

## The 1986 Volkswagen Golf





Every Volkswagen has been conceived with the classic German passion for engineering excellence. Yet even in Germany, a land of automotive geniuses and giants, Volkswagen engineers are a breed apart. They have never been content to compete, they must excel.

#### A labor of love

Volkswagen engineers are innovators. They always employ the most sophisticated technology, and when it is lacking, they create it themselves. They are perfectionists. They insist their own craftsmanship undergo inspection after inspection to assure that every Volkswagen is as perfect as man and machine can make it. They are practical. They have made every Volkswagen affordable, and built into it an efficiency, reliability and durability that truly make it a great automotive value.

#### Share the feeling

But above all, Volkswagen engineers share a passion for performance, the results of which you will experience when you slip behind the wheel of your Golf. Only then will you fully understand that you're not driving a car, you're driving a Volkswagen.

**The Volkswagen 2-year  
Unlimited Mileage Protection Plan**  
Volkswagen's commitment to quality extends to your peace-of-mind protection after you buy your new car. Our confidence in our products has led us to provide a Protection Plan that's as simple and straightforward as a Volkswagen itself.

Your new Golf is protected by a 2-year unlimited mileage limited warranty on the entire vehicle (except tires). And an exclusive limited warranty is provided for rust perforation. See your dealer for details.

Whether you choose the 2-door or 4-door model, the 1988 Golf will prove to be the single smartest purchase you can make to meet your personal transportation needs.



Total performance in an efficient hatchback.



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Our German engineers have given the Golf a dual personality.

On the one hand, it is an extremely affordable and efficient machine. Powerplants include a 1.8 liter fuel-injected gasoline engine or a 1.6 liter diesel, both coupled to a 5-speed transmission. And in traditional Volkswagen fashion, each is designed to use your fuel most sparingly.

**Engineered for excitement**

On the other hand, when you drive the Golf on a country lane or point it at a winding curve, it turns into a true performance machine. The handling is responsive, sure-footed and nothing short of spectacular. That's because the Golf is engineered with the same advanced automotive technology you'll find in cars costing much more. Like rack and pinion

steering. 4-wheel independent suspension. Power front disc brakes. And steel belted radials.

**Protection that's built-in**

And since the Golf invites such spirited performance, it also provides comfort and protection. You'll enjoy tinted glass. A rear window defroster. Dual remote controlled mirrors. A rear window washer and wiper with an intermittent feature. Even a child safety lock system for the rear doors.

So if you're practical enough to insist on efficiency, yet an enthusiast enough to demand performance, the new Golf may very well be the perfect buy for you. It's like getting two cars for the price of one.



As you put your Golf through its paces, you'll notice that it generates a secure feeling of complete driver control. That's because it is engineered with such brilliant technology.

**Control from the ground up**

A patented track correcting rear axle helps keep your Golf on line during hard cornering. Then there's the negative steering roll radius of the front suspension. Should a front wheel run off the road onto a soft surface, it will assist in bringing it back on track and maintaining directional control. And for greater traction and responsiveness under all driving conditions, the Golf features front-wheel drive.

From its computer-aided design, to our endless hours of analysis and road testing, to its final assembly, our German engineers have skillfully combined sophisticated automotive technology with outstanding performance and durability that will allow you to enjoy your new Golf for many years to come.



More technology than you expect,  
but not more than you deserve.



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The interior of the Golf is an unusually spacious panorama that invites both driver and passengers to relax and enjoy the ride.

Fully reclining front bucket seats with adjustable headrests are standard. While Golf's full instrumentation and controls are all conveniently placed within easy access and field of vision of the driver.

#### **Silence is golden**

You won't hear any complaints from the rest of the gang because there is an extremely generous amount of head room and leg room for four more passengers. You'll also hear very little road noise, thanks to Golf's aerodynamic design.

All you'll hear are compliments from first-time riders who will be amazed that such a practical and efficient car can feel so comfortable.

#### **An efficient carry-all**

In addition to transporting people, a Golf is also proficient at carrying things. Big things fit easily in the large cargo space that can be made even larger with the folding rear seat, or more versatile with the optional split rear seat. And little things store nicely in convenient door pockets, or in an illuminated, lockable glovebox.

So load up, lean back and let Golf transport you with all the comfort, security and panache of a car costing thousands more.

The new Golf is equally adept at moving things as it is at moving people. Cargo capacity is a generous 17.9 cubic feet. But if you need even more space, the fold-and-tumble feature of the rear seat increases your carrying capacity up to an amazing 29.6 cubic feet. An additional split rear seat adds welcomed versatility.



Plenty of room, but no wasted space.



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# Options

Since driving habits are as individual as you are, a complete selection of options and dealer installed accessories are available to help you equip your new Golf to suit your personal preferences.

And since Volkswagen policy is one of continual improvement in its products, be sure to consult your dealer for advice concerning current availability of the options and accessories you desire.



Optional equipment pictured includes:

- ▲ (L) AM/FM stereo cassette radio with four speakers and a cassette storage tray (Air conditioning is also shown).
- ▲ (R) Manually operated sunroof with air deflector.
- ▲ (L) Automatic transmission (N/A with diesel engine).
- ▲ (R) Split rear seat with carpeted luggage compartment.
- ▼ (L) Full wheel covers.
- ▼ (R) Power mirrors.



## Features And Options

	GOLF DIESEL	GOLF
	2.0L 4-Cyl.	2.0L 4-Cyl.
2-Standard 2-Optional ---Not Available		
MULTIMEDIA		
2.0 liter 4-cylinder diesel engine	0	0
2.0 liter 4-cylinder fuel-injected engine with hydraulic water pump	0	0
Larger 16" sport wheels	0	0
Electronic ignition	0	0
3-speed transmission	0	0
MacPherson strut front suspension, independent rear suspension	0	0
Black and gold steering	0	0
Power-assisted brakes (front disc, rear drum)	0	0
High-mounted brake light	0	0
Steer-by-wire radio tuner	0	0
CONVENIENCE		
All-steel unit body construction	0	0
Rectangular halogen headlights	0	0
Rear spoiler	0	0
Steer-graphic air wheel spinning	0	0
Lower body-side moldings	0	0
Door controls (interior mirrors)	0	0
Black-clip seat-mounting	0	0
Rear window wiper (wiper with intermittent feature)	0	0
Tinted glass	0	0
Lockable gas cap	0	0
INTERIOR		
Power window panel	0	0
Full instrumentation including speedometer, trip odometer, tachometer*, clock*, fuel gauge, water temperature gauge, spark indicator light*, and oil warning light*	0	0
Ceiling console with ashtray, cigarette lighter and rear seat heater ducts	0	0
Fully reclining rear seat (rear bucket seats with adjustable headrests)	0	0
Fold-and-humble rear seat	0	0
Fully padded, set-in-place seating	0	0
Carpeted luggage compartment (rear seat cover)	0	0
Electric rear window deflector	0	0
Child safety lock system on rear doors (4-door model only)	0	0
Courtesy light and instrument illumination	0	0
EXTERIOR		
Air conditioning	0	0
Heavy-duty coating package	0	0
Sunroof with air deflector	0	0
Automatic transmission	0	0
Power steering	0	0
AM/FM stereo radio with four speakers	0	0
AM/FM stereo cassette radio with four speakers and cassette storage tray	0	0
Height adjustable driver's seat	0	0
Split rear seat	0	0
Lockable upholstery	0	0
Driver's control	0	0
Power package (mirrors, locks, windows)	0	0
Power mirrors	0	0
Power window system (N/A with height adjustable driver's seat)	0	0
175, 175RMS 13" steel wheels with 16" x 13" steel wheels	0	0
16" x 13" alloy wheels	0	0
Full wheel covers	0	0
Warranty plan	0	0
Engine block heater	0	0



The Golf, GTI, Jetta, Cabriolet, Scirocco, Quantum, Vanagon and Vanagon Camper are proud examples of Volkswagen's unending commitment to build affordable, quality crafted products offering engineering excellence, exceptional performance and driver control, durability and lasting value.

## Specifications

	GOLF DIESEL	GOLF
ENGINE TYPE	4-cyl. in-line, SOHC	4-cyl. in-line, SOHC
DISPLACEMENT	1.8 liter, 17" cu. in.	1.8 liter, 170" cu. in.
MAXIMUM POWER @ RPM (SAE test)	52 @ 4,800	90 @ 5,200
TORQUE @ RPM	71.4 lbs. @ 2,000	96 lbs. @ 4,200
BODY FRAME CONSTRUCTION	Uniflex construction, full-on front framing	Uniflex construction, full-on front framing
FRONT SUSPENSION	Independent MacPherson struts, coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers	Independent MacPherson struts, coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers
REAR SUSPENSION	Independent torsion beam with coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers	Independent torsion beam with coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers
STEERING TYPE	Power and gear	Power and gear
TURNING CIRCLE	34.4 ft.	34.4 ft.
DRIVESH	Four diagonal shafts with power assist, 6.4" front shaft, 1.1" rear shaft, self-aligning. Mechanical parking brake.	Four diagonal shafts with power assist, 6.4" front shaft, 1.1" rear shaft, self-aligning. Mechanical parking brake.
DIMENSIONS		
Wheelbase	91.2"	91.2"
Front track	55.7"	55.7"
Rear track	55.0"	55.0"
Overall length	139.2"	139.2"
Overall width	68.2"	68.2"
Overall height	55.7"	55.7"
Ground clearance	4.3"	4.3"
CAPACITY		
2-door luggage capacity	17.0 cu. ft.	Luggage capacity—
4-door luggage capacity	17.0 cu. ft.	rear seat folded
		Passenger capacity
		14.0 U.S. gallons
WHEELS AND TIRES		
Golf Diesel	14" x 13" steel wheels, 175/130R13 tires	
Golf	16" x 13" alloy wheels, 175/130R13 tires	
DOOR RELEASE SYSTEMS*	DOOR	DOOR
Golf Diesel	27	27
Golf with 3-speed manual	27	27
Golf with 5-speed automatic	27	27
EXTERIOR FINISH		
Golf Diesel and Golf	Alpine White Titan Red Metallic Deep Ocean Blue	Light Ash Metallic Light Blue Metallic Diamond Silver Metallic

\*See your Volkswagen dealer for color and trim selections.

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