

1984 VOLKSWAGEN

# RABBIT



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Volkswagens changed forever the way people thought about cars.

The 1984 Rabbits continue in this great tradition.

They, too, continue to search for common sense answers to transportation problems. They, too, give you more than you expect.

More fuel efficiency. The Rabbit Diesel has been the mileage champion\* for the past seven years.

More responsive performance. The GTI actually handles as well as some of the world's great sports sedans.

More innovative engineering. Rabbits incorporate the same design and engineering features as cars costing many times as much.

In fact, the 1984 Rabbits give you so much more that they are considered one of the most outstanding values in the automotive world.

### THE 1984 VOLKSWAGENS. HEIRS TO A GREAT TRADITION.

Many years ago, a dedicated group of German engineers created the Volkswagen Beetle. It was more

than a new car. It was a philosophy of transportation. And it changed forever the way Americans looked at the automobile.

The Beetle incorporated ideas never before associated with a car. Ideas like: reliability, efficiency,\* durability, common sense, lasting value, fun to drive.

America never saw anything like it before. But it liked what it saw.

### EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.

Today, we still build these ideas into each and every 1984 Volkswagen. We continue to drive the avenues of innovation. We believe, not in gimmickry, but in advanced technology. And we will always dare to be different where it is meaningful.

We will not, for example, introduce styling changes every year simply for the sake of change. We think it's wasteful and detracts from the lasting value of the car. Instead, we design a Volkswagen not according to the whim of popular trends, but according to the natural laws of aerodynamics. This assures that your ability to

save money on fuel will never go out of style.

Volkswagen does not announce arbitrary annual "engineering breakthroughs." Instead, we believe in a continual process of refinement and improvement. As good as a Volkswagen is, it is never good enough. We constantly re-evaluate every part of every Volkswagen to see how we can make a good thing even better. So far, we've made over 15,000 changes and improvements on the Rabbit alone. And we're not through yet.

Nowhere is Volkswagen's pursuit of excellence more single-minded than in the area of quality control. Every part of every Volkswagen undergoes several inspections. First, under the unblinking eye of a computer. Then, under the sensitive fingers of an inspector. We're not sure who's tougher, but neither will let a Volkswagen out of the factory until it's Volkswagen perfect.

Finally, Volkswagen's idea of true economy\* is not merely saving you money. It's giving you more than you expect.

### ENGINEERED FOR DRIVING FUN.

The pleasure of owning a Volkswagen is surpassed only by the pleasure of driving one. This shouldn't be surprising. Volkswagens are designed by German engineers. Their passion for technical excellence is legendary. Volkswagens are also designed for Germans. Their passion for performance is just as exacting.

There are no speed limits on the autobahns. A Volkswagen must be able to cruise at steady speeds for hours on end.

Germany is crossed by some of the most rugged roads in Europe. A Volkswagen must be able to negotiate each tortuous curve effortlessly.

Germany boasts some of the most demanding drivers in the world. A Volkswagen must become one with the driver so that every driving command can be executed swiftly.

So if you take your driving just as seriously here in America, get behind the wheel of a Rabbit. You can count on driving pleasure day after day. Year after year.

That's what makes a Volkswagen a Volkswagen.

## THE 1984 RABBIT CONVERTIBLE. PROOF THAT GERMAN ENGINEERING CAN BE FUN.



At a time when most auto makers were turning away from the convertible, Volkswagen was turning thousands of drivers into open-air touring buffs. It's not surprising. Nothing is more exhilarating than driving this Volkswagen with the top down.

But before you put the top down, examine it a bit closer. The top, like the body, is custom made and hand-fitted by the master craftsmen of the famous Karmann coachworks. Its three insulated layers eliminate both moisture and wind

noise. As an added safety measure, a rear glass window equipped with an electric defroster, is fitted right into the top.

When the top is down, it's hidden securely in its boot. Another hidden feature of the Convertible is the structural reinforcement that went into the body to maximize its strength. All that's visible of these extraordinary protective measures is the sporty roll bar.

In addition to unlimited headroom, the Convertible offers a long list of standard

features, including a fuel-injected, 1.8 liter engine, 5-speed close ratio transmission, sport suspension, ventilated front disc brakes, a 4-speaker electronic stereo cassette radio and the kind of performance that goes perfectly with the wind in your hair.

The Convertible is an exciting and refreshing automotive idea. It combines the Germanic passion for driving performance with everyone's desire to have fun in the sun.



Opposite page: Alpine white Rabbit Convertible with optional light alloy wheels. Radio included as standard equipment on all convertibles.



# Technical Specifications

**POWER AND DRIVE TRAIN** 4-cylinder in-line spur-belt driven overhead cam engine, front mounted, transversely, light alloy cylinder head, crankshaft mounted on five main bearings with counter weights, pump driven oil pressure system with full-flow oil filter, pressurized cooling system with recovery tank, thermostatically controlled two-speed electric radiator fan.

	<b>Rabbit L</b>	<b>Rabbit L/GL***</b>	<b>Rabbit L/GL</b>	<b>GTI</b>	<b>Convertible</b>
Displacement	97 cu. in. (1588 cc)	105 cu. in. (1715 cc)	105 cu. in. (1715 cc)	109 cu. in. (1780 cc)	109 cu. in. (1780 cc)
Bore	3.01 in. (76.5 mm)	3.13 in. (79.5 mm)	3.13 in. (79.5 mm)	3.19 in. (81.0 mm)	3.19 in. (81.0 mm)
Stroke	3.40 in. (86.4 mm)	3.40 in. (86.4 mm)	3.40 in. (86.4 mm)	3.40 in. (86.4 mm)	3.40 in. (86.4 mm)
Horsepower	52 @ 4800 rpm.	65 @ 5000 rpm.	74 @ 5000 rpm.	90 @ 5500 rpm.	90 @ 5500 rpm.
Max. Torque ft. lbs.	71.5 @ 2000 rpm.	88 @ 2800 rpm.	90 @ 3000 rpm.	100 @ 3000 rpm.	100 @ 3000 rpm.
Fuel/Air supply	Diesel injection	Single venturi carburetor	Fuel injection	Fuel injection	Fuel injection
Ignition	Compression	Breakerless electronic	Breakerless electronic	Breakerless electronic	Breakerless electronic
Alternator output (max.)	14V/65 Amp.	14V/65 Amp.	14V/65 Amp.	14V/65 Amp.	14V/65 Amp.
Battery capacity	12V/63 Amp/h.	12V/54 Amp/h.	12V/54 Amp./h.	12V/54 Amp. h.	12V/54 Amp/h.
Transaxle	Manual 4	Manual 4	Manual 5	Manual 5 close ratio	Manual 5 close ratio
Gear ratios	3.45/1.75/1.06 0.70/F 3.89:1	3.45/1.75/1.06 0.70/F 3.89:1	3.45/1.94/1.29 0.91/0.71/F 3.89:1	3.45/2.12/1.44 1.13/0.89/F 3.94:1	3.45/2.12/1.44 1.13/0.89/F 3.94:1
Final Drive train	Front wheel drive, twin-shaft with double constant velocity joints (maintenance free)				

<b>DIMENSIONS, WEIGHTS, TIRES AND PERFORMANCE</b>					
Overall Length/Width/Height	153.3/63.4/53.2 in.	157.3/64.2/53.2 in.**	157.3/64.2/53.2 in.**	157.3/64.2/55.5 in.	159.3/64.2/55.6 in.
Curb Weight	1943 lbs.	2005 lbs.**	2046 lbs.**	2011 lbs.	2214 lbs.
Rim Size (material)	4 1/2 J x 13 (steel)	5 J x 13 (steel)**	5 J x 13 (steel)**	6 J x 14 (light alloy)	5 1/2 J x 13 (steel)
Tires (steel-belted)	155/80 R 13	175/70 R 13**	175/70 R 13**	185/60 HR 14	175/70 SR 13
Top speed (manual)	83 mph.	93 mph.	99 mph.	108 mph.	n/a.
Acceleration 0-50 mph.	12.2 sec.	8.8 sec.	8.5 sec.	7.2 sec.	n/a.
*EPA estimated mpg/Hwy mpg.	(47) /61	(31) /45	(31) /43	(26) /36	(27) /36

## BODY, SUSPENSION BRAKES AND STEERING

Two and four-door hatchback, unitized construction with energy absorbing front and rear crush zones, four wheel independent suspension, coil spring/shock absorber struts front and rear, T-beam rear stabilizer axle, dual-diagonal hydraulic brake system with power-assist and rear brake pressure regulator, fist caliper disc brakes - front, rear drums (self-adjusting), rack and pinion steering.

## STANDARD EQUIPMENT

Exterior: Bright anodized aluminum energy absorbing bumpers, rectangular headlights with solenoid controlled ignition override, break-away outside rear view mirror, tinted glass, protective belt line moulding, body cavity wax coating and full factory undercoating, steel wheel rims.

Interior: Padded dashboard with full instrumentation, including speedometer with trip-odometer, lockable glove compartment, vanity mirror, padded safety steering wheel with energy-absorbing and collapsible column, stalks mounted on steering column controlling high beams, turn signal, passing light, two-speed wiper with intermittent and wipe/wash cycle, door switch controlled courtesy light, wall to wall carpeting, reclining front bucket seats with adjustable head restraints, rear bench seat, 3-point inertia reel seat belts-front, retractor belts, rear, child safety locks on rear doors, illuminated ash-tray with cigarette lighter, front.

## ADDITIONAL STANDARD EQUIPMENT

GL/GTI/Convertible: Bumper strips and guards, wide wheel opening flares, halogen headlights, remote outside mirrors, integrated arm rests,

GTI/Convertible: Sport suspension with front and rear stabilizer bars, ventilated front disc brakes, center console with instruments, dual tone horn,

GTI: Rear window wiper, front air dam, sport seats, tachometer, sport steering wheel and Golf ball type shift knob, decor stripes and black rear hatch decal, black anodized bumpers.

Convertible: AM/FM stereo cassette radio with 4 speakers, vent windows, padded convertible top and protective boot, lockable gas cap, bright trim rings and hub caps, round headlights, tachometer and digital clock.

## OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

5-speed transmission, 3-speed Automatic, 5 J x 13 light alloy wheels, 175/70 SR13 BSW tires, 175/70 SR13 WSW tires, AM/FM radio, AM/FM stereo, AM/FM stereo cassette with manual tuning with 2 speakers, AM/FM stereo cassette with digital tuning with 4 speakers, radio prep. dual rear speakers, passive restraint system (n.a. on GTI), rear window wiper, sunroof, cold-climate package, cruise control, engine block heater, power-assisted steering, air conditioner, air-conditioner prep. (Diesel), vent windows, front license plate bracket, special instrumentation, metallic paint, leatherette, floor mats.

## OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT CONVERTIBLE

Air conditioner, cloth sport seats, sport steering wheel, 5 1/2 J x 13 light alloy wheels (4), 175/70 SR13 WSW tires, metallic paint, 3-speed Automatic.

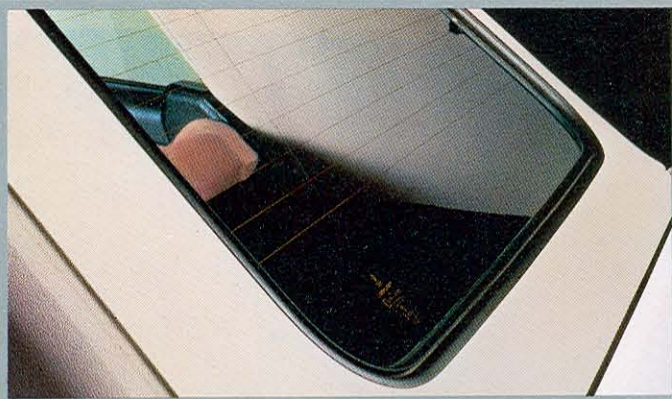
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EPA estimated mpg: Rabbit L diesel 47, Rabbit L/GL gas 31, GTI 26, Convertible 27, Jetta 43, Quantum 20, Vanagon 19, Scirocco 27.

\*Use the estimated mpg for comparison to others. Your actual mileage may vary depending on speed, weather and trip length. Your Highway mileage will probably be less.

\*\*Applicable to GL only. \*\*\*Carburetor engine not available in California.

STANDARD EQUIPMENT



Swivel sunvisor with vanity mirror.  
Rear window with heating elements.

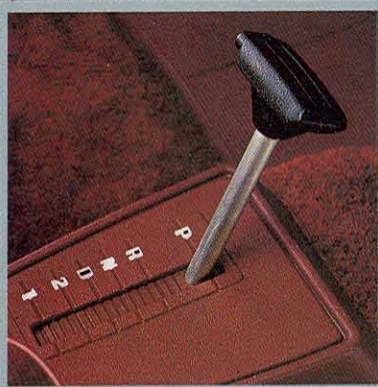


Rabbit Convertible interior: Center console with voltmeter, oil pressure and temperature gauge standard, sport steering wheel and cloth sport seats optional.



Lockable gas cap (Convertible only).  
Filler panel on front bumper (except Convert).

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT



Fully automatic 3-speed transmission.  
(Rabbit L, GL and Convertible).



Sport steering wheel with padded center hub.  
(Standard on GTI).



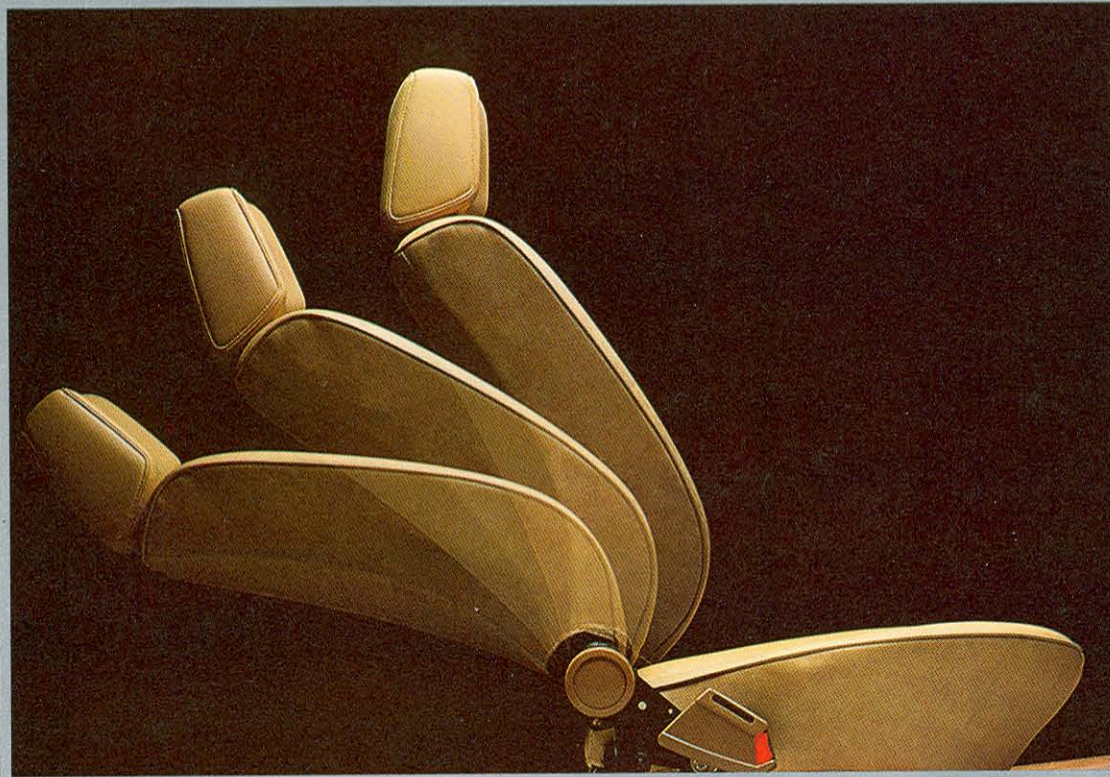
Electronic AM/FM stereo cassette and air conditioner.



Sunroof with air deflector.



Rear backrest safety release (Convertible only).  
100 mph speedometer face plate  
(except GTI).



Seat recliner mechanism with adjustable head rest.



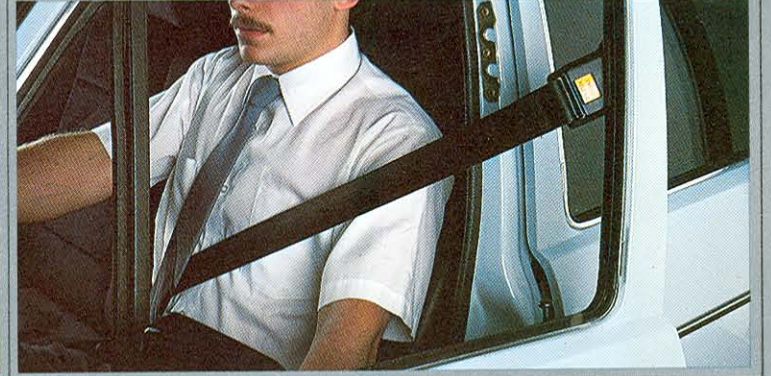
GTI light alloy wheel.  
Rabbit GL full wheel cover.



Rear window wiper and washer (standard on GTI).



5-speed transmission with overdrive ratio (Rabbit L and GL).



Passive restraint system (Rabbit L and GL only).

## THE 1984 RABBIT IS PART OF VOLKSWAGEN'S COMPLETE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

The Rabbit is part of a transportation system in which different Volkswagens are engineered to meet different driving needs.

The Rabbit is the Volkswagen benchmark of small family hatchbacks. It offers proven design. Excellent fuel efficiency.\* Responsive performance. A high level of standard equipment. And extraordinary value.

The Rabbit Diesel has the lowest price and highest mileage\* of any Volkswagen, and is the value leader in its class.

The GTI offers dazzling performance at a very modest price.

And the Convertible lets you enjoy open-air driving with exhilarating performance.

### A CHOICE OF VOLKSWAGENS.

If a Rabbit doesn't fit your particular driving needs, perhaps one of the four other Volkswagens below does. Whichever you select, you can be sure that it is completely and fully a Volkswagen.

Every Volkswagen is a model of value and efficiency.\* It offers the kind of reliability and durability you don't expect to find in any kind of product these days. It is designed with a Germanic passion for performance and technical excellence. And it will be fun to drive, and drive and drive.

### JETTA

The Jetta is the most affordable German sedan in the world. You enjoy excellent room, comfort



and fuel efficiency\* without sacrificing handling or performance. Its technical excellence makes it superior in value to European sedans costing much more.

### QUANTUM

The Quantum is a grand touring car that exemplifies the essence of German engineering. Discriminating car buyers choose it for its contemporary styling, outstanding performance and high level of standard comfort and convenience features.

### SCIROCCO

The high performance characteristics of the Scirocco go hand-in-hand with its championship racing heritage. This German sports car offers handling and performance in its most intelligent and practical form.

### VANAGON

The Vanagon has a new fuel-injected Water Boxer engine that's 22% more powerful and 19% more fuel efficient\* than its predecessor. Both the Vanagon and Vanagon Camper offer a unique combination of interior space, fuel efficiency and sedan-like performance and ride. Once again, Volkswagen asserts its technical leadership in the van market.

So when you choose your Volkswagen, choose it with confidence.

You'll not only enjoy it, you'll enjoy it for many years to come.

\*see specifications for EPA estimated mpg and disclaimer.

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