1970 Westfalia Owner: Charles Klasman



Please take a few moments to learn more about this well traveled and storied bus. It was purchased by a couple in San Francisco in 1970. Picked up in Gütersloh, Germany they traveled 20,000 miles over a period of six months with their two daughters and then returned to California with the bus where it became their family car for the next 27 years.



Morocco, Africa 1970



Englishtown, New Jersey 2010

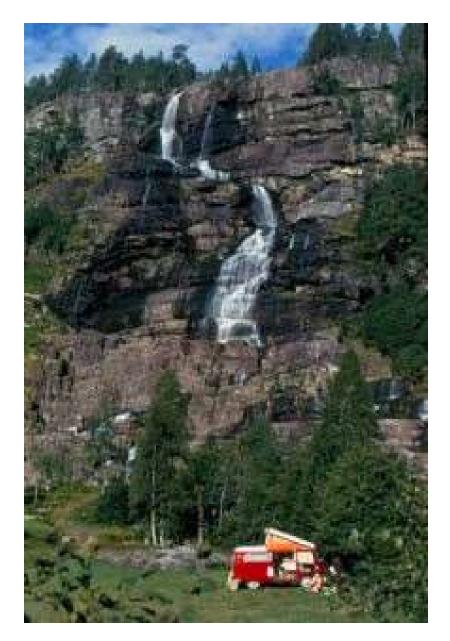
During the six month trek across Europe the bus traveled from Germany to France, Spain and Morocco. Back again along the Mediterranean coast to Italy, Greece, Turkey, through Bulgaria, Hungary, Eastern Germany and up into the Scandinavian countries back to France, Germany and finally to Bremen where the camper was put on a ship heading back to the US as part of a tourist program offered by VW.



Denmark, 1970

Finland , 1970





Norway, 1970



Bremen , 1970



Norway, 1970







After 27 years as a family transporter, the old bus was pretty tired and had suffered a hard shot to the right rear corner. If not for the TLC of a self taught, old school VW mechanic named Lloyd in SF, known as "The Bucket Man of San Francisco," the old bus might have been ready for the scrap heap. Lloyd took the time and care to put the bus back in shape and gave it another chance to live. This bus has good karma!







New brakes, new clutch, new front end suspension and a complete engine rebuild. All of the specs and operating instructions were included with careful attention to the details. The bus being his 3rd creation was christened "Gutless Wonder #3".









The bus was purchased from Lloyd in June of 2009 by four young Frenchmen seeking adventure. On or about June 17th they set out on the bus' second big journey with a whole new family aboard.



The "Roadtrip" took the boys in the bus through San Francisco, Route 1, Los Angeles, San Diego, Tijuana, Las Vegas, Lake Mead, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Monument Valley, Salt Lake City, Yellowstone National Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mount Rushmore, Chicago, Detroit, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Boston and New York. They calculated their journey to be approximately 12000 km.





San Francisco



Hollywood

Las Vegas, NV



Entertainment.....



More new friends





Deserts



They left for home, left the bus behind in New York and that is how it came to be in my hands. Still in decent mechanical shape, but rather rough in all the other areas. We started with a new corner for the right rear and a rear bumper from a Samba contact in CT. A lot of welding, only a small amount of rust and old body work. A good deal of late nights sanding down all the old paint and body work and it was looking a bit better. We replaced the front seat covers with new ones from Sewfine in TX and made the rest of the seat upholstery myself using a Singer 111 and that is what you see here today. With only 329,000 miles on it so far, we're confident the bus has a long way to go still!













Production Date: February 12, 1970

Exported To: Tourist Delivery Program

Designation: Kombi

Engine KW (BHP): 35 (47) Transmission Type: manual

Engine: 157

Transmission Code: -

Extras Code: -

Paint / Interior

Paint Scheme: Montana Red Paint

Codes: L30H

Paint Notes: code for Westfalia campmobiles (type 23)

Interior Scheme: Interior Material:

Interior Notes: This model has a special paint code which means no interior info is available

Options

517: Campmobile

510: Partition upper between cab and load compartment, with load compartment ventilation (for vehicles with M500 only)

D26: ???

B67: Westfalia Campmobile 67 B (SO67 interrior) / Equiped like Westfalia Campmobile 67 A (M-code

A67) but with the following additional equipment: 1. Pop-up-top 2. Bed 3. Roof luggage rack built in

020: Speedometer in miles

