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ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, N.J. -- Volkswagen dealers are offering special edition 1978 Scirocco, the Sidewinder II, which has several features not found in the standard version of the sporty hatchback coupe.

The Sidewinder II has white paint with black trim, including a non-glare panel on the hood, black polyurethane bumpers, and black mouldings and drip channels around the windows.

Under the bumper there is a large aerodynamic air dam, deeper than the spoiler used on the normal Scirocco.

Inside, the instrument cluster has a black face plate. The front seats are different from the standard buckets: they are deep rally-style seats upholstered in black corduroy. A rear window wiper and washer are among the Sidewinder II equipment.

The car has Sidewinder II lettering and a coiled snake logo on the rocker panel. The car is named after a Texas rattlesnake but also suggests the "sideways" or transverse installation of the engine. The original Sidewinder appeared in 1975.

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Like the regular Scirocco, the Sidewinder II is powered by a 1.5-liter overhead cam engine that develops 71 horsepower at 5800 rpm. It drives the front wheels through a standard equipment 4-speed fully synchronized transmission or an optional automatic.

With the standard transmission, the Sidewinder II accelerates from zero to 60 mph in 11.6 seconds and has a test track top speed of 103 mph. The engine is rated at 38 miles per gallon on the highway and 25 mpg in the city, according to Environmental Protection Agency dynamometer tests.

Other features that make the Sidewinder II a sporty car to drive are rack and pinion steering, steel-belted radial tires, power brakes and discs in the front and drums in the rear, seats that recline, adjust forward and back and up and down, a headlight flasher for daytime signaling, a fold-down rear seat to increase luggage space and a padded steering wheel with a deeply recessed hub.

Instrumentation includes a large tachometer to measure engine speed, a resettable trip odometer, an oil temperature gauge and a quartz clock.

Like all 1978 VWs, the Sidewinder II is backed by a 12-month, 20,000-mile limited warranty.

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1978 SCIROCCO SIDEWINDER II

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