

Model years for the Volkswagen Beetle



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.

German Volkswagen Beetle 1200/1300/1500

model year	date	chassis number
1948	31/12/1947	072 743
1949	31/12/1948	091 921
1950	31/12/1949	138 554
1951	31/12/1950	220 133
1952	31/12/1951	313 829
1953	30/09/1952	397 023
	31/12/1952	428 156
	31/03/1953	454 951
1954	31/12/1953	575 415
1955	31/12/1954	781 884
1956	01/8/1955	929 746
	31/12/1955	1 060 929
1957	31/12/1956	1 394 119
1958	01/8/1957	1 600 440
	30/09/1957	1 673 411
	31/12/1957	1 774 680
1959	31/12/1958	2 226 206
1960	01/08/1959	2 528 668
	31/12/1959	2 801 613
1961	01/8/1960	3 192 507
	31/12/1960	3 551 044
1962	01/08/1961	4 010 995
	31/12/1961	4 400 051
1963	01/8/1962	4 846 836
	31/12/1962	5 225 042
1964	01/8/1963	5 677 119
	31/12/1963	6 016 120
	31/7/1964	6 502 399
1965	01/8/1964	115 000 001
	31/12/1964	115 410 000
	31/7/1965	115 999 000
1966	01/08/1965	116 000 001
	31/12/1965	116 463 103
	31/7/1966	116 1021 300
1967	01/08/1966	117 000 001
	31/12/1966	117 442 503
	31/7/1967	117 999 000

model year	date	chassis number
1968	01/08/1967	118 000 001
	31/12/1967	118 431 603
	31/7/1968	118 1016 100
1969	01/08/1968	119 000 001
	31/12/1968	119 474 780
	31/7/1969	119 1200 000
1970	01/8/1969	110 2000 001
	31/12/1969	110 2473 153
	31/7/1970	110 3100 000
1971	01/8/1970	111 2000 001
	31/12/1970	111 2427 591
	31/7/1971	111 3200 000
1972	01/8/1971	112 2000 001
	31/12/1971	112 2427 792
	31/7/1972	112 3200 000
1973	01/8/1972	113 2000 001
	31/12/1972	113 2438 833
	31/7/1973	113 3200 000
1974	01/8/1973	114 2000 001
	31/12/1973	114 2423 795
	31/7/1974	114 2999 999
1975	01/8/1974	115 2000 001
	31/12/1974	115 2143 743
	31/7/1975	115 2600 000
1976	01/8/1975	116 2000 001
	31/12/1975	116 2071 467
	31/7/1976	116 2200 000
1977	01/8/1976	117 2000 001
	31/12/1976	117 2063 700
	31/7/1977	117 2200 000
1978	01/8/1977	118 2000 001
	31/12/1977	118 2050 000

end of production German Beetles

Super Beetle (Big) Volkswagen 1302/1303

model year	date	chassis number
1971	01/08/1970	1*1 2000 001
	31/12/1970	1*1 2427 591
	31/07/1971	1*1 3200 000
1972	01/08/1971	1*2 2000 001
	31/12/1971	1*2 2427 792
	31/07/1972	1*2 3200 000
1973	01/08/1972	1 ¹ 3 2000 001
	31/12/1972	1 ¹ 3 2438 833
	31/07/1973	1 ¹ 3 3200 000
1974	01/08/1973	1 ¹ 4 2000 001
	31/12/1973	1 ¹ 4 2423 795
	31/07/1974	1 ¹ 4 2999 999
1975	01/08/1974	1 ¹ 5 2000 001
	31/12/1974	1 ¹ 5 2143 743
	31/07/1975	1 ¹ 5 2600 000
1976	01/08/1975	156 2000 001
	31/12/1975	156-2068 454
	31/07/1976	156 2200 000
1977	01/08/1976	157 2000 001
	31/12/1976	157 2060 038
	31/07/1977	157 2200 000
1978	01/08/1977	158 2000 001
	31/12/1977	158 2028 542
	31/07/1978	158 2100 000
1979	01/08/1978	159 2000 001
	31/12/1978	159 2018 069
	31/07/1979	159 2036 062
1980	01/08/1979	159 2036 063
	31/12/1979	159 2043 634
	31/01/1980	159 2050 000

replace * for
1 = 1302 sedan
5 = 1302 convertible

replace ¹ for
3 = 1303 sedan
5 = 1303 convertible

Mexican Volkswagen Beetle 1964-1992

model year	date	chassis number
1964	02/05/1964	5 785 791
	31/10/1964	6 422 693
1965	01/11/1964	115 205 297
	31/10/1965	115 877 584
1966	01/11/1965	116 030 779
	31/10/1966	116 932 824
1967	01/11/1966	117 032 535
	31/10/1967	117 830 956
1968	01/11/1967	118 034 061
	15/04/1968	118 208 697
	16/04/1968	118 477 237
	31/10/1968	118 1000 059
1969	1/11/1968	119 052 467
	31/10/1969	119 1062 895
1970	01/11/1969	110 2058 855
	31/10/1970	110 3097 089
1971	01/11/1970	111 2047 795
	31/10/1971	111 3076 100
1972	01/11/1971	112 2045 235
	31/10/1972	112 2906 506
1973	01/11/1972	113 2045 313
	31/10/1973	113 3023 584
1974	01/11/1973	114 2047 105
	31/10/1974	114 2798 524
1975	01/11/1974	115 2058 001
	31/10/1975	115 2226 813
1976	01/11/1975	116 2008 701
	31/10/1976	116 2150 841
1977	01/11/1976	117 2012 881
	31/10/1977	117 2048 829

model year	date	chassis number
1978	01/11/1977	118 2003 001
	31/10/1978	118 2069 472
1979	01/11/1978	119 2002 793
1980	01/11/1979	11-A-000 001
	31/10/1980	11-A-136 337
1981	01/11/1980	11-B-000 001
	31/10/1981	11-B-139 845
1982	01/11/1981	11-C-000 001
	31/10/1982	11-C-144 236
1983	01/11/1982	11-D-000 001
	31/10/1983	11-D-125 723
1984	01/11/1983	11-E-000 001
	31/10/1984	11-E-134 844
1985	01/11/1984	11-F-000 001
	30/09/1985	11-F-024 952
1986	01/10/1985	11-G-000 001
	30/09/1986	11-G-022 704
1987	01/10/1986	11-H-000 001
	30/09/1987	11-H-042 900
1988	01/10/1987	11-J-000 001
	30/09/1988	11-J-018 611
1989	01/10/1988	11-K-000 001
	30/09/1989	11-K-024 545
1990	01/10/1989	11-L-000 001
	30/09/1990	11-L-999 000
1991	01/10/1990	11-M-000 001
	30/09/1991	11-M-999 000
1992	01/10/1991	11-N-000 001
	30/09/1992	11-N-999 000

Mexican Volkswagen Beetle 1993-2004

model year	date	chassis number
1993	01/10/1992	11-P-000 001
	30/09/1993	11-P-999 000
1994	01/10/1993	11-R-000 001
	30/09/1994	11-R-999 000
1995	01/10/1994	11-S-000 001
	30/09/1995	11-S-999 000
1996	01/10/1995	11-T-000 001
	31/07/1996	11-T-999 000
1997	01/08/1996	11-V-000 001
	31/07/1997	11-V-999 000
1998	01/08/1997	1B-W-000 001
	31/07/1998	1B-W-999 000
1999	01/08/1998	1B-X-000 001
	30/09/1998	1B-X-102 407
	31/10/1998	1B-X-204 814
	30/11/1998	1B-X-307 221
	31/12/1998	1B-X-409 628
	30/01/1999	1B-X-512 038
	28/02/1999	1B-X-515 249
	31/03/1999	1B-X-518 461
	30/04/1999	1B-X-521 672
	31/05/1999	1B-X-524 884
	30/06/1999	1B-X-528 096
	31/07/1999	1B-X-999 999
2000	01/08/1999	1B-Y-000 001
	30/05/2000	1B-Y-999 000
2001	01/06/2000	1B-1-900 001
	30/05/2001	1B-1-999 000

model year	date	chassis number
2002	01/06/2001	1B-2-900 001
	30/05/2002	1B-2-999 000
2003	01/06/2002	1B-3-900 001
	30/06/2003	1B-3-999 000
2004	01/07/2003	1B-4-900 000
	31/07/2003	1B-4-999 000

Volkswagen Germany started the import of Mexican Beetles on January 1, 1978, before that date it was only individual import (not officially by Volkswagen).

Engine codes for the Volkswagen Beetle



It is important to know which engine is installed when you want to order parts. Not every 1200 Beetle 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 original Volkswagen 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 codes, 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