

1999 Volkswagen V.I.N. decoder

SERIES:

- A = Cabrio
- B = Cabrio GLS
New Beetle GL
New Golf 4dr GL
- C = New Cabrio GL
New Beetle GLS
- D = New Cabrio GLS
New Beetle GLX
- E = EuroVan 3dr Camper
- F = Golf 4dr GL
- G = New Golf 4dr GLS
- H = GTI 2dr VR6
- J = Golf 4dr Wolfsburg Ed.
- K = EuroVan 3dr GLS
- M = New Jetta 4dr GLS (USA)
EuroVan 3dr MV
- N = Passat GLS Wagon (USA)
EuroVan 3dr Weekender
- P = Jetta 4dr Wolfsburg Ed.
- R = Jetta 4dr GL / TDI & New Jetta 4dr GL
Passat GLS Syncro Wagon (USA)
- S = New Jetta 4dr GLS
- T = Jetta 4dr GLX
Passat 4dr GLS Syncro (USA)
- U = Passat 4dr GLX Syncro (USA)
- W = Passat GLX Syncro Wagon (USA)

Canada Only:

- A = Passat 4dr GLS
- B = Passat GLS Wagon
- C = Golf 4dr Base
- E = Passat GLS Syncro Wagon
- F = Passat 4dr GLS Syncro
- G = Passat 4dr GLX Syncro
- H = Passat GLX 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

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3 V W B B 8 1 E 5 X M 8 0 3 4 5 6

Country Code
 Volkswagen
 Type
 W = Car
 2 = MPV
 W = Europe
 3 = Mexico

- See Chart
- A = 4cyl 2.0L (G)Golf / Jetta / GTI / Beetle 115HP
 - A = 4cyl 1.8L (G)Passat 150HP
 - B = 4cyl 2.0L (G)Golf / Jetta / GTI / Cabrio 115HP
 - C = 4cyl 2.0L (G)Golf / Jetta / GTI / Beetle 115HP
 - D = 6cyl 2.8L (G)Golf / Jetta / GTI 172HP
 - D = 4cyl 1.8L (G)TLEV New Beetle & Jetta 148HP
 - D = 6cyl 2.8L (G)Passat 190HP
 - E = 6cyl 2.8L (G)New Beetle, Jetta, Golf & GTI 174HP
 - F = 4cyl 1.9L (Diesel) Golf / Jetta / GTI / Beetle 90HP
 - H = 6cyl 2.8L (G) EuroVan 140HP

- E = Emden
- H = Hannover
- M = Mexico
- W = Wolfsburg

MODEL:

- 1C = New Beetle
- 1E = Cabrio
- 1H = Golf / Jetta & GTI
- 3B = Passat
- 70 = EuroVan
- 1J = New Golf/GTI
- 9M = New Jetta

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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 an New Beetle Vehicles are equipped with depowered AirBags.
- Dr = Driver Side
Pass = Passenger Side

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- ### 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

- ### '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)

This is the sequential production number of the specific vehicle.