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How To Pick Up Girls

Okay, guys, forget all you've heard about how girls go crazy for Porsches . . . how they're the ultimate "pick-up" vehicle on the planet . . . how a 911's pilot merely has to snap his racing-gloved fingers in order to attract a car full of tight-chassed passengers. We've found something better.

For about a third of the price of a new Carrera, you can put yourself behind the wheel of something that's guaranteed to attract more beautiful women than you've ever imagined. That "something" is the Volkswagen Cabriolet.

Over the years our staff has driven practically every make and model of automobile in the free world, and none of them—not even jet black 930s—draw the women like this all-white Cabriolet. Sure, mega-buck exotic machines turn the heads of those stunning females you want so much to meet, but many ladies feel uneasy with high-roller guys wearing more gold than Mr. T. Forget what you've seen in all those disco-nightlife movies, the really fun girls like guys in VW convertibles.

After lengthy deliberation, we've finally figured out what it is about the Cabrio that women find so irresistible. It's a cute little car. Like teddy bears, baby ducks and newborn ponies, VW Cabriolets are "cute." And women love cute cars. A close friend of ours (who owns a Porsche 935, Cobra 427, Corvette and Audi 5000 Turbo) tells us that his mid-'50s Beetle convertible gets him the attention of more ladies than all of his other machines put together. It works for him, and it works with the '85 VW Cabriolet.

But the ragtop VW has more going for it than just being cute, it is also a very good automobile. Built in Germany by VW's Karmann plant, the Cabriolet is basically a continuation of last year's Rabbit convertible, having not changed over to the "Golf" monicker like the rest of its brethren.

Powered by the 90hp "high output" 1780cc powerplant, the

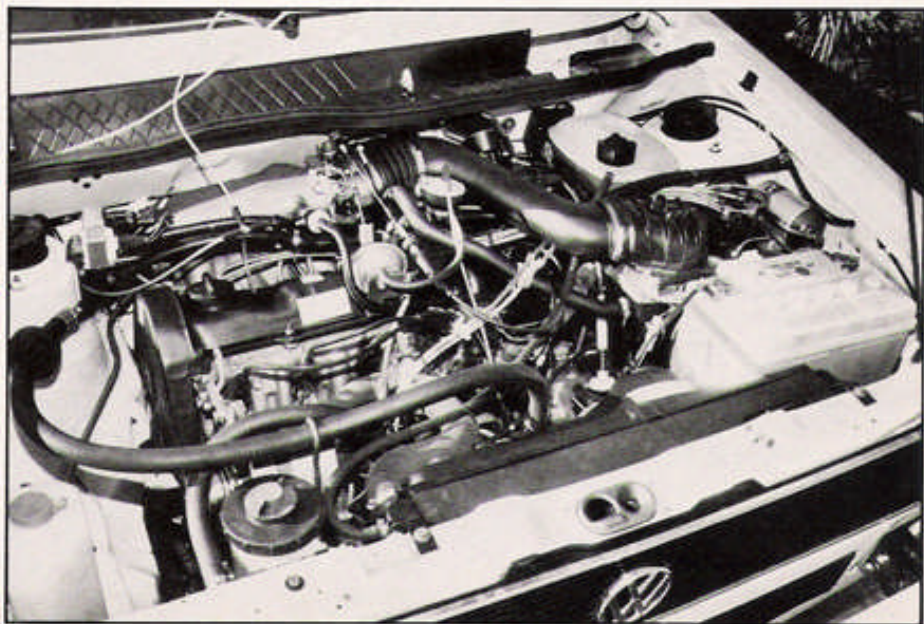
1780cc fuel-injected powerplant cranks out 90 hp and 100 ft/lbs of torque, motivating VW Cabrio to 60 mph in 10.3 seconds. Mileage is 30+ on the highway.

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CABRIOLET

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alfresco VW will run from 0-60 mph in a bit over 10 seconds, culminating with a top speed of 104 mph. Slightly heavier than the '84 two-door Rabbit (2214-lbs versus 1894-lbs) due to the extra body strengthening required for the convertible, the Cabrio weighs in within 14 pounds of the new, much larger Golf. Fit and finish, as well as the quality of materials used, is up to VW's usual high standards.

For a base price of \$11,595, you get a new-for-1985 13.8-gallon fuel tank, Heidelberg IV electronically tuned AM/FM auto-reverse cassette stereo with four speakers, close-ratio five-speed, ventilated front disc brakes, sport steering wheel and intermittent wipers, while available options include air conditioning, power steering, automatic transmission, sport seats, cruise control, light alloy wheels and metallic paint. Our test car's

Folding top is easy to raise and lower, and features electrically heated glass rear window. Body-color bumpers and wheels look sharp.

