The incredible Rabbit. It's one great surprise after another.



Your first big surprise comes when you slip behind the wheel of a Rabbit and realize this is one economy car that doesn't cramp your style.

In fact, because the engine is turned sideways, you actually get as much leg room as in some mid-size cars. And there's plenty of leg, hip and head room in back for two full-grown passengers. A surprising 87% of the Rabbit is devoted to people and luggage space.

The next big surprise comes when you flip the hatch and fold down the rear seat of the Rabbit. The cavernous carrying compartment measures almost 30 cubic feet. Room enough for 21 bags of groceries.

And even with the rear seat up, there's still more trunk space than in a Cadillac Seville.

But the best surprise of all is the sheer fun of driving a Rabbit.

Step on it, and Rabbit hops from 0 to 50 mph in a sprightly 8.3 seconds. And an amazing 11.5 seconds with the new fuel-saving Diesel engine option. In fact, it's the snappiest production Diesel car you can buy. While beneath you, the fully-independent suspension smoothes the road without letting you lose touch with it. For precise comering, there's rack and pinion steering and a unique stabilizer rear axle.

By now you're ready for another surprise — a fuel gauge that moves from FULL to EMPTY at an incredibly slow pace — according to EPA estimates*, 38 mpg highway, 25 mpg city. Or an astounding 53 mpg highway, 40 mpg city with the optional Diesel engine.

*Based on 1978 EPA estimated mileage with manual transmission. Your actual mileage may vary, depending on where and how you drive, your car's condition and optional equipment. Ask your local dealer for a free copy of the EPA/FEA Gas Mileage Guide for New Car Buyers.

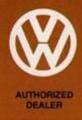
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ENGINE:

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| 1978 RARRIT | AND DIESEL | RABBIT SPE | CIFICATIONS |

| ENGINE: Type | Water-cooled, front mounted, transverse, overhead cam | |
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| Cylinders | 4 cylinders, in-line | |
| Displacement | 88.9 cubic inches (1457 cc) Diesel: 89.7 cubic inches (1471 cc) | |
| SAE Net HP | 71 (70 California) @ 5800 rpm Diesel: 48 @ 5000 rpm | |
| Fuel/Air Supply | CIS fuel injection Diesel: Diesel injection pump | |
| TRANSMISSION & DIFFERENTIAL: | | |
| Type | Fully synchronized, transaxle, transverse mounted | |
| No. Speeds | 4 forward, 1 reverse | |
| Final Drive | Front wheel drive, double-jointed axles | |
| Clutch | Single disc, dry | |
| CHASSIS & SUSPENSION: | TO DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY OF | |
| Frame | Unitized body/chassis, bolt-on front fenders | |
| Front Suspension | Independent coil/shock absorber struts negative steering roll radius | |
| Rear Suspension | Independent, stabilizer axle with coil/shock absorber str | |
| Service Brake | Dual diagonal circuit, disc front, drums rear | |
| Parking Brake | Mechanical operated on rear wheels | |
| Rim Size | 4½J x 13 | |
| Tire Size | 145 x 13 Rabbit "C" and "L": 155 SR13 Steel Belted | |
| Steering | Rack and pinion | |
| ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: | and the second s | |
| Rated Voltage | 12 Volt, 55 Amp alternator | |
| Battery | 12 Volt, 45 Amp/hour Diesel: 12 Volt, 63 Amp/hour | |
| DIMENSIONS: | Colonia Const | |
| Wheelbase | 94.4 inches | |
| Length | 155.3 inches | |
| Width | 63.4 inches | |
| Height (Unloaded) | 55.5 inches | |
| Ground Clearance (Loaded) | 4.9 inches | |
| Turning Circle | 31.2 feet (curb to curb) | |
| PERFORMANCE: | SEC STREET THE SECOND | |
| Top Speed | 93 mph Dieset: 87 mph | |
| Fuel Mileage* | Highway: 38 mpg City: 25 mpg Diesel-Highway: 53 mpg City: 40 mpg | |

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