenser fins are bent, the car should be taken to an Authorized VW Dealer for straightening of the condenser fins.

Caution:

An air-conditioned Volkswagen should only be raised on a special lift available at any Authorized VW Dealer to prevent the possibility of damage to the vehicle and or air conditioner components.

Fuse replacement

The fuse box is relocated forward and below the left air conditioning duct.

The 8 Amp, fuse of the fuse box (fourth from the right) protects the air conditioning system.

A second fuse rated at 45 Amp. is contained in an in-line holder and is located beneath the rear seat. It is connected directly to the battery.

Heating

1 - Heating control lever

Lever up - heat on Lever down - heat off

With the heating system switched on, warm air comes out of the 3 defroster vents (1a) at the lower edge of the windshield.

Hint:

The heating will be more effective if you open one of the vent wings slightly because the fan can then increase the warm air flow into the body interior.



2 - Heater control slides in front footwell

The flow of warm air into the front footwell can be controlled separately on each side.

Knob up — open

Knob down — closed

3 - Control lever for heating in rear footwell

This lever controls the flow of warm air into the rear footwell when the heating is on.

Lever up - rear seat heat on Lever down - rear seat heat off

At low temperatures it is advisable to leave the rear outlets closed when moving off. This increases the flow of air to the windshield and prevents it from steaming up when humidity is high. As soon as the windshield is clear, the rear footwell outlets should be opened so that the interior of the body heats up as quickly and uniformly as possible.

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For your convenience, we can provide you with a booklet containing the names and addresses of all authorized VW Distributors and Dealers throughout North and Central America.

Just to make sure your VW is never far from home.



Luggage compartments

Whether you are taking a lot of luggage with you or not load the front luggage compartment first. using the heaviest pieces of luggage if possible. The correct distribution of load means the best road-holding, so take advantage of the possibilities offered by the Volkswagen with its two luggage compartments.



The front hood is opened by pulling the lever on the left inside the glove compartment. The hood springs up slightly under spring pressure and can be opened fully when the safety hook near the lock has been pressed upward.

To close the hood press it down firmly until you hear a click. Never try to close the hood by pressing at the side, always press it in the center near the lock.



1 - Tools

In the tool roll you will find:

- 1 hub cap remover
- 1 pair of combination pliers
- screwdriver with reversible blade for slotted and Phillips screws
- 1 open-end wrench 8 mm and 13 mm
- socket wrench for wheel bolts and spark plugs
- 1 bar for socket wrench (also used to operate the jack)

2 - Jack

Operation of the jack is described together with wheel changing on page 39.

3 - Spare wheel

It also serves as an air supply for the windshield washer container, therefore, the spare tire pressure should occasionally be checked and inflated to 43 p.s.i. (Squareback Sedan 56 p.s.i.) The air flow from the spare tire to the washer container will automatically be interrupted by a valve in the filler cap if the tire pressure ever falls below 26 p.s.i. (Squareback Sedan 40 p.s.i.). As a result, the spare tire will always have the required pressure should it be needed. Whenever you use the spare tire, make sure that the tire pressure is according to specifications shown on page 60.

4 - Container for windshield washer fluid

As soon as the cap of the container is loosened, the air supply from the spare tire to the wind-shield washer container is interrupted by means of a valve in the filler cap. The washer container can be filled completely with washer fluid. It is advisable to add a cleaning solution to the water, such as Volkswagen's Windshield Washer-Anti-Freeze and Solvent, as clear water is usually not adequate for cleaning the windshield quickly and properly. Follow the direction on the container for the amount to be used.

After filling washer container ensure that the filler cap is always screwed on tightly.

5 - Brake fluid reservoir

The brake fluid level should always be above the protruding edge near the top of the container. If the brake fluid level ever falls below this edge, the complete brake system should be thoroughly examined by your Authorized VW Dealer.

Brake fluid is water absorbent and should, therefore, be renewed every 2 years.

The rear hood is opened with the lever in the lock pillar of the left door. Here is another large luggage compartment which is illuminated on the Fastback. The lamp only lights up when the vehicle lights are on and goes out when the hood is closed.

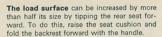
To get to the engine, roll forward the floor covering and lift the lid after turning the handles. The lid on the Fastback can be held up by hooking the left handle into a bracket on the upper edge of the body opening or it can be taken out completely.





The rear compartment of the Squareback Sedan is accessible through the rear door which is opened by pressing the knob under the license plate. Then grasp the edge of the door underneath the lock and lift the door until it is held in the fully open position by the torsion springs. Try not to let the door fly up on its own as this may strain the hinges.

To close the door, swing it down firmly. Make sure that it is properly closed.



When the seat has been tipped forward, the seat cushion and backrest are held together by two retaining pins. In the normal position, a retaining device automatically prevents the backrest from tilting forward.

To get to the engine, roll forward the floor covering and lift the lid after turning the handles. The lid can be held up by attaching the hook of the strap to the rain gutter or it can be taken out completely.







What to check

Before moving off, check the fuel, the brakes, the lights and, at regular intervals, the oil level in the engine and the tire inflation pressures.



The fuel

in a full tank is sufficient for about 250 miles. The filler neck is located in the right front fender. The flap opens if you pull the release on the right hand side underneath the instrument panel.

The brakes

should be checked by applying the brake pedal just after moving off. Your Volkswagen is equipped with a dual brake system. Each system, front and rear, can function independently.



An indicator lamp on the instrument panel

monitors the brake systems. Should the indicator lamp light up while applying the brakes, see your Authorized VW Dealer as soon as possible because one of the two brake systems may have failed. The brakes will still operate. however, a longer distance is required to bring the vehicle to a halt.

Push indicator lamp after switching the ignition on. If the lamp does not light up, the bulb should be replaced.

Please bear in mind that brakes are subject to wear. An increase in pedal travel will indicate this wear. Depending on individual operating conditions, the brakes may have to be adjusted between specified maintenance intervals.



The oil level should be between the two marks on the dipstick and must never be below the lower mark. Wipe the dipstick clean before checking.

The vehicle must be on a level surface when the oil level is checked otherwise the dipstick reading will be inaccurate. Do not check the oil immediately after stopping the vehicle. Wait at least 5 minutes to give the oil in the engine time to drain down into the bottom of the crankcase.

To top up the oil, a well-known brand should be selected. Although it is advisable to stick to one brand of oil, using a different brand to replenish the oil will not harm the engine. Details about various oil viscosities are given on page 50.

The lights include headlights, back-up lights, tail lights, license plate light, turn signals and brake-lights. The turn signals, brake lights and back-up lights must be checked with the ignition on.

If a turn signal is defective, the warning lights in the fuel gauge dial flash much faster than usual or go out. The brake lights only work when the brake pedal is depressed and the back-up lights when reverse gear is engaged.

The correct tire pressure is most important in the interest of safety. Too low as well as too high a tire pressure reduces the life expectancy of the tires and, furthermore, adversely affects the road holding of the vehicle. Although the tubeless tires of your car will hold the inflated tire pressure for a long time you should check the pressure before you start out on a long trip or at least once a week. The specified tire pressure can be found in the table on page 60 and also on the label inside the glove compartment lid.

Two more important points:

- 1 If the vehicle is used under very dusty conditions, the oil bath air cleaner must be checked frequently, even daily if necessary. How this is done is described on page 56.
- 2 Do not drive your car with a disconnected battery. On the other hand, both terminals must be taken off before quick-charging the battery in the vehicle. Failure to do this can lead to damage to the electronic components of the electrical equipment, especially to the control unit of the fuel injection system.

Starting the engine



Before starting the engine the accelerator pedal must be fully depressed. This holds true for the engine being cold or after having attained operating temperature and also for low or high outside temperatures. The amount of fuel and air required for starting is automatically supplied by the fuel injection system with which your Volkswagen is equipped.

Make sure the gear shift lever is in Neutral before turning the ignition key. Vehicles with Automatic Transmission can be started in Neutral only.

At temperatures below 32° F the clutch pedal should be depressed so that the starter motor has to turn over the engine only.

As soon as the engine starts, release the ignition key so that the starter is switched off.

Do not try to warm the engine up by letting it idle with the vehicle stationary – drive off immediately.

Do not race the engine while it is cold.

If the engine does not start the first time or stalls at any time, the ignition will have to be switched off and then on again. The nonrepeat lock in the switch which prevents the starter from being operated when the engine is running and thus from being damaged.

The warning lights in the fuel gauge will come on when the ignition is switched on. As soon as the engine starts, these lights will go out.

Red warning light for generator

If this light comes on when you are driving, the generator has stopped charging. You can drive on. But try to get the vehicle to an Authorized Volkswagen Dealer as soon as possible because the battery will soon run down.

Red warning light for oil pressure

If this warning light comes on when driving, stop at once because the flow of lubricating oil in the engine may be interrupted. Check the oil level first. Should the cause of the trouble be elsewhere, contact your nearest Authorized Volkswagen Dealer.

Be careful when running the engine in enclosed areas. Ensure that there is ample ventilation so that the poisonous exhaust gases can escape.

Driving hints

You can drive your Volkswagen at full speed from the first day. There are, however, certain permissible speed ranges for the various gears:

> 1st gear 0–15 mph 2nd gear 10–35 mph 3rd gear 20–55 mph 4th gear 30 mph and up

When a particular traffic situation makes it essential to move rapidly, you can accelerate up to 43 mph in 2nd gear and up to 60 mph in 3rd gear for brief periods only. Bear in mind, however, that full throttle acceleration raise fuel consumption considerably. It is more economical to drive smoothly and keep the top speed fairly constant. Very fast, racy-sporty driving, alternating between full throttle and hard braking will mean more frequent visits to a gas station and increased tire and brake lining wear.

You can drive very economically between:

10 and 20 mph in 2nd gear 20 and 35 mph in 3rd gear 30 and 60 mph in 4th gear Just a few words about the clutch while we are on the subject of driving. The clutch is a very hard-worked part of the vehicle. A good driver slips the clutch as little as possible when taking off and changing gears. He always depresses the clutch fully when shifting, changes down into the appropriate gear in city traffic instead of slipping the clutch, and never uses the clutch pedal as a "rest" for his leff foot.

Volkswagen automobiles have excellent brakes. But do not forget that the braking distance increases very rapidly as the speed increases. At 60 mph for example, it is four times longer than at 30 mph. Apply the brakes in time, but do not use too much force – locked wheels increase the braking distance.

The friction value of the brake pads can be reduced if water reaches the brake discs during heavy rains for instance. Although the discs dry immediately, a lag in braking action may be noticeable after applying the brakes. Reduced traction of the tires during rain adds to this condition.

Therefore take care when driving and remain at a safe distance behind the preceding vehicle, particularly when roads are wet and slippery.

Always set the hand brake after parking your car. On steep hills turn the front wheels toward the curb.

That just about covers the operating of the car and how to drive it properly. From page 32 on you find the tips for winter driving, breakdowns and all there is worth knowing about the vehicle.

Before driving a vehicle with Automatic Transmission be sure to read the following pages:

VW Automatic Transmission



At first Glance

you will notice the lack of a clutch pedal. Driving with the Automatic Transmission is simpler and easier.

To operate your car

there are a few points you should know. Please read these instructions carefully before you drive the car for the first time. There are three basic rules:

- 1 Apply the foot or hand brake before you select a driving range, otherwise the vehicle will "creep", i.e. move slowly.
- 2 When selecting a driving range do not depress the accelerator. If the selector lever is accidentally moved into the Neutral position N while driving, take your foot off the accelerator and wait until the engine speed has dropped to idling, then select a driving range.
- 3 Because the brake pedal is much wider, the footbrake can also be operated with the left foot. This is helpful when maneuvering into tight parking spaces.

The selector lever

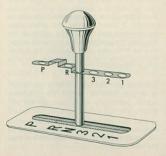
At the base of the selector lever you will see the symbols indicating the various positions:

P = Parking lock

R = Reverse

N = Neutral

2 Forward driving ranges



The driving ranges

Your VW Automatic has 3 forward driving ranges and one reverse.

In position 3 the gears are engaged automatically according to driving conditions to cover the range from standstill to maximum speed.

On acceleration the vehicle always moves off in first gear and, according to the load on the engine (accelerator position: part throttle or full throttle), automatically changes to second or third gear. When the driving speed is reduced the gears in the transmission are automatically changed down.

Selector position 3 is therefore the "regular position".

In position 2 the third gear is blocked. Position 2 should be selected when the braking effect of the engine in position 3 is not sufficient, e.g. when driving down a long grade. Position 2 can be selected while you are driving along, even with the accelerator depressed. However, since 2nd gear is immediately engaged on selection, your speed must not be more than 60 mph at the time, nor should this speed be exceeded in this driving range.

Position 1 is used on rare occasions only. In this position second and third gear are blocked. Position 1 can also be selected while driving. In this case the maximum speed is about 40 mph. First gear is of advantage when driving down steep hills since the full braking power of the engine becomes effective.

The reverse driving range should be engaged only when the vehicle is stationary and without depressing the accelerator. To select reverse you must lift the lever slightly.

Accelerator and "Kick down"

When depressing the accelerator pedal, you will feel resistance at the full throttle position. By applying greater pressure, the pedal can be pushed beyond the full throttle position to the "kick down" point.

Using the "kick down" you change the operation of the automatic transmission with the accelerator: at speeds below 50 mph the next lower gear is automatically engaged thus giving the vehicle maximum acceleration. As soon as the maximum speed for the gear in use has been reached or when the accelerator is released out of the "kick down" position the next higher gear is automatically engaged again.

Starting the engine is only possible when the selector lever is in Neutral, position N. As long as a driving range or the parking lock is engaged a neutral safety switch prevents starting of the engine. For further details on starting see page 28.

Moving off

Before selecting a driving range, the foot brake or hand brake must be applied to prevent the vehicle from "creeping".

It is normal to move off in selector position 3 as follows:

- Apply hand brake or depress foot brake lightly
- Move selector lever to position 3
- Release brakes and accelerate

Stopping

When stopping temporarily, at traffic lights for example, you do not need to move the selector lever to Neutral. Simply apply the brakes. To move off just accelerate – the car starts off automatically in first gear.

Parking

After parking apply the hand brake and then move the selector lever to position P. It is necessary to move the lever through Reverse and then lift it to the P position. The transmission is then mechanically locked. Obviously, the vehicle must be stationary before the parking lock position is engaged.

Maneuvering

When maneuvering the vehicle, the one additional point to remember is that the positions Reverse and 3 must be selected from Neutral only when the car is stationary and the engine is idling.

Mountain driving

When driving on long, steep mountain roads with sharp bends select range 2 or 1 according to the incline of the grade.

Towing

Should it become necessary to tow your VW Automatic, be sure that the **towing speed** does not exceed **30 mph** and the **towing distance** is not longer than **30 miles** because the transmission will not be adequately lubricated due to the lack of oil pressure.

These limits do not apply if the vehicle is lifted at the rear or if the drive shafts are disconnected. For further hints about towing see page 47.

Emergency starting

Your VW Automatic can not be started by pushing or towing. Should the engine not start, consult your nearest VW dealer.

Winter operation

Your car has two features which you will appreciate in the winter: Air cooling and heating, You can leave your car out in the bitter cold without fear – the aircooled engine will always start readily and supply warm air for the interior of the body.

Do not, under any circumstances, try to influence the heating of the vehicle by covering up the slots in the rear fenders. These slots must always be clear so that air can flow into the fuel injection system and to the engine cooling fan. Tires with badly worn treads are very dangerous, particularly in the winter. Make sure they are replaced in time.

Winter tires do not fulfil their purpose if the tread depth is less than 5/32" (4 mm).

Winter tires with special heavy treads give good traction in snow and slush. Better still are winter tires with studs which increase the safety margin even on hard snow and ice. Winter tires should always be fitted on all four wheels. Check your state laws before using studded tires.

If winter tires are mounted, they should have the same load capacity as tires of the original equipment.

When winter tires are fitted, it may be necessary to fit clips on the lower torsion arms of the front axle to prevent the tires from rubbing in the wheel housing on full lock.

The specific characteristics of winter tires can be improved by raising the tire pressures to 3 psi above the normal operating pressure for the tire concerned. This inflation pressure then covers the recommended pressure increase of 3 psi for fast highway driving. Winter tires with studs should be run at moderate speeds when new in order to give the studs time to settle.

In general, winter tires only have real advantages when conditions on the road are really wintry. For safety reasons, it is not advisable to drive a vehicle fitted with any type of winter tire at top speed, You cannot expect a

winter tire to have the same degree of traction on dry, wet or snow-free roads as a normal tire. Furthermore, winter tires wear rapidly under these conditions, particularly at high speeds. Radial ply tires are suitable all year round, if winter conditions are not too severe, they may very well replace conventional snow tires.

Even more suitable for operation of the vehicle during the winter season are radial ply winter tires and tires with studs. An increased tire pressure of 3 psi (0.2 kg/cm²) applies to these tires also.

Snow chains

Only thin chains which do not protrude from the tire tread and inner side wall more than ½ inch including tensioner, are suitable.

While winter tires should be used on all four wheels, chains are required on the rear wheels only.

When driving over long stretches of road which are free of snow, the chains should be removed, because they serve no useful purpose and merely damage the tires and wear out quickly.

Engine oil of SAE 30 grade will tend to thicken at temperatures around freezing and may cause difficult starting. As soon as winter temperatures are expected, change to a thinner grade of engine oil. Details of the various oils to be used are given on page 50. If you drive mostly short distances and in city traffic, especially in the winter, we recommend that you have the engine oil changed at shorter intervals, say every 1500 miles. At other times, these additional changes are unnecessary and uneconomical.

In areas with arctic climate and temperatures below—13* F, the engine oil should be changed every 750 miles.

Transmission oil of SAE 90 grade can generally be used all year round. Only in areas with cold climate it is necessary to use the thinner SAE 80 transmission oil.

In areas with arctic climate and temperatures below —13° F, ATF (Automatic Transmission Fluid) can be filled into the transmission and final drive. This does not apply to the final drive of the Automatic Transmission. As soon as the temperature rises, this fluid must be replaced by SAE 80 or SAE 90 transmission oil.

The battery not only tends to drop in capacity as the temperature drops, it also has to work much harder in cold weather. Apart from the higher current consumption when starting and using the lights more often, there are numerous other electrical items used mainly in winter, such as rear window defogger and auxiliary heater.

A really cold battery which may not be fully charged has only a fraction of the capacity that a battery at normal temperature has, and this might not be enough to start a cold engine. If the car is only driven short distances and in city traffic, the battery may have to be charged from an external source from time to time. Before having a quick-charge performed, disconnect both battery cables to avoid serious damage to the electronic components of the electrical equipment, especially to the control unit of the fuel injection system. Further details are given on page 46.

The spark plugs should not have excessively large gaps especially in the winter. The gap is normally .028 in., but when the weather is very cold, the gap can be temporarily reduced to .020 in, to facilitate starting.

Door locks can freeze in winter if water gets into the lock. When washing the vehicle, do not aim the water jet directly at the locks. It is a good idea to cover the keyholes beforehand. A frozen lock can be opened by heating the key before inserting it. An anti-freeze solution or glycerine should then be squirted into the lock cylinder as soon as possible.

It is a good idea to carry a shovel or a short-handled spade in the car to clear away snow if you get stuck. A small hand brush for sweeping snow off the vehicle and a plastic scraper for the windshield are also usefull.

Care of car

We have provided your vehicle with enamel which is not only extremely durable and has a very high gloss, but which also has a long service life. This has been achieved by special chemical treatment of the body metal and the use of a synthetic resin enamel paint technique.

But even the finest paint requires a certain amount of care. This is easy to appreciate if you consider for a moment the influences to which the paint is exposed. Sunlight, rain, industrial fumes, soot, dirt and dust are constantly attacking the paintwork.

In the winter all parts of the vehicle are subjected to even more severe climatic conditions and corrosive salt solutions. It is advisable to clean and wax the vehicle more often at this time of the year.

The items listed below will help you preserve the built-in beauty of your Volkswagen. Compounded especially for use on your VW, they are available at your local Authorized Volkswagen Dealer. Detailed instructions on how to use the various products are imprinted on the individual containers.

Application	Volkswagen Product
Car Washing, Upholstery Cleaning, Whitewall Tire Cleaning	All Purpose Cleaner – ZVW 243101
Paint Polishing and Paint Waxing	Combination Car Cleaner and Wax - ZVW 24110
Paint Polishing	Paint Polish - 000 096 001
Paint Waxing	Classic Car Wax ZVW 246101
Care and Cleaning of Chrome Parts	Chrome Cleaner and Protection - 000 096 061
Windshield Cleaning	Windshield Washer Anti-Freeze & Solvent – ZVW 241 101
Paint Touch up	Touch up Paint, all colors

Washing

In the first two months:

Wash vehicle frequently with clear water but do not wash it in direct sunshine.

Rinse sponge often to avoid scratching the paintwork.

Later on:

Wash vehicle whenever it is dirty.

If the dirt cannot be removed with clear water, All Purpose Cleaner or a suitable shampoo can be added to the water. Afterward, rinse all traces of the cleaner off with clear water and then wipe the vehicle dry to avoid water spots.

Waxing

Wax for first time after 8-10 weeks.

The paint should be re-waxed when water remains in large patches on the surface and does not form beads and roll off.

Polishing

Should only be done if paint has lost shine and gloss cannot be brought back with wax. After treatment with polish the vehicle must be waxed.

If paint is cleaned with Combination Car Cleaner and Wax it need not be waxed afterwards.

Paint touch up

Minor paint damages, such as scratches, stone chips and the like, can easily be touched up with a paint stick available at your Authorized VW Dealer.

In the spare tire compartment behind the jack you will find a sticker showing a number. This is the code number for the paint color of the vehicle.

Removing tar spots

Treat paint surfaces with a tar remover as soon as possible. After treatment rinse off traces of remover with soap powder solution (water and shampoo).

Removing insects

Dried on insects can be cleaned off paint with an insect remover.

Wash surfaces afterwards.

Parking under trees.

Vehicles which are parked under certain trees during summer are often found to be covered with sticky spots. These spots can be taken off easily with a shampoo if the treatment is not delayed too long. It is advisable to wax the paint afterwards.

Care of chromed parts

Chrome parts should be treated with a chrome cleaner or polish. To give lasting protection in

the winter, the chrome parts can be coated with Volkswagen's Chrome Cleaner and Protection.

Cleaning windows

Windows can normally be cleaned with a sponge and warm water and dried with a chamois. Do not use this chamois for the paintwork because traces of paint cleaner and polish will cause streaks on the windshield.

These streaks can only be removed with a good windshield cleaner. Do not forget to clean the wiper blades.

Windshield wiper blades

The blades should be taken off from time to time and cleaned with a hard brush and alcohol or a strong detergent solution. During long dry periods they tend to get clogged with tar splashes, oil and insects. New blades should be fitted as often as necessary.

Door and window weatherstrips

The weatherstrips must be undamaged and supple to ensure that they seal properly. To retain the original flexibility of the rubber, coat the weatherstrips with talcum powder or silicone soray occasionally.

Airing the body

If the vehicle is left in a closed garage for long periods, the garage and car interior should be aired from time to time to prevent the formation of mould and damp stains inside the vehicle.

Cleaning cloth upholstery

The cloth upholstery should be cleaned with a vacuum cleaner or a fairly hard brush. Spots can usually be removed with a lukewarm soap solution. Grease and oil spots can be treated with spot remover. Do not pour the liquid on the material as this will leave marks. Dampen a clean, plain cloth with the cleaner and remove the spot by rubbing with a circular motion and working inwards.

Cleaning leatherette

The leatherette parts of the headlining, side trim panels and seats can be cleaned best with a soft cloth or brush. When very dirty use Volkswagen's All Purpose Cleaner. Use only a dry foam cleaner on the leatherette of the seats and backrests because the material used for these parts is air-permeable and liquid cleaners would penetrate into the textile backing.

Grease or paint spots should be wiped off, when possible, before they dry. Once dry, they can be removed by rubbing carefully with a cloth moistened with benzine or alcohol. Shoe polish marks can be removed with turpentine but be careful because this will damage the dust repellent surface of the leatherette if applied too long. After cleaning, rub the material dry with a soft cloth. So-called preservatives are not suitable for leatherette because they do not soak into the material and merely collect dust and that will soil your clothing.

Tires

In addition to checking pressures regularly and driving carefully, the following points should be remembered in connection with tires:

- 1 Check tires for damage frequently and remove imbedded material.
- 2 Keep oil and gasoline away from the tires.
- 3 Try not to expose tires to sunshine for long periods.
- 4 Replace missing valve dust caps as soon as possible.

The original equipment tires on your Volkswagen are provided with built-in tread wear indicators to assist you in determining when your tires have been worn to the point of needing replacement. These indicators are molded into the bottom of the tread grooves and will appear as approximately 4-inch wide bands when the tire tread depth becomes 1/4-6 of an inch. When the indicators appear in two or more adjacent grooves, tire replacement due to tread wear is recommended.

We advise you however not to let the tires wear down to this extent as tires with treads in this condition cannot grip the road surface properly when driving at high speeds on wet roads. If you notice that the tires are wearing unevenly, get advice from your Authorized VW Dealer.

Tread still good



Tread worn out



Lots of service stations say they can repair Volkswagens and a lot of them really can.

But they cannot offer you VW Diagnosis and Maintenance – our new service system.

Instead of giving every VW the same basic maintenance, we now treat each one as an individual.

This means your VW is thoroughly checked by a specially trained Diagnostician using special testing equipment. And that means your car gets just the maintenance it needs. No more, no less.

And **you** get a Test Report – so you know the exact condition of your VW.

It's something you should know about the car you drive.

Authorized VW Dealers use a new service system specially developed for the VW.



Do-it-yourself tips

Just in case you have to carry out a repair yourself we have included some information on the next few pages which should help you.

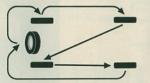
All other repairs should always be performed by an Authorized Volkswagen Dealer. The Volkswagen service organization offers you a wide-spread network of authorized dealers staffed by skilled mechanics and equipped with all the special tools and equipment required. Whenever you set the familiar YW sign on the roadside, you can be sure of expert advice and quick, efficient assistance.

Rotating wheels

Equalize uneven tire wear by rotating the five wheels as shown in the sketch.

However, it is advisable to keep the tires with

Tighten the wheel bolts diagonally to 110 ft. Ibs. and correct the tire pressures.



Changing wheels

Disconnect hose between windshield washer container and spare tire, then remove tire from well

Apply the hand brake and block the opposite wheel.

Take off hub cap with remover and jack bar by hooking the remover into the holes in the edge of the cap and levering against the wheel rim with the jack bar.

Loosen all wheel bolts about one turn with socket wrench and bar.



Insert jack into socket and push the jack tube down until it touches the ground. Place bar in **upper link** -A- of jack and **raise** vehicle by pumping handle up und down.

Note:

The jack is a tool for changing a wheel only. If you work under the car, place a suitable support under car frame.

Unscrew wheel bolts and take wheel off.

Place spare wheel in position and raise or lower vehicle until a hole in the wheel is roughly in line with a threaded hole. Insert the bolt and tighten it only so far that the wheel can be swung around to align the other holes.

Insert remaining bolts.

Tighten bolts until the wheel, centered by the spherical shape of the bolt heads, contacts evenly all round.

Insert bar in **lower link** -B- of jack and **lower** the vehicle by pumping handle up and down.

Insert bar into wrench and tighten the wheel bolts diagonally to 110 ft. lbs. Have it checked at a service station with a torque wrench because correct tightness of the wheel bolts is important for safety.

Install hub cap with a blow of the hand.

Be sure to check the pressure in the tire you have just put on. For correct tire pressure see page 60.







Cleaning or replacing spark plugs

Pull connector off.

Remove plug with socket wrench and bar.

Dirty plugs should be cleaned with a sand blaster but in an emergency, the carbon can be removed with a wood chip. Do not use a wire brush. The plugs should also be clean and dry on the outside to avoid shorting and tracking. The gap can be set by bending the outside electrode. The gap should normally be .028 in., but it can be reduced to .020 in. during very cold weather to facilitate starting.

Take care not to crossthread the plugs when inserting them, and tighten them firmly, but do not overtighten.

New plugs should be fitted every 12 000 miles.





Adjusting headlights

It is best to check the headlight alignment with a regulation screen or aiming device. If none is available, proceed as follows:

Check tire pressures, correct if necessary and park vehicle on level surface squarely facing a wall or screen 25 feet in front of the head-lights. The driver's seat must be loaded with one person or a weight of 154 lbs.

Measure height (a) from ground to center of headlights and draw a horizontal line (H) on screen at this height the full width of the vehicle.

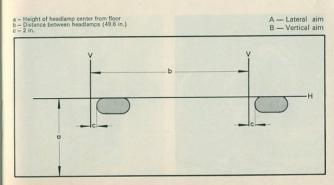
Opposite the center of each headlight, draw vertical lines (V) intersecting the horizontal. These lines should be 49.6 inches apart. Drawing a vertical line for the center of the vehicle might help aligning vehicle with screen.

Loosen the screw in the center below the headlight and take the trim ring off.

Aim the headlights individually by turning the two aiming screws with low beams switched on. Cover up the second headlight.

The headlights are correctly aimed when the top edge of the high intensity zone is on the horizontal line H and the left edge is 2 in. to the right of the vertical line V.

Check with your State Bureau of Motor Vehicles for variations from these specifications.





Bulb chart

Bulb for	US Re- placement bulbs	VW Part No.	
Sealed beam (headlights)	6012	111941261	
Front turn signal/parking lights	1034	N 177382	
Side marker light	57	N 177172	
Rear turn signal	1073	N 177322	
Stop / tail lights	1034	N 177382	
Back-up lights	1073	N 177332	
License plate light (Fastback Sedan)	89	N 177192	
License plate lights (Squareback Sedan) .	67	N 177182	
Instrument and warning lights	_	N 177222	
Warning lights for emergency flasher system, dual-circuit brake system and rear window defogger		N 177512	
Interior light, luggage compartment light	-	N 177232	

Replacing bulbs

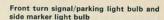
Headlights

A double filament, type 2, seven inch sealed beam unit is used in your Volkswagen. Should it become necessary to replace the unit. loosen screw in the center below the headlight and take off the trim ring.

Remove three screws in sealed beam retaining ring and take ring off.

Take sealed beam unit out of support ring and pull off cable connector.

When installing new sealed beam units, ensure that the three glass lugs engage properly in the support ring.
Check headlight settings.



Remove two Phillips screws.

Take off lens.

Press bulb into holder lightly, turn and take out.

Install new bulb.

Ensure that gasket is located properly when installing.

Do not overtighten screws.





Rear turn signal, stop/tail or back-up light bulb

Unscrew two Phillips screws and remove lens.

Bulb positions:

Top turn signal light Center - stop/tail light Bottom - back-up light

Press bulb into holder lightly, turn and take out.
Install new bulb.

When fitting the lens, ensure that gasket is located properly. Tighten screws evenly but do not overtighten.



License plate light bulb

1 - Fastback Sedan

Open rear hood.

Remove screws on each side of lens and take off lens with bulb holder.

Pull bulb holder out of lens.

Press bulb into holder lightly, turn and take out.

Install new bulb.

When installing, ensure that the cable grommet fits properly.



2 - Squareback Sedan

Open rear door.

Loosen 3 Phillips screws so that you can remove the insert together with the bulb holder.

Press bulb lightly into holder. Turn and take out.

Install new bulb.

During re-assembly make sure that the rubber gasket is properly seated.



Replacing fuses

The fuse box is located under the instrument panel on the left.

When a fuse blows it is not sufficient to merely replace it with a new fuse. The cause of the short circuit or overload must be established. On no account should fuses be patched up with tin foil or wire as this can cause serious damage elsewhere in the electrical system.

It is advisable to always carry a few spare 8 and 16 amp fuses in the vehicle.

The 8 amp fuse for the back-up lights is located in a separate fuse holder at the ignition coil in the engine compartment.

Another 8 amp fuse in a separate fuse holder on the left underneath the rear seat is for the **main current** of the rear window defogger.

Fuse box

1 Tail light, right 5 High beam, left 9 Stoplights License plate light High beam warning light Turn signals Luggage compartment Horn, Warning light for brake operation. Rear window defogger Air conditioner (switch current) Parking lights 2 Tail light, left 6 High beam, right 10 Interior light Emergency flasher system 3 Low beam, left 7 (open for subsequent 11 Electric fuel pump for installation of electrical fuel injection accessories) (No other equipment may be attached here!) 4 Low beam, right 8 Wiper motor 12 (open for subsequent installation of electrical accessories) 12









An Authorized VW Dealership is your best source for Genuine VW Parts, VW Exchange Parts and Approved VW Accessories.

GENUINE VW PARTS are the proper replacement parts for the Volkswagen. They guarantee accuracy, quality and reliability. Every part of the Volkswagen is available as a Genuine VW Part and all are of the same high quality as the original parts on the vehicle when it leaves the factory. The Genuine VW Parts are expertly installed at any Authorized Volkswagen Dealership.

VW EXCHANGE PARTS are also replacement parts for your Volkswagen just like the Genuine WP Parts. They are covered by the same Warranty conditions as Genuine WP Parts and are available in every VW Dealership. But there is a difference: The price. VW Exchange Parts cost less than Genuine VW Parts but are of the same high quality. They are parts that have been reconditioned. To get an Exchange part, you must turn in your old part.

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Genuine Volkswagen Parts, new and rebuilt, and Approved Volkswagen Accessories are covered by a warranty guaranteeing them to be free of defects in material and workmanship for a period of 6 months or 6,000 miles, whichever comes first.

Please consult your Authorized Volkswagen Dealer on all questions concerning repairs. You can be sure that your vehicle will be in good hands.

Care of battery

The ability of the engine to start readily depends to a great extent on the condition of the battery. For this reason the battery should be checked regularly and given a certain amount of attention. When the rear seat is lifted, the filler plugs can be removed from the battery. The electrolyte level should always be in accordance with the mark. If the level is too low, add distilled water.

The electrolyte level drops when the battery is charged due to dissociation of water used to dilute the electrolyte and, to a lesser extent, to evaporation. How often the battery has to be topped up depends mainly on operating conditions and indirectly on the time of year. When a vehicle is often driven long distances in the daytime with hardly any current being used, the battery will have to be topped up with distilled water much more often than in the case of a vehicle which is operated under different conditions. As a general rule, the battery electrolyte level must be checked more often in the summer than in the winter. Will drivers in hot areas who do lot of driving are advised to check the battery at least every week.

Do not add more water than is necessary because if the level is too high the electrolyte will overflow when the battery is being charged and cause damage.

The terminals and connections should be kept clean and greased with battery Silicon spray or petroleum jelly. Ensure that the ground connection to the body is free of corrosion and tight. If you store your vehicle for a prolonged period, it is advisable to take the battery to an Authorized

Volkswagen Dealer. A battery which is not in constant use will discharge itself in time and this can cause permanent damage to the plates if the battery is not checked about every four weeks and charged as necessary.

Attention

When working on the battery, take care not to short-circuit the terminals. This would cause the battery to heat up very quickly which could lead to damage.

Before having a quick-charge performed on a battery installed in a vehicle, disconnect both battery cables to avoid serious damage to the electronic control unit of the fuel injection system.



Towing

At the rear, a tow rope can be attached to the bumper support provided that no undue or sudden stress will be applied. When towing on rough roads it is possible that undue stress will cause damage to the body. At the front, the rope should be attached to the lower tube of the front axle.





The driver of the towing vehicle must be particularly careful when starting off and shifting. The driver of the vehicle that is being pulled must take care to keep the tow rope taut.

On page 31 you will find some more very important hints to observe when towing with vehicles equipped with Automatic Transmission.

Here is what to do when trouble troubles you

Your Volkswagen should repay you with trouble-free driving if it receives regular maintenance.

Should you ever encounter difficulty in starting your engine or have trouble on the road, there are a few simple repairs which you can make to get your VW going again. Locate the PROBLEM and PROBABLE CAUSE of the trouble in the guide on the following four pages and follow the directions on WHATTO DO.

If the trouble is serious or you are uncertain as to its origin, be sure to see an Authorized Volkswagen Dealer as soon as possible.

Note: The adjustment of idling and ignition timing requires special equipment and training. We suggest that you consult your Authorized Volkswagen Dealer.

PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE	WHAT TO DO
VW will not start: 1. Run down or dead battery. or turns over too slowly.		A. Four speed synchromesh transmission: Push to start the vehicle (turn on ignition, put ir 3rd gear at a speed of approximately 20 mph, release clutch slowly). Have battery charged and cause of high current consumption checked. B. Automatic Transmission: Have battery quick-charged (see important hint on page 46, 18 paragraph) or changed. When impossible, please contact the nearest Authorized WD Dealer.
	2. Loose connection	2. Make sure that all connections are tight.
	A. At battery	A. Check both cable connections on battery and grounded end of ground strap.
North Shakes	B. At starter	B. Check connections at solenoid, mounted on starter, under right rear of vehicle.
	C. At connector block on steering column under dash board.	C. Check push-on connectors for tightness.
	D. At light switch or fuse box.	D. Check push-on connectors at back of light switch and on fuse box.
	3. Starter defective	Have vehicle started by pushing and take it to nearest Authorized VW Dealer. Note: Do not attempt to start engine by pushing or towing vehicles equipped with Automatic Transmission.
	On vehicles with Automatic Transmission: The selector lever is not in Neutral.	4. Shift to Neutral.
VW will not start: engine turns over.	5. Loose connection in ignition system.	Check for loose connections at coil, distributor and spark plugs.
engine units over,	Loose connection in primary circuit to coil.	6. Turn on ignition. Remove thin black cable from ignition coil, hold it by insulation and strike it against blower housing or other ground, being careful of gasoline and its furnes. If there is no spark, electricity does not reach coil from battery. Check push-on connectors on steering column under dash board for tightness, and connectors at fuse box. If there is still no spark see the nearest Authorized VW Dealer.

PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE	WHAT TO DO
VW will not start: engine turns over. 7. If spark is present at black coil cable, trouble is in ignition system.		7. Check in this sequence:
		A. Turn on ignition, remove distributor cap, engage 4th gear and push vehicle until ignition points are closed. Open and close ignition points several times with a non-metal object. A visible and audible spark will appear between the points. If this is not the case, the cables on ignition cold and distributor should be checked for tightness. Clean distributor points. If even then no spark is visible, see your nearest Authorized VW Dealer.
	an knormanner (A.)	B. If spark appears at points, remove high tension wire from center of distributor cap and hold it against a metal part of the engine at a distance of approximately ½". Swith on ignition and turn over engine or open ignition points as described under A. A strong blue spark must appear. If this is not the cate, see your Authorized VW Dealer.
		C. If a spark appears at high tension cable, the distributor cap should be cleaned inside and outside. Reconnect high tension cable. Remove all spark plugs, if plugs are clean and dry, reconnect ignition cables to spark plugs and bring spark plugs in connection with metal (ground). Hold cable with dry plece of cloth to avoid shock. A spark should appear between spark plug electrodes when the engine is turned over. If not, clean and dry ignition and plug connectors. See your Authorized VW Dealer if the above steps did not ensure proper ignition. D. Dirty or wet spark cluss should be cleaned and dried. Install new plugs if necessary. Unburned
		gasoline on plug electrodes points to excessive fuel supply.
	If spark is fairly good at plugs, trouble is most likely in fuel system.	8. Check fuel system in the following sequence:
VW will not start; engine turns over.	A. Caused by improper starting procedure.	A. While starting depress the accelerator pedal!
	B. Engine flooded.	B. Check all electrical connections in engine compartment. If engine still does not start, remove and dry spark plugs. Re-install plugs and start engine. If engine still does not start, see your Authorized VW Dealer.
Engine stalls shortly after starting.	9. Poor fuel supply.	9. See paragraphs 11 and 12.
Engine stalls while	10. Defect in ignition system.	10. See paragraph 5 through 7.
vehicle is driven. 11. Fuel	11. Fuel supply is exhausted.	11. Check whether any gasoline is left in tank.
	Fuel filter may be clogged, gasoline may be contaminated by water or dirt.	12. See your VW dealer for cleaning of all components of the fuel system.
Red warning light for oil pressure comes on while you are driving.	13. If light goes on, the oil pressure is too low.	13. Stop at once and check oil level. Add oil as necessary. If the oil level is sufficient and light goes on during driving, contact the nearest Authorized VW Dealer before driving on.
Red warning light for generator comes on while you are driving.	14. If light goes on, V belt may be torn or slipping or generator does not charge.	14. Switch off all unnecessary electrical equipment (radio, etc.). Drive to nearest VW dealer as otherwise the battery will soon run down.

Fuel and lubricants

Fuel

Your Volkswagen will run satisfactorily on regular fuels which fulfil the octane requirements of the engine (90 Octane). If regular fuels with adequate anti-knock qualities are not available, premium fuels should be used or mixed with the regular fuel.

Engine oil

Always use a name brand oil labeled "For Service MS" for the engine of your Volkswagen. The quality of oil produced by reputable firms is so good that the choice of brand is entirely up to you. The Volkswagen engine makes no special demands with respect to oil quality which cannot be met by the well-known and popular brands. It is suggested that you select "your" brand of oil at the first oil change at 600 miles and that you stick to this brand if at all possible.

The classification of oil into various viscosity grades is shown by the designations SAE 30, SAE 20 W/20 and so on. The viscosity of a lubricant indicates its resistance to flow at a given temperature. The VW engine usually requires only two different viscosity grades which are used, according to season of year, as follows:

SAE 30	In warm	seasons and	all year round	in areas with	hot climates

SAE 20 W/20 In the winter

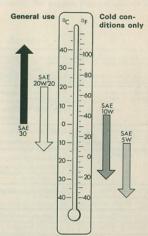
or SAE 10 W*) In a

In areas where the average temperature is below 5° F.

SAE 5 W*) In areas with arctic climates and temperatures below -13* F.

All SAE grades cover a temperature range of about 60° F and the ranges of two neighboring grades overlap by at least 30° F. Brief variations in temperature between seasons can therefore be disregarded. For the same reason, it is also possible to mix oils of different viscosities when oil has to be added between oil changes and the viscosity of the oil in the engine no longer corresponds to the actual temperature.

Temperature ranges of SAE grades



Avoid driving at high speeds for long periods if using SAE 10 W oil and the outside temperature is above 32° F or if using SAE 5 W oil when the temperature is above 5° F.

Transmission oil and ATF (Automatic Transmission Fluid)

A - Four speed synchromesh transmission

Transmission and final drive are both lubricated with hypoid oil.

SAE 90 In general all year round.

SAE 80 In areas with cold climate.

ATF In areas with arctic climate and temperatures below —13° F.

ATF is a special fluid for automatic transmissions but ATF can also be used in manual transmissions under the above mentioned climatic conditions.

B - Automatic Transmission

The final drive has to be lubricated only with hypoid oil SAE 90.

Automatic Transmission and torque converter require ATF all year round.

All ATF's which carry the Dexron® testmark with a five digit number preceded by the letter "B", can be used. Suitable products are supplied by all well-known mineral oil firms.

Lubricant additives

No additives should be mixed with fuel or lubricating oils and fluids.

Grease

- 1. Multi-purpose grease with a lithium base should be used for the front axle.
- Dry stick lubricant should be used for the hood locks and the sliding surfaces of the striker plates.
- 3. Silicon spray or petroleum jelly should be used for the battery terminals and posts.

Lubrication

Engine

Regular oil changes are necessary even if the very best brand of oil is used because dirty oil in the engine means increased wear and reduces service life.

The oil is drained, when warm, by removing the plug in the oil strainer cover plate. Flushing is not necessary but the strainer must be removed and cleaned at every oil change. The gaskets and the copper washers under the cap nuts must always be renewed. The engine is then filled with 5.3 U.S. pints of oil labeled "For Service MS". Due to its detergent properties, the fresh oil will look dark after the vehicle has been running for only a short time. This need not worry you and under normal operating conditions there is no reason whatever to change the oil at shorter intervals than every 3000 miles. We do recommend more frequent oil changes - every 1500 miles - in the winter if you drive mainly short distances and in city traffic. If you drive only a few hundred miles a month under these conditions it is advisable to have the oil changed every 6 to 8 weeks. In areas with arctic climate where average temperatures are below -13° F the oil should be changed every 750 miles.





Transmission

1 - Four speed synchromesh transmission

Transmission and final drive are combined in one housing and both are lubricated with hypoid oil. The oil should be up to the edge of the filler hole (A). The transmission oil is only changed at 600 miles by your Authorized VW Dealer. Should it later on become necessary to change the oil because of a considerable and prolonged change in temperature (see page 51), proceed as follows. At oil changes the old oil should be drained when warm. The two magnetic oil drain plugs (B) must be cleaned carefully and 5.3 U.S. pints of good quality hypoid oil put in.

Sometimes, the oil runs into the transmission housing very slowly. If one attempts to put the oil in too quickly it may overflow and give the impression that the housing is already full although only

2–3 pints have been put in. It is essential to the service life and silent running of the transmission that the correct amount of oil is used.

The oil level in the transmission should be checked every 6000 miles. At the same time the transmission should be checked for leaks.



The torque converter and the Automatic Transmission are lubricated with Automatic Transmission Fluid (ATF).

Every 6000 miles the ATF level has to be checked. A dip stick (C) is used which also serves as a cover for the filler neck (D). It is located in the engine compartment. To get a true reading, the dip stick should only be pulled out with the engine idling, the selector lever in Position N (hand brake applied) and the ATF warm.

The correct ATF level is very important for proper functioning of the transmission; therefore, the level should be checked carefully. Before measuring the level, the dip stick should be pulled out and wiped off with a clean piece of cloth. The ATF level must not

be above or below the two marks. Please keep in mind that the difference between the lower and the upper mark is only 1 U.S. pint. To add ATF, a clean funnel with an approximately 20" (50 cm) long hose should be used.

Before inserting the dip stick, make sure that the ring-shaped handle of the dip stick is inserted vertically as otherwise proper functioning of the transmission cannot be assured.







Every 30,000 miles the complete ATF filling has to be changed. If vehicle is operated under heavy duty conditions such as trailer towing, constant stop and go traffic, continuous mountain driving and extremely high outside temperature change ATF every 18,000 miles. If in doubt, consult your Authorized VW Dealer. After taking out the drain plug (E), the oil pan and oil strainer should be removed and cleaned. Although the complete system contains 12 U.S. pints. ATF, the quantity to be changed is only about 6 U.S. pints. The rest of the ATF remains in the torque converter. The oil pan should be installed with a new gasket. The oil pan screws (F) are to be tightened evenly to 7 ft. lbs. (1 mkg).

First fill in 5.3 U.S. pints ATF (see page 51 for ATF specifications).

With the engine running, the selector lever should be moved once to all positions. Afterwards the ATF level should be checked on the dip stick with the selector lever in position N. The ATF now should reach up to the lower point of the dip stick. After a short test-drive, the transmission will be warm and ATF should be added until it has reached the required level.

Important

When installing the oil pan and filling up the ATF, absolute cleanliness is necessary.

The vehicle may not be towed and the engine should not be idling when there is no ATF in the transmission.

The transmission oil in the final drive does not have to be changed, but the level should be checked every 6000 miles. The oil should be up to the edge of the filler hole (A).

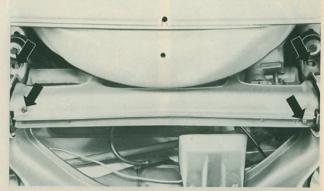
Front axle

The front axle can only be lubricated properly when it is free of load, that is with the front end lifted and the wheels hanging free.

There are four grease fittings on the axle tubes which must be lubricated with a lithium-based multipurpose grease. The grease fittings and the grease gun nozzle should be cleaned carefully before greasing commences. Place gun on fittings and inject grease until fresh grease starts to come out at the torsion arm sealing rings.

Grease and oil must not be left on tires and brake hoses for long periods. Even small traces should be wiped off immediately.

If the vehicle is driven less than 6000 miles per year, the front axle must be lubricated once a year.



Hinges and locks

Above the door hinge pin is a small oil chamber which is sealed with a plastic plug. At least every three months, the amount of oil in the chamber should be checked after lifting the plug with a screwdriver. The chamber should be filled with SAE 30 engine oil. Press plug in and wipe off excess oil with a cloth. The door and hood locks and the hood hinges

should be lubricated at least every three months. The door lock should be given a few drops of engine oil through a hole in the end of the door which is normally sealed with a plug. The hood hinges are also ciled and the hood locks lubricated lightly. Surplus oil on the hood hinges should be wiped off.





The lock cylinder is treated with graphite as necessary. The key can be dipped into graphite and then turned in the lock a few times. The friction surfaces of the latches and striker plates should be lubed lightly.

Air cleaner

A dirty cleaner element not only reduces the engine output, it can also cause premature engine wear. If local conditions are such that the vehicle is often driven on very dusty roads, the cleaner must be checked frequently, even daily if necessary.

All the dust present in the air drawn in by the engine is retained by the filter element in the upper part of the air cleaner and washed out by the oil in the lower part when the vehicle is in motion. In time, this forms a layer of sludge at the bottom of the lower part. When there is only ³/₁·s" of oil above the sludge layer, the lower part must be cleaned and filled with fresh oil. To accomplish this, the air cleaner must be removed:

Release clip -A- on intake pipe and pull bellows from pipe.

Pull crankcase breather hose -B- off air cleaner intake pipe.

Pull hose -C- for auxiliary air control valve off air cleaner top part.

Loosen Phillips head screw -D- of clamp for elbow connector on intake air distributor.

Remove air cleaner after loosening wing screw -E-.

Release the two clips -F- and take off top part of cleaner.

The top part must not be put down with the filter element upward.

Clean lower part of cleaner carefully.

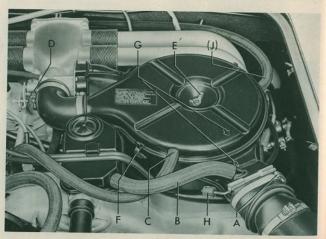
Fill cleaner to mark with .85 U.S. pint of fresh engine oil. SAE 30 oil should be used all the year except in countries with arctic climate where SAE 10 W oil should be used.

The top part does not normally need cleaning. If due to delayed cleaning of the bottom part or oil shortage the filter element has become so dirty that the air inlet holes on the underside are partly blocked, the encrusted dirt should be scraped off with a piece of wood.

When assembling the cleaner note that the

red marks -G- on upper and lower parts are in line.

When installing the cleaner, ensure proper fit of bellows on intake pipe of air cleaner and elbow connector of intake air distributor. Check, that the weighted flap -H- of the crankcase ventilation moves freely.



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Technical data

Engine

Four cylinder, four stroke, horizontally opposed, flat design, in rear Thermostatically controlled air cooling by fan on crankshaft Pressure oil feed with gear-type pump. Oil cooler Electric fuel pump. Electronic fuel injection 3.36 in. (85.5 mm) 2.72 in. (69 mm) 96.6 cu. in. (1584 cc.) Valve clearance with engine cold Intake and exhaust .004 in. (0.10 mm) 77.1 65 bhp. at 4600 rpm. 86.8 ft. lbs. at 2800 rpm. Fuel Four speed synchromesh transmission: Automatic Transmission: consumption *) U.S. - 26.4 miles per gallon U.S. - 25.0 miles per gallon Metric - 8.9 liter per 100 km Metric - 9.4 liter per 100 km Imp. - 31.5 miles per gallon Imp. - 30.0 miles per gallon 90 octane (Regular) U.S. - 1.7 - 3.4 pints per 1000 miles Metric - 0.5 - 1.0 liter per 1000 km Imp. - 1.4 - 2.9 pints per 1000 miles *) Measured consumption plus 10%, with half load at a steady % of maximum speed on level road.

a - Four speed synchromesh transmission:

Single plate, dry clutch. Clutch pedal free play: .4–.8 in. (10–20 mm).
Baulk synchronized four-speed gearbox and bevel gear differential in one housing
Gear ratios: 1st gear 3.80:1, 2nd gear 2.06:1, 3rd gear 1.26:1, 4th gear 0.89:1, Reverse gear 3.61:1
Differential ratio: 4.125:1, Drive shafts with two constant velocity joints per shaft

b - Automatic Transmission:

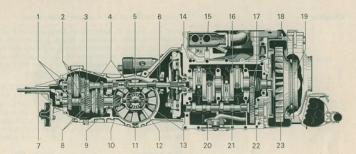
Automatic transmission combined with final drive, in one housing
The transmission consists of a hydrodynamic torque converter and planetary gearing with three
forward gears and one reverse
Planetary gear ratios:
1st gear 2.65:1 2nd gear 1.59:1 3rd gear 1.0:1 Reverse gear 1.8:1
Differential ratio 3.67:1

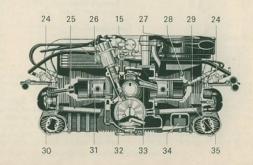
Drive shafts with two constant velocity joints per shaft

Power transmissions

Engine with four speed synchromesh transmission

- 1 4th gear train
- 2 3rd gear train
- 3 2nd gear train
- 4 Main drive shaft 5 - Differential side gear
- 6 Clutch release bearing
- 7 Transmission shift lever
- 8 1st gear train
- 9 Drive pinion
- 10 Reverse gear
- 11 Oil drain plugs
- 12 Differential housing
- 13 Differential pinion
- 14 Flywheel
- 15 Intake air distributor
- 16 Crankshaft
- 17 Camshaft drive gears
- 18 Fan housing
- 19 Crankshaft pulley
- 20 Oil strainer
- 21 Camshaft
- 22 Oil pump
- 23 Fan
- 24 Injection valves
- 25 Valve
- 26 Oil cooler
- 27 Oil bath air cleaner 28 - Cylinder head
- 29 Spark plug
- 30 Heat exchanger 31 - Piston
- 32 Ignition distributor
- 33 Connecting rod 34 - Thermostat
- 35 Cylinder





Chassis

Platform frame with tunnel-shaped center member

Front axle bolted to forked frame head, sub-frame at rear to carry engine-transmission unit Independent wheel suspension: torsion arms at front, trailing arms and diagonal links at rear Torsion bar springing, telescopic shock absorbers, stabilizer at front

Roller steering with maintenance-free tie rods and hydraulic steering damper

Footbrakes: Hydraulic, dual circuit system with discs at front

Handbrake: Mechanical, effective on rear wheels.

 Wheelbase
 94.5 in. (2400 mm)

 Turning circle
 36.5 ft. (11.1 m)

 Track at front
 51.6 in. (1310 mm)

 Camber
 1° 20′ ± 20′ unladen

 Track at rear
 53.1 in. (1350 mm)

 Wheels
 4½ J × 15 safety rim wheels

Tires, tubeless Bias Ply Tires

Fastback Sedan 6.00–15 L/load capacity 1 005 lbs. at 32 psi Squareback Sedan 6.00–15 L/load capacity 1 080 lbs. at 36 psi

Tire pressures, cold front rear
a - Fastback Sedan:
with 1 or 2 occupants 17 psi (1.2 kg/cm²) 26 psi (1.8 kg/cm²)
fully loaded 18 psi (1.3 kg/cm²) 28 psi (2.0 kg/cm²)

For long, high speed trips, the tire pressures should be increased by 3 psi (0.2 kg/cm²) at front and rear

Electrical system

12 Volts 45 Ah 0.7 hp max, 360 watts, early cut in V belt size 9.5×1000 with combined vacuum and centrifugal spark advance 1-4-3-2 Basic ignition timing TDC, engine at operating temperature .016 in. (0.4 mm) Contact breaker gap Bosch W 145 T 1, Beru 145/14 or plugs with similar values from other manufacturers 14 mm Plug thread

.028 in. (0.7 mm)

Dimensions and weights

	Fastback Sedan	Squareback Sedan
Length	170.8 in. (4340 mm)	170.8 in. (4340 mm)
Width		63.2 in. (1605 mm)
Height	57.9 in. (1470 mm)	57.9 in. (1470 mm)
Ground clearance		5.9 in. (150 mm)
Unladen weight		2282 lbs. (1035 kg)
Max. load		992 lbs. (450 kg)
Permissible total weight		3274 lbs. (1485 kg)
Permissible front axle load	1278 lbs. (580 kg)	1278 lbs. (580 kg)
Permissible rear axle load	1874 lbs. (850 kg)	2072 lbs. (940 kg)
Permissible roof and trailer weights:		
Roof weights¹)	165 lbs. (50 kg)	165 lbs. (50 kg)
Trailer without brakes		1080 lbs. (490 kg)

¹⁾ Applies only to roof rack mounted to rain gutters. Distribute load evenly!

Capacities

10.6 U.S. galls (8.8 Imp. galls; 40 liters) 5.3 U.S. pints of engine oil (2.5 liters; 4.4 Imp. pints) 5.3 U.S. pints of hypoid oil (2.5 liters; 4.4 lmp. pints) On vehicles with Automatic Transmission: Torque converter and planetary gears Approx. 12 U.S. pints (6 liters; 10.5 Imp. pints) ATF, refill with 6 U.S. pints (3 liters; 5.25 Imp. pints) Approx. 2 U.S. pints (1 liter; 1.8 lmp. pint) Hypoid oil SAE 90 0.53 U.S. pint of brake fluid (0.25 liter; 0.44 lmp, pint) Approx. 0.85 U.S. pint engine oil (0.40 liter; 0.70 lmp. pint) Container for windshield washer Approx. 3.5 pints (1.7 liter) of water

Performance

Four speed synchromesh transmission

Maximum and cruising speed 84 mph. (135 kph.)
Acceleration time from

 2nd gear
 23.0

 3rd gear
 13.0

 4th gear
 8.0

 7.5

Automatic Transmission

81 mph. (130 kph.)

approx, 14 seconds

Forward 40.0 36.0 Reverse 26.0 Squareback Sedan²)

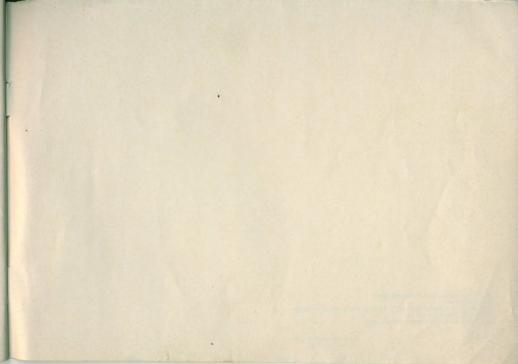
1) with 2 occupants

2) with half payload

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