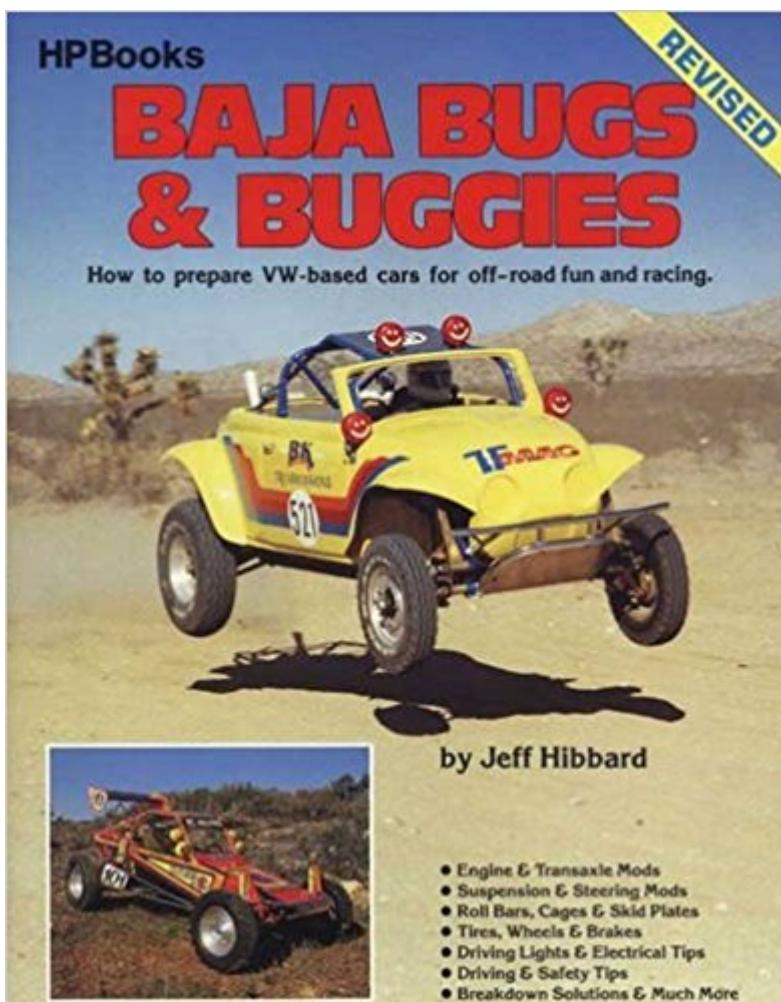


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# Baja Bugs And Buggies: How To Prepare VW-based Cars For Off-road Fun And Racing



## Synopsis

Prepping & Racing Bugs & Buggies The VW Beetle is uniquely suited for off-road use. Its torsion-arm front suspension and lightweight engine and transaxle make it natural. If you didn't know better, you'd think Dr. Ferdinand Porsche designed the Beetle to race the Baja. Veteran off-road racer, Jeff Hibbard, details the do's and don'ts of off-road preparation. Whether you build your car for recreation or full-race, this book has a plan for you. Avoid building a cosmetic off-road car. Learn what breaks and how to prevent it from breaking. Learn how to spend your off-road dollars wisely. This book is a must for sedan and buggy off-roaders alike!

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Great book. A Baja Bugs and Buggies: How to prepare VW-based cars for off-road fun and racing! used to race in Baja with the author. Shame he's gone now. This book could use a real update to cover advances in Baja Bugs and Buggies, but is still after 30 years quite effective. I had the original version the author self-published before HP books took it on. I own one of these HP versions that I got from the author 25 years ago when he asked me to proof read it for errors. I recently bought a copy through for my teenage son who is building his 1st Baja Bug. This one is in fine shape and my son is already getting good use of it. I highly recommend this book to anyone building or using a Baja Bug or VW-based offroad buggy. In online forums people in England, Germany, South Africa, Israel, Mexico, Malaysia, Australia and all over the world people refer constantly to this book. It is still the "Bible" to Baja Bug builders and offroaders of other types of VWs around the world.

This was a really good book. It might be a little bit old, but it tells you what is important depending on your levels of prep. I was simply preparing my Manx style dune buggy for occasional beach use. It goes through the basic prep to get miles for occasional off road use all the way to an entry level serious racer.

A bit dated ..and a lot of the companies are out of business.....But great info and advice...and the basics are always applicable.....

got this for my dad and his Baja VW. great resource.

I have a Porsche buggy with type 2 IRS and ball joint suspension. This book has a lot of good info to steer you in the right direction .

I just got this book two days ago and have read it cover to cover twice! It's well written, full of insight and great! My only qualm with it is that it's somewhat outdated. For example it really pushes you for a transaxle rear end largely due to parts availability and what not. That is very much no longer the case and people generally push for IRS setups now, especially due to the extra burl of the bus transmission! Overall, a great read though. It has me tons of ideas of work to do and has me highly motivated on things to do to my baja bug!

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This is a great book that has a vast amount of information for aspiring Baja builders (like myself) and experienced builders. There is a ton of information on every aspect of building a Baja bug. There is

information on suspension work, tire and wheel combos, engine setup, different aspects of the car that need to be properly reinforced for offroad use, skidplates, and rollcages. It is really nice how the author comments on whether or not certain modifications should be made for a daily driver bug or if modifications should only be done for serious off road racers. It really is a good book, and will serve as a good reference for all Baja builders. The only downside to this book is that some of the information is outdated.

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