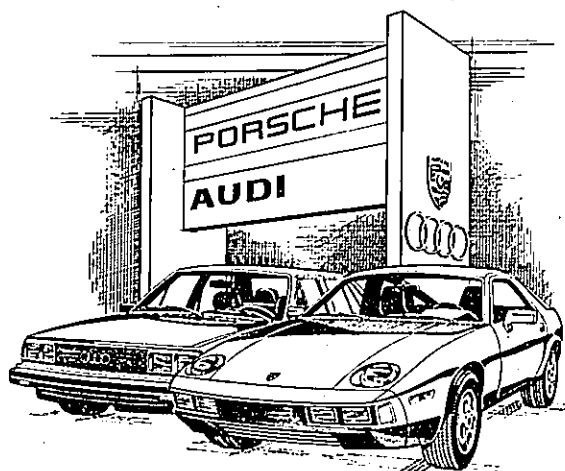


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Rabbit GTI heads Volkswagen lineup

Volkswagen's 1983 lineup, headed by a GTI version of the Rabbit and turbodiesel engine options for the Quantum and Jetta, emphasizes performance and European standards of handling.

The GTI is equipped with a high-output, 1.8-liter 90-horsepower fuel-injected engine and a five-speed gearbox.

According to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, the Quantum Turbo Diesel Sedan, the flagship of the VW line, is the most economical compact sold in America. The Jetta sports sedan, equipped with optional turbodiesel power, is one of the 10 most fuel-efficient cars on the market.

Of the more than 1,300 changes made to 1983 Rabbits, the most significant are in the areas of seating and suspension. Like the GTI, all Rabbits this year have retuned suspension systems with stiffer spring rates and revised shock valving for tauter, more controlled ride and improved handling.

The Rabbit's front seats have been redesigned with larger side bolsters, improved seat cushions and seat backs to keep the driver and passenger better located and more comfortable.

Because of these and other overall product upgrading, the entry-level Rabbit is the "L" model which is now equipped with an electronically controlled carburetor. On the mid-level Rabbit, now called the LS, a list of former options have been added as standard equipment.

Also for 1983, VW introduces the most luxurious and fully equipped Rabbit ever offered, the GL. It features such standard equipment as power steering, a rear-window wiper/washer, five-speed gearbox, wider wheels and tires and deluxe trim.

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models receive many of the same changes as the Rabbit, including re-contoured seats and retuned suspension systems. Pickups also got now built-in cargo bed tie-downs and increased front-ground clearance this year.

Another VW mileage champ is the Vanagon Diesel. For the second year in a row this aerodynamically styled, space-efficient utility vehicle has captured the No. 1 spot in the EPA's Van Class. This year a five-speed manual transmission replaces a four-speed as standard on the diesel.

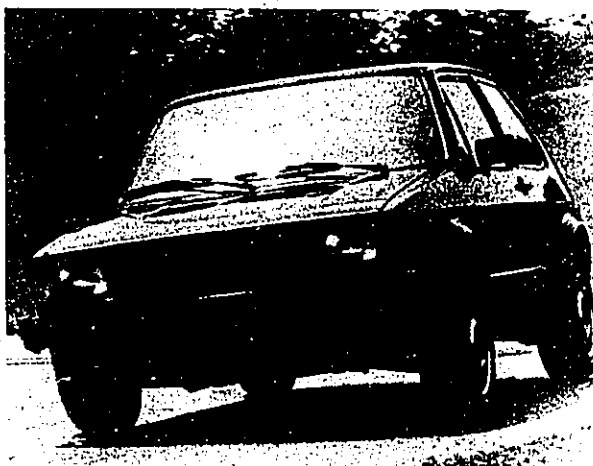
In addition to gasoline and diesel Vanagon L and luxurious GL models, Volkswagen also offers the Vanagon Camper.



The latest-generation Scirocco, introduced just last year, and the Rabbit Convertible, the least expensive four-passenger convertible on the market, both retain their shapes and personalities. The Scirocco has a wind-tunnel-honed body, sport seats, fuel-injected engine and five-speed transmission.

The VW convertible is more economical this year. The list of standard features includes 1.7-liter fuel-injected engine.

For 1983, all Volkswagens are covered by a more comprehensive warranty. Every VW now comes with a 12-month limited warranty with no mileage restriction. Last year there was a 20,000-mile limit.



The Rabbit GTI is a new, high-performance version of the perennial Volkswagen top seller.