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# VW Beetle & Karmann Ghia 1954 Through 1979 All Models (Haynes Repair Manual)



## Synopsis

Haynes disassembles every subject vehicle and documents every step with thorough instructions and clear photos. Haynes repair manuals are used by the pros, but written for the do-it-yourselfer.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a great book for the Do-it your self, back yard, VW mechanic. Information is easy to find and easy to use. This book has full wiring diagrams. They were color coded at one time, but the black and white version is still quite useful. I find this book has much more info than the Chilton repair guide. If I had to choose one manual for my VW, this would be the one.

The 1998 edition (purple cover with hand drawn Bug) was a much better manual. This 2006 edition (dark blue cover with photo of a blue Bug) has had all VW copyrighted material removed. This includes dozens of VW exploded views, wiring diagrams, and photographs. All that remains are some photos that were taken by "Larry's Foreign Car Repair" (see the acknowledgements behind the title page). The acknowledgement actually used to thank Volkswagen of America, Inc. until this edition. Presumably Haynes no longer wanted to pay the royalty or license fees to VW so they stripped the manual. One example of the destruction is Chapter 4, Fuel and Exhaust Systems, which used to be 20 pages and is now 12 pages. Another example: the wiring diagrams are now simplified line drawings instead of the much more detailed VW versions. You can still get useful

information from this manual and you can still get the VW content by buying the awesome official VW service manuals, e.g. 1952-57: Workshop Manual: Volkswagen Types 11, 14, and 15 : 1952-1957. But if you want this manual then get the older version if you can, it is much better than the new one.

I own 12 different Repair/Workshop/service manuals that cover My 1968 1500 Beetle and the 1600 engine. This is the manual I read most, when I find a problem. Its well written, has many photographs, diagrams and exploded view diagrams which show You how things go back together after You have pulled them apart. I can't think of any subjects that are missing or not well recorded. I would recommend this manual to anyone owning a Volkswagen Beetle, in any country, LHD or Right Hand Drive. This manual won't let You down... its great...

As the skeptical mate of a proud new VW Sand Rail owner, and as the one who is supportive when something goes wrong on nearly every excursion, and because I got tired of worrying and inwardly griping, I instead took action and found a book with some answers to my prayers. My guy had two other books, including the famous Idiot's guide from the '60s, but this one is his fallback for most repairs. Haynes guides have great photographs to show what they are talking about, which makes it easier for him. I like the fact that it covers every possible year of engines, because we won't know exactly what year this engine was made unless it gets stripped down to the heads... and KNOCK ON SANDRAIL METAL hopefully it'll never get to that point and we'll never really have to know, thanks to the thorough fix-it info found here.

Trying to cram too much information to cover many model years can only result in mistakes. Just check out the tune-up maintenance sections. The paragraphs for manual timing and timing light adjustments are mixed together in a very confusing manner. There was no proof reading obviously. What's worse, when adjusting the valves, you must turn the crank counter-clockwise 180 degrees to get each cylinder to TDC in 1,2,3,4 order. However, this manual states clockwise 180, so the result will be values that are incorrectly gapped. The do-it-yourselfer should not use this manual as the final word, but rather check many sources on the internet for verification first.

I borrowed a copy of this Haynes manual with the same Title, Haynes Book Number, and ISBN number. I liked it so I decided to buy a copy for myself. When I received this book, I found it was different because it did not contain most of exploded views as the borrowed copy and there were

about 30 - 40 less pages. My guess is that Haynes wanted to reduce their publishing cost. The seller met all of my expectations.

I recently purchased my first Beetle, a 1961 model year. I intend performing a ground-up restoration. I just received my copy of this book and have read it cover to cover. This is a very honest book and offers easy step by step guides in servicing the vehicle and carrying out all mechanical repairs. What it doesn't cover in sufficient detail is any sort of body / interior restoration, but then it doesn't claim to do so. A great book and I'm looking forward to getting my hands dirty.

Was contacted by the seller who explained that the condition of the manual was not as originally listed but decided to take it anyway. Some of the pages are wavy but frankly it's fine, we've just got a heavy book on top of it to flatten the waves. Other than that, the manual is clean and in great condition.

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