

Model years for the VW Bay Window Bus



Classic Volkswagen models have evolved over the years, with most changes being made on fixed dates. The model year precedes the calendar year: a car built in October 1970 is a 1971 model (the model change took place on August 1, 1970).

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, for Volkswagen Buses, you will find the chassis number in the engine compartment.

Volkswagen Bay Window Bus model years

model year	date	chassis number
1968	01/08/1967	218 000 001
	31/12/1967	218 073 585
	31/07/1968	218 200 000
1969	01/08/1968	219 000 001
	31/12/1968	219 098 974
	30/07/1969	219 300 000
1970	01/08/1969	210 2000 001
	31/12/1969	210 2106 747
	31/07/1970	210 2300 000
1971	01/08/1970	211 2000 001
	31/12/1970	211 2114 988
	31/07/1971	211 2300 000
1972	01/08/1971	212 2000 001
	31/12/1971	212 2088 996
	31/07/1972	212 2300 000
1973	01/08/1972	213 2000 001
	31/12/1972	213 2102 496
	31/07/1973	213 2300 000
1974	01/08/1973	214 2000 001
	31/12/1973	214 2094 429
	31/07/1974	214 2300 000
1975	01/08/1974	215 2000 001
	31/12/1974	215 2073 083
	31/07/1975	215 2300 000
1976	01/08/1975	216 2000 001
	31/12/1975	216 2077 675
	31/07/1976	216 2300 000

model year	date	chassis number
1977	01/08/1976	217 2000 001
	31/12/1976	217 2081 316
	31/07/1977	217 2300 000
1978	01/08/1977	218 2000 001
	31/12/1977	218 2072 273
	31/07/1978	218 2300 000
1979	01/08/1978	219 2000 001
	31/12/1978	219 2073 637
	31/07/1979	219 2153 964

Engine codes for the VW Bay Window Bus



It is important to know which engine is installed when you want to order parts. Not every 1600 Bay Window Bus has a 1600 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.

Type 1 engine code



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.

The Bay Window Bus can have a Type 1 or a Type 4 engine installed. The location of the stamped engine code is different on both engines (refer to the pictures included in this document).

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

Volkswagen Type 4 engines

engine code	capacity (cc)	kW	hp	Built Years	
				from	until
CA	1700	49	66	01/08/1971	31/07/1973
CB	1700	49	66	01/08/1971	31/12/1973
AP	1800	50	68	01/08/1973	31/07/1975
AW	1800	50	68	01/08/1973	31/07/1974
ED	1800	51	70	31/12/1973	31/07/1975
CJ	2000	51	70	01/08/1976	31/07/1979
GD	2000	51	70	01/08/1975	31/12/1976
GE	2000	51	70	01/08/1976	31/07/1979
CU	2000	51	70	31/05/1979	31/12/1982
CV	2000	51	70	31/05/1979	31/12/1982

Type 4 engine code

