

# What the papers say about MINNOW FOR VW!

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## 'SAFER MOTORING' MAGAZINE

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"One of the problems of obtaining extra performance from a VW is that, in most cases, it is necessary to spend a lot of money and do a considerable amount of modification before any significant improvement is achieved. To gain an extra 20 per cent power simply by bolting on a different carburettor - with no alteration to the inlet manifold cylinder heads or valve gear - probably sounds a bit 'fishy':

Well this is what it is! The Minnow carburettor which provides such an outstanding performance gain per unit cost, is based on the principles of the American Fish carb. The Minnow is literally a baby fish.... designed for small capacity European engines instead of American monsters.

I have carried out a test of a Minnow carb on an otherwise standard 1200 Beetle. The actual power at the road wheels was measured on a roller dynamometer. WITH NO OTHER ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ENGINE, APART FROM RESETTING THE IGNITION TIMING, THE POWER INCREASED BY 20 TO 25 PER CENT.

The Minnow gives the Beetle considerably more urge up hills, and on a test hill where the car could previously achieve only 50 mph (flat in third), it is now a good 5 mph faster. This, together with the improvement of 7½ seconds in the acceleration to 70 mph, makes the VW much more enjoyable to drive. Improvement in the 50 to 60 mph range of acceleration certainly makes overtaking much safer.

"Assessment of fuel consumption is always difficult in a VW, BUT UNDER RALLY CONDITIONS USING ALL THE EXTRA POWER THE CONSUMPTION WAS EVEN SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN ON THE STANDARD CAR".....Peter Nood, B.Sc.(Eng.)

## 'BEETLING'

..... official publication of the VW Owners Club, Great Britain:-

"The crisp and rather lower exhaust note hinted that there were now more horses in the back. From 40 upwards the acceleration was markedly better, and this meant those big lorries doing 50 were no longer the obstacles they were..... this is the sort of improvement which could be expected by the owner who wants his car to last a long time, but is prepared to pay a little more to sharpen up its performance".

Comparative acceleration times quoted -

Standard 1200 VW,	40 - 60 mph	..... 18.1 secs.
Minnow VW	" "	..... 11.7 secs.

## 'FOREIGN CAR GUIDE' (USA)

"We were amazed that a carburettor, any carburettor, could do this much for a Volks. In our opinion it is not just another gadget with fancy claims for performance and economy that can't be substantiated!