

# Malcolm Beasley 1970 VW Restoration #2



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## Chapter 1 - Introduction (Video Clip 1)

This book is about how Malcolm Beasley Sr. restored his 1970 VW Beetle Convertible from June 2011 through \_\_\_\_\_. This is the second restoration since a similar restoration was completed by Malcolm in 1984. Malcolm purchased the VW new in May of 1970 for a total price of \$2,427 including tax.

The 1984 restoration, was performed when the VW was 14 years old and had 70,000 miles on it. At that time the following was completed:

- Full replacement of both floor pans
- New floor carpets
- New top, padding & liner
- All new rubber
- Painted the car in the front yard.

Malcolm drove the VW daily to work for the first 20 years (4 miles roundtrip). Then, Neil Beasley, his son, drove the car for 2 years in High School and afterwards, Marcy Beasley, his daughter, also drove the car 2 years in High School.

The engine has been out of the car only once in 1990 when the engine was rebuilt when it had 85,473 miles on it. Presently the car has the original tag on it and the car is only driven to LAVA VW Club meetings, group rides, and on sunny days around the neighborhood.



5-1970, Malcolm in VW



6-1970, Malcolm and girlfriend Wilma  
(later wife until this day)

Malcolm is restoring the VW and performing this documentation for his son Neil, daughter Marcy, and grandson's McNeil and Andrew Beasley since they will inherit the VW one day.

The purpose is to document the condition of the car prior to beginning the second restoration work then show the restoration process from beginning to end. In 2011 the car was 41 years old and has 101,416 actual miles. It has been 27 years since it was last restored, but has been garage kept since then.

There are a couple of dents in the fenders that was done by Malcolm and a few minor dings around the car but overall the body is in very good shape.

Originally, Malcolm planned on a body off restoration, but started just one thing at a time and took it as far as it needed to go. Malcolm started with the floor pans since they appear to have rusted even though they were treated with POR15, 27 years ago due to what appears to be a leaky window. The VW is mostly stock except for the black stripe that was added the day the car was bought and the carpet added the last restoration project (the VW came with gray rubber floor mats). Wood trim to the pocket and instrument gauges and of course the window stickers are other modification. Otherwise the car is stock even the color - Clementine.

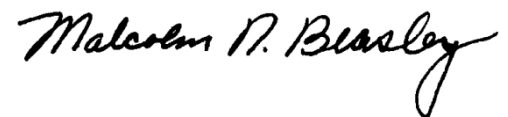


**6-15-2011, VW Prior to Restoration #2**

The work time shown throughout the book is the actual work time. Time spent researching and ordering parts and performing this documentation is not included. Minor workshop cleanup is included but every so often during the project Malcolm had to perform a major workshop cleanup which is not included. There is a companion video of this restoration that matches the chapters of this book. The work items numbers run consecutively as the order that the work was actually performed. If you use this guide you may want to deviate somewhat from the work order shown, but remember Malcolm is an amateur so use this guide at your OWN RISK.

"It still looks good - but I can make it look much better". - Malcolm, June 15, 2011

Enjoy.



Malcolm N. Beasley Sr.