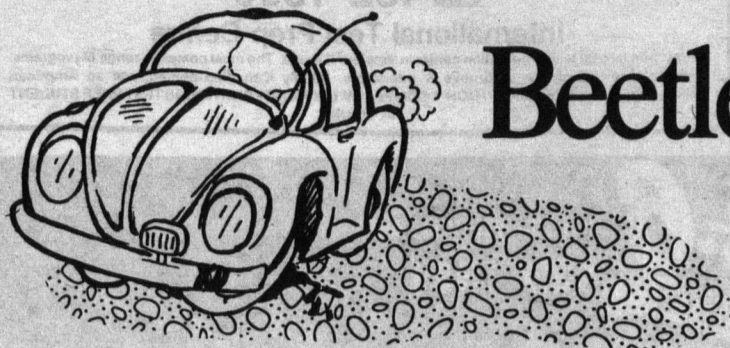


# Wrecks

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## Beetle Gt - kick of a dead mule

By SPLAT WINDSHIELD

The 1988 Volkswagon Beetle GT is an automobile that will long stay in the mind of this reporter. With a name such as GT one expects wild acceleration, road thundering revs, and mind-altering cornering. Instead one gets a car that even pedestrians beat off the stop line.

The steering of the car was feeble and unresponsive. The one moment the car achieved satisfactory turning was caused by a sudden cataclysmic draft from a Kenworth. The car spun insanely around, displaying a breathtaking view of the traffic careening madly towards me.

Luckily devoid of cheap spoils,

skirts and tons of excess chrome, the Beetle GT's clean bold looks were a breath of fresh air. Unfortunately the general quality of the car fouled this area immensely. A need for comment upon quality control is shockingly apparent, as I counted 827 errors in this area.

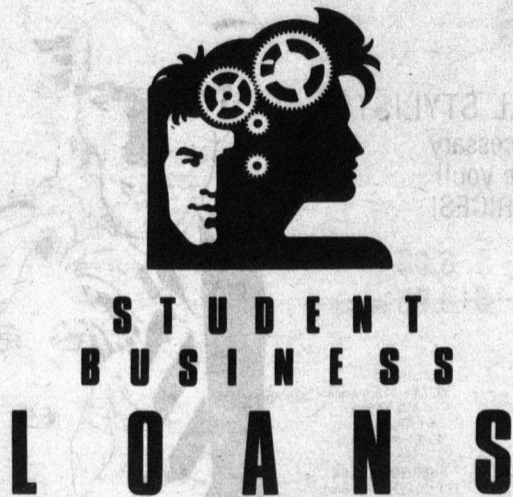
Some of the more apparent shoddy work included the green engine cover on the otherwise blue car, the cluster of rusty nails holding the antenna in place, no back bumper, and lack of substantial reinforcement in the front bumper. By lack of substantial reinforcement, it is meant that this reporter finds electrical tape insufficient in holding a bumper on.

The single fog lamp peering out as might a cyclops if its brains had been kicked out is a quaint touch.

The interior of this vehicle was also a shocking discovery. The passenger seat had two positions on its guide rails - on and off. There was no seat belt for the passenger, nor was there adequate warning of the danger slamming the doors would cause without initially opening a window. This kind of clears the mind of Monday mornings.

The new 1988 Beetle GT is scheduled to sell for \$14,995 and has a lifetime warranty (which it desperately needs). As this goes to press, it has come to my attention that this model has a peculiar habit of blowing up. Apparently the seemingly harmless gasoline heater takes it upon itself to spontaneously combust much to the alarm of both driver and passengers.

It is this reporter opinion that the new Volkswagon Beetle GT, with all the kick of a dead mule, gets thumbs down. I wish to advise all motorists to avoid this car and anyone who might drive one. This vehicle is truly an act of bad taste.



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