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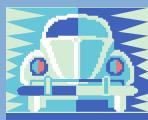
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Workshop hours
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Spares hours
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Check out our website
www.qualitat.co.nz

Some other websites you may like to
check out -
www.vwownersclub.co.nz
www.audi.com
www.volkswagen.com



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Reminder from Vagn :

With Christmas approaching, avoid last minute inconvenience. Have your vehicle serviced and/or any problems attended to before the silliness starts! If your vehicle requires attention over the Christmas period, our workshop and parts department will be open, apart from the statutory days.

Avoid the stress this time of year can bring, and book in early.

Merry Christmas from the Qualitat workshop.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Our holiday hours are as follows:

Wednesday 24th Dec -
Parts only - 8am - 12 noon.
Workshop - closed

Thursday 25th Dec
to Sunday 28th Dec - closed

Parts and Workshop

Monday 29th Dec - 8am - 5.00pm
Tuesday 30th Dec - 8am - 5.00pm
Wednesday 31st Dec - 8am - 3.00pm

Thursday 1st Jan
to Sunday 4th Jan - closed

Monday 5th Jan - normal hours resume

*Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year to all of our
customers.*



Petrol station dilemma !!



Did you know ???

If you drive more than one type of vehicle you may sometimes pull into the petrol station wondering if the petrol filler cap is on the side nearest the pump.

If you look at your petrol gauge, you will see a small icon of a petrol pump. The handle of the petrol pump will extend out on either the left or right side of the petrol pump icon.

If your tank is on the left, the handle will be on the left. If your tank is on the right. The handle will be on the right side.

Now how easy is that??

(This however, does not prove to be the case on all vehicles.)

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Qualitat's expanding family

from the Workshop



Congratulations to Saravan and his wife Vivian, who are the proud parents of a son called Sanjay, born 24/10/2008.



Rob with his daughter McKayla, and newly arrived son - Harry George, born 20/10/2008.
Well done Rob and Kris.

and from Spares

Sarah with her daughter Jayme, born 23/08/2008.
Congratulations also to Sarah and Karl.



Welcome back



Some long-time customers may think this face looks familiar. You are correct, and we are very pleased to have Ron back on board, after spending 8 years living away from Auckland, running his own business. Prior to that, Ron worked for Qualitat for 20 years. Ron is our man on the move, doing deliveries, pick ups etc., and generally helping out wherever there is a need.

Warrant of Fitness reminders by email:

For customers who would like to receive their *warrant of fitness reminders* by email instead of by post - please contact us on

office@qualitat.co.nz

Please ensure you supply your - **full name**
car registration number
email address.

First-ever Volkswagen motorcycle.



Volkswagen's engineers teamed up with Austrian motor-bike manufacturer KTM to help KTM develop their first road car.

In return, KTM is now working with Volkswagen engineers to help VW enter into the motorcycle market.

This would put VW head-to-head with another German giant - BMW, which is already established in the motorcycle industry.

Volkswagen is also looking at the potential of entering the three-wheeler domain as well.

Interesting times!



Driving Skills under threat !

There was a time when the skill of getting a car from A to B, was in the hands of the driver.

Like many things in today's world, that is changing, for instance

Researchers at one well known German car maker have developed a system that recognises driver fatigue. Evidently there is a sensor that monitors steering movements, and warns the driver to take a break. It is called **Attention Assist** - and it will be in production next year by Mercedes-Benz.

The same manufacturer has developed a system to alert the driver when he/she becomes too close to the vehicle in front of their car. It is called **Distronic Plus**, and **Brake Assist Plus** technology, and could prevent about 20% of rear-end collisions.

Last issue we covered **ParkScan** - a radar system to identify if a parking space is big enough to get into.

Then there is **ESP** (electronic stabilization program). This is to help the driver maintain control under 'dynamic driving conditions'. (VW is installing this program across the line in 2009)

We don't even have to know the route we will use to get from A to B, as we can program it into a navigational device and listen to the prompts, or watch the screen (what about watching the road !!) as we travel. This is not always fool-proof however, and one could literally end up in a ditch, so best not to rely on this method 100%.

Another device available, locks the ignition if your blood alcohol level is not as it should be.

Not to mention airbags, air curtains, and all the other safety devices in today's modern cars.

Makes one wonder about the quality of drivers out there on today's roads, if they need all this 'assistance' in keeping the car safely on the road ???

Pre-Purchase Vehicle Inspections

Qualitat offers a comprehensive pre-purchase inspection service so you can be informed about your next purchase.

Pre-purchase inspection is priced at \$180.00 incl. g.s.t.

Free W.O.F check

If you have a **FULL** service when you have a Warrant of Fitness check done you will receive a free WOF check worth \$45.00 including g.s.t.

Phone (09) 579 3710 now, for an appointment.

FREE
OFFER



Six Generations of Golf GTi models -

Starting in 1976 with the Mk 1, and soon with the latest Mk V1 (above) which is due in New Zealand next year.

One thing that has not changed noticeably is the VW badge. Thankfully it has remained relatively unchanged over the years, and because of this, it is easily recognisable, unlike some other car makers who have changed their emblem, and also possibly lost some of their identity.

However, there are obviously changes that have occurred over the span of more than 3 decades, and one of the changes in the latest GTi will be the feature of a flat-bottomed steering wheel.

The first GTi was powered by a 1.6-litre four cylinder, fuel-injected engine developing 80 kW at 6100 rpm and 140Nm of torque at 5000 rpm.

The new sixth-generation Golf GTi will be available in three high-performance versions. They are now, of course, powered by 2-litre, four-cylinder direct injection petrol engines, teamed to a six-speed manual or six-speed DSG twin-clutch box. Top speed of 240km/h. The original Golf GTi had a top speed of 178km/h. There will also be available a turbo-diesel flyer version.

Electronic-stability programme now features, providing individual braking to the front wheels when sensors detect a loss of traction. An Adaptive Chassis Control system also features, which allows drivers to switch suspension and throttle settings between comfort, normal and sport modes.

There also several cosmetic changes in the body-work and head and rear lighting. VW have produced a model with power and safety, and also with great styling.

Happy motoring !!!



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