

# JETTA

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JETTA  
JETTA GL  
JETTA CABRIO  
JETTA GLI 16V





A true German road car can cruise at high speeds for hours on end. It is engineered to provide remarkable handling. And it can transport the driver and passengers in comfort and security.

A true German road car is one of the wonders of the driving world. Now, it's a wonder anyone can afford to own one.

**Don't pay the high price for high performance.**



The Volkswagen Jetta is one German road car that's actually within your reach. It's all there. The understated elegance. The power to perform. The contemporary engineering. All at an extremely reasonable price.

And since a true German road car is also a very personal vehicle, Volkswagen lets you choose your own combination of performance and comfort. The Jetta GL increases

the luxury of the Jetta. The Jetta Carat is the height of comfort and luxury. And the Jetta GLI 16V with its sophisticated 16 valve engine puts pulse-quickenning power at your command.

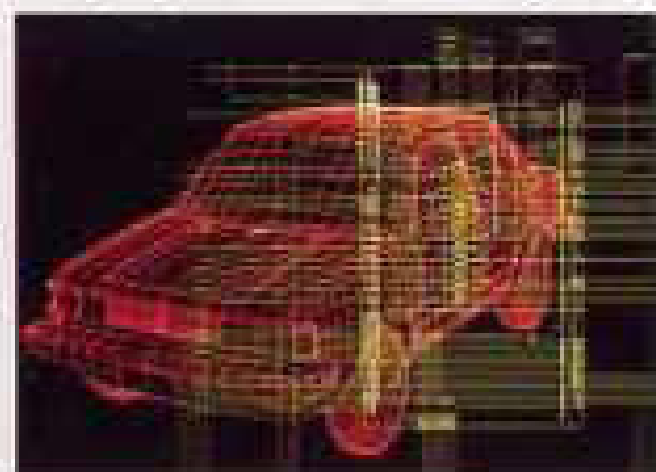
Since each of these Jettas is still a Volkswagen, you can afford to be choosy.

**German Engineering.**

**The Volkswagen Way.**

Our engineers build the Jetta only one way, the Volkswagen Way. By means of contemporary German engineering,

Electronic sensors accurately measure physical quantities such as pressure, temperature or rate of flow in the engine.



they've created a relationship between car and driver that is unique in the automotive world. By creating an ergonomically sensitive interior they've encouraged spirited performance for hours on end. And

they've given the Jetta a classic yet contemporary design that is meant to endure. No other German road car can offer you all this at such an affordable price.

Building cars the Volkswagen Way sets us apart from every other car maker in the world. For our engineers, it is



Volkswagen's World Headquarters in Wolfsburg, West Germany—one of the largest facilities of its kind in the world—is home to vehicle development, testing and quality assurance.

the only way. The right way. They strive to give a driver what he needs as well as what he wants. In the end, you are rewarded with a more gratifying ownership experience.

The Volkswagen Way. A heritage and a philosophy that explains why our cars look, feel and drive like no other cars on the road.

**We back the Jetta.**

The craftsmanship of the Jetta has led us to provide a Protection Plan that should inspire confidence in your car. Rather than just a "drive-train" warranty, your new Jetta is protected by a 2-year/24,000 mile limited warranty against defects in materials and workmanship. And a 6-year limited warranty is provided against corrosion perforation.

A nationwide network of authorized Volkswagen dealers stands ready to provide you with parts and service to help make your Volkswagen as pleasurable in the future as it was the first day you owned it.



**JETTA:**  
A truly  
affordable  
German  
road car.

Our German engineers have built peace of mind and security into the very design of the Jetta.

Nose into a curve and the patented track-correcting rear axle helps keep the car on line. Should one of the front wheels stray off the road onto

a soft surface, the negative steering roll radius of the front suspension will help keep the car on track. And to improve both traction and directional control in a wide variety of weather and

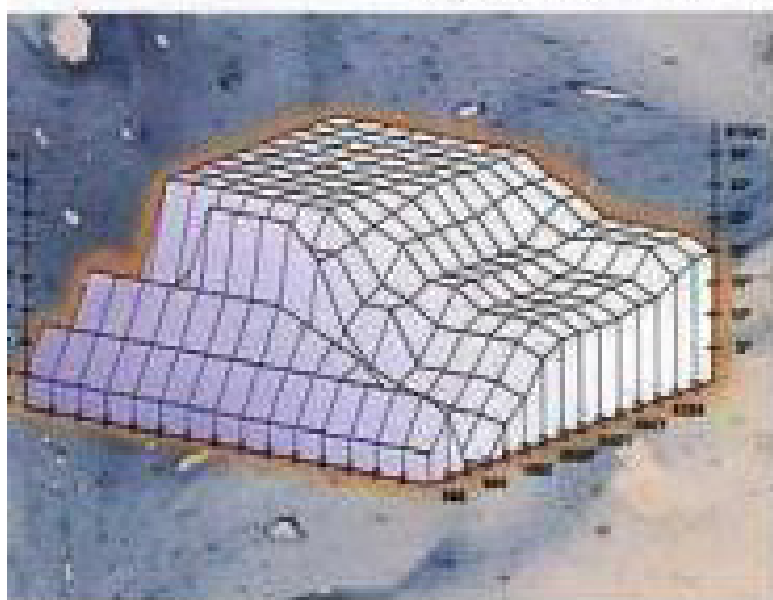
driving conditions, the Jetta is equipped with front-wheel drive.

Our German engineers firmly believe that driving confidence comes only with enhanced control of your car.

**Room to share the driving fun.**

If you'd like to share the Jetta's impressive performance, your family and friends will be accommodated most graciously. There's more than enough leg room, hip room and elbow room for five adults. A ventilation system that minimizes the effect of road speed changes will help keep everyone alert and refreshed. Even your luggage will travel in style. The Jetta's 16.6 cubic feet of trunk space make it one of the largest in its class.

An ignition timing map programmed into the electronic control unit provides proper engine timing under varying engine loads and speeds.





**JETTA GL:**  
The first rule  
of the road  
for the Jetta GL  
is driver  
assurance.



**JETTA GL:**  
The Jetta GL  
takes command  
of the road.





The first mark of distinction for any true German road car is the finely tuned balance between power and performance. The Jetta scores high in this regard with a lively 1.8 liter Digifant fuel-injected engine coupled to a 5-speed transmission.

The Jetta then transforms this power into sophisticated performance by means of the latest Volkswagen engineering features. This technology includes rack and pinion steering, 4-wheel independent suspension, Power front disc brakes. And a dual diagonal braking system.

The resulting performance is nimble, sure-footed, and graceful. The Jetta doesn't just drive a road, it tames it.

#### **Enjoy the performance in comfort.**

The first order of business in a true German road car is to put the driver firmly in command. This the Jetta does immediately with its ergonomically designed cockpit. All instrumentation can be monitored in a glance and all vital controls are within easy reach. Fully reclining front bucket seats with adjustable headrests provide the essential comfort and lateral support necessary during spirited touring.

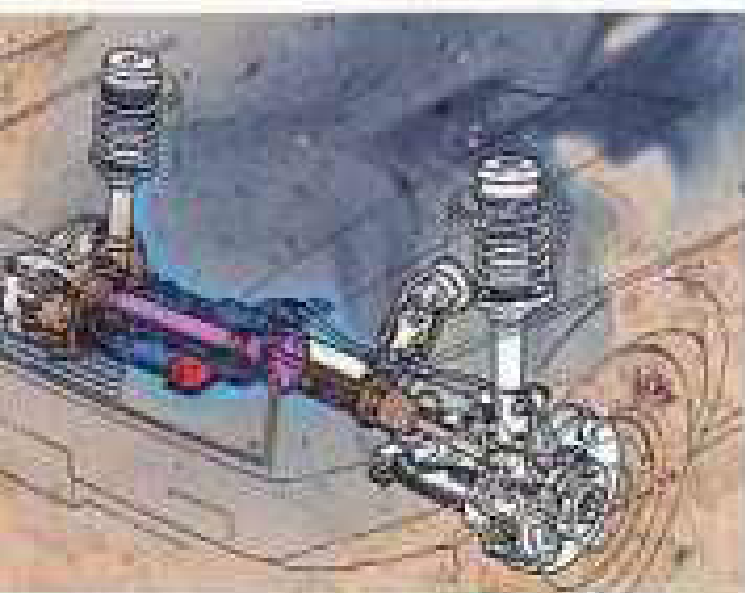
A wide range of standard convenience features makes even the longest trips more pleasurable. These include a rear window defroster. Dual remote controlled mirrors. Intermittent wipers. And tinted glass.

For those who prefer even greater luxury, the Jetta GL adds power steering, plush velour upholstery and a rear center armrest. As well as a passive restraint seat belt system that encourages you to buckle up by automatically positioning the shoulder belt across your chest whenever you enter the car.



Jetta  
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Our German engineers have clearly distinguished the Jetta Carat by raising its level of performance. Teamed to the spirited 1.8 liter Digifant fuel-injected engine is a 5-speed transmission that quickly reaches maximum torque in each gear.



The performance is enhanced even further by power rack and pinion steering. An independent sport suspension with front and rear stabilizer bars. And front

vented 4-wheel disc brakes.

The Jetta Carat's handling is so crisp and agile that it makes even bad roads look good.

**Jetta's independent suspension system permits independent jounce and rebound of each wheel for a more comfortable, smoother ride.**



**The pleasures of personal luxury.** To match the Jetta Carat's high level of performance, our engineers have elevated its level of standard luxury. The driver enjoys a leather-wrapped 4-spoke steering wheel, cruise control and a multi-function computer that reports helpful driving data. Velour upholstered sport bucket seats, height adjustable for both driver and front passenger, invite relaxation.

The standard pleasures continue with air conditioning. An AM/FM stereo cassette with 6 speakers and an anti-theft feature. Power windows and locks. Power mirrors and antenna. And rear headrests. Even the exterior radiates the good life with sporty 14" alloy wheels and sparkling metallic paint.

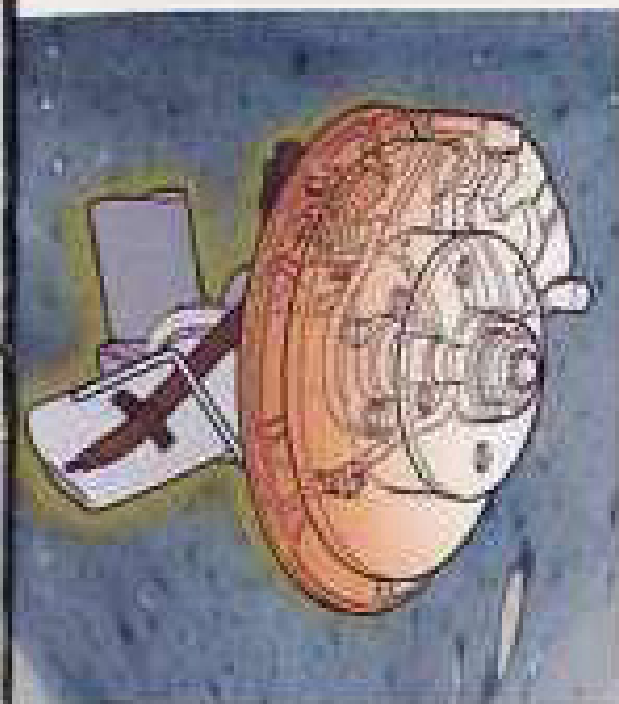






**JETTA GLI 16V:**  
It moves  
quickly to the  
head of  
its class.





To say that the Jetta GLI 16V is quick and nimble could well be the automotive understatement of the year.

The Jetta GLI 16V easily satisfies performance enthusiasts with its 1.8 liter, dual overhead cam, fuel-injected engine mated to a close-ratio 5-speed transmission. Each cylinder of this brawny powerplant has four valves instead of two. The energy produced is a full 123 horsepower. 0 to 50 is achieved in just 6.0 seconds.

The Jetta GLI 16V gets its cat-like agility and maneuverability from such advanced engineering features as quick-ratio power rack and pinion steering, 4-wheel disc brakes, front-vented. And an independent sport suspension system with front and rear stabilizer bars. Accelerate the Jetta GLI 16V and you are quickly propelled into the rarified air of exhilarating world-class performance.

**An ergonomically superb driving environment.**

The cockpit of the Jetta GLI 16V is just what the dedicated driving enthusiast would expect. Instrumentation and vital controls are easily visible and reachable. A leather-wrapped 4-spoke steering wheel and shift knob await your grip. And a multi-function computer relays pertinent driving information.

Since the Jetta GLI 16V encourages you to drive it with vigor, it provides the solid support of world-renowned Recaro sport seats up front, each with electric height adjustment. The long list of comfort and convenience features also includes integrated rear headrests, a center rear seat armrest and dual remote controlled mirrors.

Even the exterior declares that this is indeed a special road car. Consider the sporty 14" alloy wheels, dual-outlet exhaust system, front and rear spoilers and roof mounted antenna.



The Jetta GLI 16V's spirited powerplant is capable of reaching a top track speed of 121 mph.



A complete selection of options and dealer installed accessories is available to help equip your new Jetta to suit your personal preferences. Standard features and optional equipment pictured include: a sunroof with air deflector, an AM/FM stereo cassette with theft protection (std. on Carat), automatic transmission, power windows—part of a power package that includes power windows, door locks and mirrors—(std. on Carat), cruise control, and alloy wheels.



JETTA AND JETTA GL OPTION PACKAGES	P02	P03	P04	P05	P16	P17	P18
Radio prep including 4 speakers and antenna	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Sunroof with air deflector		■			■		■
Air conditioning	■		■	■	■	■	■
Power steering			■		■		
Power package; windows, door locks, mirrors						■	■
Cruise control				■		■	■
Alloy wheels							■

Option packages P02, P03, P04 and P16 are available on Jetta; packages P03, P04, P05, P16, P17 and P18 are available on Jetta GL. Additional available options: AM/FM stereo cassette with six speakers, additional amplifier power, cassette storage box, and theft protection; AM/FM radio; automatic transmission; California emissions.

JETTA CARAT AND JETTA GLI 16V OPTION PACKAGES	P19	P20	P21	P25	P26	P28	P29
Radio prep including 4 speakers and antenna		■	■			■	■
Air conditioning		■	■			■	■
Sunroof with air deflector	■		■		■		■
Power package; windows, door locks, mirrors		■	■				
Forged alloy wheel				■	■		

Option packages P19, P25 and P26 are available on Jetta Carat; packages P20, P21, P28 and P29 are available on Jetta GLI 16V. Additional available options: AM/FM stereo cassette with six speakers, additional amplifier power, and theft protection; automatic transmission; California emissions. Not all options are available on all models. See your dealer for details.



STANDARD FEATURES S=Standard D=Optional -=Not Available	Jetta	Jetta GL	Jetta Carat	Jetta GLI 16V
<b>MECHANICAL</b>				
1.8 liter 100 HP 4-cylinder fuel-injected engine	S	S*	-	-
1.8 liter 105 HP 4-cylinder fuel-injected engine	-	D	S	-
1.8 liter 123 HP 16 valve 4-cylinder fuel-injected engine	-	-	-	S
5-speed transmission (close-ratio on GLI 16V)	S	S	S	S
MacPherson strut front suspension; independent torsion beam axle rear suspension; front and rear stabilizer bars; sport suspension on Carat, GLI 16V	S	S	S	S
Rack and pinion steering (power on GL, Carat, GLI 16V)	S	S	S	S
Power assisted 4-wheel disc brakes, front vented	-	-	S	S
Power assisted brakes (front disc/rear drum)	S	S	-	-
Steel belted radial tires (low profile on Carat, GLI 16V)	S	S	S	S
<b>EXTERIOR</b>				
Rear decklid spoiler in body color	-	-	-	S
Front spoiler (with brake cooling ducts on GLI 16V)	S	S	S	S
Wide bodyside molding (red accent stripe on GLI 16V)	S	S	S	S
Dual remote mirrors—RH convex; (power on Carat)	S	S	S	S
Power antenna; roof mounted antenna on GLI 16V	-	-	S	S
Metallic paint	-	D	S	D
5-1/2J x 13 zero steel wheels with trim rings	S	S	-	-
6J x 14 alloy wheels (teardrop design on GLI 16V)	-	-	S	S
<b>INTERIOR</b>				
Full instrumentation including speedometer, trip odometer, digital clock, fuel gauge, water temperature gauge, tachometer, warning chimes and lights	S	S	S	S
On-board multi-function computer	-	-	S	S
Passive restraint system	-	S	-	-
Fully reclining upholstered seats (velour on GL)	S	S	-	-
Fully reclining height adjustable velour sport seats	-	-	S	-
Recaro velour seats with leatherette bolsters and electric height adjustment; rear headrests	-	-	-	S
Leather wrapped 4-spoke steering wheel	-	-	S	S
Air conditioning	D	D	S	D
AM/FM stereo cassette with six speakers, cassette storage box and theft protection	D	D	S	D
Power windows, door locks, mirrors	-	D	S	D
Cruise control	-	D	S	-
*100 HP on GL models with manual transmission produced prior to January, 1988.				

SPECIFICATIONS	
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Engine Type (Jetta, GL, Carat)	4-cylinder, in-line, SOHC fuel-injected
Engine Type (GLI 16V)	4-cylinder, in-line, DOHC, 16-valve, fuel-injected
Displacement	1.8 liter, 109 cu. in.
Horsepower @ RPM (SAE net)	100 @ 5,400; 105 @ 5,400 (GL* Carat) 123 @ 5,800 (GLI 16V)
Torque @ RPM	107 ft. lbs. @ 3,400; 110 @ 3,400 (GL, Carat) 120 ft. lbs. @ 4,250 (GLI 16V)
Front Suspension	Independent MacPherson struts, coil springs, 18-mm stabilizer bar, telescopic shock absorbers
Rear Suspension	Independent torsion beam axle, coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers (20mm stabilizer bar on GL, Carat, GLI 16V)
Steering Type	Rack and pinion (power assisted on GL, Carat, GLI 16V)
Turning Circle	34.4 ft.
Brakes	Dual diagonal circuits with power assist, 9.4" front discs (ventilated on Carat, GLI 16V); 7.1" rear drums (Jetta, GL); 9.4" solid rear discs on Carat, GLI 16V; self-adjusting. Mechanical parking brake.
<b>Dimensions</b>	
Wheelbase	97.3"
Front track	56.3"
Rear track	58.0"
Overall length	171.7"
Overall width	65.5"; 66.1" GL, Carat, GLI 16V
Overall height	55.7"
Ground clearance	4.6"
<b>Capacities</b>	
Luggage capacity	16.6 cu. ft.
Fuel tank capacity	14.5 U.S. gallons
<b>Wheels and Tires</b>	
Steel wheels	5-1/2J x 13 (6J x 14 alloy wheels on Carat, GLI 16V)
Steel belted radials	175/70SR13 (185/60HR14 on Carat, GLI 16V)
<b>EPA Mileage Estimates*</b>	
	City                      50 States                      Highway
5-speed manual	25    34
5-speed manual (GLI 16V)	22    28
3-speed automatic	23    20

\*Remember: Use the EPA estimated mileage for comparison to others.  
Your actual mileage may vary depending on speed, trip length and weather.

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