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VW'S 1979 SCIROCCO IS SPORTIER THAN EVER

Volkswagen's sporty Scirocco is sportier than ever for 1979 thanks to a larger, more powerful engine and the availability of a five-speed transmission as optional equipment.

Other changes include self adjusting power disc/drum brakes, redesigned front safety belts that are more comfortable to wear, adjustable front seat headrests, and an optional lift-out sunroof that can also be tipped up for partial opening. Factory-installed AM/FM stereo, with speakers in the doors, is available as an option for the first time.

The 1979 Scirocco has a 1.6 liter engine that develops 78 horsepower (SAE Net) -- seven more than the engine installed in last year's model. The result is that acceleration is slightly quicker -- zero to 60 mph in 10.4 seconds compared with 11.6 seconds for a 1978 model. Top speed, according to VW engineers, is 107 mph, with the standard four-speed transmission.

The Scirocco combines economy with performance. In federal Environmental Protection Agency lists, the 5-speed is rated at 42 miles per gallon on the highway, and 25 mpg in the city. The four-speed delivers 38 mpg highway and 24 mpg city.

Truly a dual-purpose super coupe, Sciroccos have raced in their own Sports Car Club of America series and many private owners have competed in the SCCA's showroom stock class. A specially modified Scirocco won the SCCA's 1976 manufacturers championship for under-two liter touring cars in Trans-Am competition.

Appreciated by sports car buffs as a moderately priced and able 2+2 road machine that can be raced successfully, the Scirocco appeals to most buyers on the basis of its handsome Giugiaro styling, excellent road manners and versatile interior layout.

Among standard features are front seats that recline and are adjustable for height, a functional rear hatchback and fold-down rear seat, tinted glass, a quartz clock, tachometer, resettable odometer, oil temperature gauge, electric rear window defogger, headlight flasher, steel-belted radial tires and -- a feature adapted from outright race cars -- a single windshield wiper. A rear window wiper/washer is available as an option.

Also available as options are air conditioning and an automatic transmission.

Sold and serviced by more than a thousand franchised dealers, the Scirocco is backed by a 12-month, 20,000-mile limited warranty.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR 1979 VOLKSWAGENS

VW SCIROCCO

ENGINE:			
No. of cylinders		4 in-line	
Bore		3.13 in (79.5 mm)	
Stroke		3.15 in (80.0 mm)	
Displacement		97.0 cu. in. (1588 cc)	
Compression ratio		8.0:1	
Horsepower (SAE Net)		78 @ 5500 (76 @ 5500 California)	
Maximum Torque (SAE Net)		84 @ 3200 (83 @ 3200 California)	
Fuel Requirement		See label	
ENGINE DESIGN:		Water cooled, transverse, front-mounted	
Engine block		Cast iron	
Cylinder head		Aluminum alloy	
Valve arrangement		Overhead cam driven by spur belt	
Cooling system		Cross-flow aluminum radiator, water pump, thermostatically controlled electric fan	
Fuel/air supply		Fuel injection (CIS)	
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:			
Rated voltage		12 V	
Battery		45 amp./hrs. (54 amp. with factory air)	
Ignition		Coil and distributor	
Firing order		1-3-4-2	
DRIVE TRAIN:			
Clutch		Single dry plate	
Transmission		Transverse, front wheel drive	
Transmission gear ratios:		4-Speed Manual	5-Speed Manual
1st gear		3.45:1	3.45:1
2nd gear		1.94:1	1.94:1
3rd gear		1.37:1	1.37:1
4th gear		0.97:1	0.97:1
5th gear		—	0.76:1
Reverse		3.17:1	3.17:1
Final Drive		3.90:1	4.17:1
			3-Speed Auto.
			2.55:1
			1.45:1
			1.00:1
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			2.46:1
			3.76:1
CHASSIS AND SUSPENSION:		Unitized body/chassis, bolt-on front fenders. Two-door sports coupe with hatchback.	
Front suspension		Independent, MacPherson struts	
Front springing		Coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers	
Rear suspension		Independent stabilizer axle	
Rear springing		Coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers	
Foot brakes		Diagonal dual circuits with power assist: discs in front, drum in rear (self adjusting)	
Hand brake		Mechanical to rear wheels	
Brake swept area		45.5 sq. in.	
Rims		5 J x 13 — optional light alloy	
Tires		175/70 SR 13 radial ply	
Steering		Rack and pinion	
Steering ratio		20.8:1	
Turns, lock to lock		3.85	
CAPACITIES:			
Engine		6.3 pts.	
Fuel tank		10.6 US gallons	
LUGGAGE CAPACITY:		16.0 cu. ft.	
		19.1 cu. ft., rear seat folded, measured to bottom of window	
DIMENSIONS:			
Wheelbase		94.5 in.	
Front track		54.7 in.	
Rear track		53.5 in.	
Overall length		155.7 in.	
Overall width		63.9 in.	
Overall height (unloaded)		51.5 in.	
Ground clearance (loaded)		4.6 in.	
Turning circle		31.2 ft. curb to curb	
Curb weight (4-speed)		1948 lb.	
PERFORMANCE:			
Top speed		103 mph - Manual	
		99 mph - Automatic	
		0 - 60 - 10.4 sec. - Manual	
Fuel consumption (EPA)			
		<u>49 States</u>	<u>Calif.</u>
4-Speed		24 mpg - City	24 mpg - City
		38 mpg - Highway	36 mpg - Highway
5-Speed		25 mpg - City	25 mpg - City
		42 mpg - Highway	41 mpg - Highway
Automatic		24 mpg - City	22 mpg - City
		33 mpg - Highway	31 mpg - Highway



1979 VW SCIROCCO

VW 3502-79

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