

1971 Volkswagen Super Beetle

2dr Convertible . 4-cyl. 1585cc/60hp 1bb1

#1 Concours condition

\$35,500

▼ -2.7%

#2 Excellent condition

\$27,200

▼ -2.5%

#3 Good condition

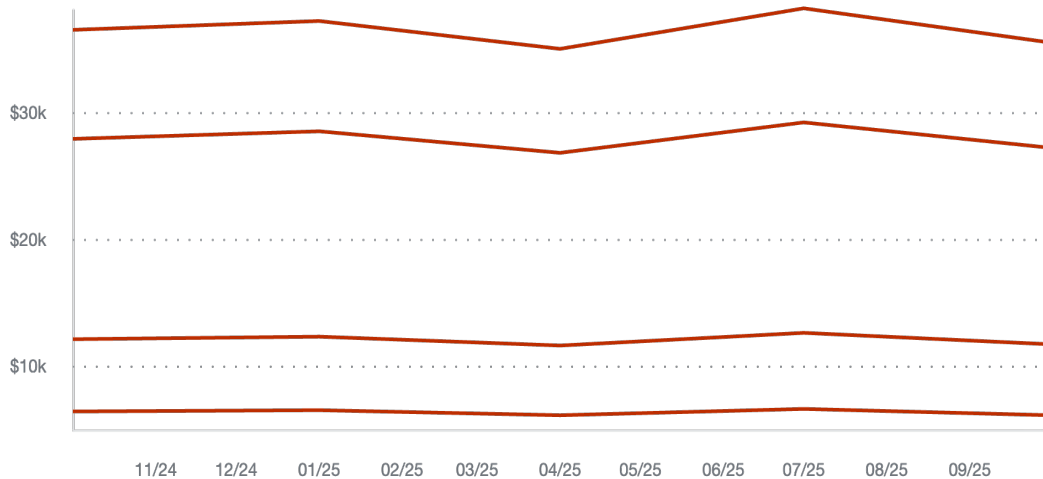
\$11,700*

▼ -3.3%

#4 Fair condition

\$6,100

▼ -4.7%



NOTE: The chart displays price changes for the last year.

Model description

Volkswagen was planning for the water-cooled front-wheel drive Golf/Rabbit as the 1970s dawned but worked hard to upgrade the Beetle to keep it competitive. VW also developed the Super Beetle, which would herald in such refinements as a wraparound curved windshield, McPherson strut front suspension, disc brakes, air conditioning and eventually fuel injection. The Super Beetle was launched for the 1971 model year as a bold response to domestic compacts like the Ford Pinto and Chevrolet Vega. Still unmistakably a Volkswagen, it was three inches longer (all ahead of the windshield) with longer hood and re-shaped fenders. Luggage space up front increased by 80 percent and the spare wheel was now flat on the floor. Meanwhile, the double-jointed half shafts designed for the AutoStick cars of 1967 improved the rear suspension.

Worldwide, VW sales increased to 1,284,928 vehicles but slipped in the U.S. to 331,191, with 12,201 Cabriolets, which would be an all-time record for the soft top. The base 1971 Beetles retained the torsion bar front suspension. The Sedan was reduced to \$1780, the Sunroof Beetle cost \$1989 and the Cabriolet increased to \$2299. The new 1971 Super Beetle debuted at \$1899.

The Super Beetle was built on a new floorplan with McPherson strut front suspension and the 60 bhp, 1585 cc dual-port engine. Buyers loved the optional air conditioning for \$267. VW boasted 89 improvements in the new model which was wider as well as longer, but had a much tighter turning circle. Larger drum brakes were fitted and disc brakes were optional. Magazine road testers reported 0-60 mph in 16 seconds, and a quarter mile in 19.8 seconds at 65 mph.

Body styles

2dr Convertible

2dr Sedan

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Engine types4-cyl. 1585cc/60hp 1bbl

Equipment

Additional Info

Shipping Weight: 1874 lbs

Vehicle Length: 161.8 in

Wheelbase - Inches: 95.3 in

Vehicle's condition classification

#1. Concours

#1 vehicles are the best in the world. Imagine the best vehicle, in the right colors, driving onto the lawn at the finest concours. Perfectly clean, the vehicle has been groomed down to the tire treads. Painted and chromed surfaces are mirror-like. Dust and dirt are banned, and materials used are correct and superbly fitted.

#3. Good

#3 vehicles drive and run well but are not used for daily transportation. The casual passerby will not find any visual flaws, but these vehicles might have some incorrect parts. #3 vehicles could possess some, but not all, of the issues of a #4 vehicle, but they will be balanced by other factors such as fresh paint or a new, correct interior.

#2. Excellent

#2 vehicles could win a local or regional show. They might even be former #1 vehicles that have been driven or have aged. Seasoned observers will have to look closely for flaws but will be able to find some. The paint, chrome, glass and finishes will all appear as excellent. The vehicle drives as a new vehicle of its era would.

#4. Fair

#4 vehicles are daily drivers, with flaws visible to the naked eye. The chrome might have pitting, the windshield might be chipped and perhaps the body has a minor dent. Imperfect paintwork, split seams or a cracked dash might be present. No major parts are missing, but there might be non-stock additions. A #4 vehicle can also be a deteriorated restoration.