



# Qualitat

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## VW AUDI SKODA

### SERVICE AND PARTS



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#### Check out our website

[www.qualitat.co.nz](http://www.qualitat.co.nz)

Some other websites you  
may like to check out -

[www.vwownersclub.co.nz](http://www.vwownersclub.co.nz)  
[www.audi.com](http://www.audi.com)  
[www.volkswagen.com](http://www.volkswagen.com)

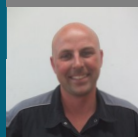
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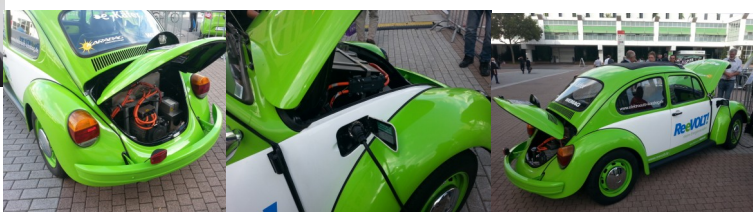
## Importers of Audi / VW / Skoda / Seat Parts

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#### Electric Beetle at Automechanika



#### Vagn says...

Where is the year going? November already!  
No complaints though, longer days and daylight savings - bring on summer!

Don't delay with your vehicle servicing or required repairs. Remove some of the approaching silly season stress, and book in a little earlier. Workshop bookings are already starting to fill up. Call/email Steve or Shane any time.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Alaster, Wayne and I attended the Automechanika Trade Fair in Germany in mid September. Wow, what an incredible show. I spent four days visiting all the repair and maintenance exhibits. We also had meetings booked with all our German parts suppliers. The hospitality extended to us by our suppliers, was second to none. A highlight was an hour at the Febi factory. Their quality control process was very impressive, even more so was their warehousing system which is robotic. At this year's Automechanika there was a big emphasis on specialty tools to carry out repairs, which on older vehicles could often be completed with universal type tools. However, with late model VW and Audi vehicles, this is no longer the case. Some important contacts and purchases were made to keep us at dealer level repairing.

It was great to see some old air cooled Volkswagens on display at the show as well. We should never forget our beginnings.

Keep an eye on our website, [www.qualitat.co.nz](http://www.qualitat.co.nz) - we will have an online Parts shop up and running very soon. Josie and Holly have been working some long hours to implement this.

That's enough from me, Safe motoring and enjoy the longer, warmer days.

See page 3 for more pictures from Automechanika.



## **QUALITAT**

EUROPEAN MOTORS LTD

### ♦ We are importers of parts for

- ♦ **VW**
- ♦ **Audi**
- ♦ **Skoda**
- ♦ **Seat**

### ♦ Repairers of all vehicles.

### ♦ We have techni- cians trained in

- ♦ **VW**
- ♦ **Audi**
- ♦ **Skoda**
- ♦ **Seat**



### **When Consumer NZ asked the following questions of vehicle owners:**

*Who were the most satisfied drivers?*

**Skoda drivers came out first.**

*Would they buy the same vehicle again?*

**Skoda owners rated first again.**

It seems as though the humble Skoda has 'come of age', and is now a very respectable and desirable vehicle to own and drive.

### **Rust - the hidden enemy.**

Many people in New Zealand, and in particular those living in Auckland, live reasonably close to the sea.

We may not realise just how far salt air can be carried, particularly on very windy days. It is important therefore to not only clean the top and sides of the car, but also to give the underside of the car a good squirt down with the hose.

Even more importantly, if you own a boat and use your vehicle for launching your boat - damage from salt water can very quickly establish itself.

So don't just hose down the boat, do the car as well, particularly around the wheel bays and the underside of the car. Regular washing, and also a good waxing will help to protect the paint-work.

If you do see any signs of damage, get it dealt with sooner, rather than later. Like the troublesome tooth - it will only get worse if left unattended.

In hot weather, parking in the shade of a tree is always tempting, but this can also be detrimental to the car.

Dropping leaves and twigs can easily find their way into drain holes around the windscreen resulting in blockages, which in turn may lead to leaks. Also, many trees exude some form of sticky substance which may result in paint damage. Not to mention the calling cards left by any resident birds.

So to maintain value and a good looking vehicle -

**wash,**

**wash,**

**wash.**



### **QUALITAT SERVICING**

**With every FULL service, comes a FREE car wash.**

Getting your vehicle serviced at regular intervals is vital to your car's long life and good performance, not to mention fuel savings.

**For vehicles less than 5 years old, every 15,000 km or 12 months.**

**For vehicles five years and older, every 10,000 km or 12 months.**

**For older air-cooled vehicles, every 6000 miles or 6 months.**

### **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 your Warrant of Fitness is due, you will get the WOF check for free, saving \$45 + GST.

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



## Driving by Computer

There has been a lot written of late about the 'driverless car'. For over four years, on the roads of California, computer driven cars have been testing themselves! Just how many? No one was quite sure. However, in California self-driving cars are now required to be registered and issued Testing Permits. 29 vehicles are out and about on the free-ways from three companies. Just in case something should go wrong - there is a human on board who can take over control if necessary. These 'test' drivers must have an impeccable driving record.

These vehicles manoeuvre themselves by using sophisticated 360° sensors and detailed GPS maps.

Not surprisingly, Google has the largest fleet with 25 vehicles. Mercedes and the Volkswagen Group of America each have two vehicles. A few other companies are in the process of applying for permits.

At this point most American states are not involved in this technology. In Florida, Audi is testing the technology, but not yet actively testing vehicles.

Naturally, the insurance industry will be following progress in this direction with much interest.

Will speeding drivers become a thing of the past? Drunk drivers will most likely be blocked from travelling.

How will they be programmed to react to the sirens of fire and ambulance vehicles?

However, on the plus side, for some people it may have a liberating effect. Through disability or ill-health they may have been restricted from driving - this technology could work in their favour.

For many of us, it will not be so welcomed. Some people actually enjoy driving and facing the challenges of changing driving conditions - be it through weather or traffic.

It will obviously be quite a few years before these vehicles outnumber the conventional 'driven' car.

Malfunction is probably the biggest fear we humans have in accepting this 'advancement'.

Take a moment to think how many aircraft flights you may have experienced where the plane has been landed completely using an automated landing system.



*some more photos from Automechanika*

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## VW Nationals Taupo Easter 2015

Every year Volkswagen enthusiasts in New Zealand get together at Easter time at the **Volkswagen Nationals**.

At Easter 2015 - Thurs 2 April to Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April - the **Volkswagen Nationals** will be held in Taupo. What's special about the **2015 VW Nationals**, is that it will be the **25<sup>th</sup>** year that the **Volkswagen Nationals** have been running in New Zealand.

To make the **25<sup>th</sup> Nationals** a special event, the organising committee from the Bay of Plenty Volkswagen Owners club, are taking the Nationals back to the original site of the first Nationals - **Taupo**.

Also, the **2015 Nationals** will be one day longer than previous years, to make full use of the weekend and the facilities and activities that are in Taupo. Easter is also the first weekend of the school holidays, so it's a good opportunity for a family break.

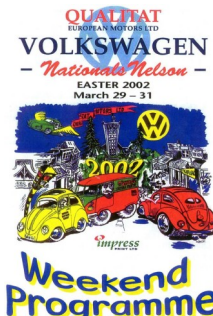
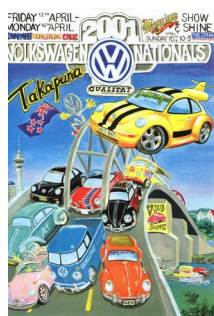
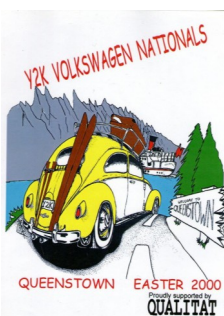
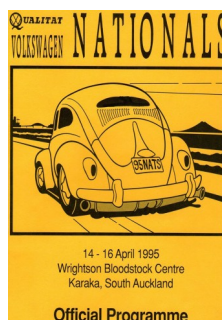
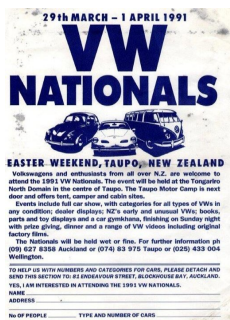
For more information and to pre-register for the event see

[www.vwnationals2015.co.nz](http://www.vwnationals2015.co.nz)

## Some VW Nationals poster pages from years gone by



This was the first Nationals in 1991.



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