

**SOME OF THE MOST FANTASTIC CUSTOM VWs
YOU'LL EVER GET A CHANCE TO SEE AT ONE TIME!**

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We know there's a battle going on out there between some air-cooled VW lovers and second generation owners about which car is best. The air-cooled lovers cite the proven track record of the trusty Bug over the years while the new second generation backers say it's time for a change, and that the air-cooled design was great while it lasted, but it's all over now. While we'll have to agree with the logic of both parties, you can bet your boots we aren't going to take sides. In our opinion, there's room for everybody in VW land, and we plan to bring you both sides for quite a long time.

One thing we have noticed about the second generation cars is that less than two years ago there wasn't anything available for them in the way of custom and performance goodies. Now, just as when the air-cooled aftermarket

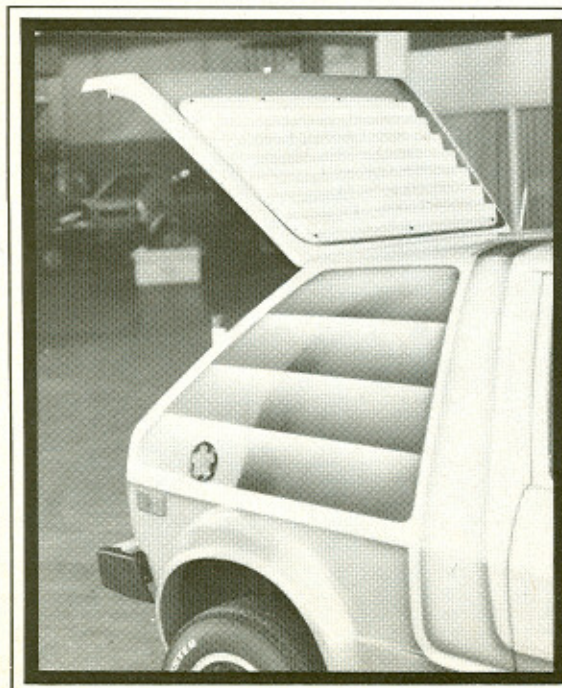
started to get off the ground, we're running into more and more items for the Rabbit and Scirocco. If you'll think back a few years to the beginning of the Bug explosion, you'll remember that at first it was just a trickle—exhaust systems, decals, vinyl dash inserts, minor custom goodies and floor mats. Later as it gained momentum, it became multiple carbs, cams, big valves, big bore kits, stroker cranks, chop-tops, full bore customs and drag cars. Well, that's the way we see it for the Rabbit and Scirocco. A couple of years ago it was minor custom accessories, but now the hard core parts are starting to be developed and dealerships and enthusiasts are starting to take an interest in the appearance and performance of their second generation cars.

One such VW dealership, Tynan's, located in the mile high city of Denver,

Colo., home of the "Orange Crush," now has a continuing program where they design a custom Bus, Rabbit or Scirocco, have a local dream emporium convert their design into reality, and then place the vehicle on their lot for resale to the public.

Their first creation is the 1978 Scirocco you see featured here. It features a wrap around front spoiler, louvered rear window cover, custom tires and wheels, flared fenders, sunroof and most obvious of all, a super trick paint job. All the modifications were performed by Jim Roth and Bob Crowe of Metal Fantasia.

Tynan's didn't leave the engine stock either as a number of internal modifications were performed by Dan Withers, least of which was the addition of a turbocharger. The engine now produces twice the amount of horsepower to the



BELOW LEFT, trick paint on the Rabbit gives an appearance of a louvered side window. BELOW RIGHT, interior of the Rabbit features crushed velvet with buttons.



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RIGHT, bet you don't see many Rabbits like this one running around the streets of your town? Multi-colored paint job and trick bodywork are all the handiwork of Spaced Out Creations located in Denver, Colorado. BELOW, this Scirocco, which was built for Tynan's VW dealership also located in Denver, goes as good as it looks. Metal Fantasia is responsible for the custom look and a turbocharged engine is responsible for the horsepower department.



LEFT, who said VW doesn't build a good looking Bus? With all the interest in custom vans and buses, you sure wouldn't have to hide your head in shame if you were driving this Spaced Out Creations built bomb. Besides the custom exterior, the interior has also received its fair share of attention.

BELOW TOP LEFT, louvered rear and side windows dominate the theme of Tynan's Scirocco. If looks could make a car go over 200mph, then surely the turbo Scirocco would be capable of at least 300mph. Tynan's won't talk about the engine other than it's turbocharged and that many mods were performed to it. One thing they will admit to is that all the emission controls are installed and working. BELOW RIGHT, the custom Rabbit looks a little out of place in the showroom. Compare it to the stock Rabbits on the right and you can see why it probably won't be on the floor for long.



LEFT CENTER, smoked sunroof makes driving the Scirocco a bit more comfortable. RIGHT CENTER, spoiler which is blended into the front fender flares also has vents molded into it. ABOVE, the Scirocco is one bad lookin' dude from the rear. RIGHT, fender flares allow for the use of wide tires and wheels.

rear wheels that it did in stock form, yet all of the emission control equipment is still retained.

If custom VW Rabbits are your thing, then Tynan's 1978 model which was given the "touch" by Spaced Out Creations, could be your cup of tea. Spaced Out removed the door handles and replaced them with electric doors which have to be opened with a key, they also installed a louvered rear window cover, button tufted interior, custom tires and wheels, a front spoiler which is blended into the front flares, and again, as with the Scirocco, a super trick paint job. Oh yea, you might have noticed that the rear windows have also been filled in.

The third custom vehicle that Tynan's designed was a 1978 Bus. It's not quite as wild as the Bunny and Scirocco, but it does feature a trick interior complete with bucket seats, bar, and side windows as well as a gleaming paint job also applied by Spaced Out Creations.

While we know that customs aren't everybody's bag, we do know that Tynan's has supplied many of our readers with some ideas on how to get started on their second generation cars, and, after all, that's what helped get the Bug off the ground.●