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VW's reliable Golf keeps on running

OVER a 20-year period, Roger and Sally Pinhey have owned two Volkswagen Golfs, and they highly recommend them.

The 13-year-old 1.9TDi estate was purchased by the couple when it was just three months old, at a cost of £15,250.

It replaced their six-year-old P-registered Golf SE 1.9TDi estate, which they sold in part exchange for £2,800 in 2002.

"I have never really liked throwing money away on new cars," admits Sally, a botanical artist whose work hangs in the House of Lords.

"Roger had seen it in the local dealership but I was not interested. However, the sly salesman insisted that we should have it on loan for a day to see what we thought. And to my surprise we ended up buying it."

The silver four-door estate, which had 1,800 miles on the clock when it arrived at the Pinhey household, has since clocked up more than 147,000 miles mainly driving back and forth from their French holiday home, Le Pommier at Le Tranchardière, near Couptrain, Normandy.

With its cavernous boot, they have ferried some sizeable pieces of furniture while also utilising a trusty roof rack for additional space.

Inside, the hardwearing black interior is wearing well, and everything, including the all



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round electric windows, is working, apart from the air conditioning.

"I did pay quite a lot of money to repair the air conditioning, but it then broke again, so I've given up on it," says Roger, a retired Naval officer.

"I don't miss it, though. "We were offered £500 for it by a local garage. It's ridiculous, it's worth much more than that to us so we're keeping it."

Although the VW's bodywork has clearly seen better days, with a few scuffs and scratches here and there, the Golf is a reliable vehicle and has been driven all over Europe.

One of the roof rack fittings has broken and is held in place with a bit of tape, and so at speeds of 35mph to 40mph, it does judder, "which annoys some passengers," says Roger, "but I'm happy with it".

Equipped with a six-speed manual gearbox and cruise control, it still returns 50mpg. "I like the cruise control

because it makes driving more relaxed on the motorways," says Roger. "Sally is not so keen."

Roger and Sally bought their first Golf after owning a Passat for a number of years.

"I used to get electric shocks from the electric windows," recalls Sally. "Aside from that, it was a reliable car that we drove via Greece to Istanbul in Turkey to meet up with Roger, who was inspecting airfields for NATO at the time."

Regular servicing has seen numerous Volkswagen cars cover more than 300,000 miles.

With that in mind, this diesel Golf is not even half way through its life and so there is little need to buy another one.

In production since 1974, the Volkswagen Golf has a reputation for strong build quality. It is available as a hatchback, estate or cabriolet and its predecessor was the iconic Volkswagen Beetle.

In the 1980s there was a memorable television advertisement for the Golf where a driver becomes irritated by a squeak and he cannot work out where it is coming from.

Pulling into a garage, he gets a mechanic to give the car a once over, only to find that it's his girlfriend's earring. A fine way to show the great German build quality.

The first generation Golf was produced from 1974 to 1993 with



Facts at a glance:
Used price: £500
Price new: £18,000
Top speed: 117mph
0-60mph: 10.9secs
Power: 98bhp
Economy: 50mpg

the second generation running from 1983 to 1992. The third generation was manufactured from 1991 to 2002 and the fourth

generation from 1997 to 2010. The fifth generation ran from 2003 to 2009, the sixth generation was introduced in 2008 running to

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It is indeed a car that will go on and on...



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