



Vehicle Restoration Information

We are a full-service restoration/preservation shop and we have completed a number of diverse and unique **pre-1979 air-cooled Volkswagens and Porsches** in the past. Please check them out in our Previous Projects link in the photo gallery! We pride ourselves in delivering a product that is completed to a high standard of finish. If what you're looking for is a complete, ground-up restoration or a preservation job on a very original vehicle... well, you've come to the right place. We cut no corners at Monkey Nut, and we're proud of the fact that our finished vehicles leave here fully tested and a realization of our customer's visions—including tasteful customizations and modifications that can take these cars from mild to wild!

In order to get this process started, it makes the most sense to buy the most straight and rust free vehicle possible for restoration. The interior, drivetrain, etc. are generally less important than the overall condition of the body, as rust repair and body work make up a significant portion of the restoration cost. We strongly encourage customers to include us in the process of seeking a worthy restoration candidate. When all is said and done, a vehicle we have helped chose to restore can take less time, cost less money, and be less risky for the customer. But, if you're absolutely in love with *your* vehicle, and you want Monkey Nut to restore it, that is an option we would consider.

Here are our terms and conditions:

Initial inspection: The first step is to send in photographs of your vehicle so we can see if there are any obvious reasons you should not restore it. Photos will give us a rough idea of what level of work will be required. When the vehicle gets here, we will make the final determination if it is a good candidate for restoration. If it is not a good candidate—too rusty, bad accident history, etc.—we will decline to restore it, as that would not be in your best interest.

Restoration cost: We will consider this restoration project for work at our highest level. The cost will reflect this, and you will have little input in how we do this part of the restoration. You as the customer will have significant input on the numerous options and customizations you would like (like motor size, lowering vs. stock height, interior/exterior colors and materials, disc vs. drum brakes, final drive ratios, etc.). Quite simply: The cost will be what it is and we cannot commit to a fixed estimate. Based on the market prices for parts and the completion of numerous previous projects, full rotisserie/body-off restorations will typically cost a minimum of \$50K and the sky is the limit from there, depending on the options you choose. We also complete a number of phase-restoration projects where customers ask us to take on discrete aspects of a project at a time in order to break up the total costs involved. Due to the nature of this type of work, the *exact* cost of a project will not be known until the end of the restoration project. We do provide consistent updates on progress and costs along the way.

Completion time: It is unlikely that your restoration project will take less than a year. Typically speaking, these projects take between 12-18 months. The bottom line is this: The project will take as long as is necessary to complete and test it, and Monkey Nut cannot accommodate any time restrictions, future travel plans, or implied deadlines.

Parts payment: Once the restoration estimates are written up, Monkey Nut requires payment for all of the primary/major parts set aside for your project. This usually adds up to about 50% of the total cost and serves as a

retainer for our labor services representing your commitment to the project.

Payment information: The initial 50% payment and estimated balance (when the project is close to being finished) are to be paid via bank wire transfer or bank check. Any small remaining balance can be paid with a credit card, PayPal, check, or cash. Any remaining credit will be reimbursed with a Monkey Nut company check or refund to your PayPal account or credit card (if applicable). Refer to our Long Term Service Agreement for billing frequency, invoice limits, and payment timelines. Please note that all parts installed within the state of North Carolina, will be subject to applicable sales tax.

If you are in agreement with the above terms and conditions, we can start talking about your specific vehicle and the restoration project ahead. The first step is to get some photos.

Please take photos of the following:

- Left front corner from about 10' away (w/ top up, if camper bus)
- Right rear corner from about 10' away (w/ top up, if camper bus)
- VIN badge on the dashboard
- Instrument cluster
- Engine compartment
- Exhaust system and suspension (as many as you can shoot)
- Close-up shots of any flaws and/or rust spots

Also, please relay any recent major repairs that we should know about or custom work requests that might affect the restoration. If you feel you have already done much of the stuff we normally do, your vehicle is probably NOT a good candidate, because we would just end up re-doing much of it.

Armed with this information, we will be able to determine whether your vehicle is a good restoration candidate. Send your photos and information to monkeynuts@monkeynutvw.com.



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