

Super Beetle Buying Checklist

1. Rust Check (dealbreaker if severe)

- Front strut towers
- Floor pans (under carpet/mats)
- Heater channels (under doors)
- Spare tire well & front apron
- Battery tray area

2. Suspension & Steering

- Test for front-end shimmy or vibration
- Check strut towers for solid metal (no rust bubbles)
- Look for uneven tire wear
- Inspect ball joints, tie rods, bushings

3. Engine & Transmission

- Check for excessive oil leaks
- Perform compression test (if possible)
- Test smooth shifting in all gears
- Check crankshaft end play

4. Electrical System

- All lights, wipers, and indicators work
- Fuse box free of corrosion/messy splices

5. Interior

- Seats intact, frames not rusted
- Dash condition (cracks common)
- Headliner and carpet condition
- Heater controls and vents functional

6. Authenticity & Paperwork

- VIN matches title
- Features match model year (windshield, dash, bumpers)
- Maintenance history if available

7. Test Drive

- No grinding or odd engine noises
- Steering tracks straight
- Brakes work evenly
- Engine pulls smoothly without hesitation

Take this Super Beetle to a VW Shop to have it properly inspected is always your best advice