

1979 Scirocco



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Scirocco: Sleek, spirited and sporting.

We have always appealed to those who appreciate sensible value and economical performance.

Scirocco offers both, and even more.

It's the logical choice for anyone who longs for the poetry and wide open fun of a sports car, tempered with a full measure of practicality and utility.

Scirocco's sleek styling is straight out of the studio of Giorgetto Giugiaro of Italy. And its spirited, sporting performance is attested to by a string of stunning race track performances stretching all the way from Daytona to Lime Rock.

In 1978, "Road & Track" named Scirocco "One of the 10 best cars for a changed world."

The editors of "Road & Track" gave Scirocco top honors in the "Best GT Under \$7,000" class. Here are some of their comments:

"Scirocco is a repeat winner, but not because it lacked competition... It's a cut above all the rest in handling, braking, roadholding, steering and ride. But when you start considering how small and light yet roomy and efficient the design is, you begin to appreciate just how remarkable this small GT is. The sleek hatchback shape has one of the most space-saving mechanical layouts we've seen. And it's a car that hasn't stood still the past three years.

VW has redesigned the front seats for more headroom, the gearbox and linkage are much better than on earlier Sciroccos and the shifting is improved. There are also noticeable improvements in the ride compliance and reduction of harshness compared to the first Sciroccos, without loss of the nimble handling for which we praised the first models... The Scirocco is a car that is very much at home in a changed world."

"People call my car a Super Vee. But it has the heart and soul of a Scirocco." Nancy James

After eight successful seasons of racing Super Vees with air-cooled VW engines, the class has switched to water-cooled power plants based on the highly successful Scirocco 1.6 liter overhead cam engine.

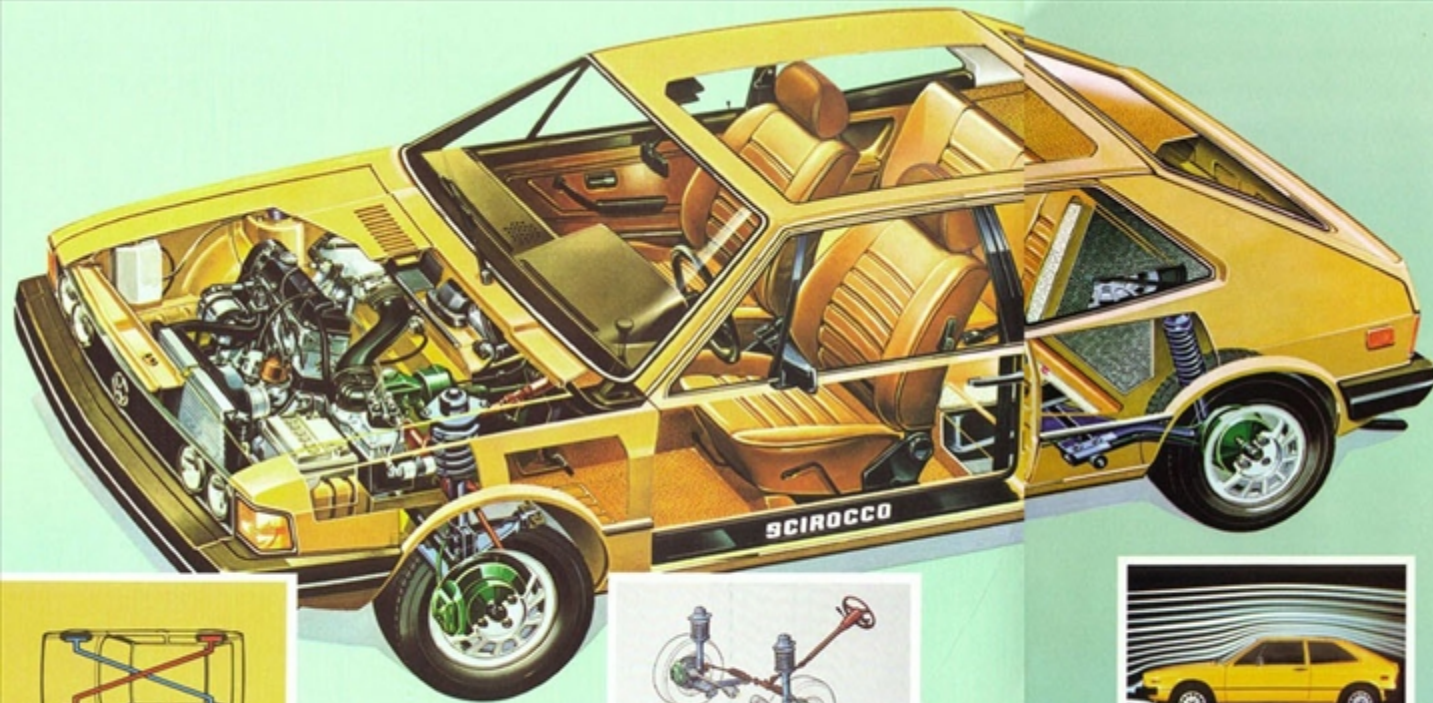
Champion driver Nancy James is pleased with the switch to the more advanced engines. And she likes the added excitement and stiffer competition of cars capable of speeds in the neighborhood of 150 mph.

Along with the engine, Super Vees have borrowed a number of other design ideas and components from street Sciroccos. Among them are Bosch fuel injection and starters, independent suspensions front and rear, standard VW disc brakes and calipers, and even VW transmission housings.



Nancy James
at the wheel
of her Super Vee,
as seen in
Scirocco
TV commercials

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Technology of the Scirocco: The applied art of advanced automotive engineering.

Among the multitude of advanced engineering features incorporated in the Scirocco, none is more apparent than the combination of transverse engine and front wheel drive.

VW engineers opted for transverse or sideways placement of the engine for a number of reasons: it permitted a shorter engine compartment and a larger passenger area, it made it possible to start the engine at a 20° angle, with a sloping hood line that provides maximum visibility of the road ahead, and it allowed placement of the engine forward of the drive wheels but with its weight bearing directly on them for superior road hugging traction.

Constant velocity joints transmit power smoothly and efficiently to the front wheels. Yet their low mass adds little to the unsprung weight of the vehicle. In front, the fully independent suspension uses McPherson struts with coil springs. In back, there is the unique stabilizer rear axle.

Low wind resistance.

The slight forward rake of the Scirocco, and its eager "nose-down" look, are functional rather than simply stylistic in that they help to stabilize the car.

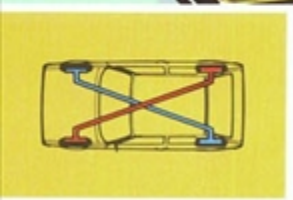
Its sleek, unadorned lines hint at its aerodynamic styling. And the low air drag factor of .39 helps Scirocco achieve its enviable combination of high efficiency and outstanding performance. The powerful 1.6 liter overhead cam engine with CIS fuel injection can propel Scirocco from 0-50 mph in a breathtaking 7.5 seconds.

Road hugging traction.

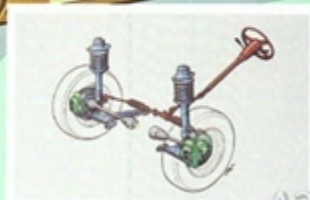
Scirocco is one car that must be driven to fully appreciate its extraordinary handling and performance.

Front wheel drive literally pulls you around corners, while precise rack and pinion steering puts you in complete control.

Steel belted radial tires grip the road and give you a sure-footed sense of security. And negative steering roll radius adds to the directional control of the car when braking forces are uneven on the front wheels — for example, when stopping on a partially wet road surface or with a front tire blow out.



Diagonal braking system.



Independent front suspension.



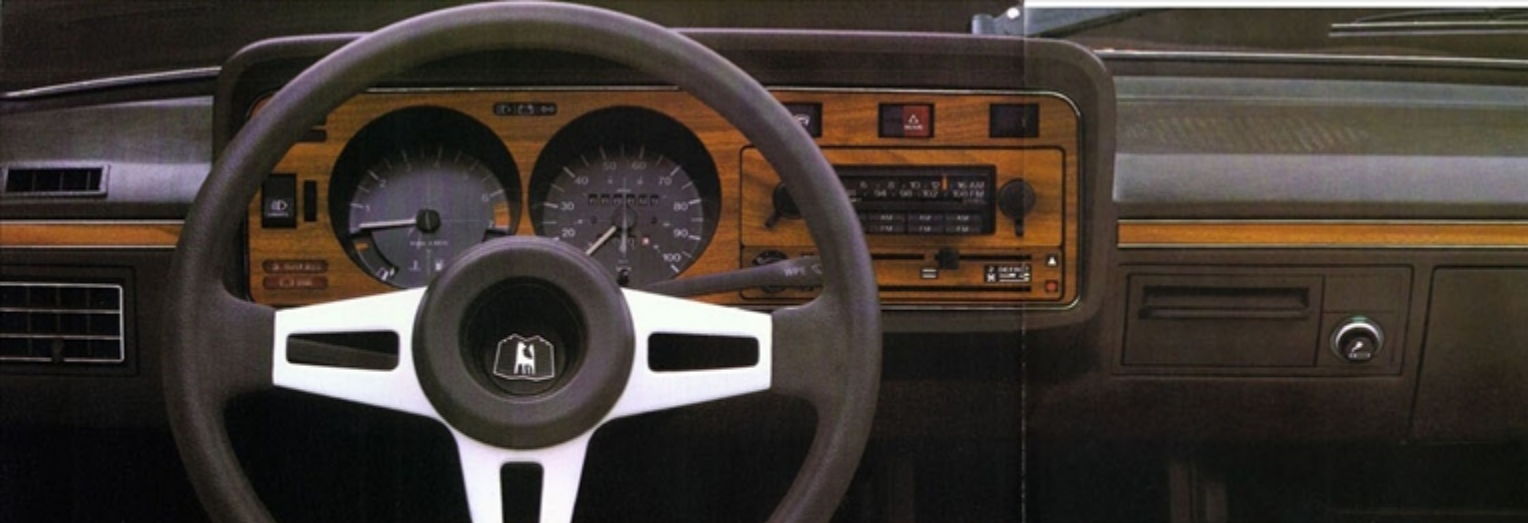
Aerodynamic Scirocco was designed in a wind tunnel.

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Scirocco: As much a way of life
as a way of getting there.



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Interior of the Scirocco: Spacious and sensible, yet every inch an enthusiast's car.

In every detail, the instrument panel, controls and appointments of the Scirocco bespeak an interior designed by driving enthusiasts for driving enthusiasts.

Instrumentation is complete and positioned for easy viewing. In addition to a speedometer and trip odometer, there are a tachometer, oil temperature gauge, voltmeter and even a precision quartz crystal clock. Within easy reach, a pair of levers on the steering column control wiper/washer, high and low beams, and turn signals. The standard transmission with a short-throw shift lever in the center console, is a smooth operating 4-speed unit. And a 5-speed* and 3-speed automatic are available as options.

The anatomically designed bucket seats are deep, with high backs, adjustable headrests, and side bolsters that cradle the driver and passenger in fast turns. In addition to being fully adjustable, they are also fully reclining. And the upholstery is a handsome corduroy that stays cool to the touch, even on the hottest days. Luxurious leatherette upholstery is available as an option. Both the passenger compartment and the luggage area are fully carpeted.

Beneath the hatch there's more luggage space than in the trunk of a Cadillac Seville.

Among sports cars, the Scirocco is outstanding for its generous luggage compartment. Concealed beneath a removable parcel shelf are 16 cubic feet of storage space. Flip the rear seatback, and the cargo compartment expands to 19.1 cubic feet — plenty of room for three large suitcases, a golf bag, scuba gear, folding bike, and assorted paraphernalia.

From stem to stern, Scirocco is designed to do double duty — the weekend leisure car and the workday transport for the executive on the go.



Convenient armrest on the door.



45° fold-down seat with hook for tie.

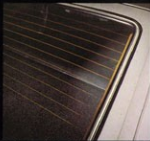


Available only with pack, an easy hook for tie.



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Electric rear window defroster.



Floating caliper front disc brake.



McPherson strut with long-travel coil/shock absorber.



Speedometer with built-in trip odometer.



Oil temperature gauge and clock.



Windshield wiper/washer control.



Adjustable headrest.



Side window defrost vent.



Wide oval steel belted radial tire.



Tachometer.



Rearview mirror adjustable from inside.



Powerful 1.6 liter overhead cam engine.

Scirocco: So much is standard, you can equip it any way you like.

Scirocco comes to you as a complete sports car. Many of its engineering features, such as front wheel drive, CIS fuel injection and negative steering roll radius are usually simply unavailable even on far more costly vehicles. And many of Scirocco's standard appointments, such as a tachometer, quartz crystal clock, and fully adjustable bucket seats, are extra-cost options on conventional cars.

Certain other items are a matter of personal preference or are not required by every owner. These are available as options or accessories. For example, Scirocco is available with a choice of three different transmissions. A smooth, fully synchronized 4-speed is standard, a fully synchronized 5-speed is available for optimum economy*, and for those who prefer the convenience, an efficient 3-speed automatic transmission is also available.

For your comfort, there are options like Air Conditioning and a Sun Roof. And for your entertainment, a complete selection of Radios ranging from basic AM to AM/FM Stereo with Tapeplayer. An Auto-Cruise® unit lets you maintain a constant speed with your foot off the accelerator. And for improved all-weather visibility, there are Fog Lamps and a Rear Window Wiper.

To make your Scirocco even more versatile, you can add a removable Luggage Carrier or a Lockable Ski Carrier. And to accent its snappy styling, there are special Stripes.

*Dependable introduction. 1979 EPA estimate with 1.8 liter engine not available at press time. Based on 1979 EPA estimates. Scirocco with 1.3 liter engine and standard transmission gets 28 mpg highway, 25 mpg city. Your actual mileage may vary depending on where and how you drive, your car's condition and optional equipment. Ask your local dealer for a free copy of the EPA's Gas Mileage Guide.



5-speed transmission.*



Efficient air conditioning.



Tilting sun roof.



3-speed automatic transmission.



Permanent luggage carrier.



Rear window wiper.



Fog lamps.



AM/FM Stereo Radio with Tapeplayer.



Mud flaps.



Auto-Cruise.



Lockable ski carrier.



Scirocco stripe.

Living with the Scirocco: Wherever you go, you go with confidence.

Extensive laboratory testing and several years of "on-the-road" experience have culminated in Scirocco's enviable record of reliability.

A number of the parts and components found on conventional cars have been replaced with more reliable alternatives on the Scirocco. Dependable CIS fuel injection is used instead of a carburetor and choke—two items that require intermittent adjustment. In place of a radiator fan belt, there is a thermostatically controlled electric fan that requires no belt and can run, when necessary, even after the engine has been switched off.

But even the most dependable car needs service from time to time. So there is a network of more than 1,000 VW dealers throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Each is staffed with professional, thoroughly trained mechanics who have at their disposal special VW tools. These service personnel are kept up-to-date on new developments through graduate training and refresher courses at VW regional service schools and in-dealership seminars. To expedite service, each dealer maintains an extensive inventory of parts and is tied into a nationwide computerized parts locating system.



VW 1979 Scirocco Specifications.

ENGINE:	Type	Water-cooled, front mounted, transverse, overhead cam
	Cylinders	4 cylinders, in-line
	Displacement	97.0 cubic inches (1588cc)
	SAE Net Hp	78 (76 California) @ 5500 rpm
	Fuel/Air Supply	CIS fuel injection
TRANSMISSION & DIFFERENTIAL:	Type	Fully synchronized, transverse mounted transaxle, front
	No. Speeds	4 forward, 1 reverse
	Final Drive	Front wheel drive, double-jointed axles
	Clutch	Single disc, dry
CHASSIS & SUSPENSION:	Frame	Unitized body/chassis, bolt-on front fenders
	Front Suspension	Independent, coil/shock absorber struts, negative steering roll radius
	Rear Suspension	Independent, stabilizer axle with coil/shock absorber struts

	Service Brake	Dual diagonal circuit, power assisted discs/drums, brake pressure regulator, rear
	Parking Brake	Mechanical, operated on rear wheels
	Rim Size	5J x 13
	Tire Size	Steel-belted radial 175/70 SR 13
	Steering	Rack and pinion

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:	Rated Voltage	12 Volt, 55 Amp alternator
	Battery	12 Volt, 45 Amp/hour
DIMENSIONS:	Wheelbase	94.5 inches
	Length	155.7 inches
	Width	63.9 inches
	Height (Unloaded)	51.5 inches
	Ground Clearance (Loaded)	4.6 inches
	Turning Circle	31.2 feet (curb to curb)
PERFORMANCE:	Top Speed	106 mph (103 mph Automatic)
	Fuel Mileage*	Highway: 38 mpg City: 25 mpg

*Based on 1978 EPA estimated mileage with 1.5 liter engine and standard transmission. Your actual mileage may vary, depending on where and how you drive, your car's condition and optional equipment. 1979 EPA estimates with 1.6 liter engine not available at press time. Ask your local dealer for a free copy of the EPA/FEA Gas Mileage Guide.

Exterior	 Color Green Metallic	 Pearl Metallic	 Brazil Brown Metallic	 Diamond Silver Metallic	 Indiana Red Metallic	 Platinum Metallic
Velour	 Gazelle/Gazelle Stripe	 Gazelle/Gazelle Stripe	 Gazelle/Gazelle Stripe	 Gray/Black Stripes	 Gray/Black Stripes	 Red/Light Red Stripes
Leatherette	 Gazelle	 Gazelle	 Gazelle	 Black	 Black	 Red

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