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# See it.

It's as simple as a box on wheels. But a box equipped for people. Surprisingly small. Outside. But inside there's room for 8, plus luggage. With a length just a little bigger than the VW 1600, it

has an inside space of 177 cu. ft. And because it's made to transport people, a lot of thought was put into making it comfortable and safe. More than is normally expected of a box.

# Drive it.

Sit behind the wheel. And you'll immediately notice that this Microbus is different from any you've ever driven before. Quieter. Even more comfortable for the driver, the passengers and

the owner. And with a new 74 bhp (SAE) engine available as an option, it's even faster and more powerful.

# Choose it.

The VW Microbus has room for your driver and seven passengers. A comfortable touring car with comfortable seats with low profile spring-core squabs.

Gives the impression of a spacious, luxurious saloon.

Not just a truck for people.

# Own it.

A simple matter. Both before and after purchase.

You can buy the VW Microbus from your VW dealer. And have it serviced, diagnosed and repaired there too.

When it gets too old for you, return it to your dealer and trade it in for a new one.

At an amazingly good price too.

# Love it.

Love it? Why, it's nothing but a small bus! But you're a businessman. And you think like one. Money is something you do appreciate. That's what the Microbus will help you save when you buy it, and help you earn when you run it.

And what about satisfied customers? Custo-

mers who are treated like people, and not like so much freight. Customers who'll be coming back for more. Maybe you find yourself loving the VW Microbus after all.

Nothing but a small bus, you said?



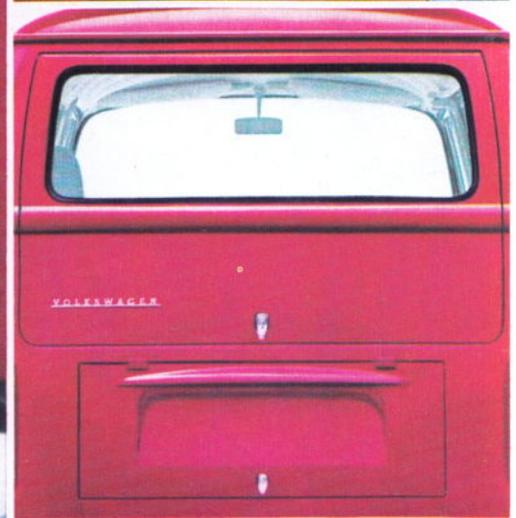
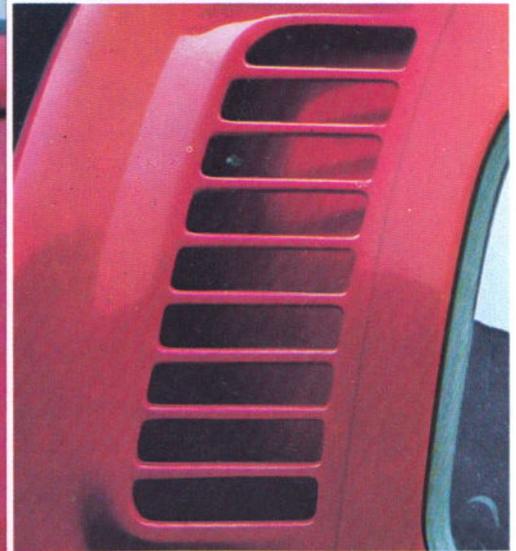
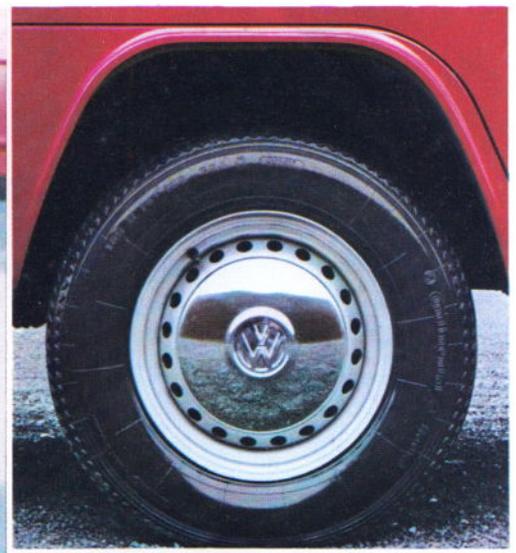
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There are a few other 8-seaters on the market nowadays. Not so easy to park in a normal garage though. Unlike the VW Microbus.

The Microbus actually fits into an unusually small garage. Because it's only 14.6 ft. long (approximately the length of the VW 1600). And we've crammed a lot of things into these 174 inches.

Performance in mud and snow has been improved by increasing clearance in the wheel housings.

Comfort is improved by the fact that we've improved the ventilation. Now your passengers can enjoy fresh air. Without draughts. And without having to open a single window.



## it's compact and handy.

The large sliding door (41.7 ins high by 48.2 ins wide) is a great convenience, too.

For safety's sake we've strengthened the lock on the rear door. So it won't fly open even in the worst of accidents.

And the back lights are now even easier to see. The whole signalling system at the back, consisting of brake lights, rear lights and

turn indicators (there's room for back-up lights too if you want them) has been given a more generous format, and everything is much better arranged. For better recognition too.



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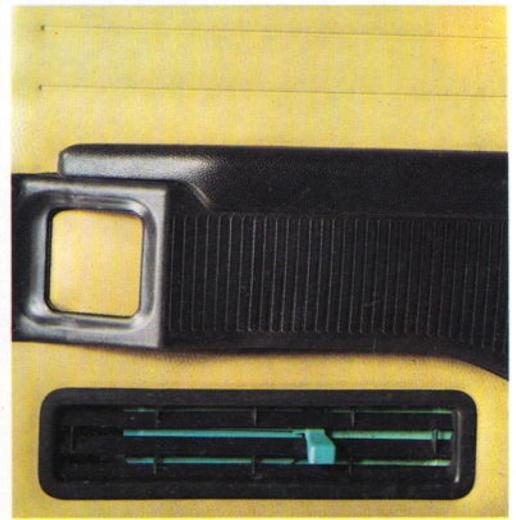
A lot of saloons would give their right wheel to be as comfortable as the VW Microbus inside.

With wide comfortable seats — shoulder tall for sitting comfort. The passenger compartment has an average width of 59.5 ins. That's means plenty of room to spare even with some hefty athletes on board. How many saloons can match that?

We've already mentioned the ventilation.

And there are also grab handles and assist straps for everybody. And ashtrays within arm's reach of every seat.

The windows are large and there are lots of 'em. So passengers enjoy the trip without that jam-packed sardine feeling. Not like in some saloons.



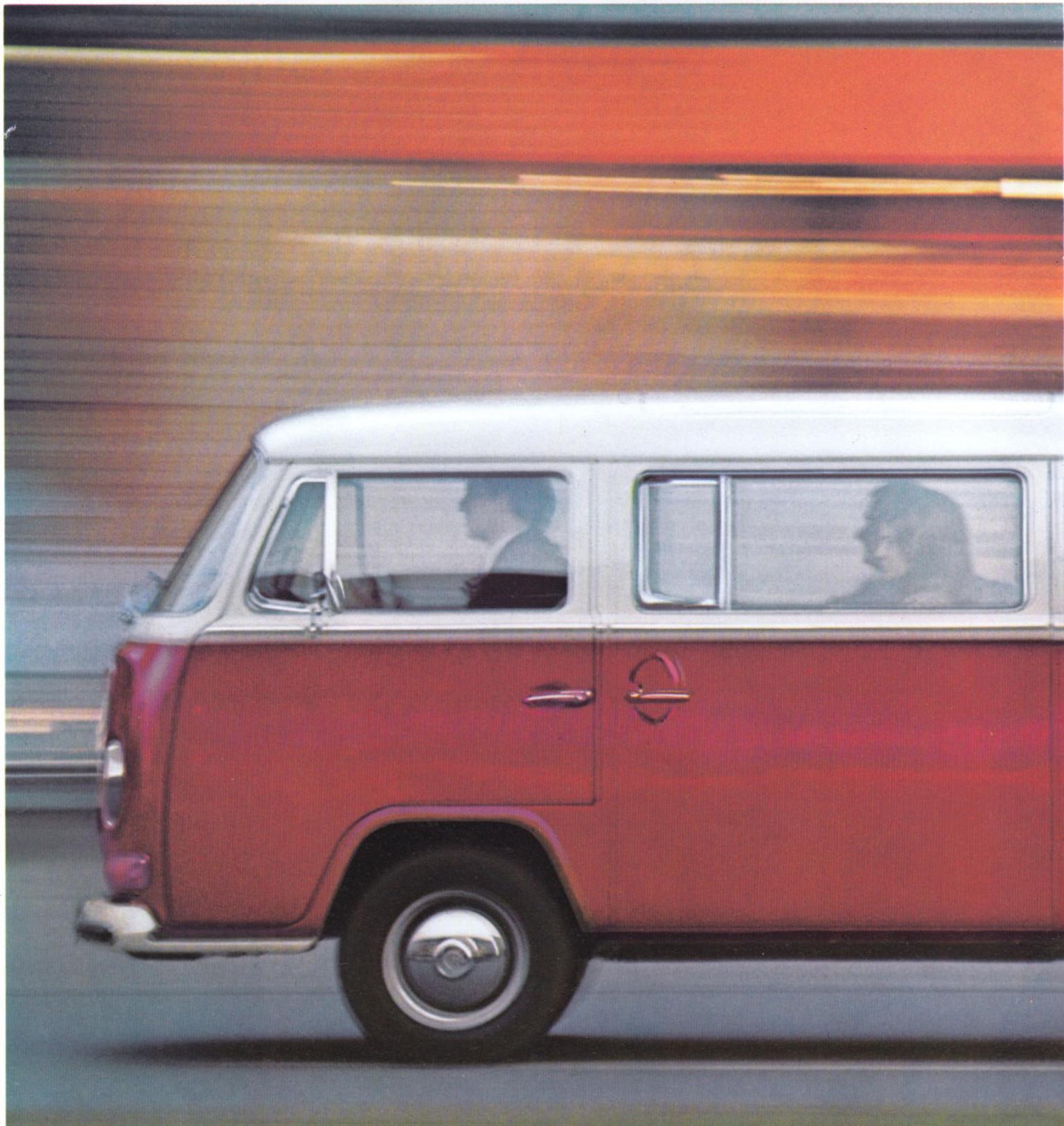
Yellow trim not available in U.K.

## it's big and inviting.

The VW Microbus has 8 windows, 8 seats, 35.3 cu. ft. of luggage space, and is upholstered with attractive and practical leatherette throughout. How many passenger cars can match that?

The driver will be as happy as his passengers in this Microbus. He has an adjustable seat, backrest and all. And numerous safety features, just for him. The collapsible steering wheel, for instance, and the padded

instrument panel. Padded sun visors too. (A few more things not every passenger car can boast of.)



## Drive the VW Microbus -

Take a test drive with the new Microbus.

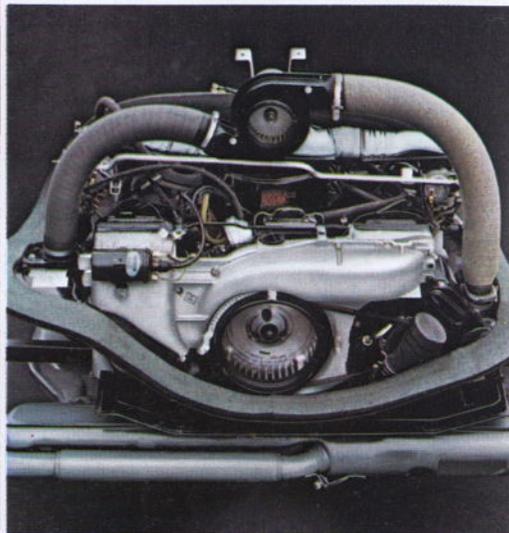
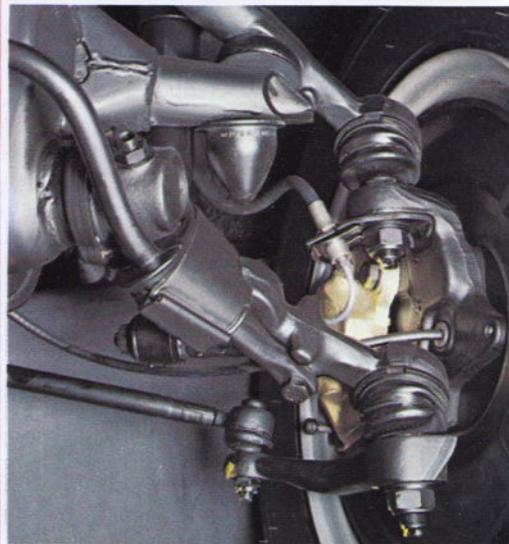
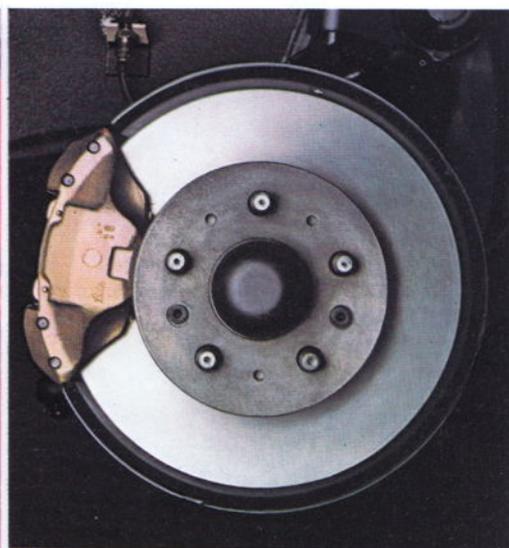
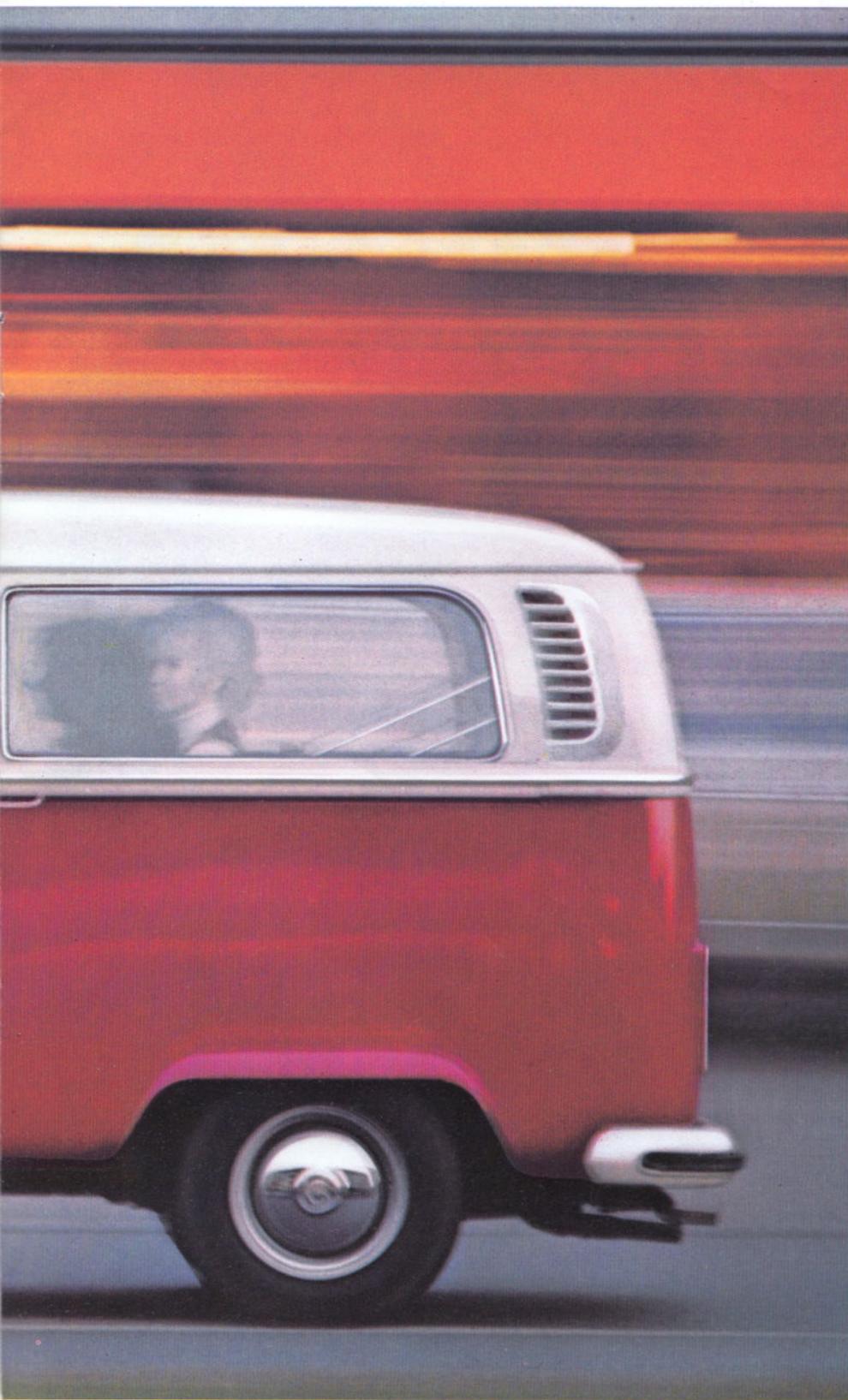
But before you slide into the driver's seat we'd like you to note some things. Go round to the back. The air cooled engine is still there, weighing down the driving wheels giving the car good traction.

You'll notice the larger rear lights too. But some improvements that we've made you won't notice so easily. The bodywork and the floor assembly have been strengthened. To cater

for increased performance.

Gear shifting is even smoother. And the new gearbox mountings makes it even quieter. Service life has also been prolonged.

The diameter of the brake cylinder is bigger. So the distribution of braking power between front and back wheels is better and that prolongs the life of the brake pads up front.



## safer and quieter than ever.

Independent wheel suspension, transverse stabilizer in front, steering damper and semi-trailing arm rear axle guarantee safety and comfort on the worst roads and around the sharpest curves.

We've also reinforced the torsion bar springing at the back. And we've made lots of improvements to prolong the life of our Microbus.

Well, that was it. Now you can get in and drive off.

And note another two improvements in the VW Microbus. The new optional 1700 cc engine produces 74 bhp (SAE) and gives the VW Microbus a top speed of 78 mph.

And then it's quieter. We've gone to work to eliminate all the sources of noise. Makes driving much less fatiguing.

And all this with a 1600 cc engine or a 1700 cc engine as an option.

Nothing but a small bus, you said?



## Choose the VW Microbus -

No matter how many passengers you have — four, five or seven (we don't count the driver) — you have the choice of the standard or luxury version.

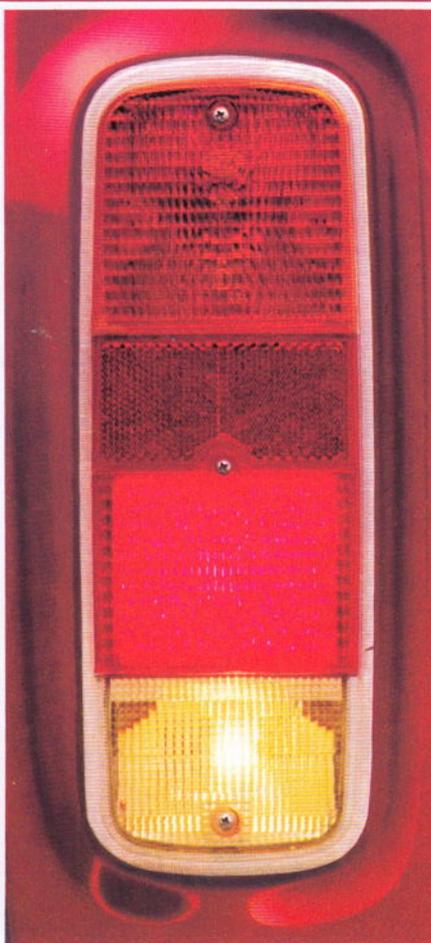
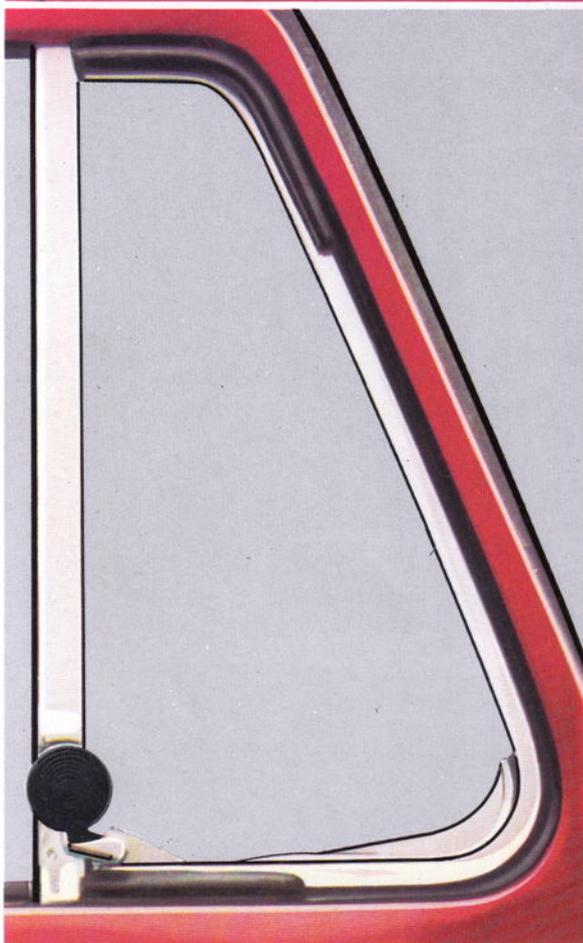
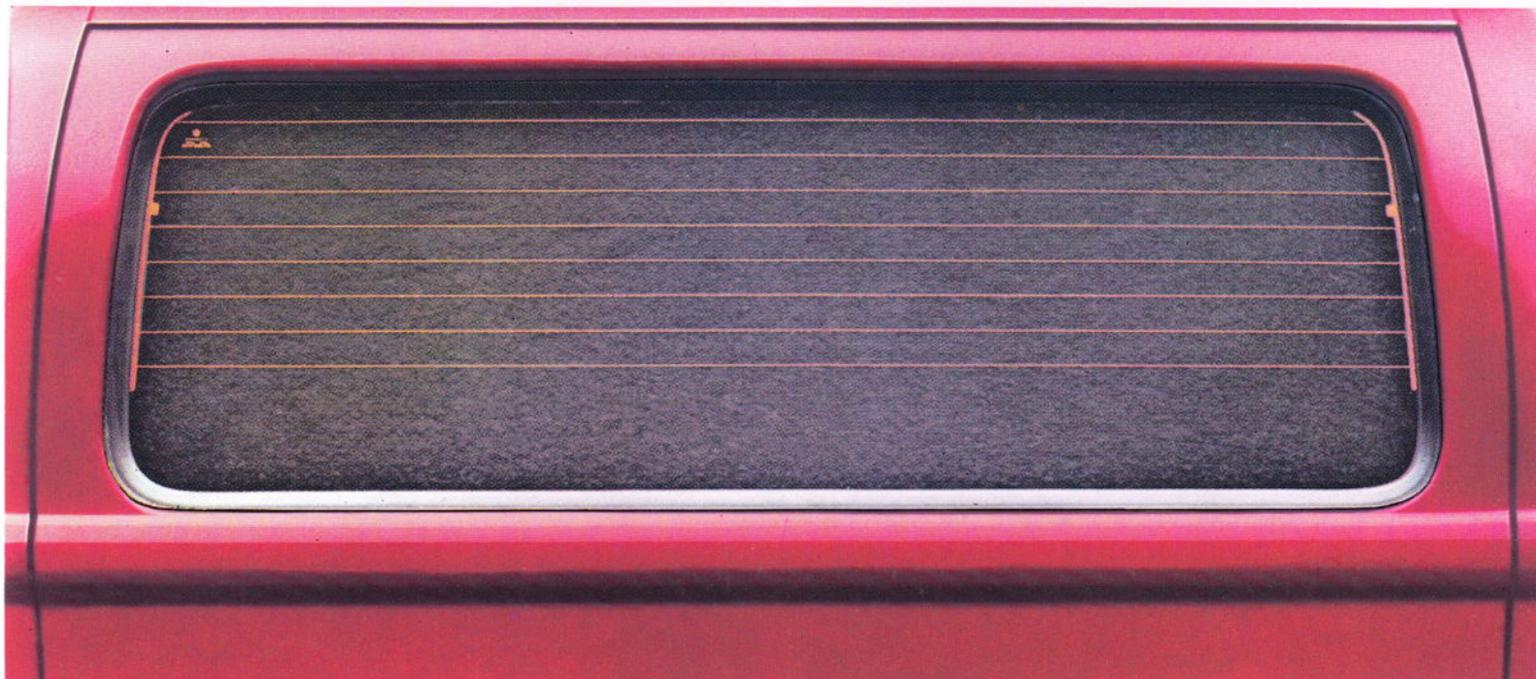
Apart from this, it's just the same car. Just as comfortable, just as fast and just as reliable.



**for 8.**

The VW Microbus is as versatile as a bus  
can be.

A great little bus, did you say?



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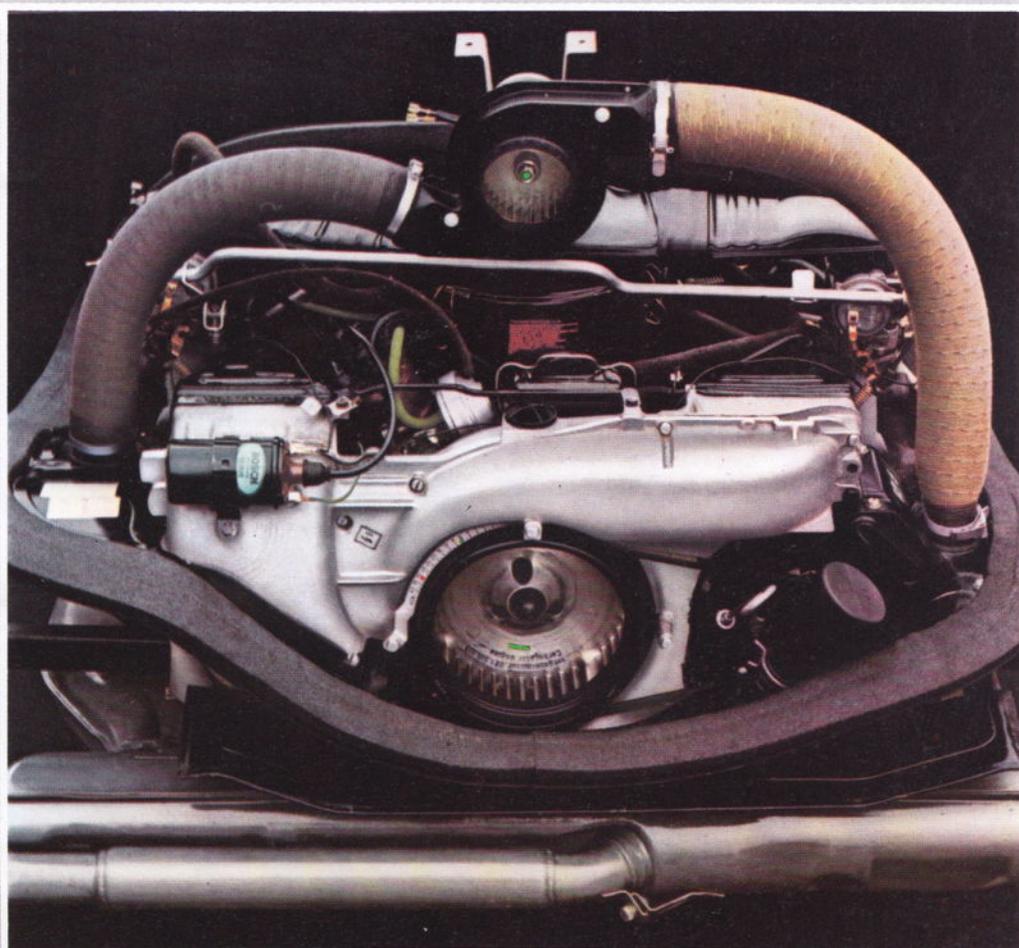
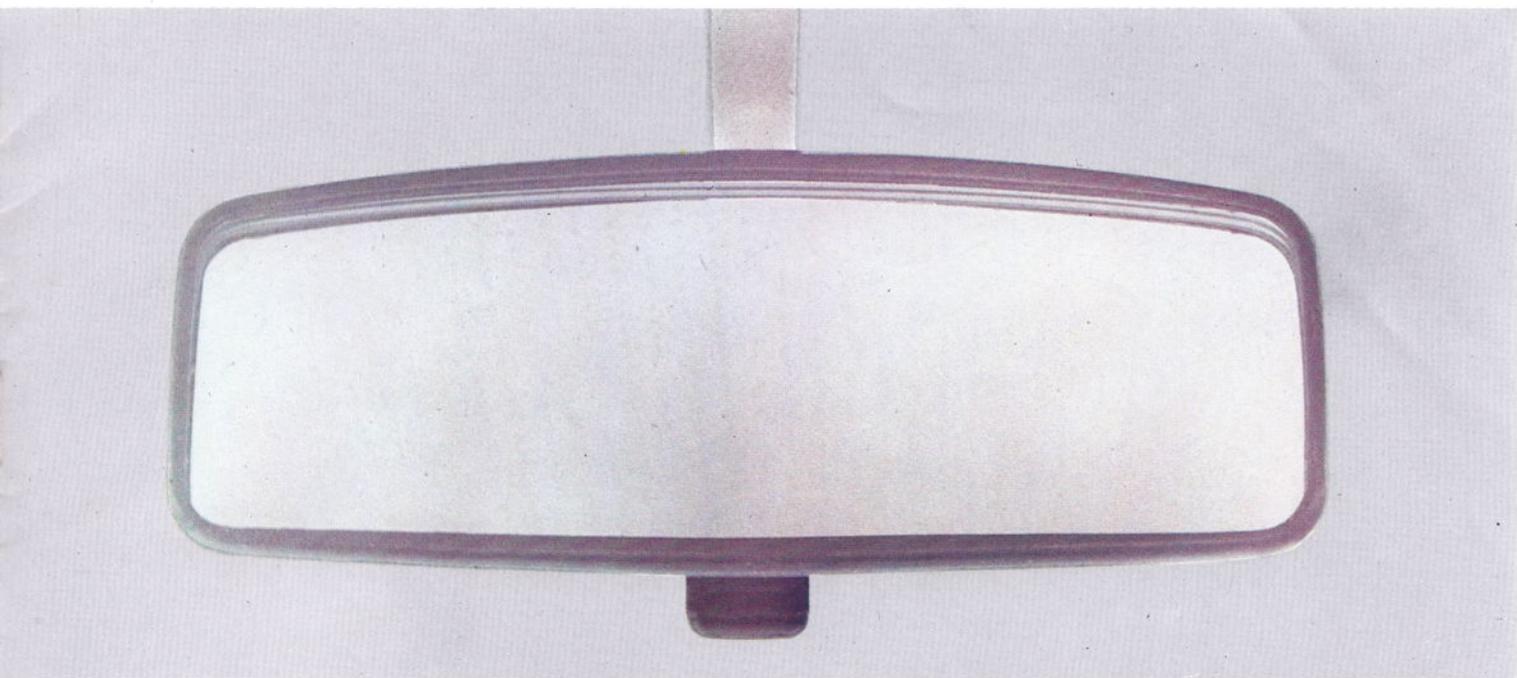
Many of the extras available for any other Volkswagen are available for the Microbus too.

For instance, if you like, you can select one of the radios available. Can be very useful on long trips.

And pleasant company on short ones.

A steel sliding roof makes driving more fun (in the luxury version it's standard). While the head restraints contribute to the safety of the driver and front seat passenger.

The driver will be grateful for the heated rear window in bad weather.



## with all these extras.

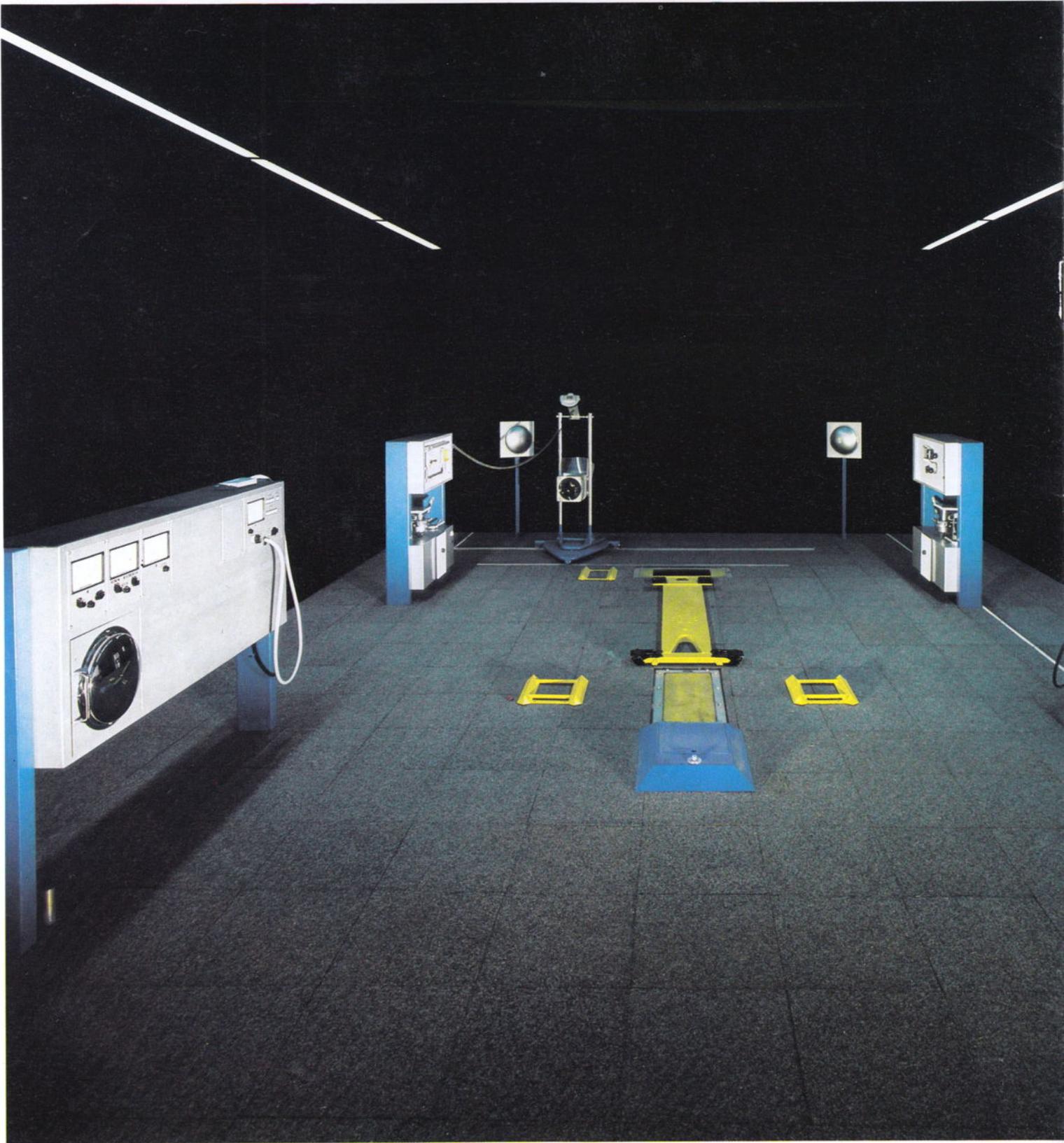
And back-up lights will make parking easier and safer on dark nights.

And don't forget the safety belts.

There's a selection of other extras to choose from. Too many, in fact, for us to show them all. But ask your dealer. He'll tell you all about them.

The VW Microbus has everything that a saloon has. And then some.

Quite a lot for a small bus, did you say?



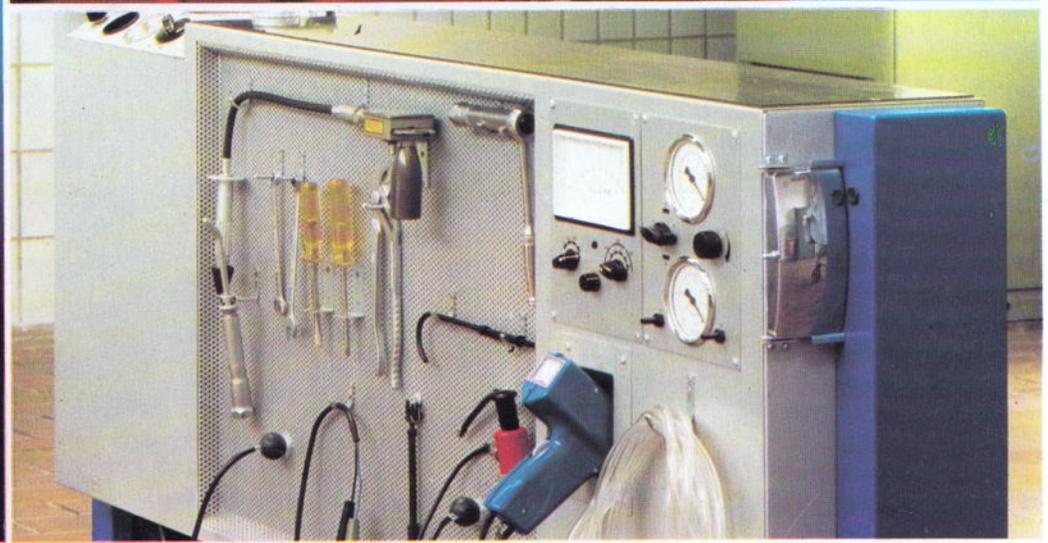
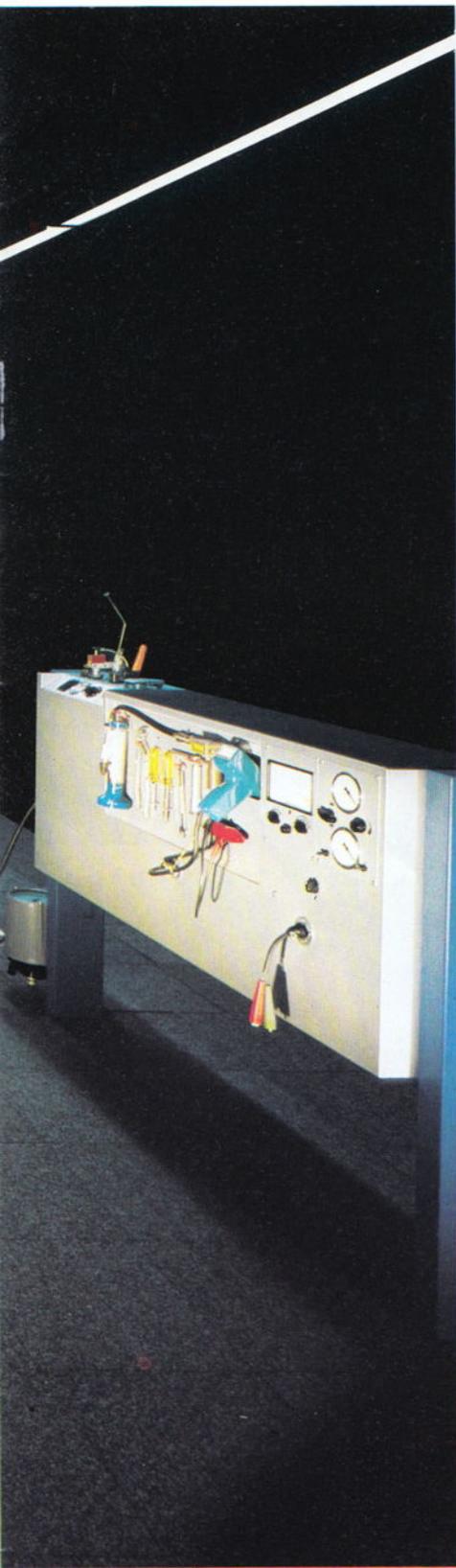
## Own the VW Microbus -

A car we've built over 3 million times. A car we've been improving over 21 years. Can't help but be a good thing.

### **VW quality.**

This comes unfailingly with every VW. It means that the greatest care has gone into the workmanship. More perhaps than you'd think necessary. It means highly accurate inspection. More perhaps than you'd think nec-

essary. A VW goes through 8,655 inspectors before it leaves the works. That's our guarantee. And the same care and accuracy goes into the manufacture of parts. And exchange units. Which is why the VW guarantee covers them too.



## and know you're onto a good thing.

### **VW Diagnosis.**

Before VW Diagnosis was thought of, inspection and service was a rather hit or miss business. Better than nothing, of course. But not enough.

In most cases there was no time to check on the car's general condition. The same old things were done to it over and over again. Some things that could have been serious were simply overlooked. Mistakes were made. Be-

cause accurate data on the car's condition was hard to obtain.

That's what VW Diagnosis is for. To get the facts straight. For you and your mechanic. All testing and measurement is now done with specialized electronic equipment. And the detailed condition report will tell you just how good your VW is.

We think this kind of progress suits VW fine. And VW drivers too.



## Love the VW Microbus -

Anyone who travels in a bus appreciates it if he's treated like a human being. And not like just so much freight.

That's why we've taken the trouble to equip the Microbus as luxuriously as some saloons. And perhaps even a little more so.

And passengers aren't slow to appreciate this fact. And they'll love you for it, too.

It goes without saying that this is an inexpensive bus to run. And to keep up. And it's as



## like the people who know it.

reliable as only a VW can be. But the main thing is that its occupants — two to eight of them — can travel in the Microbus like kings.

Otherwise, they'd need two saloons to match this comfort.

Changed your mind about that "nothing-but-a-small-bus" bit?

# Technical Data and Equipment.

## Engine and electrical system:

Air-cooled, four cylinder, four-stroke, horizontally opposed, rear-mounted engine. Capacity: 1584 cc. Output 60 bhp (SAE) at 4600 rpm. Maximum torque: 81.7 ft. lbs. (SAE) at 3000 rpm. Down-draught carburettor with automatic choke. Thermostatically controlled fan air cooling. Special engine oil cooler. 12 volt system. 45 Ah battery. Early cut-in generator – max. output 38 amps. (approx. 540 W).

Optional at extra charge: 1679 cc engine. Output 74 bhp (SAE) at 5000 rpm. Maximum torque 85.3 ft. lbs. at 3400 rpm. (SAE). Twin carburettor system with automatic choke. Air and oil cooling as above. 12 volt system Battery 45 Ah. Generator with max. output of 55 amps. (approx. 770 W).

## Transmission:

Via clutch, fully and baulk synchronised four-speed gearbox, differential and double-joint drive shafts to the rear wheels. Gear shifting via central floor-mounted lever.

## Chassis:

Suspension by means of torsion bars front and rear combined with double-acting telescopic shock absorbers. Wheel suspension and location by means of cranked trailing links up front and trailing arm at the back. Torsion bar stabilizer on the front axle. Hydraulic steering damper and safety steering column. Dual circuit brake system with disc brakes up front and brake pressure limiting valve. For 1700 cc models brake servo. Tyres: 1600 cc models: 7.00 – 14 8 PR; Microbus L 185 – R 14 (radial ply); 1700 cc models: 185 SR 14 (radial ply).

**Performance** (for 1700 cc models in brackets): Maximum speed in mph 68 (78)  
Consumption (regular fuel) \* in miles per imp. gallon 24.8 (22.0)  
Optimum hill climbing ability on good roads, fully laden and in first gear 1 : 3.7

**Dimensions:** Wheel base, ins.: 94.5. Track front/rear, ins.: 54.6/56.6.

Maximum external length/width/height, ins.: 174.0/69.5/74.4 (L model 175.0/71.5/76.4).

Average length/width/height of passenger compartment, including luggage area, ins.: 110.2/59.5/55.1. Capacity approx. 177.0 cu. ft.

Average length/width/height of luggage area, ins.: 27.6/57.1/31.5. Capacity approx. 35.0 cu. ft.

**Weights** Microbus/Microbus L (for 1700 cc models in brackets): Unladen weight without driver and permissible total weight, lbs.: 2998/3097 (3042/3141) and 4960/5026.  
Permissible trailed load for braked trailers of all types: 1764 lbs.

\* With half permissible payload at steady  $\frac{3}{4}$  of maximum speed plus 10%.

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# Paintwork and upholstery.

## 1. Exterior colours



chianti red 03 03 —



sierra yellow 04 04 —



niagara blue 05 05 —



pastel white 06 06 —

## 2. Roof colour — Two-tone paintwork



pastel white — 06 —

The VW Microbus is available with a pastel white roof at extra charge.  
The VW Microbus L has a pastel white roof as a standard fitting.

## 3. Upholstery



black — 50 —  
(for VW Microbus L only)



alabaster — 52 —  
(in connection with all exterior colours except white)



gala red — 60 —  
(in connection with pastel white only)

**Your VW dealer  
is looking forward to your visit.**



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