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How To Pick Up Girls

kay, guys, forget all you've heard about how girls go crazy for Porsches . . . how they're the ultimate "pick-up" vehicle on the planet . . . how a 911's pilot merely has to snap his racing-gloved fingers in order to attract a car full of tight-chassied passengers. We've found something better.

For about a third of the price of a new Carrera, you can put yourself behind the wheel of something that's guaranteed to attract more beautiful women than you've ever imagined. That "something" is the Volkswagen Cabriolet.

Over the years our staff has driven practically every make and model of automobile in the free world, and none of them—not even jet black 930s—draw the women like this all-white Cabriolet. Sure, mega-buck exotic machines turn the heads of those stunning females you want so much to meet, but many ladies feel uneasy with high-roller guys wearing more gold than Mr. T. Forget what you've seen in all those disco-nightlife movies, the really fun girls like guys in VW convertibles.

After lengthy deliberation, we've finally figured out what it is about the Cabrio that women find so irresistible. It's a cute little car. Like teddy bears, baby ducks and newborn ponies, VW Cabriolets are "cute." And women love cute cars. A close friend of ours (who owns a Porsche 935, Cobra 427, Corvette and Audi 5000 Turbo) tells us that his mid-50s Beetle convertible gets him the attention of more ladies than all of his other machines put together. It works for him, and it works with the '85 VW Cabriolet.

But the ragtop VW has more going for it than just being cute, it is also a very good automobile. Built in Germany by VW's Karmann plant, the Cabriolet is basically a continuation of last year's Rabbit convertible, having not changed over to the "Golf" monicker like the rest of its brethren.

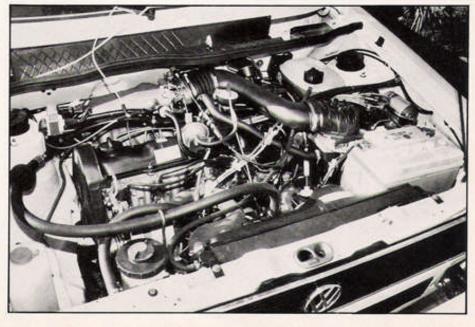
Powered by the 90hp "high output" 1780cc powerplant, the

1780cc fuel-injected powerplant cranks out 90 hp and 100 ft/lbs of torque, motivating VW Cabrio to 60 mph in 10.3 seconds. Mileage is 30+ on the highway.



Photos by the author

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CABRIOLET

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alfresco VW will run from 0-60 mph in a bit over 10 seconds, culminating with a top speed of 104 mph. Slightly heavier than the '84 two-door Rabbit (2214-lbs versus 1894-lbs) due to the extra body strengthening required for the convertible, the Cabrio weighs in within 14 pounds of the new, much larger Golf. Fit and finish, as well as the quality of materials used, is up to VW's usual high standards.

For a base price of \$11,595, you get a new-for-1985 13.8-gallon fuel tank, Heidelberg IV electronically tuned AM/FM auto-reverse cassette stereo with four speakers, closeratio five-speed, ventilated front disc brakes, sport steering wheel and intermittent wipers, while available options include air conditioning, power steering, automatic transmission, sport seats, cruise control, light alloy wheels and metallic paint. Our test car's

Folding top is easy to raise and lower, and features electrically heated glass rear window. Body-color bumpers and wheels look sharp.









Unchanged interior design features full instrumentation, reclining buckets, split fold-down rear seatbacks. Girl-carrying capacity is four +.

"honest" white-on-white image seemed to work exceptionally well in attracting the eye of the ladies (especially those driving by our beachfront offices), but if you're more partial to other flavors, you have Titian Red Metallic, Flash Silver Metallic, Papyrus Green Metallic, Rock Grey Metallic and Graphite Black Metallic from which to choose.

Whichever hue you decide on, count on one thing . . . lots of admiring stares from beautiful passersby. (And you can leave your gold chains at home.)





1985 VOLKWAGEN CABRIOLET TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS			Rear	7.1-in. diameter drums, self-adjusting	
1965 VOLKWAGEN CABN	OLET TECHNICAL SPECIFIC	ATIONS	WHEELS & TIRES		
ENGINE	4-CYL GASOLINE		Standard	51/2Jx13-in. stamped steel with	
Туре	single overhead cam, in-line			175/70SR13 radials	
Bore 3.19 in. (81.0 mm)		Optional	51/zjx13-in. light alloy with		
Stroke	or to my loor many			175/70SR13 radials	
Displacement 109.0 cu.in. (1780 cc)		STEERING			
Compression ratio	8.5:1		Туре	Rack and pinion	
Horsepower (SAE net) 90 @ 5500 rpm Maximum torque (ft-lbs) 100 @ 3000 rpm		Ratio	20.8:1		
Maximum torque (ft-lbs) 100 @ 3000 rpm Induction system CIS (K-Jetronic)		Turns (lock-to-lock)	3.85		
		Turning circle (curb-to-curb)	31.2 ft. (9.5m)		
ENGINE DESIGN		Optional	Power-assisted rack and pinion		
Crankshaft	5 main bearings		Ratio Turns (lock-to-lock)	18.5:1	
Cylinder block Cast iron		Turning circle (curb-to-curb)	31.2 ft. (9.5m)		
Cylinder head	Aluminum alloy			01.2 n. (8.0m)	
DRIVETRAIN			CAPACITIES		
Type	Close-ratio manual	Automatic	Engine oil with filter Fuel tank	4.7 qts. (4.5 ltr.)	
Gear ratios: 1st	3.45:1	2.71:1	Coolant	10.6 gal. (40.1 ltr.) 7.3 gts. (6.9 ltr.)	
2nd	2.12:1	1.50:1		7.5 drs. (0.9 itr.)	
3rd	1.44:1	1.00:1	DIMENSIONS	187 - 5 CONTROL W	
4th 5th	1.13:1		Wheelbase	94.5 in. (2400 mm)	
Reverse	0.89:1 3.17:1	2.43:1	Front track Rear track	54.7 in. (1390 mm)	
Final drive	3.67:1	3.42:1	Overail length	53.5 in. (1360 mm) 159.3 in. (4046 mm)	
	5.01.1	J.42.1	Overall width	64.2 in. (1630 mm)	
SUSPENSION	And the second of the second o		Overall height (unladen)	55.6 in. (1410 mm)	
Front	Independent MacPhe		Ground clearance	4.9 in. (124 mm)	
	coil springs, negative 16.55 mm stabilizer		Curb weight	2214 lbs. (4882 kgs)	
Rear		A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	PERFORMANCE	Manual	Automatic
Rear Independent torsion bea coll springs, 20.5 mm st			Top speed	104 mph	101 mph
	con springs, 20.5 mil	ii stabilizer bar	Acceleration: 0-50 mph	7.6 sec.	8.9 sec.
BRAKES	2 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	S TANKS	0-60 mph	10.3 sec.	12.8 sec.
Туре	Dual diagonal hydraulic power- assisted		FUEL ECONOMY (EPA estimates)	Manual /	Automatic
Front 9.4-in, diameter ventilated discs.					
	o. This Gameler Vents	allen dises,	City	24 mpg	18 mpg

Highway

self-adjusting

22 mpg