

Model years for the Volkswagen Type 3



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.

Notchback/Squareback/Fastback models

model year	date	chassis number	model year	date	chassis number
1962	01/04/1961	000 001	1970	01/08/1969	310 2000 001
	31/12/1961	011 041		31/12/1969	310 2111 451
	31/07/1962	066 739		31/07/1970	310 2500 000
1963	01/08/1962	066 740	1971	01/08/1970	311 2000 001
	31/12/1962	138 774		31/12/1970	311 2108 457
	31/07/1963	221 974		31/07/1971	311 2500 000
1964	01/08/1963	221 975	1972	01/08/1971	312 2000 001
	31/12/1963	321 076		31/12/1971	312 2066 941
	31/07/1963	483 592		31/07/1972	312 2500000
1965	01/08/1964	315 000 001	1973	01/08/1971	313 2000 001
	31/12/1964	315 105 296		31/12/1971	313 2058 437
	31/07/1965	315 220 883		31/07/1972	313 2500 000
1966	01/08/1965	316 000 001			
	31/12/1965	316 140 226			
	31/07/1966	316 500 000			
1967	01/08/1966	317 000 001			
	31/12/1966	317 134 254			
	31/07/1967	317 500 000			
1968	01/08/1967	318 000 001			
	31/12/1967	318 103 144			
	31/07/1968	318 500 000			
1969	01/08/1968	319 000 001			
	31/12/1968	319 108 899			
	31/07/1969	319 500 000			

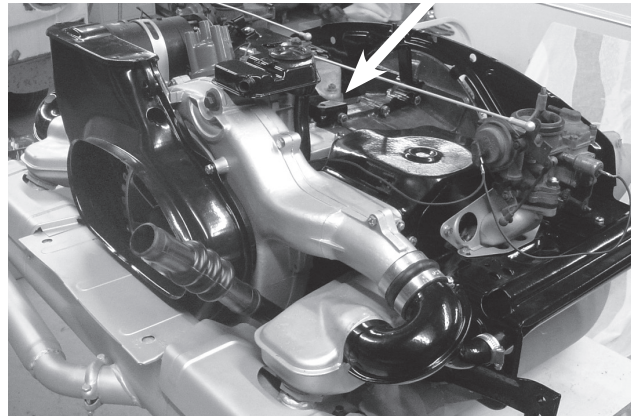
Engine codes for the Volkswagen Type 3



It is important to know which engine is installed when you want to order parts. Not every 1500 Type 3 has a 1500 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 3 motorcode



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 3 engines

engine code	capacity (cc)	kW	hp	Built Years	
				from	until
000001 => 999999	1500	*	*	01/04/1961	31/07/1965
M	1500	30	41	01/08/1965	31/07/1973
K	1500	33	45	01/08/1965	31/07/1973
P	1600	36	49	01/08/1965	31/07/1973
T	1600	40	54	01/08/1965	31/07/1973
U	1600	40	54	01/08/1967	31/07/1973
X	1600	40	54	31/12/1971	31/07/1972

** 4 different engines are used (all 1500 cc), not identified by engine number
30 kw / 41 hp - 33 kw / 45 hp - 38 kw / 52 hp - 40 kw / 54 hp*