1984 VOLKSWAGEN

RABBIT

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Volkswagens changed forever the way people thought about cars. The 1984 Rabbets 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 gimmicky, 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 L — AN AMAZING COMBINATION OF DESIGN AND RELIABILITY

Under the hood you'll find an extremely efficient 1.6 liter engine with a 4-speed transmission or an optional automatic transmission. A car with the performance of the Rabbit L is also available.

Inside, you'll find an extremely generous amount of leg room and head room. Bucket seats are standard with fabric or leather upholstery. And an astonishingly spacious hatchback luggage compartment.

The Rabbit L also offers an assortment of comfort features, like electrically adjustable mirrors, power windows, power door locks, and an advanced sound system.

The Rabbit L is the perfect car for those looking for something more than just a basic mode of transportation. It's the perfect blend of reliability and style, making it a great choice for anyone looking for a quality car.
THE 1984 GTI. IT DOES EVERYTHING A VOLKSWAGEN DOES. ONLY FASTER.

This Volkswagen means business.

You sense it as soon as you settle into the cockpit.

Sports bucket seats with special lateral, lumbar and thigh support envelop you.

Now you have left the world of ordinary driving, and have entered the realm of spectacular GTI performance.

Nose into a curve.

Large, low profile steel-belted radials mounted on 14" alloy wheels tenaciously grip the road.

Higher rate springs, plus special valving for the MacPherson struts and rear shocks maximize the already taut handling.

Stabilizer bars add an extra measure of road-hugging ability to the 4-wheel independent suspension.

Stand on the brakes. Ventilated front discs help bring you to a controlled stop.

A sports steering wheel and shift lever await your grip.

All controls are perfectly placed. The full instrumentation can be monitored in a glance.

You turn the key and the fuel-injected, 1.8 liter engine roars to life. It is a full 90 horsepower, performance-tuned.

As you begin to accelerate, you'll notice that the 5-speed, close ratio transmission is perfectly synchronized with the engine. Maximum torque is quickly reached in each gear.

You have gone from 0 to 50 in a startling 7.2 seconds. The engine is not only effective. It is efficient. The GTI rewards you with an amazing 26 miles to the gallon.*

Despite its dazzling power and performance, perhaps the most outstanding feature of the GTI is its price.

The GTI is, after all, a Volkswagen.

*See specification section for EPA disclaimer.
THE 1984 RABBIT GL.
ENGINEERED FOR THE UPWARDLY MOBILE.

Demanding drivers not only want sophisticated engineering, they insist on comfort and a sense of well-being. The Rabbit GL fulfills this need admirably.

The Rabbit GL comes with 4 doors and a trunk spacious enough for a full set of luggage. Plush velour seats are standard, as are a list of amenities that make the Rabbit GL even more pleasurable. Wide profile steel-belted radial tires. Head rests covered in velour cloth. Special interior and exterior trim. Full wheel covers. Halogen headlights.

But because this is a Volkswagen, creature comforts are not only pleasurable, they’re also practical. Optional power-assisted steering, for example, lets you get in and out of tight spaces a lot easier. A rear window wiper is available simply because it rains on the rear window, too. And both the Rabbit GL and Rabbit L offer the safety and convenience of an optional passive restraint system.

The Rabbit GL can make you a more efficient driver as well. The standard 4-speed transmission is coupled with a special light on the dash that tells you when to shift into a higher gear to maintain peak performance and fuel economy.*

The stylish Rabbit GL also looks good in any kind of weather because like all Rabbits, it’s engineered with front-wheel drive. The engine weight directly over the drive wheels provides exceptional directional control and road-hugging ability no matter what the condition of the road.

So if you’re looking for the proper balance of comfort, handling and value, look no further than the 1984 Rabbit GL.
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.
### Technical Specifications

**POWER AND DRIVE TRAIN**

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**DIMENSIONS, WEIGHTS AND PERFORMANCE**

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<th>Rim Size (material)</th>
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<td>155/80 R 13</td>
<td>83 mph</td>
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<td>175/70 R 13**</td>
<td>99 mph</td>
<td>8.5 sec/30 mph</td>
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**BODY, SUSPENSION BRAKES AND STEERING**

- Two and four-door hatchback, unified 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, rear 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, wider front 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, rear window wiper, front air dam, sport seats, tachometer, sport steering wheel and Golf ball type shift knob, decorative 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 x 13 light alloy wheels, 175/70 SR 13 BSW tires, 175/70 SR 13 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 CONVERSION**

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

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EPA estimated mpg: Rabbit L 47, Rabbit L/GL 43, GTI 25, Convertible 27. **Use the estimated mpg for comparison only. 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.**
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, and 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.

A Volkswagen is the single smartest purchase you can make to meet your transportation needs.
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 headrest.

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).
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