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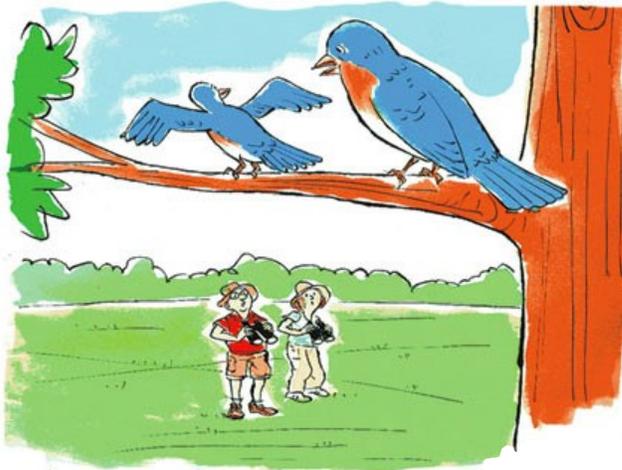
Top Shop Automotive Newsletter

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Out with the Old...

In with the SPRING!

Spring has sprung, and we're excited to share our latest Top Shop newsletter! In this issue, we're going to "bug" you with a little background on Volkswagen vehicles. We also have some fun spring facts and an easy spring recipe, and we'll shine some light on your vehicle's airbag light. Enjoy!



"Not yet. Don't fly off until the moment they raise their binoculars."

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Any spring auto image with colors that look good with the rest of the design.

Hi Everyone!

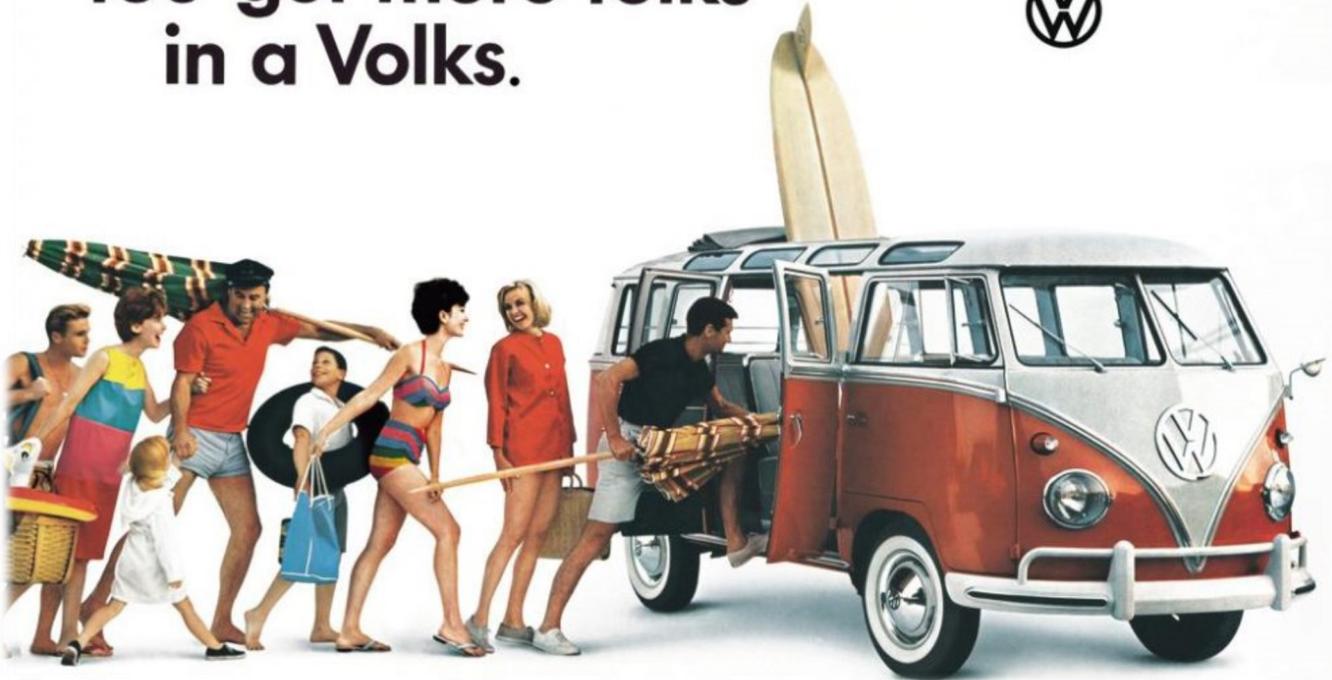
It's spring! Time for tulips and taxes, spring break and spring cleaning, baseball and lawn fertilizing... We know it can all be overwhelming, but we hope you find some time to relax as well. And if car maintenance is on your to-do list, leave that to us!

- the Top Shop Team

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You get more folks in a Volks.



We work on VWs of all ages, so bring your vintage or brand-new Volkswagen to us!

The Very Wonderful Volkswagen

A Little Bit About the Vehicles that Got Us into the Auto Repair Business

Did you know Top Shop started out as a Volkswagen specialty repair shop? Today, we work on all import makes and models, but VWs still hold a special place in our hearts—and skillset. Here's more on what makes Volkswagen vehicles so very wonderful...

VW & Porsche—Brothers from the Beginning

Volkswagen was founded in 1937, but it's roots date back to the 1920s, when owning a vehicle was rare among Europeans because few people could afford a car. Struck with a desire to make a vehicle most people could afford, automotive visionary Ferdinand Porsche designed what would become the Volkswagen Beetle around the same time he designed the Porsche 911.

More than Just the People's Car, VW is the World's Car

Today, Volkswagen has a complete lineup of compact sedans, sports coupes, modern hatchbacks, and premium SUVs, but the company encompasses even more than that—the Volkswagen Group has a global portfolio, as it owns several of the world's top automakers, including Audi, Porsche, Bugatti, Lamborghini, and Bentley. What a long way to come from the Beetle! And did you know Volkswagen manufactures the world's fastest vehicles? As Bugatti's parent company, VW has a hand in developing the Italian automaker's Veyron 16.4 Super Sport, which can exceed 267 MPH and can go from zero to 60 in just 2.5 seconds. Sorry, Herbie, we don't think you 'd win that race, but you're still our Love Bug!

10 Fun Facts About Spring

For most of us, spring represents a time of change, growth, and new beginnings. In honor of the new season, here are 10 fun facts to get you excited for spring!

1. The earliest known use of the term “spring cleaning” was in 1857.
2. We’ve used the word “spring” for the season since the 16th century.
3. The first day of spring, March 20, is called the vernal equinox.
4. The first spring flowers are usually daffodils, dandelions, lilies, tulips, irises, and lilacs.
5. Spring fever isn’t just a saying—experts say the body’s makeup changes due to different diets, hormone production, and temperature.
6. There’s more daylight during spring because the earth’s axis tilts toward the sun at this time of the year.
7. “Tornado Alley” is at its most active state during the spring.
8. Hurricane season begins in late spring.
9. On the first day of spring, the sunrise and sunset are about 12 hours apart everywhere on earth.
10. If you stand at the equator on the first day of spring, you’ll see the sun pass directly overhead.

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Airbag light-related image

Airbag light on? We can find out why.

Spring Car Care

Why Did My Airbag Light Come On?

The massive Takata airbag recall, which started in 2014, has brought lots of attention to airbag lights on dashboards across the world. But with or without a manufacturer defect, a problem can arise with your airbag system. So, what does this mean, and should you be concerned if your airbag light is on?

The airbag light is one of many dashboard warning lights. It is generally depicted by an icon of a driver and inflated airbag, or it may just be the letters “SRS,” which stands for supplemental restraint system. The light can come on for a number of reasons, and when it does, your airbag may not deploy. To pinpoint the exact problem, a mechanic will need to examine your vehicle’s electrical and computer system.

Sometimes, the cause of an airbag light isn’t the airbag, itself. The light may be triggered by other safety components. For example, if a seatbelt isn’t properly latching into the buckle due to some obstruction, like a coin or other small item, the light may come on. In this case, your car detects a problem even if the seatbelt clicks in place.

If the problem is directly related to the airbag, then it’s likely a faulty clockspring, which also controls the steering and electrical system. So, if your airbag/SRS light illuminates, find out why—it could save your life.

Spring Recipe

Easy Spring Gravy



Use this ready-in-ten gravy to jazz up a deli-roasted chicken or other meat. Then, add some veggies, and you have dinner!

Ingredients:

- 1 finally chopped shallot
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon zest
- 2 teaspoons snipped fresh tarragon, chives, and/or thyme

To make: In a small saucepan, cook chopped shallot in hot butter, over medium-low heat, for 3 to 5 minutes, or until tender.

Stir in flour. Add chicken broth, then cook and stir until just boiling. Cook and stir 1 minute more.

Stir in lemon zest and tarragon, chives, and/or thyme.

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