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TRUCK ?



Rumors have been flying ever since a VW Exec was quoted in the Chicago Tribune as saying the company has come to the realization there are quite a few trucks sold in this country. A news report also told of VW asking for permits to expand its Chattanooga, Tennessee, plant. (That is presumably a different requirement than that for the previously announced SUV/Hybrid, possibly based on the Cross Blue concept shown at a recent auto show.)

So, what's it going to be? The American-designed and built Rabbit pickup is long gone. The European-based Caddy that evolved from it is now based on the Polo, and is a mini-van, not a pickup. If sold here, to compete with the likes of the Ford Transit, the vehicle would be in a different market segment than the open-bed pickups. Another agreement with Toyota, which resulted in the European Taro, a re-badged Hi-Lux, is not very likely. Hopefully, VW will start producing the South American Amarok (pictured above) at its North American plant. Here's hoping the long wait will soon be over!

Page 2 is a reprint from Wikipedia covering what it knows about the Amarock.

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In 2005, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles announced their intent to build the Robust Pick-Up and off road family of vehicles. In 2007, automotive website WorldCarFans.com published the first photos captured by RoAnSa Carspy Photography of the development mule of the Robust Pick Up concept vehicle wearing Toyota Hilux sheetmetal on a Volkswagen-developed chassis. In March 2008, automotive spy photographer Hans Lehmann captured the first image of the Robust Pick up wearing a production body which is designed by Walter de Silva. In September 2008, Volkswagen released the Robust Pick Up concept in a Search and Rescue (SAR) vehicle color scheme; the design is said to be 95% a production version. The Amarok, the first pickup from Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles, was presented to the general public in General Pacheco, Argentina on the 7th of January 2010. Following the launch in Argentina, the Amarok was a key support vehicle in the 2010 Dakar Rally, with 45 being used. In November 2010, the Amarok was awarded 4 stars from Euro NCAP under the 2010/2011 standard crash testing procedure.[9] In February 2011, it received 5 stars from the Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP).

The name 'Amarok' was developed and researched by branding agency Interbrand on request from Volkswagen. Revealed to the public on 4 June 2009, "Amarok" means "wolf" in Inuit, and Interbrand also claims it is associated with "he loves stones" in Romance languages. It also resembles "tomorrow" in Irish. It is also the title of a 1990 record album by musician Mike Oldfield, a 2000 album of the German black metal solo project Nargaroth, and the name of an open-source music player (version 1.0 in 2004). VW's association with 'Wolf' is referenced on many of its vehicles. Up until the 1980s, the 'Wolfsburg Crest', in various guises, was displayed on VW products, the most famous being the Type 1. Up until 1964, the Wolfsburg crest badge was placed on the bonnet. The crest also appeared on the steering wheel hubs on many models. The Lupo (Italian for Wolf) was named in honour of Wolfsburg, the home of Volkswagen.



The Amarok is powered by a range of Turbocharged Direct Injection (TDI) common rail diesel engines, and Fuel Stratified Injection (FSI) petrol engine. As of 2010, the engine range consists of two 2.0L Turbocharged Direct Injection (TDI) common rail diesel engines which is taken from the Volkswagen Transporter (T5), it has been tuned for more torque but less power; the entry-level version produces 90 kW (122 PS; 121 hp) which develops a maximum torque of 340 N·m (250 lb·ft) from 2000 rpm. The top of the line bi-turbo version produces 120 kW (163 PS; 161 hp) which develops a maximum torque of 400 N·m (300 lb·ft) from 1500 rpm.250 Fuel consumption in a combined cycle format is as low as 7.6 L/100 km (37 mpg-imp; 31 mpg-US) on the rear wheel drive variant to 8.1 L/100 km (35 mpg-imp; 29 mpg-US) on the 4Motion theoretically giving the Amarok a 1,000 km (620 mi) range before filling up for fuel.



As of the 2012 Model Year Volkswagen has introduced two more engine configurations, 2.0L TDI 90 kW motor upgraded to 103 kW of power[14] and a 2.0L Bi-TDI which has an optional 8-speed ZF engineered automatic transmission. In September 2014 Volkswagen launched a limited edition Amarok Dark Label model. The new Volkswagen Amarok Dark Label is fitted with the company's range-topping 178 bhp 2.0-litre BiTDI engine, generating up to 420Nm of torque and offering a maximum towing capacity of up to 3,200 kg. The Amarok has three drive

concepts: rear wheel drive, Shiftable 4Motion and Permanent 4Motion. The Shiftable all wheel drive system can shift drive between the axles whereas the Permanent full-time all wheel drive system distributes power through a Torque Sensing (Torsen) differential with a 40:60 ratio between the front and rear axles.

The Amarok is currently being produced in the Volkswagen Group plant in General Pacheco, Argentina; for South American, Mexican,[19] Oceanian, South African, Russian, and European markets. It is expected to produce 90,000 Amaroks annually once production it is at full capacity. The Hanover site was originally dropped from possible sites to produce the Amarok due to the Global Financial Crisis and increasing economic costs in Europe in 2009. In September 2010 it was decided by the Volkswagen Group Board of Management that 40,000 Amarok pickups will also be built in Hanover, Germany for the European and small volume markets from the middle of 2012. The 100,000th Amarok was produced on the 8th of October 2011. Amarok introduced at Taiwan market from 2012 (2.0BiTDI 6MT highline).

Currently the Amarok is available in South America, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, Russia as well as the rest of Europe. Three equipment lines will be offered on the Amarok; base version, Trendline and Highline. The Polar Expedition variant was designed to promote the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic Games in the remote areas of Russia. Three of these trucks were built to carry 9 people 9,942 miles east by road from Moscow to the city of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky on the Kamchatka peninsula. The team of 9



earned the Guinness World Record for the longest off-road journey through one country. The team took 66 days to reach Kamchatka from Moscow by driving over the glacier-covered Sredinny Range and were the first people to do so. The specially built Amaroks received a couple of upgrades to take on the cold and road less wilderness. The team replaced the front and rear suspension with long-travel, heavy-duty shocks and massive tires with deeper ridges for extra traction in deep snow and ice. The body was unmodified except for cutting out the fenders to fit the wheels and tires. The 2.0L turbo diesel engine remained mostly unmodified because the goal was reliability. For added safety, the interior was fitted with a roll cage and navigation equipment to make sure the team didn't get lost.

Secretary's Report



Our March 22nd show obviously wore everyone out. Paul appeared at the Mellow Mushroom to find no one else had turned out. Illness had our President hospitalized, Will was also ill and your Ed. & Secretary were hosting a large working party to glue the belly pan on the Twister. So there are no minutes to be submitted. Hopefully a return to the 5 n Diner, as of this writing promised opening on May 4th, will get us back on track.

Please attend the May meeting as it is membership renewal time. You can save the club officers a ton of work just by coming in and having lunch with your friends at what will hopefully be a fully restored 5 N Diner experience, albeit in a new location a few minutes away.



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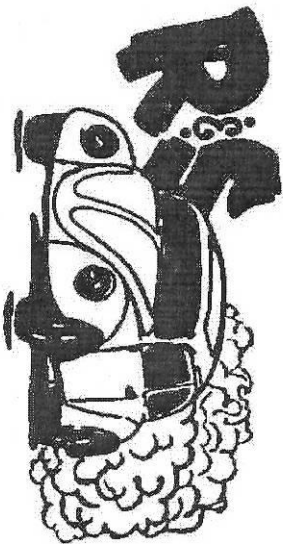
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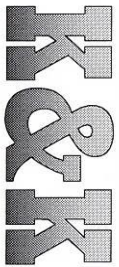
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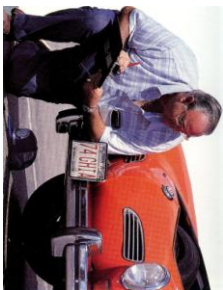
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Our March 22nd show was dedicated to our late member and Chairman of the VWCA Board of Directors, Jack Lyman. The assembly gave Jack a hearty round of applause for his many decades of faithful service to the VW Club.

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