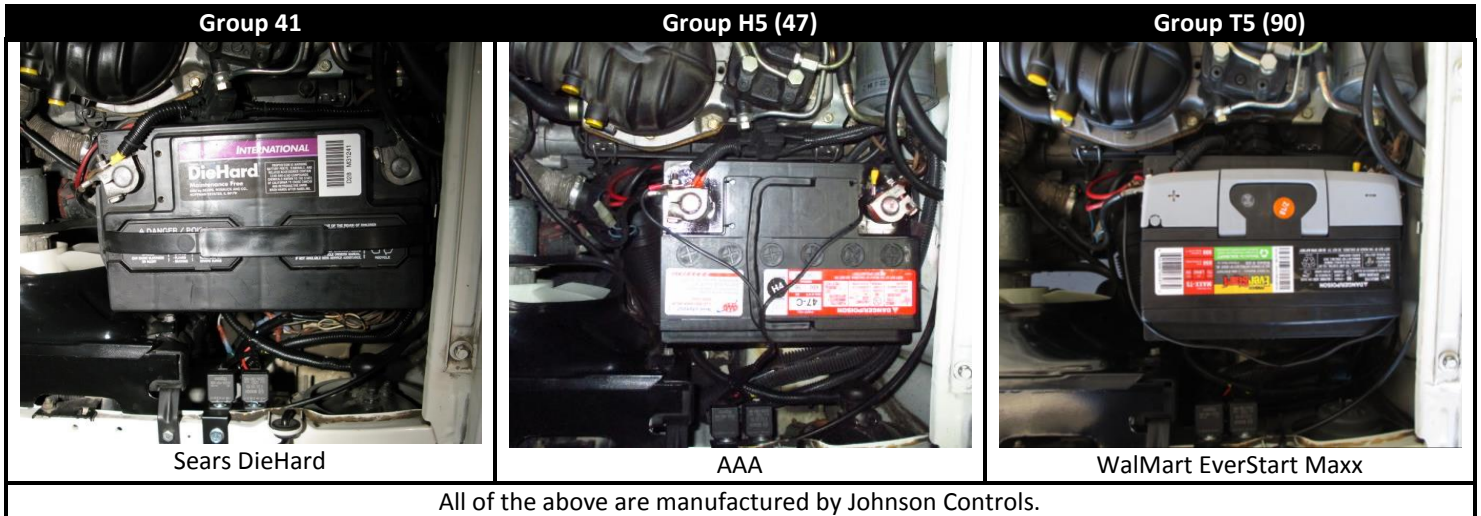


# Volkswagen Cabriolet

## DIY Guide: Starting Battery Options

In North America, the original equipment starting battery for these cars is a Group 41 lead acid. This battery size is beginning to become difficult to find. Given that the Group 41 is potentially on the discontinued list, are there any substitutes? Yes, indeed! For standard lead acid batteries, a Group H5/47 or Group T5/90 can be used in place of the Group 41 as seen below. However, you'll need to use a little something to wedge between the rear battery flange and the car's battery tray retaining lip due to the H5/T5 flange being slightly shorter than the 41 flange.



| Comparison of sizes: |                          |   |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---|
| H5<br>(47)           | 9.5"L x 6.9"W x 7.5"H    |  |
| T5<br>(90)           | 9.56"L x 6.88"W x 6.88"H |   |
| 41                   | 11.5"L x 6.9"W x 6.9"H   |   |

I have used all three in my '86 Cabriolet and I, personally, actually prefer the H5/T5 sizes. They are two inches shorter in length, allowing for less intrusion into the engine bay. YMMV.