

Model years for the Karmann Ghia



Classic Volkswagen models have evolved over the years, with most changes being made on fixed dates. Starting with the 1960 calendar year, the model year precedes the calendar year: a car built in October 1964 is a 1965 model (the model change took place on August 1, 1964).

Vehicle registration documents indicate the year of first registration, which is not the exact year of manufacture. A car purchased in January 1973 may have been in the showroom for eight months, so it was built around May 1972. If you order parts, it is important to know the period of manufacture of your car so that you do not order parts that are not suitable for your classic VW.

Please note: our list of chassis numbers, also known as vehicle identification numbers (VIN), assumes that your car still has all its original technical specifications. This list is provided as an additional service and does not give rise to any rights.

Select the list that corresponds to your Volkswagen model, then look for the chassis number, which can be found on the registration documents. If these are not available, the chassis number is stamped on the chassis under the rear seat.

Karmann Ghia type 14 model years

model year	date	chassis number
1956	01/08/1955	000 001
	31/08/1955	929 746
	31/12/1955	1 060 929
1957	31/12/1956	1 394 119
1958	31/08/1957	1 600 440
	30/09/1957	1 649 253
	31/12/1957	1 774 680
1959	31/12/1959	2 226 206
1960	31/08/1959	2 528 668
	31/12/1959	2 801 613
1961	31/08/1960	3 192 507
	31/12/1960	3 551 044
1962	31/08/1961	4 010 995
	31/12/1961	4 400 051
1963	31/08/1962	4 846 836
	31/12/1962	5 199 980
1964	31/08/1963	5 677 119
	31/12/1963	6 016 120
	31/07/1964	6 502 399
1965	01/08/1964	145 000 001
	31/12/1964	145 395 732
	31/07/1965	145 999 001
1966	01/08/1965	146 000 001
	31/12/1965	146 463 103
	31/07/1966	146 1021 300
1967	01/08/1966	147 000 001
	31/12/1966	147 442 503
	31/07/1967	147 999 000
1968	01/08/1967	148 000 001
	31/12/1967	148 398 736
	31/07/1968	148 999 000
1969	01/08/1968	149 000 001
	31/12/1968	149 474 780
	31/07/1969	149 120 000

model year	date	chassis number
1970	01/08/1969	140 200 001
	31/12/1969	140 2402 623
	31/07/1970	140 3100 000
1971	01/08/1970	141 2000 001
	31/12/1970	141 2435 197
	31/07/1971	141 3200 000
1972	01/08/1971	142 2000 001
	28/02/1972	142 2432 709
	31/07/1972	142 3200 000
1973	01/08/1972	143 2000 001
	31/12/1972	143 2401 301
	31/07/1973	143 3200 000
1974	01/08/1973	144 2000 001
	31/07/1974	144 2999 000

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model year	date	chassis number
1962	1/09/1961	000 269
	31/12/1961	010 550
	1/07/1962	050 282
1963	1/08/1962	064 916
	31/12/1962	138 774
1964	1/08/1963	221 975
	31/12/1963	321 076
	4/01/1964	341 651
	1/02/1964	342 081
	31/07/1964	483 592
1965	1/08/1964	345 000 001
	31/12/1964	345 087 857
	31/07/1965	345 220 883
1966	1/08/1965	346 000 001
	31/12/1965	346 140 226
	31/07/1966	346 500 000
1967	1/08/1966	347 000 001
	31/12/1966	347 134 254
	31/07/1967	347 500 000
1968	1/08/1967	348 000 001
	31/12/1967	348 079 424
	31/07/1968	348 050 000
1969	1/08/1968	349 000 001
	31/12/1968	349 108 899
	31/07/1969	349 500 000

Engine codes for the Karmann Ghia



It is important to know which engine is installed when you want to order parts for that engine. Not every 1200 Karmann Ghia has a 1200 cc engine. A lot of engines are interchangeable, often without modifications to the chassis or bodywork, so the odds are high that you have a different engine in the back of your car. Either a bigger displacement engine or an engine from another year.

If at one point the engine was replaced by a rebuilt engine, the letter combination can be different (if it has an engine number at all). Please ask the supplier for the exact year of manufacture and displacement, as they tend to use their own letter/digit combinations.

From the engine number you can determine what type of engine it is and the displacement of the engine.

The first letter(s) determine the displacement and the type of engine. The following numbers indicate the built year.

Engines up through 31.7.1965 did not have letters included in the engine number, for those engines we can only supply you the built year.

Volkswagen Type 1 engines

engine code	capacity (cc)	kW	hp	Built Years	
				from	until
1-0 020 000 => 1-0695 282	1131	18	25	1943	31/12/1953
1-0 945 526 => 4 050 000	1200	22	30	31/12/1954	31/07/1965
D	1200	25	34	01/08/1965	31/12/1985
E	1300	27	37	01/08/1965	31/07/1970
F	1300	29	40	01/08/1965	31/07/1970
AC	1300	29	40	01/08/1970	31/07/1975
AB	1300	32	44	01/08/1970	31/07/1973
AR	1300	32	44	01/08/1973	31/07/1975
L	1500	29	40	01/08/1966	31/07/1970
H	1500	32	44	01/08/1966	28/02/1971
AG	1600	32	44	01/08/1970	31/12/1975
AF	1600	33	46	01/08/1970	30/09/1992
B	1600	34	47	01/08/1969	31/07/1970
AH	1600	35	48	01/08/1971	31/07/1974
AE	1600	35	48	01/08/1970	31/12/1972
AL	1600	35	48	28/02/1973	31/12/1978
AM	1600	35	48	28/02/1973	30/09/1974
AD	1600	37	50	01/08/1970	31/07/1973
AS	1600	37	50	01/08/1973	31/12/1979
AJ	1600	34	50	01/08/1974	31/01/1980
ACD	1600	34	50	01/10/1992	31/07/2003