

MOTORING MATTERS *by Anthony Goodwin*

3RD GENERATION SCIROCCO



Over 34 years ago the original Scirocco was launched at the Geneva Motor Show, after a 15 year break its back and better than ever! The New Scirocco is wider and longer than the Golf on which it's based, but at nearly 10 centimetres lower it really enhances its sporty look. For those of you that know the VW marquee, you will also notice that the VW badge has been moved from its traditional position in the grille to the bonnet. When designing the new car VW decided to move away from the usual sloping roof of a coupe, instead they have used a steep hatch with a long roof and vertical tailgate. This means you can comfortably fit four adults of above average height and luggage, so it's not only stylish, it's practical too.

We have had two test vehicles the 1.4 TSI and 2.0 TSI, both of which certainly got looks and many comments for people. It is definitely a "look at me" car, more so in my favourite colour Candy White! There are some nods to the old models such as the triangular grab handles on the doors.

Overall the interior is light airy and instruments are driver focused. I liked the chrome ringed white backlit dials, with a flat bottomed contoured sports steering wheel which had multifunction buttons on it



to control the stereo, sat nav and most other changeable functions of the car. One of the many options available is parking sensors, this to me is a must due to the car being wide at the rear with large A pillars.

Standard equipment includes ABS with hydraulic brake assist, ESP including electronic differential lock and ASR traction control, 6 airbags, automatic lights and wipers. The touch screen stereo system with 6 disc auto-changer with both iPod and USB connections sounds fantastic; when you plug your iPod into the system you can use the steering wheel controls for all the functions of your iPod. Our test vehicles came with the upgraded system which came with DVD touch screen sat nav with 30 GB hard drive, SD reader and integrated Bluetooth connection for your mobile. This saves on having a Bluetooth headset and remembering to keep it charged!

There isn't a Euro NCAP rating for the Scirocco yet, but as it is based on the Golf, it will probably receive the same 5 star rating, with great results for both adult and child passenger and safety assist. Due to extensive security and safety features the car falls into insurance groups 12 – 16 which is great for a car with its sporty pedigree. With a 3 year warranty, 12 year body protections guarantee, 3 year paint warranty and 1 year membership to VW assist it has a good after sales package.

Prices start at £19,110 for the 1.4 TSI 6 speed manual, it falls into band D road tax £125 per year. With the range topping GT 2.0 TDi CR coming in at £23,060 band E, which is just £120 per year.

VW are one of the many manufacturers that have signed up to the governments scrappage scheme so now is the perfect time to trade in your pre 1999 model for a shiny new one.

APPEAL FOR HELP

We are anxious to trace the driver of a black cab that was operating in the Regent Street area on the early morning of **17th January 2009**.

On that morning, between the hours of 4am and 5am, at approximately 4.20am, a black cab took a fare outside Burberry at 165 Regent Street. The cab had been proceeding up Regent Street from the Piccadilly Circus area. The persons that hired the cab were a well dressed black man, 6'2", aged 29 and a blonde smart/casually dressed woman aged 26.

In the cab there was a discussion between the parties as to whether the cab driver should take them to Hoxton or Islington. Eventually Islington was the chosen venue where the cab left the parties at Jutland Close, Islington.

The cab driver was aged between 40 - 50, with short cropped white hair, possibly balding and wearing a pink shirt.

If you are the driver we seek and feel that you are able to help we should be grateful if you would contact us at the following address:

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