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*could save you 1000's.*

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*should be paying for it. Having helped you decide these factors, this guide then takes you through the buying process. It explains what equipment you'll need, including diagnostic software, and shows you how to quickly determine whether to look at a particular car in more detail, or to just walk away. A comprehensive and thorough evaluation section, with a points scoring system, lets you fully assess a prospective purchase, and detailed illustrations show exactly what to look for. With advice on paperwork and buying at auctions,*

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*every aspect of sourcing your car is covered. Having helped you to find your dream car, the guide goes yet further to give you all the contact information you need to get involved with the TT-owning community and making the most of your new pride and joy!*

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*marque specialist. You'll be guided through the production changes and problem areas between model years to make sure their restoration or prospective purchase is correct, original, and legitimate. You'll learn a unique points system will help you to place the cars value in relation to condition whilst extensive photographs illustrate the problems to look out for. This is an important investment - STOP! Don't buy a Subaru Impreza without buying this book first! One hundred color photos, useful appendices, and expert advice means this book could save you*



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## **Volkswagen Bus**

### **1987 To 1994**

For anyone with an interest in, or who is thinking of buying, one of the already classic Jaguar XK sports cars from the 1996 to 2005 period, this Essential Buyer's Guide is a vital requirement. All the models are covered, from the early 4.0-litre models with the infamous Nikasil engines, through to the very last and highly sophisticated 4.2-litre S, with mention of the special editions available in selected markets. All models are looked at in detail, and analysed for their strengths and weaknesses to provide the best possible advice on what to look for and how to buy the best car you can afford. A

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with good advice from running costs, through paperwork, vital statistics, valuation and the Mercedes community, to will it fit in your garage and with your lifestyle? This is the complete guide to choosing, assessing and buying your dream car.

Stag enthusiast Norm Mort teams up with Stag restorer and expert Tony Fox to write this handy pocket-size guide. Triumph's Stag combined the smoothness and performance of a V8 in stylish Italian coachwork designed by Giovanni Michelotti, which allowed for both closed and open grand touring. This Essential Buyer's Guide examines the model's history, evolution, features, fittings, performance and typical problem areas through detailed text and colour photographs of both restored

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and original examples. Like Veloce's other Essential Buyer's Guides this book features chapters such as "Is it the right car for you?", a very detailed checklist for rating a potential Stag purchase, advice on deciding whether or not to restore a Stag, paint problems, issues that can arise through under-use, and lists of clubs and spares specialists. Tony Fox bought his first Stag in 1991, and a total of ten other Stags came and went in the years that followed. He is a director for the Triumph Stag Club, USA and coordinator for the Stag in the Toronto Triumph Club. A Triumph and Stag enthusiast, Norm Mort has written for car magazines and newspapers for the past 25 years. This is his fourth book on automotive history and restoration.

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*you identify the model that suits you, tell you what to look for when inspecting a car, and provide you with all the necessary procedures to go through to ensure the car is what it appears to be. The Model T Ford is unique. In 1920, more than half the cars in the world were Model Ts, and when production ended in 1927, 15 million had been built. Thousands survive to this day, and there's a worldwide community of enthusiasts who enjoy the Ford's simple practicality, robustness, and affordability. What's more,*

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*availability parts for cars and trucks is excellent. This book has been written by two expert enthusiasts with more than 50 years' and tens-of-thousands of miles combined experience of the Model T. It describes all the many variants and changes, and even explains how to drive a Model T - different, but not difficult. It helps you decide exactly what sort of Model T you want, and what to look for when you go to examine one. More than 70 contemporary and modern photographs accompany and support the text and tables.*

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*This book is essential reading for every MGB enthusiast. The mechanical aspects and the restoration of the vehicle have been written about in numerous publications but the so often maligned electrical systems has never before been comprehensively covered. For those new to vehicle electrical systems the book provides a simple primer using mechanical analogies. Each system in the car has its own chapter, with simple and uncluttered circuit diagrams in which each wire can be seen in its real colours. More than a how-*

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*to-do guide, the book also explains the "why" of each system and procedure, aiding diagnostics when things don't go quite as they should. The many fault finding guides help pin those elusive problems down. For those wishing to improve the car for reliability and safety.*

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*many Mercedes fans - the last to be built to the marque's legendary standards of construction. With that sophistication came new levels of equipment and unprecedented complexity. For would-be buyers today, there are more points than ever to watch out for. The cars' weight also puts strain on components such as the brakes and suspension. Choosing a good R129 demands care. This buyer's guide will help you do just that. Learn about the differences between models, and what to look for when buying. What are the true*

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*running costs, and what issues - with the mechanicals, body or interior - should you be wary of? Find the answers to these questions and information about the clubs and specialists who can help look after your R129 today.*

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**Ford's Focus Mk1 was a game-changing family hatchback, setting new standards for ride, handling and driver enjoyment. The sporty ST170 was noted for being a top-notch all-rounder, while the rapid RS broke the mould for front-wheel-drive hot hatchbacks, offering outstanding ability on road or track. Today, the ST170 and Mk1 RS are highly-regarded driver's machines, while gradually gaining cult status – and increasing value – among classic collectors. But both machines suffer the potential for rust, neglect, abuse and accident damage – which makes buying one a task that's fraught with risk. To help the would-be RS or ST driver, this quick-reference guide acts as a handy**

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**pocket-sized companion during the purchasing process. It aims to help buyers select the best car, pay the right price and avoid any pitfalls. Written by a motoring journalist, long-term fast Ford enthusiast and Focus ST owner, this one-stop package of great advice includes at-a-glance tips, illustrated in-depth inspection guidance, specifications, real-world cost considerations and even notes on which modifications to avoid.**

**Judged by many to be the most attractive MG ever produced, the MGA is not only good-looking, but also fun to drive, coping very well with modern traffic demands. In this book you will find advice on choosing the right model, and discussion about potential ownership costs.**

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make the right decision. This is an important investment – don't buy an MGB or MGB GT without reading this book first.

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With nearly 2.7 million cars produced, Mercedes' W123 series was hugely successful. As well as the practical saloon (sedan), Mercedes offered a stylish coupe and a roomy estate (wagon), which was built in-house for the first time. Often considered the marque's best-

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engineered cars of all time, they are increasingly sought after as modern classics, yet many are still suitable to drive every day. From the taxi ranks of Germany to the dusty roads of North Africa, many of these cars have led a hard life, and examples in good condition are becoming ever more difficult to find. This guide will help you learn about the differences between models, and what to look for when buying. What are the true running costs, and what issues - with the mechanicals, body or interior - should you be wary of? Is a restoration worth considering? This handy guide will take you step-by-step through the process of finding and evaluating a good W123 and making a successful purchase. Essential data

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and information about clubs and specialists will help you look after and enjoy your W123 today.

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