

1998 Volkswagen V.I.N. decoder

- SERIES:**
- A = Cabrio GL
 - B = Cabrio GLS
New Beetle
 - D = GTI 2dr
 - F = Golf 4dr GL/TDI
 - H = GTI 2dr VR6
 - J = Golf 4dr Wolfsburg Ed.
 - K = Golf 4dr K2 Edition
 - M = Passat 4dr GLS (USA)
 - N = Passat GLS/TDI Wagon (USA)
 - P = Jetta 4dr Wolfsburg Ed.
Passat 4dr GLX (USA)
 - R = Jetta 4dr GL / TDI
 - S = Jetta 4dr GLS
 - T = Jetta 4dr GLX
Passat GLS Syncro Wagon (USA)
 - V = Jetta 4dr GT
 - Y = Jetta 4dr K2 Edition
- Canada Only:**
- A = Passat 4dr GLS/TDI
 - B = Passat 4dr GLS/TDI
Wagon
 - C = Golf 4dr Base
 - F = Passat GLS Syncro
Wagon

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
3	V	W	B	B	6	1 C	2	W	M	0	1	3	4	5	6	

Country of origin:
3 = Mexico

Manufacturer:
V = Volkswagen

Vehicle Type:
W = Car
2 = MPV

Series:
B = Europe
3 = Mexico

Engine:
B = See Chart

Restraint System:
6 = See Chart

Model (position 7 & 8):
1 C = 4cyl 2.0L (G) Golf / Jetta / GTI / Cabrio 115HP
A = 4cyl 1.8L (G) Passat 150HP
B = 4cyl 2.0L (G) Golf / Jetta / GTI / Cabrio / New Beetle 115HP
D = 6cyl 2.8L (G) Golf / Jetta / GTI 172HP
D = 6cyl 2.8L (G) Passat 190HP
F = 4cyl 1.9L (Diesel) Golf / Jetta / New Beetle 90HP
G = 4cyl 1.9L (Diesel) Passat 90HP

Check Digit:
0-9 or X

Model Year:
1998

Assembly Plant:
M = Mexico

Sequential serial number (position 12 - 17):
B = Brussels E = Emden
H = Hannover M = Mexico
W = Wolfsburg

MODEL:
1C = New Beetle
1E = Cabrio
1H = Golf /Jetta & GTI
3B = Passat



- '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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'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