

# Summertime in Riverside

**A**s great fans of the movie *Quadrophenia*, we feel a certain affinity toward long, winding stretches of foggy European coastline. Perhaps a Mod or two clad in trenchcoats atop buzzing Vespas. And, of course, some type of sharp-looking Volkswagen flying past a lorrie sounding an odd horn. While these have become nothing short of

European icons, there is a young man by the name of McPeak who has also dedicated himself to this look.

In the upper reaches of Riverside, Calif., Greg McPeak of McPeak Pin-striping, has created his own type of European transportation, California-style. Starting with a base Cabriolet, Greg first decided to strip what he termed "an ugly green pile of stuff" from the panels of his car. (Makes sense that he'd start from an aesthetic point of view.) He then applied a two-stage, Sherman Williams basecoat of Metallic Green, clearcoat urethane Ultra Base 7 system. The graphics were done in lacquer and later color-sanded until he achieved a respectable tribute to his company's craftsmanship. The interior was then treated to a color-coordinating velour through help of Quality Upholstery in Bloomington, while some of the interior components received the matching runner board graphics.

Now that Greg could look at the car without raising blisters on his eyes, he swapped the stock grill with the Euro Jetta headlight and grill set, while at the same time filling the emblem and mounting the parking

lights to a flush finish. The drive components were then bumped to a 5-speed GTI transmission and a 190mm Sport clutch, while anti-roll bars and stress rods were outfitted throughout. Greg then opted to bore his stock motor to 1960cc displacement, also porting and polishing the head. Techtonics supplied the Big Bore pistons and rings while a 268

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