

Model years for the Volkswagen Split Bus



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 1966 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 1965 may have been in the showroom for eight months, so it was built around May 1964. 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 Split Bus model years

model year	date	chassis number
1952	01/10/1952	20-035 112
1953	31/12/1952	20-041 712
	01/04/1953	20-047 102
1954	01/01/1954	20-069 409
1955	31/12/1954	20-110 604
	01/04/1955	20-117 902
1956	31/12/1955	20-160 716
1957	31/12/1956	223 217
1958	31/12/1957	315 209
	01/08/1958	374 811
1959	31/12/1958	423 156
1960	01/07/1959	469 506
	31/12/1959	551 631
1961	01/05/1960	614 456
	31/12/1960	705 619
1962	01/08/1961	802 986
	31/12/1961	882 314
1963	01/08/1962	971 550
	31/12/1962	1 048 085
1964	01/08/1963	1 144 282
	31/12/1963	1 222 500
	31/07/1964	1 328 871
1965	01/08/1964	215 000 001
	01/10/1964	215 036 651
	31/12/1964	215 082 480
1966	01/08/1965	216 000 001
	31/12/1965	216 083 207
1967	1/08/1966	217 000 001
	1/08/1967	217 148 459

Engine codes for the Volkswagen Split Bus



It is important to know which engine is installed when you want to order parts for that engine. Not every 1200 Split Bus 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