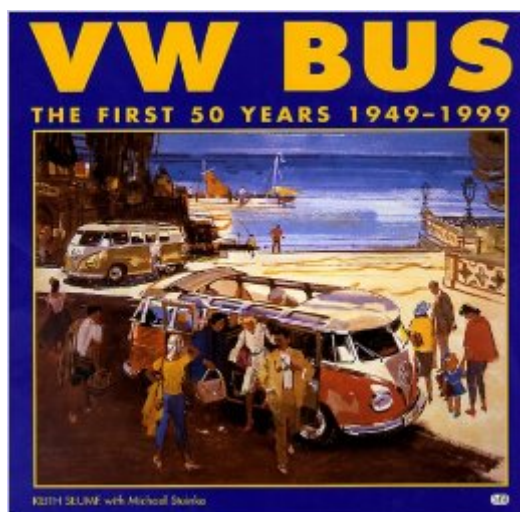


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# VW Bus: The First 50 Years 1949-1999



## Synopsis

Developed from an idea crudely sketched in a notebook, the VW van has evolved into an icon, unrivaled by any other similar vehicle. Indeed, in this day and age of mini-vans and MPVs, it's easy to forget that Volkswagen came up with precisely the same concept back in 1949. At that time the vehicles were sold as 'Kombis' or 'Microbuses,' but they were, without a doubt, the first ever 'People Carriers' and grew to become a symbol of freedom the world over. Over the past 50 years, the VW Transporter range - vans, pick-ups, crew-cabs, Kombis, Sambas, etc - has become the subject of many conversions, from fire trucks to mobile shops, from ambulances to campers. VW Bus - The First 50 Years celebrates a half-century love affair with this most versatile of vehicles, bringing together almost 500 photographs - most never before published - showing the VW Transporter at work, rest and play. They include images of early prototypes, production lines, special-bodied emergency vehicles, widely customized buses, rare promotional material, and a host of weird and wonderful Transporters from around the world. It also includes the water-cooled models.

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Nice book for anyone interested in VW history (especially the VW bus). Text is sometimes short, but the pictures make up for the lack of detail in the text. Nevertheless, this book is excellent.

I am very proud to be a contributor to this book!! Keith and Michael are not only good friends of mine--but are dedicated VW People. Michael Steinke is THE VW BUS GURU!! Keith Seume is a noted VW journalist. The combination of these two, who have been on the VW scene for years, is

magical. This book will be enjoyed by VW people and non-VW people, many times over!! ---Vintage VW? Drive-um!!--uncle jerry

My son said it's a great book and in perfect condit. even tho I bought it used...he's a VW fan

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