

## 1996 Volkswagen V.I.N. decoder

### SERIES:

- B = Cabrio
- D = GTI 2dr
- E = Passat 4dr GLX
- F = Golf 4dr GL / TDI  
Passat GLX Wagon
- G = Passat 4dr GLS / TDI
- H = Passat GLS / TDI Wagon  
GTI 2dr VR6
- P = Jetta 4dr Wolfsburg Ed.
- R = Jetta 4dr GL / TDI
- S = Jetta 4dr GLS
- T = Jetta 4dr GLX
- W = Jetta 4dr TREK

### Canada Only:

- A = Cabrio
- Golf 2dr CL
- Passat 4dr GLS/TDI
- B = Golf 2dr GL / TDI
- Passat GLS / TDI  
Wagon
- C = Passat 4dr GLX
- D = Golf 2dr GTI
- Passat GLX Wagon
- E = Eurovan 3dr  
Camper / Panel
- Golf 4dr CL
- K = Eurovan 3dr GLS
- L = Eurovan 4dr GLS
- P = Eurovan 3dr CV

Country of origin	Manufacturer	Vehicle Type	Series	Engine	Restraint System	Model (position 7 & 8)	Check Digit	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Sequential serial number (position 12 - 17)						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Country Code	Volkswagen	W = Car 1 = Truck 2 = MPV	W = Europe 3 = Mexico	See Chart	See Chart	See Chart	0-9 or X	1996	B= Brussels H= Hannover K= Osnabrueck	E= Emden M= Mexico W= Wolfsburg						
											<b>MODEL:</b> 1E = Cabrio 1H = Golf / Jetta / GTI 3A = Passat 70 = Eurovan* *Canada					
											<b>MODEL:</b> A, L = 4cyl 2.0L (G) Golf / Jetta / GTI / Cabrio 115HP B = 4cyl 2.0L (G) Golf / Jetta / GTI / Cabrio 115HP C = 4cyl 2.0L (G) Passat 115HP D = 6cyl 2.8L (G) Golf / Jetta / GTI 172HP E = 6cyl 2.8L (G) Passat 172HP F = 4cyl 1.9L (Diesel) Golf / Jetta / GTI 90HP G = 4cyl 1.9L (Diesel) Golf / Jetta / GTI / Passat 90HP H = 5cyl 2.5L (G) EuroVan 109HP (Canada Only) J = 4cyl 1.9L (Diesel) EuroVan 77HP (Canada Only) K = 4cyl 1.8L (Diesel) Golf / Jetta / GTI 90HP (Canada)					

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### '98 & Prior Restraints:

- 0 Active - Dr/Pass.
- 2 Passive  
W/manual lap.
- 4 ELRA  
W/manual lap.
- 5 AirBag - Dr.  
Active - Dr/Pass.
- 6 AirBag - Dr/Pass.  
Side AirBag Front  
Dr/Pass.  
Active - Dr/Pass.
- 8 AirBag - Dr/Pass.  
Active - Dr/Pass.

### NOTES:

All '98 Passat and New Beetle Vehicles are equipped with depowered AirBags.

Dr = Driver Side  
Pass = Passenger Side

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											This is the sequential production number of the specific vehicle.					

### '99 Restraints:

#### Golf, GTI, Jetta, Cabrio, New Beetle & New Jetta:

- 2 AirBag Dr/Pass (Depowered)  
Side AirBag - Front Dr/Pass
- 6 AirBag Dr/Pass (Standard)  
Side AirBag - Front Dr/Pass
- 8 AirBag - Dr/Pass. Active - Dr/Pass

#### Passat, EuroVan, New Golf, New GTI:

- 2 or 8 AirBag Dr/Pass. Active - Dr/Pass (Depowered)
- 3 or 6 AirBag - Dr/Pass (Depowered)  
Side AirBag - Front Dr/Pass
- 4 AirBag Dr/Pass (Depowered)  
Side AirBag - Front & Rear Dr/Pass

### Check Digit:

0-9 or "X"

This is a calculated digit per NHTSA code to determine the validity of a complete Vehicle Identification Number.

### Must follow steps in order!

- 1- Model Year (position #10)  
Locate & use appropriate card.
- 2- Model Code (positions #7 & #8)
- 3- Vehicle Series (position #4)
- 4- Engine Code (position #5)

### Model Year

- A = 1980
- B = 1981
- C = 1982
- D = 1983
- E = 1984
- F = 1985
- G = 1986
- H = 1987
- J = 1988
- K = 1989
- L = 1990
- M = 1991
- N = 1992
- P = 1993
- R = 1994
- S = 1995
- T = 1996
- V = 1997
- W = 1998
- X = 1999