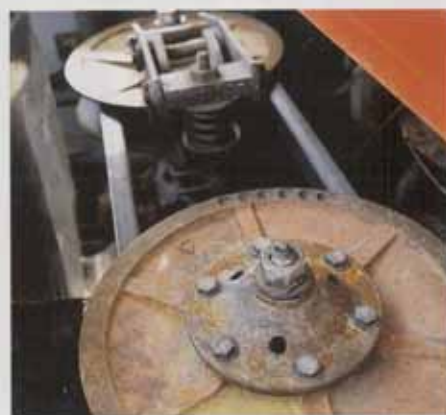




Far Left Here you can see the VW industrial engine, basically the same as a Beetle engine, but it's mounted in the front rather than rear

Left One thing you can't do is make a sharp turn in a Snow Trac. Try and turn quickly and the tracks will come off! They are hardly fast either, with a top speed of 18mph



These two shots show the drive system (left), which takes power from the gearbox to the tracks, and the dash (above), which still bears the dealer badge from the main UK agent, Alex MacLarty, in Crieff, Perthshire

Above Bob did the right thing getting Salvage Squad involved in the project. Just look at the state of it

Right Bob and Debbie on the day they were presented with the renovated Snow Trac – they look well pleased



been a wreck and there it was gleaming red against the white snowy background," he says. Bob was about to fulfill his dream of driving his own Snow Trac up a mountain.

"I had said I wanted to take the vehicle on an adventure and it was certainly that. We made it to the top, being filmed all the way. The cameraman, Will, was like an SAS soldier, rolling off a Skidoo into the snow to get the best shots, as I drove past. When we reached some three and a half thousand feet up, it was cloudy, but within ten minutes the cloud cleared and the sun stayed out for the rest of the day. It was a magical time and place on top of a snow-capped mountain in Scotland, looking out over a white sea of smaller mountains." The best thing for Bob wasn't that Suggs was waiting at the summit with a hot cup of tea – it was that he was up there for sunset. "It is a never to be forgotten memory."

The Snow Trac coped brilliantly, driving extremely well, but the brakes failed at the top of the mountain. It made it back down safely though, thanks to low gearing.

Since getting the renovated Snow Trac home, Bob has only shown it once and that was at the Stanford Hall VW show. He's hoping for a massive snowfall – about three feet should do – so he can take it out to play. Until then it just sits in the front garden, but that's fine, as Bob smiles every time he walks past it.



OWNER PROFILE

Name: Bob Bateman **Occupation:** Fire-fighter **Age:** 49
First car? VW Beetle found in a hedge
Dream car? 1924 Blower Bentley, Alvis Stalwart, Bat Mobile [Bob lost it at this stage]
Car you'd least like to own? Any 'bread and butter' car
When did you buy the Snow Trac? Spring 2003
Price paid? £500 **Any problems since the project was completed?** No snow!

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