

VW T1 Beetle check list



Paperwork: V5C tallies up with VIN. Any old bills/invoices/MoTs?
Bodywork: Check for rust on wings, door bottoms, bonnet, engine lid
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Paintwork: Any scratches / dents / faded or poor paint? Any signs of accident damage poor repair or filler work?
Bumpers and trim: Is everything there and in good condition?
Engine: Check for end float, oil leaks, missing tinware/other components. Does it start and idle ok? Any smoke or strange noises?
Gearbox: Any oil leaks? Does it go into gear and stay in gear?
Clutch: Does it slip or is the biting point excessively high?
Brakes: Do they stop the car? Does it pull to one side? Any leaks coming from the drums? Hand brake efficiency?
Suspension: Does the car bump, rub or scrape anywhere? Does it have good suspension travel? Do the wheels foul the arches? Any strange clunks or noises when driving?
Check wheels and tyres for damage and tread
Interior: Is anything missing? What are the carpets, seat covers, door panels and headlining like?

Here's a good idea.

Once you have a rough idea of what needs replacing on a car, head here:

justkampers.com/vw-beetle-parts.html

and tot up the likely cost of all the replacement parts you'll need. It will give you an indication of price and can be used as a bargaining tool with the seller.