

Rabbit

Rabbit Convertible





Rabbit 4-seater Convertible, Brazil Brown Metallic. Interior: Gazelle leatherette; top, Sand.

Rabbit Convertible. A very rare Original.

After 31 years and millions of convertibles, we're proud to report that the 1981 Rabbit Convertible is among the best we've ever built. And that the Rabbit Convertible is still a very sensible way to enjoy fresh air and sunshine.

While most of the very few convertibles still being built today are too small to be practical, Rabbit Convertible is big enough for four big people. And all their luggage, too. Even with the top down!

All this, and the Rabbit Convertible gives you excellent fuel economy,* too.

In fact, our Rabbit Convertible is quite unlike anything else you can own.

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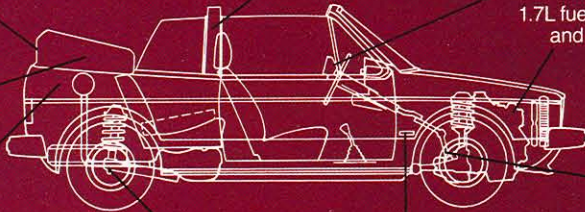
Real glass rear window with electric defroster, standard.

Integrated roll bar.

Left and right remote-controlled mirrors, standard.

1.7L fuel-injected OHC engine and 5-speed, standard.

Easy-operating, thickly insulated top.

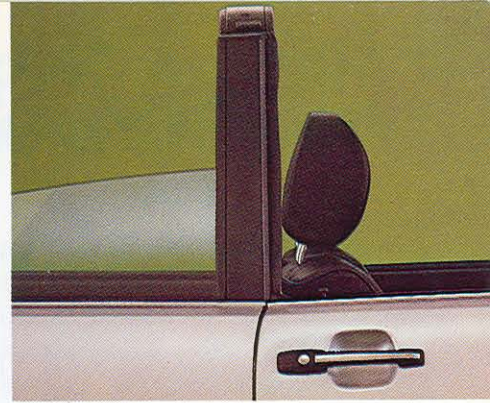


Front wheel drive.

Six cu. ft. storage room, 28.1 cu. ft. (measured per DIN specs) with seat back down.

Independent rear suspension.

Crafted by Karmann Coachworks.



Integrated roll bar.



4-passenger Rabbit Convertible. Diamond Silver Metallic exterior. Black leatherette interior. Black top.

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The top is three layers thick and made virtually by hand. And insulated to help keep out heat, cold, noise, and water. And in back, the rear window is made of glass and electrically heated to keep off ice and snow. The coachwork, by the way, is painstakingly crafted by the famous old-world firm, Karmann. So the fit and finish is nothing short of superb.

For power, our convertible is equipped with a 1.7L fuel-injected overhead cam engine, matched to a

5-speed gearbox with economical overdrive ratios. And inside the car, the appointments are luxurious. From the sumptuous upholstery to the cut pile carpeting. For your listening pleasure, Rabbit Convertible comes with an AM/FM stereo cassette sound system as standard equipment—complete with right and left in-door speakers. And there are front vent windows and remote-control outside mirrors on both sides.

As you can see, when Volkswagen promises you a rare original we go to any length to deliver.

Specifications, standard equipment and options subject to change without notice.

There are more ways than one to own the Original.

Exterior	Rabbit	Rabbit L	Rabbit LS	Convertible
Hatch-door support	Pneumatic spring			
Windshield wiper/washer	Electric, 2-speed wiper; electric washer			
Radiator grille	Black with bright edge plus horizontal bars			Not available
Bumpers	Bright aluminum w/black tape stripe	Bright aluminum w/black tape stripe	Bright aluminum with rubber strip and bumper overrides*	
Tinted glass, all around	Optional	Standard		
Front vent window	Not available	Optional	Standard	
Outside rearview mirror, left	Black		Black, remote control	
Remote-controlled outside rearview mirror, right	Optional		Standard	
Rocker panel molding	Black		Bright	
Hubcap	Bright	Bright w. trim rings	Full wheel covers, chrome	
Bright molding around all windows, rear hatch	Not available	Standard		
Protective molding, beltline	Not available	Standard		
Lockable fuel filler cap	Available thru dealer			Standard
Dual-tone horn	Not available			Standard

*Bumper overrides not on Convertible.

Interior	Rabbit	Rabbit L	Rabbit LS	Convertible
Seat belts, front	Inertia reel (2 sets)		Passive restraints (2 sets)	Inertia reel (2 sets)
Seat belts, rear	Retractor type (2 sets)			
Reclining front bucket seats	Not available	Standard		
Folding rear seats, to expand luggage space	Not available	Seatback and cushion, Standard		Seatback only Standard
Luggage compartment cover	Not available	Standard		
Front seat headrest	Integrated (non-adjustable)		Individual, adjustable	
Courtesy light switch	On driver side only	On driver and front-passenger doors		
Radio	AM/FM radio, optional			AM/FM stereo w/cassette player opt.
Electric rear window defroster	Standard			
Instrument cluster	One round instrument cluster with speedometer/odometer, fuel gauge.	Two instrument clusters, with resettable trip odometer, coolant temperature gauge, electric quartz chronometer.*		
Indicator and warning lights for oil pressure, coolant temperature, alternator, turn indicator, high-beam headlamps, brake "on", EGR, catalytic converter, seat belts, dimmer switch for instruments	Standard			
Instrument face-plate woodgrain w/chrome trim	Not available		Standard	
Tachometer, voltmeter, oil temperature gauge	Not available	Optional		Standard
Steering wheel	Midnight Blue	Color-coordinated	Color-coordinated padded	Foam-padded wheel
Glove compartment	Lockable			Lockable, illuminated
Child lock rear doors (4-door)	Not available	Standard 4-door		Not available
Luggage compartment floor	Vinyl-covered, one color	Optional carpeting	Standard carpeting	Rubber floor covering
Luggage compartment light, w/hatch switch	Not available		Standard	Not available
Swivel sunvisors, right/left	Not available	Standard		
Vanity mirror, right visor	Not available	Optional	Standard	
Headliner fully-padded	Standard			
Carpet trim, lower door panels	Not available		Standard	
Ashtray, rear	Not available	Optional	Standard	Not available
Cigarette lighter	Not available	Standard		
Fresh air and heater control	Standard			
Coat hooks, left/right	Standard			Not available
Seat hinge cover color-keyed	Not available	Standard		
Assist straps, rear passenger	Not available			
Intermittent wash-wipe feature	Not available	Optional	Standard	

*Digital clock on Convertible

Options that make the Original uniquely yours.

The following are individual popular Rabbit options and their availability.

Passive-restraint system (standard "LS"; optional "L" models).

Radio, AM/FM (optional).

Radio, AM/FM stereo pushbutton with cassette player (optional).

Diesel engine, 1.6 liter, 52 hp, L/LS only (with 63 Amp/hr battery, 55-amp. alternator). N.A. California.

Rear window wiper and washer, L/LS only.

5-speed manual transmission (L/LS only, with Diesel engine; Std., Convertible).

Sunroof, steel, with wind deflector (L/LS only).

Tinted glass, all around (std. L/LS and Convertible).

Air conditioning (optional on L/LS and Convertible).

Heavy-duty heat exchanger, all models.

Floor mats, front and rear.

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Rabbit Specifications.

ENGINE

Number of cylinders	4
Bore x stroke, gasoline.....	Inches—3.13" x 3.40" Metric—79.5mm x 86.4mm
Bore x stroke, Diesel	Inches—3.01" x 3.40" Metric—76.5mm x 86.4mm
Displacement, gasoline (inches/metric)	105 cu. in./1715cc
Displacement, Diesel (inches/metric)	97 cu. in./1588cc
Compression ratio	Gasoline—8.2:1 Diesel—23.0:1
Horsepower, SAE net	Gasoline—74 @ 5000 rpm Diesel—52 @ 4800 rpm
Maximum torque, SAE net.....	Gasoline—89.6 ft. lbs. @ 3000 rpm Diesel—71.5 ft. lbs. @ 3000 rpm
Fuel requirements.....	Gasoline—Unleaded only Diesel—No. 2 Diesel fuel

ENGINE DESIGN

Engine block	Cast iron
Cylinder head	Aluminum alloy
Valve train.....	Spur-belt driven, overhead cam
Cooling system.....	Water-cooled, electric radiator fan thermostatically-controlled; cross-flow radiator closed and pressurized
Fuel/Air supply	Gasoline—Continuous Injection System (CIS) Diesel—Spur-belt driven distributor-injection pump; Diesel injectors, "swirl" chambers and glow plugs

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Rated voltage	12V
Alternator output.....	55 Amp
Battery capacity	12V/54 Amp/hr (12V/63 Amp/hr with Diesel)
Ignition.....	Breakerless transistor (Diesel: compression ignition)
Cylinder firing order	1 - 3 - 4 - 2

DRIVE TRAIN

Clutch	Single disc, dry
Transmission, manual.....	4-speed, fully-synchronized transaxle; 1st gear: 3.45:1; 2nd gear: 1.75:1; 3rd gear: 1.06:1; 4th gear: 0.70:1; Reverse gear: 3.17:1
Transmission, automatic.....	3-speed transverse front mounted transaxle; 1st gear: 2.55:1; 2nd gear: 1.45:1; 3rd gear: 1.00:1; Reverse gear: 2.46:1
Final drive.....	Front wheel drive, double-jointed drive axles with constant-velocity (CV) joints

CHASSIS AND SUSPENSION

Chassis	Unitized body/chassis, bolt-on front fenders; 2-door and 4-door hatchback models, and 2-door Convertible model
Front suspension	Independent, coil shock absorber struts, negative steering roll radius
Rear suspension.....	Independent, stabilizer axle with coil/shock absorber struts

BRAKES AND WHEELS

Service brake	Power-assisted, hydraulic, dual-diagonal; discs front, drums rear; brake pressure regulator, rear
Emergency brake	Mechanical, acting on rear drums
Rims	4½Jx13 steel rim; 5Jx13 Convertible
Tire size.....	155x13; 175SR13 Convertible
Steering	Rack and pinion, double pivot steering column, 3.9 turns, lock to lock

DIMENSIONS

Length/Width/Height (unloaded)	Inches—155.3" L x 63.4" W x 55.5" H Metric—4397mm L x 1615mm W x 1360mm H
Wheelbase (inches/metric)	94.5"/2400mm
Track front/rear	Inches—54.7"/53.5" Metric—1390mm/1358mm
Turning circle (curb to curb).....	Approximately 31.2 ft.
Ground clearance (loaded).....	4.9"/125mm
Hatchback Opening (Ht/W/Diag)	51¾/29½/48¼/32

CAPACITIES

Fuel tank	10.0 U.S. gallons
Engine oil	4.7 U.S. quarts
Luggage space (seat up/down) ..	14.0 cu. ft./22.6 cu. ft. 6.0 cu. ft./25.0 cu. ft. Convertible

PERFORMANCE

Fuel consumption*	Gasoline: (24) estimated mpg; 38 estimated highway mpg Diesel: (40) estimated mpg; 52 estimated highway mpg
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Rabbit Convertible Colors and Trim

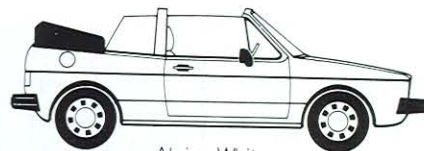
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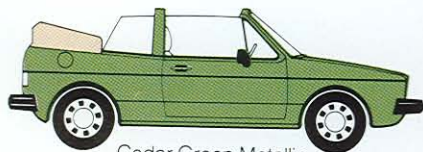
Mars Red



Black



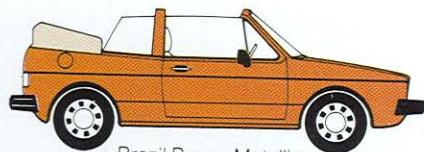
Alpine White



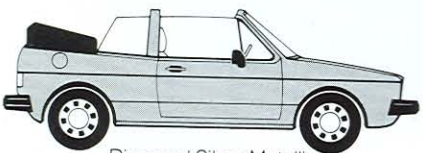
Cedar Green Metallic



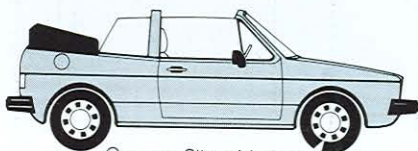
Indiana Red Metallic



Brazil Brown Metallic



Diamond Silver Metallic



Cosmos Silver Metallic

For other exterior/interior color combinations, please ask your Volkswagen Dealer for details.

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Interior

Leatherette



Black

Black interiors available with Mars Red, Black, Alpine White, Cedar Green Met., Indiana Red Met., Diamond Silver Met., Cosmos Silver Met.



Red

Red interiors available with Mars Red, Black, Alpine White, Indiana Red Met., Diamond Silver Met.



Ermine White

Ermine White interiors available with Black, Alpine White, Indiana Red Met.



Royal Blue

Royal Blue interiors available with Alpine White, Cosmos Silver Met.



Gazelle

Gazelle interiors available with Cedar Green Met., Brazil Brown Met.

Cloth (Sport Seat only)*



Red/Black

Red/Black interiors available with Mars Red, Black, Alpine White, Indiana Red Met., Diamond Silver Met.



Black/Gray

Black/Gray interiors available with Cedar Green Met., Cosmos Silver Met.



Convertible Sport Seat, optional

* Not available on Brazil Brown Metallic.



Sand



Black

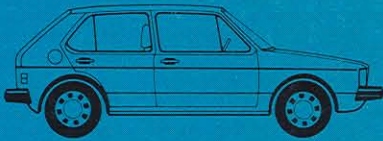
Top Color availability

Two top colors are offered, Black and Sand, in the following combinations:

Black Top with Mars Red, Black, Alpine White, Indiana Red Metallic, Diamond Silver Metallic, Cosmos Silver Metallic.

Sand Top with Mars Red, Black, Alpine White, Cedar Green Metallic, Indiana Red Metallic, Brazil Brown Metallic, Cosmos Silver Metallic.

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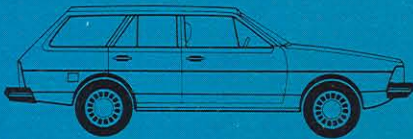
Rabbit.

In an era when most manufacturers are cutting performance, it is refreshing to find an extra measure of performance in the Rabbit. Plus room, comfort, handling and quality that's every inch VW. And there's even a convertible! All with Volkswagen's advanced engineering.



Scirocco.

An unbeatable combination: Aerodynamic styling by Giugiaro; fuel-injected, overhead-cam performance; and front wheel drive handling. Scirocco gives you real 2+2 seating comfort, and a surprising amount of luggage space. You'll like the exclusive look and the superb fit and finish of coachwork by Karmann.



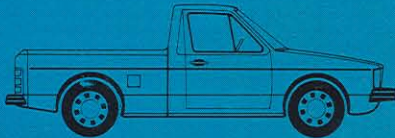
Dasher.

The luxury car from Volkswagen. Front wheel drive plus your choice of fuel-injected gasoline or Diesel powerplants. And, of course, all the amenities you expect from a luxury car. Enjoy the benefits of advanced engineering in a roomy Dasher sedan or station wagon.



Jetta.

The exciting luxury sport sedan with a trunk that is large enough for six good size suitcases. Fit and finish in the tradition of fine European sedans, plus the advanced engineering that has become a VW trademark.



VW Pickup Truck.

An exciting sports pickup truck. Front wheel drive for easier handling, and a fuel-injected gasoline or Diesel powerplant for great performance. Practical and fun to drive. It's built like a truck—but it drives like something else!



Vanagon/Vanagon® Camper.

Another exciting Volkswagen original. With great new looks and advanced engineering from the ground up. It combines the best of a van with the best of a wagon. The Vanagon Camper carries on a long tradition of careful craftsmanship and flawless design.

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