

Rabbit

The word "Rabbit" is rendered in a large, bold, dark green font. The letters are cut out, revealing a blue hatchback car driving from left to right through the word. The car is positioned behind the letters, appearing to pass through them. The background behind the car is a blurred green field, suggesting motion. The overall composition is centered at the top of the page.

Nothing else is a Volkswagen.

There are certain qualities one should expect from every modern motorcar. It should be safe, efficient, comfortably spacious, practical to own and operate, and fun to drive.

That's the kind of transportation today's car buyer demands. Every Volkswagen product offers proof that this formula is not only attainable, but that it makes good sense. In other words, Volkswagen builds modern transportation.

To be "modern" is to be "right for the times", and in today's environment, being right for the

times poses some special challenges. You'll find our response to those challenges in any Volkswagen. You'll find it in Volkswagen's styling; in Volkswagen's passion for exact engineering and in Volkswagen's lasting value.

Buying a car is an important investment. That's why we make sure that Volkswagens are "future-proof". The style takes many forms, yet it's always classic, practical and timeless. The technology offers a variety of appeal, yet it's always efficient, safe and trendsetting. When the world became concerned with fuel costs, Volkswagen set the trend of small car automotive diesel

power. Today, we are the world's largest producer of compact automotive diesel engines and the Rabbit Diesel has been Canada's fuel economy champion for six straight years from 1978 to 1983*. In times of spiraling fuel prices, it's good to know that the trend of tomorrow is the Volkswagen of today.



Volkswagen built its reputation as the maker of solid, reliable, affordable German engineered cars designed with uncompromising

technical innovation. But as times have changed, so has Volkswagen. Yet we're still motivated by a drive to find new and better solutions. And that motivation has resulted in some very exciting ideas because of a belief that owning and driving a car should also be fun.

Those ideas have taken many shapes, sometimes unconventional. When others proclaimed that the "ragtop" was dead, Volkswagen revived the trend by introducing the Rabbit Convertible.



* Based on Transport Canada Fuel Consumption Guides

Other ideas have led Volkswagen to discover new limits of excitement, like the Rabbit GTI—the thrill of



high performance in an affordable German car — one of the best cars on everyone's list.

Still other ideas have produced remarkable technological solutions. Solutions that capture the perfect

balance between efficiency and performance—the Volkswagen turbo-diesel—the most affordable turbo-diesel on the market.

 **RABBIT**
TURBO DIESEL

And the future? We're working on it. Experimental cars like the Auto 2000 and the diesel-powered, turbocharged Aerodynamic Research Volkswagen (ARVW) have inspired Volkswagen engineers to develop the technology of the future. The ARVW has captured two world speed records, yet travelling at 375 km/h the ARVW uses less fuel than many conventional cars on the road today.

No matter which Volkswagen you choose, you're choosing transportation that's unique; that's original; that's right for the times. Nothing else is a Volkswagen.



Rabbit L Diesel—the Weltmeister. Value is standard equipment.

"Weltmeister" is the German word for world champion; the best; No. 1. The name may be German, but the Rabbit L Diesel is a winner in any language.

It's the common sense car with uncommon appeal. No. 1 in value—it's the only diesel car in Canada priced lower than its gasoline counterpart. No other diesel offers so much for so little. No. 1 in economy—from 1978 to 1983 the Rabbit Diesel scored the best fuel

economy rating of any car in Canada*. No. 1 in reliability—diesel engines are known for their durability and longevity. The 4-cylinder diesel engine requires less maintenance, so you can keep operating costs at a minimum. That's why Rabbit Diesels have traditionally retained such a high trade-in value.

All Volkswagens (diesel or gasoline) offer excellent fuel economy, but the Rabbit L Diesel is No. 1. In fact, if you choose the Weltmeister

over its gasoline counterpart, you can enjoy 38% better fuel economy (based on Transport Canada 1983 Fuel Consumption Ratings).

And because it's a Volkswagen, the Weltmeister is No. 1 in technology and engineering with features like front-wheel drive, rack and pinion steering, negative steering roll radius, 4-wheel independent suspension and power-assisted front disc brakes, just to mention a few.

And if you're looking for an extra burst of power, the Weltmeister is available with Volkswagen's unique turbo-diesel engine. It's the most compact engine of its kind in the world. No other manufacturer offers such sophisticated, yet affordable, turbo-diesel technology.

The Rabbit L Diesel—the Weltmeister. Available as a 2- or 4-door model with a 3+E manual transmission or optional 4+E manual transmission (4+E std. on Turbo Diesel).

Value is standard equipment.



4.3
L/100km*

* Based on Transport Canada Fuel Consumption Guides.



Two versions of fuel injected performance.

Rabbit L

If you're looking for fuel injected performance in an economical, efficient car, look at the Rabbit L. A 4-cylinder fuel injection gasoline engine gives this Rabbit all the spirit you'll need. Like the Weltmeister, this fuel injected Rabbit L offers the comfort, the convenience and the technological achievement that Rabbit is known for. And like every Rabbit, the Rabbit L has 662 litres of cargo space beneath its hatchback.

The Rabbit L comes as a 2- or 4-door model with a standard 4 + E manual transmission or an optional 3-speed automatic transmission.

Rabbit GL

A touch of class for the classic Rabbit. The GL has a streak of pure luxury running right through it. 4-cylinders of fuel injected performance are just the beginning. Both inside and out, the GL has those extra features that provide an extra touch of class.



On the outside there's 4-door body styling with chrome trim and full wheel covers. For added safety and style there are front and rear bumper guards and impact strips. The GL has wide wheels and wide 175/70 x 13 steel belted radials for improved road manners. Halogen headlights give the GL penetrating night vision. Flared wheel arches lend the GL a refined, detailed appearance. The GL's wide body side mouldings complete its luxuriously finished style.

Inside, the GL has rich cut-pile carpeting that extends up the door panels, remote controlled outside mirrors, deluxe patterned velour upholstery, a roof-mounted passenger assist handle (not with optional sunroof) and a carpeted luggage compartment. The GL comes with

a standard 4 + E manual transmission or an optional 3-speed automatic transmission.

The Rabbit L for fuel injected economy and performance; the Rabbit GL for performance, economy and a touch of class.

Rabbit GL in Centurion Grey Metallic and Rabbit L (2-door) in Royal Red illustrated.



Rabbit GL interior illustrated.



Rabbit GTI. Affordable German performance.

It bristles with excitement. It exudes sports car spirit. It delivers pure performance. Drivers and automotive experts alike have recognized the GTI's appeal. *Car & Driver* named it among the 10 best cars of 1983. *Road & Track* claimed "it's a car built and bred for twisting, turning mountain roads and city streets".

Under the hood of the GTI there's a brawny 1.8 litre fuel injected performance engine rated at 90 horsepower. Match that with a

close ratio 5-speed sport transmission, a taut sport suspension system with front and rear stabilizers, ventilated front disc brakes and a throaty, tuned exhaust system and you've got the kind of performance that adds up to a Rabbit GTI.

Sporty light alloy wheels and meaty Pirelli P6 steel belted radials give the GTI the kind of road holding that tempers even the tightest curves.

A front air dam brings the GTI's nose close to the ground for better aerodynamic stability. Special blackout trim and pinstriping suggest a hint of the beast under the hood of this beauty.

Inside the GTI there's a complete sport package. The "hotstripe" sport bucket seats up front have extra-wide side bolsters to keep you firmly planted in the seat of power. A sport steering wheel gives you comfortable hands-on control. The

centre console features a quartz chronometer, voltmeter and oil temperature gauge.

For sheer excitement you can't beat the Rabbit GTI—the affordable German performance car.





Rabbit Convertible. The thrill of the open road.

One of the classiest automobiles on the road today is a Volkswagen—the Rabbit Convertible. Stylish, yet practical. Exciting, yet very refined.

Styled by the renowned Karmann Coachworks, the Rabbit Convertible exhibits superb quality of fit, finish and detail because it was designed as a convertible from top to bottom.

The convertible top is weather-proofed and insulated against noise and cold by five distinct layers. The top has been ingeniously engineered for complete ease of operation. The rear window is made of glass, not plastic, and has an electric defroster. Under the roof there is a roll bar which is integrated with the unitized body. And the Rabbit Convertible has storage space for luggage even when the top is down.

Inside the Convertible you'll find luxury and style in the true European manner with leatherette seats or optional cloth sport seats, an AM/FM stereo cassette Sound System complete with four speakers (two front and two rear) and the convenience of front vent windows and left and right remote controlled outside mirrors.

The Rabbit Convertible is equipped with a 5-speed sport transmission or an optional 3-speed automatic trans-

mission. And this year the Rabbit Convertible has a new 1.8 litre fuel injection performance engine. A new sport suspension system gives the Convertible nimble road holding to let you make the most of your top-down pleasure.

There's nothing to match the thrill of a bright sunny day, a wide open highway and the Rabbit Convertible.



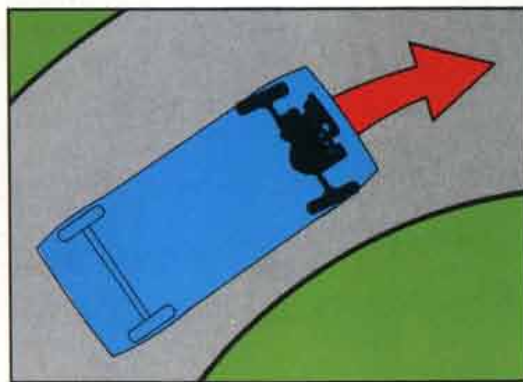


Every new Volkswagen is the best we've ever built.

On a regular basis Volkswagen removes one of its cars from the assembly line and literally tears it apart. Hundreds of quality inspectors dissect and examine every component. At random intervals Volkswagen engineers place a production car on a dynamometer for a gruelling 200,000 km test drive. Year by year these quality checks have led to thousands of refinements in technology and production technique, each one designed to improve on the original excellence of Volkswagen engineering. As a result, every car we build contains the sum total of Volkswagen's expertise. That's why every new Volkswagen we produce is the best we've ever built.

While Volkswagen always searches for ways to improve our product, we also recognize the value of sticking with an idea when that idea works.

One of the ideas that works so well for all Volkswagen cars is front-wheel drive. Volkswagen engineers have spent a decade perfecting front-wheel drive. Volkswagen believes it's the better system. It gives increased traction, better directional control and, because the engine is mounted transversely, there's extra room inside for passenger comfort.



Since the mid 1970's Volkswagen has developed four different engine variations, each one with its own special appeal.

For superlative fuel efficiency there's the 4-cylinder, 1.6 litre diesel engine. It also offers the best value



because no other diesel in Canada is priced lower than its gasoline counterpart. Volkswagen diesel technology delivered the best fuel economy rating of any car in Canada from 1978 to 1983*. And for an extra surge of power combined with Volkswagen diesel efficiency there's the 4-cylinder 1.6 litre turbo charged diesel engine which uses exhaust gases to create extra horsepower. Volkswagen Turbo Diesels incorporate some very sophisticated automotive technology to drive a turbine at speeds of up to 100,000 rpm!

If performance is more important to you than diesel efficiency, there's the 4-cylinder, 1.7 litre fuel injection gasoline engine. And if you're seeking still more driving excitement there's the 1.8 litre, 90 horsepower fuel injection performance engine available on the GTI and Rabbit Convertible.

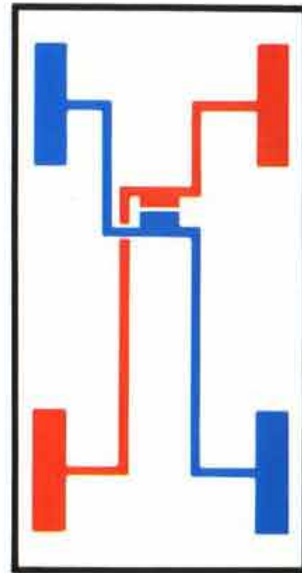
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Some of Volkswagen's engineering developments are quite subtle, yet they have dramatic consequence for the driver. For instance, the Volkswagen Upshift Indicator Light on all Volkswagen cars with manual transmissions (except the Rabbit GTI). The Upshift Indicator Light continuously monitors engine load to determine the most appropriate gear. By simply shifting to the next higher gear when the Indicator Light comes on, you can noticeably improve your fuel efficiency by keeping engine revs down.

All Volkswagens have a power-assisted, pressure regulated brake system with disc brakes up front



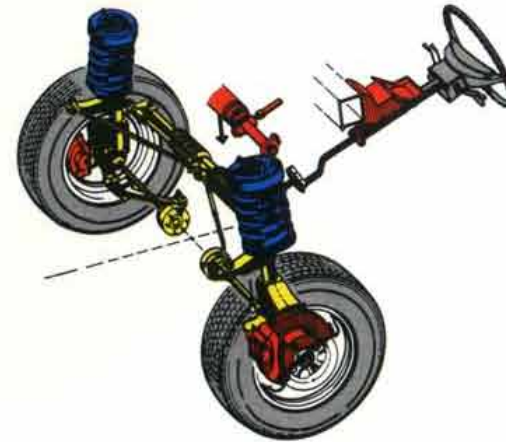
and drums at the rear, so you can slow down as confidently as you can accelerate. Dual diagonal brake circuits mean that if one circuit



should fail, you'll still have 50% of braking power to bring you to a stop.

And for further safety, Volkswagen's precise rack and pinion steering is set up with negative

steering roll radius which provides added directional control under conditions which contribute to uneven roll resistance. For solid road manners and exceptional riding comfort, Volkswagen cars have independent MacPherson strut suspension up front and a unique T-bar stabilizer axle on the rear wheels to smooth out the roughest roads.



When one puts so much careful effort into the design and production of modern transportation, it's only common sense to make sure that it will look modern for years to come. Key areas of sheet metal prone to corrosion are sandwiched between

layers of zinc phosphate galvanization and electrophoretic primer coats. A PVC and wax/bitumen layer protects the underside from corrosion. A lustrous mirror-like outer finish is designed to retain its beauty for years. Every Volkswagen meets the Canadian Federal/Provincial Anti-corrosion Code which requires that vehicles remain free from perforation for 60 months or 200,000 kilometres, whichever occurs first.

Staying at the forefront of automotive design and engineering has always been Volkswagen's motivation.

That's why the Volkswagen you buy today is the best we've ever built.

There's a Rabbit built for you.

RABBIT L DIESEL—The Weltmeister (2- or 4-door)

Standard features and equipment at no extra charge

Economy/Durability

- Diesel engine, 1.6L/52 HP (optional 1.6L/68 HP turbo-diesel)
- Upshift Indicator Light
- Heavy duty battery and alternator
- Factory undercoating
- Heat and sound insulation
- Thermostatically controlled radiator cooling fan

Safety/Security

- Front-wheel drive
- Negative steering roll radius
- Power-assisted, pressure regulated, hydraulic dual diagonal brake system with disc brakes at front, drum brakes at rear
- Brake fluid level warning light
- Oil pressure warning system
- Coolant temperature gauge with warning light
- Steel belted radial tires
- Electric rear window defroster
- Side window defoggers
- Unitized, safety cell body construction
- Steering column mounted wiper/washer controls
- Headlight flasher with dimmer switch on turn signal
- Four-way hazard warning lights
- Collapsible steering column
- Three-speed, non-glare windshield wipers with intermittent setting
- Floor-mounted hand brake
- Inertia type front seat belts
- Lockable glove compartment
- Steering column lock
- Inside hood release
- Protective side door beams
- Anodized aluminium bumpers

Comfort/Convenience

- 3 + E manual transmission (Diesel)
- 4 + E manual transmission (Turbo Diesel)
- Rack and pinion steering
- Independent MacPherson strut front suspension, coil springs
- Independent stabilizer rear axle with coil springs
- Fully reclining, anatomically designed front bucket seats with adjustable headrests
- Three-speed high output heater/fresh air blower
- Adjustable ventilation controls
- Door operated light switch on front doors
- Wide opening rear cargo door
- Outside mirror, left
- Day/night inside rear view mirror
- Padded, adjustable sunvisors with vanity mirror on passenger side
- Carpeted swing-up rear compartment lid
- Folding rear seat
- Door arm rests
- Coat hooks
- Trip odometer
- Electric quartz clock
- Tinted glass all around
- Glove box light
- Luggage compartment light
- Illuminated ashtray, cigarette lighter and coin storage in front
- Rear seat ashtray

Decor/Trim

- Bright hubcaps
- Rocker moulding, black
- Body side mouldings
- Colour co-ordinated interiors
- Cut pile carpeting
- Rabbit L nameplate

RABBIT L GASOLINE (2- or 4-door)

Standard features and equipment different from or in addition to Rabbit L Diesel.

- Fuel injected (CIS) gasoline engine, 1.7L/76 HP
- Transistorized electronic ignition
- 4 + E manual transmission

RABBIT GL (4-door)

Standard features and equipment at no extra charge. Different from or in addition to Rabbit L Gasoline

- 5J x 13 steel wheels
- 175/70 steel belted radial tires
- Wheel opening flares
- Bright window mouldings
- Bumper guards and impact strips
- Deluxe velour upholstery and seat trim
- Deluxe door trim with carpeted lower panels
- Integrated armrests
- Foil trim on window sills
- Roof mounted passenger assist handle (not with optional sunroof)
- Halogen headlights
- Fully carpeted luggage compartment
- Remote controlled outside mirrors, right and left
- Full wheel covers
- Wide lower body side mouldings

RABBIT GTI

Unique standard features and equipment at no extra charge.

Performance

- 1.8 L fuel injected performance engine, 90 HP
- 5-speed close ratio manual sport transmission
- Sport suspension system including front and rear stabilizer bars and specially calibrated springs and shocks
- Tuned exhaust system
- Power assisted, pressure regulated, hydraulic dual diagonal brake system, disc brakes at front with ventilated rotors

Exterior

- Black protective body side mouldings with accent striping
- Vinyl accent stripe on hatch door
- Black grille with red outer rim
- Black accent tape around hatchback window on Cashmere White and Diamond Silver Metallic models

- Black anodized aluminium bumpers
- Bumper guards and impact strips, front and rear
- Black door handles
- Black wheel opening flares
- Pliable colour-keyed front air dam
- Wiper arm air foil on driver's side
- Rear window wiper/washer
- Remote controlled outside mirrors, left and right
- Halogen headlights
- 6J x 14 light alloy wheels with steel spare
- 185/60 HR 14 steel belted radial tires
- Rabbit GTI nameplate

Interior

- "Hotstripe" velour sport seats with nylon trim
- Roof mounted passenger assist handle (not with optional sunroof)
- Soft armrests with integrated pull handles on front doors
- Special door trim design, including map pockets and full height vinyl door panel
- Centre console and special instrumentation:
 - clock, voltmeter and oil temperature gauge in centre console
 - instrument cluster panel in black pebble grain finish with red surround
 - tachometer in instrument panel
- Sport steering wheel, black
- Intermittent windshield wiper/washer
- "Golfball" shift knob

RABBIT CONVERTIBLE

Standard features and equipment at no extra charge.

Exterior

- 1.8L fuel injected performance engine, 90 HP
- Sport suspension system including front and rear stabilizer bars and specially calibrated springs and shocks
- Insulated convertible top with integrated roll bar
- Special grille design with circular halogen headlights
- Lockable gas cap
- Dual tone horn
- Trunk lid
- 5½J x 13 wheels

- 175/70 x 13 steel belted radial tires with white side walls
- Metallic paint available at no extra cost
- Rear wheel stone guards
- Chrome trim rings with bright hubcaps
- Black vinyl panel between tail lights
- Retractable antenna
- Wheel house flares
- Bumper guards and impact strips, front and rear
- Protective inner wheel housings (front only)
- Rabbit nameplate

Interior

- 5-speed close ratio manual transmission
- AM/FM stereo cassette Sound System with four speakers and integral fader control
- Digital clock in instrument panel cluster
- Sport steering wheel
- Tachometer in instrument panel cluster
- Centre console including:
 - oil pressure gauge
 - voltmeter
 - oil temperature gauge
- 3-speed windshield wipers with intermittent setting
- Illuminated front ashtray
- Leatherette seats
- Vent windows
- Protective vinyl cover for folded convertible top
- Vinyl trim on roll bar
- Rocker, door and floor panels reinforced
- Folding rear seat
- Black satin dash finish
- Front door armrests with pull handle

RABBIT OPTIONS

The following are popular individual Rabbit options and option packages:

- Passive restraint system (L, GL) (not available with Turbo Diesel sport package)
- AM/FM pushbutton radio (L, GL, GTI)
- AM/FM stereo pushbutton radio with cassette player (L, GL, GTI)

- Deluxe AM/FM stereo cassette Sound System with digital display (L, GL, GTI, Convertible)
- Dual rear speakers (L, GL, GTI)
- Radio prep package (L, GL, GTI)
- 1.6L Turbo-diesel engine (L)
- Turbo Diesel sport package (L Turbo Diesel) (not available with Passive Restraint system) includes:
 - 5J x 13 light alloy wheels with steel spare
 - Wheel opening mouldings
 - Remote controlled outside mirrors, left and right
 - Sport steering wheel
 - Carpeted luggage compartment
 - Front spoiler
 - Bright window mouldings
- 3-speed automatic transmission (L gasoline, GL, Convertible)
- 5J x 13 steel wheels (std. on L Turbo Diesel, GL & Convertible)
- 5J x 13 light alloy wheels (4) with steel spare (L, GL)
- 5½J x 13 light alloy wheels (4) with steel spare (Convertible)
- 175/70 x 13 steel belted radial tires (L gasoline, std. on L Turbo Diesel and GL)
- Rear window wiper/washer (L, GL, std. on GTI)
- Sunroof with integral air deflector (L, GL, GTI)
- Power steering (L, GL, delayed introduction on Convertible)
- Cruise control (L gasoline and diesel, GL, GTI, Convertible)
- Floor mats, front and rear (L, GL, GTI)
- Engine block heater (L, GL, GTI)
- Air conditioning (L, GL, GTI, Convertible)
- Vent windows (L, GL, GTI)
- Special instrumentation (L gasoline, std. on GTI) includes:
 - centre console with clock, oil temperature gauge and voltmeter
- Sport seats with matching cloth inlays in door panels (Convertible)
- Heatable front seats (Convertible)

Rabbit colours

Please ask your Volkswagen dealer to show you paint and trim samples and interior/exterior colour combinations.

Colours shown here are as accurate as modern, high-speed printing permits.

RABBIT L, GL



Manila Beige



Mahogany



Cashmere White



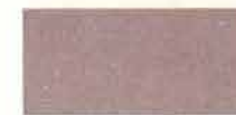
Royal Red



Centurion Grey Metallic*



Frost Blue Metallic*



Diamond Silver Metallic*

*Extra charge

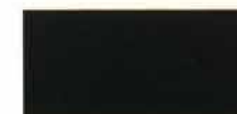
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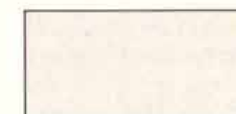
Mars Red



Diamond Silver Metallic



Black



Alpine White



Pewter Grey Metallic



Champagne Metallic



Bronze Grey Metallic

RABBIT GTI



Black



Cashmere White



Diamond Silver Metallic*

*Extra charge

1984 RABBIT SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE	Type	Water-cooled, transverse front mounted
	No. of cylinders	Four in line, single overhead cam
Bore & Stroke (1.7 L gas)		79.5 mm x 86.4 mm/3.13 in. x 3.40 in.
(1.8 L gas)		81.0 mm x 86.4 mm/3.19 in. x 3.40 in.
(diesel & turbo-diesel)		76.5 mm x 86.4 mm/3.01 in. x 3.40 in.
Displacement (1.7 L gas)		1.7 L/105.0 cu. in.
(1.8 L gas)		1.8 L/109.0 cu. in.
(diesel & turbo-diesel)		1.6 L/97.0 cu. in.
SAE net HP @ rpm (1.7 L gas)		76 HP @ 5,000 rpm
(1.8 L gas)		90 HP @ 5,500 rpm
(diesel)		52 HP @ 4,800 rpm
(turbo-diesel)		68 HP @ 4,500 rpm
SAE net torque (1.7 L gas)		91.3 ft. lbs. @ 3,000 rpm
(1.8 L gas)		100.0 ft. lbs. @ 3,000 rpm
(diesel)		71.5 ft. lbs. @ 2,000 rpm
(turbo-diesel)		98.0 ft. lbs. @ 2,800 rpm
Compression ratio (1.7 L gas)		8.2:1
(1.8 L gas)		8.5:1
(diesel & turbo-diesel)		23.0:1
Fuel system (1.7 L gas)		CIS fuel injection, non-catalyst
(1.8 L gas)		CIS fuel injection, catalytic converter
(diesel)		Mechanical diesel injection pump
(turbo-diesel)		Mechanical diesel injection pump with exhaust driven turbocharger
Fuel requirements (1.7 L gas)		Regular
(1.8 L gas)		Unleaded fuel only (catalytic converter)
(diesel & turbo-diesel)		Diesel fuel No. 2
Fuel Capacity (gasoline)		Rabbit: 37.9 L/8.3 imp. gal. Convertible: 40.0 L/8.8 imp. gal.
(diesel & turbo-diesel)		41.6 L/9.2 imp. gal.
Oil Capacity (incl. filter)		4.4 L/3.9 imp. qts.
Battery		12V/63 Amp/h

FUEL CONSUMPTION* AND PERFORMANCE

	4 + E		3 + E	4 + E	4 + E	GTI	Convertible	Convertible Automatic Gasoline
	5-Speed Manual Gasoline 1.7L	Automatic Gasoline 1.7L	4-Speed Diesel 1.6L	5-Speed Diesel 1.6L	5-Speed Turbo Diesel 1.6L	5-Speed Manual Gasoline 1.8L	5-Speed Manual Gasoline 1.8L	
Rating L/100 km	7.2	8.2	4.3	4.9	4.9	7.9	8.0	8.5
Urban L/100 km	9.6	10.1	5.3	6.2	6.2	10.0	10.1	10.3
Highway L/100 km	5.5	7.1	3.6	3.9	4.0	6.5	6.5	7.3
Top Speed (km/h)	152	152	136	136	**	**	**	**
Acceleration 0-80 km/h (sec.)	8.6	10.0	11.4	11.4	**	**	**	**

* Estimated ratings based on Transport Canada approved test methods. Your actual fuel consumption may vary. Please consult the Transport Canada Fuel Consumption Guide.

** Not available at time of printing.

ENGINE (Cont.)	Alternator	65 Amp.
Type of ignition (gasoline)		Transistorized electronic (breakerless)
(diesel & turbo-diesel)		Compression ignition
DRIVE TRAIN	Type	Front-wheel drive with two constant velocity joints per drive shaft
	Clutch	Dry, single plate
Manual transmissions		Fully synchronized 3 + E (4-speed) std. on L Diesel; 4 + E std. on L Turbo Diesel and L and GL gasoline; fully synchronized close ratio 5-speed std. on GTI and Convertible.
Automatic transmissions		Three-speed automatic transmission with torque converter (not available on L Diesel or Turbo Diesel or GTI)
	Gear ratios	(3 + E manual) 3.45/1.75/1.60/0.70/R 3.17 (4 + E manual) 3.45/1.94/1.29/0.91/0.71/R 3.17 (5-speed manual, GTI and Convertible only) 3.45/2.12/1.44/1.13/0.89/R 3.17 (automatic) 2.55/1.45/1.00/R 2.46
	Final drive	(manual) 3 + E 3.89 4 + E 3.89 5-speed 3.94 (automatic) 3.57

CHASSIS	Body	Aerodynamic, all steel unitized, bolt-on front fenders, passenger compartment designed as safety cell, front and rear designed to absorb impact energy (Rabbit Convertible with integrated roll bar)
	Front suspension	Independent MacPherson struts, negative steering roll radius, coil springs (GTI & Convertible with additional stabilizer bar)
	Rear suspension	Independent stabilizer axle with coil springs mounted on shock absorber struts (GTI & Convertible with additional stabilizer bar)
	Braking system	Power-assisted, hydraulic, dual diagonal brake circuits with disc brakes at front (with ventilated rotors on GTI) and self-adjusting drum brakes at rear
	Parking brake	Mechanical, effective on rear wheels
	Rim size	4 1/2 J x 13; 5 J x 13 std. on L Turbo Diesel, GL and Convertible; 6 J x 14 light alloy std. on GTI
	Tire Type/Size	Tubeless radial ply steel belted; 155/80 x 13; 175/70 x 13 BSW on L Turbo Diesel and GL; 175/70 x 13 WSW on Convertible; 185/60 HR 14 BSW on GTI
	Steering system	Rack and pinion steering with energy absorbing steering wheel and column, plus maintenance-free tie rods
	Turning circle	Approx. 9.5 m; 31.2 ft. (curb to curb)

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