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<p><b>keifernet</b> Samba Search &amp; Rescue</p>  <p>Joined: 11 May 2002 Posts: 6508 Location: In the samba behavioral studies lab...</p>	<p> Posted: Wed Sep 08, 2004 12:56 pm Post subject:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p> <p><b>steve74baywin wrote:</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>keifernet wrote:</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p>Post the info so people can be aware of this guy's future sales?</p> <p>Keep digging, I think I see daylight! 😊 😊</p> </div> <p>I tried to find it on ebay, guessing when auction ended based on when they picked it up, but I couldn't find it.</p> </div> <p>I think the auctions can only be seen by the winner/ and seller after the auction ends... unless you are bidding on an item and leave it in your " my e-bay " ?</p> <p>OG JHC TX Chapter</p> <p>"All politicians are puppets, WE the PEOPLE need to pull the strings better..."</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p>
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<p><b>78westy not westy78</b> Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 24 Jul 2004 Posts: 172 Location: detroitish MI</p>	<p> Posted: Wed Sep 08, 2004 1:27 pm Post subject:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p> <p><b>Bottomend wrote:</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p>Leader has finally stopped asking for rides to Best Buy to get the car stereo (on credit). I had to level wiht him that if he has ( for example) a \$1000 limit on his card, taht he doesn't wanna use up potential resourse that he might need later down the road ( literally!) that cool new stereo wont be very usefull on a freeway ramp broken down. He said thats the best time to have tunes! I kinda agreed....</p> <p>We are all REALLY excited to read these postings. it's been a great source of energy to hear from everyone. You guys are as much a part of this as we are, believe it or not!</p> </div> <p>While there is a pause in the repair thread, as bottomend attends to his other job, I think this critical stereo issue needs to be addressed. I have to side with Leader on this one; ya gotta admit, his logic is unassailable!</p> <p>In order that the flame of hippy-dom not be extinguished from the earth, they must spend their last dime on a sweet stereo, and depend on the future kindness of strangers for things like meals and car repairs.</p> <p>Being practical and thinking about the future is so.....normal.</p> <p>By the way, Bottomend, if you care to share your Paypal ID, I'd love to send you \$20 to pay for the next round of burritos. That'll be very cheap entertainment if it helps you keep the thread going.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p>
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**mattcuddy**  
Samba Contributor



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Location: Philadelphia, PA

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Matt Cuddy  
Phila, PA - 1979 Westfalia

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**Bottomend**  
Grease

Joined: 20 Sep 2003  
Posts: 999  
Location: Smell Aye! via  
Nude Hamster!

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Posted: Wed Sep 08, 2004 2:58 pm Post subject:

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Just got home from work and had my first burrito of the day. I'm working for the Emmy's telecast (dont ask) and I guess you could say I'm hob nobbing with the high faluting Hollywood crowd. Hey, money is money, right?  
A women walked up to the bus this morning saying she was ' being followed by a guy in a white car". I dont know what kind of entertainment/information value that little bit has but I thought i'd let you guys know about it.  
Nobody freeked out or got arrested ect...

I'm about to go get two more oil strainer plate gasket sets from the store. I'm gonna try RTVing the gaskets together to make sort of a " SUPER GASKET". I also got my torque wrench calibrated. I guess I have a pretty good touch because the calibration I did on my own was actually right on the money! Hippys = good vibes. Hippys+ green bus = The Great Unknown.... Wish me luck...!

Heres something I forgot to mention about the lifter I took apart yesterday was concave. Arn't hydraulics supposed to be convex like a regular lifter?

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**mattcuddy**  
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Posted: Wed Sep 08, 2004 3:24 pm Post subject:

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not doubting your knowledge, but just to make sure, as often people mess it up and you're having such a leak there: When putting on the oil strainer plate/gasket, it goes (top to bottom) engine, gasket, strainer, gasket, metal plate. Sometimes people put both gaskets before or after the strainer. ( engine, gasket, gasket, strainer, metal plate) causing a leak.

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Type 2 Convert



Joined: 01 Nov 2002


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**keifernet**

Samba Search & Rescue



Joined: 11 May 2002  
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behavioral studies lab...

Posted: Wed Sep 08, 2004 6:23 pm Post subject:



**mattcuddy wrote:**

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Thanks, I am not a big e-bay'er so I was not too clear on that.

**bottomend wrote:**

A women walked up to the bus this morning saying she was ' being followed by a guy in a white car". I dont know what kind of entertainment/information value that little bit has but I thought I'd let you guys know about it.

Well if she asked if she could hide inside the hippie mobile and ended up shagging the crew of the green "Hippiemobile" then there might be some entertainment value there...

I can see it now "Behind the Green Sliding Door" 😊😄

**Norman wrote:**

If this clown ripped these guys off on the auction, then why isn't anyone filing a fraud complaint?

Good luck filing a fraud claim, If the guy is a dead beat whose really going in the hospital... I don't think there's much hope in that.

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"All politicians are puppets, WE the PEOPLE need to pull the strings better..."

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**Bottomend**

Grease

Joined: 20 Sep 2003  
Posts: 999  
Location: Smell Aye! via  
Nude Hamster!

Posted: Wed Sep 08, 2004 6:44 pm Post subject:



LIFE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We got it started. Oil leak seems to be fixed . everythings hold. i'll go into detail later. Right now I need some important Q's answered. I' put the hippys on tranny draing duty while I'm here getting more grease on my computer. Here goes....

My tach just took a nose dive so i cant tell where it's idleing but i 've got a pretty good ear and I think it's up around 1200-1300 range. Where is the adjustment to get this thing within sanity?

My timing is set to 7.5\* BTDC. this is not a Vacuum dist. It has a pertronix installed. it only gets up to about 24\* BTDC total at ( I estimate ) 3000-3500. What am I missing here? Can i throw in my old SVDA from AC.Net that has a pertronix installed? Will this SVDA give the hippys at least 30 \* total advance or does it need the vacuum

can hooked up to make it work properly?

I tried un hooking the brake booster thing at the one way valve inside the engine compartment and the engine will immediatly die. i tried it a verious RPMS with the same results.

I can hear the lifters knocking away. i'm not worried...yet. ha ha ha.

A few funny thing happened today but i dont have time to talk ( it's getting dark....AGAIN!) Ok, time for one quick story...

Leader was riding in the back of my bus kinda propped up against the wall and there was another bus in the lane next to us . he says " hey is that a VW bus?" He was trying to get a look at the front to see if it was!! Residual and I rolled our eyes and i told him ( Leader) that he should'nt HAVE to see the front to be able to tell if it's a VW. He kept making excuses about how it's not possible to tell it apart from other vehicals unless you look at it from the front. we were giving him a real hard time over this one and i was threatening him with the punishment now known as ' a posting'. "You're gonna get a posting for that one!" Good, huh?

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### Bottomend

Grease

Joined: 20 Sep 2003  
Posts: 999  
Location: Smell Aye! via  
Nude Hamster!

Posted: Wed Sep 08, 2004 9:17 pm Post subject:



Well, we've been running the bus standing still for 15 minutes and it's sounding good. there is no leakage ...yet. We're getting ready to go to Auto Bone and do a oil change in thier parking lot. I found the idle screw ( it's the BIG one!) and got the timming to settle down a bit. I found a distributor in one of the cubby hole and it has a vacuum can on it. maybe it's the stock dizzy? i looked in the Idiots manual and i couldn't seem to match the pix with the reality in the engine bay. I was looking for the place where a vacuum line can attach to ...no luck.

I found the oil pressure switch was un hooked so i wired that back up.

I told the guys to get the pop top taken down and Leader asked why cant we drive with it up because it "Looks cool". I mean, what am I gonna say in response???!!!!

Theres seems to be a pretty significant exhaust leak from the canister in the exhaust. Is this a cataletic convertor?

It's been a good day overall. this one will be "the short day " at 7 hours long. Near the end the talk of going to the stereo store picked up to a pretty good rate till I had to speak up and tell them that I'm gonna do EVERYTHING i can NOW to prevent them from breaking down again in 500 miles. I laid out a few gruesome examples of what they could expect to happen if we start cutting corners at this stage. (I guess the CV boots wer'nt enough for them...)

These guys are on a different plane. I swear, everytime I turn my back, they get into thier" love and peace" thing and light up the incense. i have to constantly give 'em something to do , otherwise i'm a one man band out there! I'm not complaining, I'm just pointing out the difference in posture. People are different.... thats a good thing. I've learned sooo much from this experience, I cant begin to tell everyone. i havent had time to read through all the posting's , but I'll go back over the next couple of days and try to respond as best as I can. It has been a wonderfull inspiration to know that people from all over have enjoied my thoughts on this experience. it's almost like it isn't happening to me. Kinda like i'm a vessle for some kind of high good or something. Helping others feels...GREAT!

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### ratwell

Samba Contributor



Joined: 26 Apr 2003  
Posts: 5791  
Location: Cupertino, CA

Posted: Wed Sep 08, 2004 10:21 pm Post subject:



#### Bottomend wrote:

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That's normal. A big vacuum leak like that will cause the engine to die.

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<p><b>DanWesty</b> Samba Contributor</p> <p>Joined: 22 May 2004 Posts: 72 Location: Los Angeles</p>	<p>Posted: Wed Sep 08, 2004 10:57 pm Post subject:</p> <p>Incredible story, bottomend. I'm wondering how much they paid for this bus. The reason I ask is that I also bought my bus on ebay. The seller pulled the same kinds of tricks (pics of only the good areas etc). I was expecting a near perfect bus for a rock bottom price, I ended up getting basically what I paid for. If that's the case for the hippies then they shouldn't feel too ripped off for having had the seller lie to them. If they paid a premium then that's another story. Although they don't sound like the kind of people to hold a grudge.</p> <p>Dan</p> <hr/> <p>1977 Volkswagen Westfalia Deluxe</p>	<a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a>
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<p><b>ratwell</b> Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 26 Apr 2003 Posts: 5791 Location: Cupertino, CA</p>	<p>Posted: Wed Sep 08, 2004 11:02 pm Post subject:</p> <p><b>DanWesty wrote:</b></p> <p>I was expecting a near perfect bus for a rock bottom price, I ended up getting basically what I paid for.</p> <p>Even before eBay there were deals that were too good to be true.</p> <hr/> <p>'78 Westfalia CDN Live to ride, ride to break down <i>Read the Baywindow FAQ</i></p>	<a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a>
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<p><b>Bottomend</b> Grease</p> <p>Joined: 20 Sep 2003 Posts: 999 Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!</p>	<p>Posted: Wed Sep 08, 2004 11:10 pm Post subject:</p> <p>Cool. thanks Rat. So, is there a way to hook up the dizzy that has the vacuum can on it? Where does the vacuum line connect to. got a picture?</p> <p>so, heres the good news/bad news part ....</p> <p>I did the second oil change. it came out looking like it was 3000 miles or worse. I got the timing so it advances to about 28* I might have already psted that ... I'm pretty fried at this point.</p> <p>the guys say it just sounds the best it ever has. Thats encourgaeing. It does sound better than i remember.</p> <p>Now the bad news; I heard some soft low moaning/grinding sound. i jacked the bus up at Auto Bone while Residual was doing the oil change and did the front wheel shake check. it didn't pass. As a matter of fct... it was bad enough that I put my foot down and told them that they CANT leave LA with out getting them fixed/repaird. Am I being too harsh? I 'm pictureing Three screaming hippy's veering off a road into a ditch. 'sup dude?</p> <p>Can the wheel bearings be packed with grease like we did the CV's? money is tight, ya know?</p> <p>We're all in my place trying to get cleaned. Dreads dont like oil and dirt too much. We're going out for thai food. it's a new experience for these guys. Waterboy is really fussy. the others just eat whatever they brought.</p> <p>( I just handed Residue the Idiots book and asked him to look up Wheel Bearings. He's sitting here telling us that " I'm just not that good with words, man..." honesty is a nice thing.</p> <p>Residue just told me to tell everybody " that we're are incredibly cool so everyone please love us!!!!!!" these guys are getting comically weird. We gotta eat. Later.</p>	<a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a>
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<p><b>DanWesty</b> Samba Contributor</p>	<p>Posted: Wed Sep 08, 2004 11:15 pm Post subject:</p>	<a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a>

Joined: 22 May 2004  
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Location: Los Angeles

**ratwell wrote:**

**DanWesty wrote:**

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Even before eBay there were deals that were too good to be true.

I agree with you Ratwell, but before ebay you usually had the benefit of seeing something with your own eyes before buying it. I bid on and won my bus but when I went to pick it up I still examined it before I paid. I figured the worst thing the seller could do would be to leave negative feedback if I decided not to buy it after having seen it. It sounds like the hippies didn't have this benefit.

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Grease

Posted: Wed Sep 08, 2004 11:25 pm Post subject:

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Location: Smell Aye! via  
Nude Hamster!

Oh yea! i forgot to mention that the stop plate shifter adjustment i did actually worked! This thing shifts better than mine now! brakes didn't fair as well. Pedal effort isn't as bad as before because we turned the star adjusters a bunch. I found a good way to stop though... use your heael instead of your toe and it's not that bad at all. ( but I still gave them the 'no tailgating' speech)

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**jeremysmithatshawdotca**  
Samba Contributor



Joined: 11 Feb 2002  
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Posted: Wed Sep 08, 2004 11:49 pm Post subject:

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Did you guys bleed the brakes yet? That might make a world of difference! It doesn't take a very big bubble to seriously impair the brakes, due to the extreme compressibility of air vs brake fluid.

Great work otherwise, you're going to have great karma after this, and your bus will love you for it!

Jeremy

<http://www.oddyenoughmosaics.com>

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**Bottomend**  
Grease

Posted: Thu Sep 09, 2004 3:18 am Post subject:

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Joined: 20 Sep 2003  
Posts: 999  
Location: Smell Aye! via  
Nude Hamster!

The brake bleed didn't happen. Sorry. You guys have seen what I've had to work with here. Honestly, using the "heal brake" method isn't too bad. I took them for a ride down my hill to prove that the bus can still navigate extreme pitches in this condition. Honestly, I wasn't sure if it would work but I went out on a limb. I told Waterboy ( the designated driver) to not let any speed build up and they 'd be ok.

Speaking of Waterboy...


He has been made the official ' idiot savant' of the group. This is a guy who moves soooo slow it would make a guy dragging Abe Lincoln's dead corpse uphill in a flood of molasses while reading the the book of Mormon backwards look fast by comparison. But he can work a flash light like no other.

And as we all just found out, he can double clutch like a mad man. On our way back from the Thai resturant ( it was heaven to SIT DOWN and eat something not wrapped in paper!) I was telling him about it. He had never heard of it and thought I was talking about engine brakeing. I explained the concept to him and did a demonstration. He picked it up with 2 miles and now he is doing it better than me! I've been practicing this technique since Colin showed me at the end of July! This isn't possible!!!! I swear I had him doing it between every gear. Up hills too! He just picked it up. He totally got the concept of listening to the engine RPM's and matching the tire's rotational speed. Amazing. Truly amazing....

The coolest thing Leader said tonight was this;

"isn't the oil dripping out of the bottom of the engine OK because it's vaporized and turning into water, right ?" I swear, thats what he said. Where does this stuff come from!!!!!!!!!!? It defies logic!

I feel like I am half the mechanic and twice the mechanic at the same time that I was before all this stuff took

<p>place. Is this possible?</p> <p>Last edited by Bottomend on Thu Sep 09, 2004 1:29 pm; edited 1 time in total</p>	
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<p><b>Bottomend</b> Grease</p> <p>Joined: 20 Sep 2003 Posts: 999 Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!</p>	<p>Posted: Thu Sep 09, 2004 3:26 am Post subject: <a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>Still waiting for info on repacking wheel bearings. Send a link if possible. I just spent 10 min's looking through my Bob Hoover archives and couldn't find much. I need the " survival version' of this procedure. thanks. Nite all...</p> <p><a href="#">Back to top</a></p> <p><a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">pm</a> <a href="#">AIM</a> <a href="#">gallery</a> <a href="#">ads</a></p>
<p><b>Randy in Maine</b> Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 03 Aug 2003 Posts: 4277 Location: The Beach</p>	<p>Posted: Thu Sep 09, 2004 4:42 am Post subject: <a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>Both Muir and Bentely describe it pretty well. Take apart and inspect. Clean. Grease. Re-install. If they have been driven while loose or the grease was dirty, they are likely to be "all boogered up" and wil need replacement. I think it is about \$35 for new ones for both sides.</p> <p>Keep in mind the drivers side has the reverse threads. Don't forget to put the speedo cable back in there.</p> <p>Defintely bleed out the brakes lines. These guys need all of the brakes they can get.</p> <p>Here is a little tip for determining if your noises are "top end" or "bottemend" (no pun intended but it does work here 😊). Hook up your timing light and if the noise is 1:1 (noise to light), suspect top end. If the noise is 1:2, suspect bottomend.</p> <p><a href="#">Back to top</a></p> <p><a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">pm</a> <a href="#">gallery</a> <a href="#">ads</a></p>
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