The History of Volkswagen

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[Image of Volkswagen Beetle]
1930-1940

- Beetle first going into development.
- Most were made for the military in this time period.
- First Civilian Bug, made in August 1940.

Early Kdf-Wagen
What did Hitler have to do with the VW?

- Hitler came up with the idea of a small “Peoples car” hence the name.
- Hitler gave this assignment to Fernidand Porsche
- Fernidand Porsche Made the VW

Ceremony for the VW
1940-1950

- 1000th Beetle made in March 1946
- 1949-First Beetle sent to America
- 1949-The idea of a boxy van vehicle was thought up.

1948 Bug
1950-1960

- 1950-First VW bus
- 1950-100,000 Beetles produced
- 1954-Engine Size goes from 1131cc to 1192cc, 30 to 36 HP
- 1955-First Karmann Ghia Produced

Cutaway of VW Bus
1960-1970

- 1964-10 millionth Beetle produced
- 1966-Engine size goes from 1192cc to 1285cc, 36 to 50 HP
- 1967-Engine Size goes to 1493cc, HP to 53
- 1968-The Second Generation Transporter was introduced
- 1968-Automatic Stick Shift introduced
1970-1980

- 1970-Engine size goes to 1600cc, HP to 57
- 1971-Power Brakes added to Transporter
- 1973-First Auto Transmission in a VW Bus
- 1973-Passat/Dasher Introduced
1970-1980 Continued...

- 1974-Golf/Rabbit introduced (Gti)
- 1975-Fuel Injection added. HP Jumps by 2
- 1978-Last German Made Beetle rolled off the assembly line
- 1979-Last Transporter made (Bay-Window)

VW GTi
1980-1990

- 1980-Vanagon introduced
- 1981-20 millionth Beetle produced in Mexico
- Scirocco introduced
- Corrado Introduced

VW Vanagon
1990-2000

- 1993-Eurovan Introduced
- 1998-VW New Beetle Introduced
- “Old Style” Bugs still being produced in Mexico.
2000-Present

- 2003-Last old Style Bug produced in Mexico
- Total old Style beetle production: 21,529,464
- Touareg SUV introduced
- Phaeton Luxury sedan introduced

Last VW Bug made
What the Future Holds

- VW currently has many concepts out.
- The New Eos is due soon
- They will also be releasing a small SUV soon
The Wonderous Flat Four

- The VW Flat-four was an Aircooled 4-cylinder engine that had great gas mileage, and was easy to maintain. It was put in Vehicles from the first bug, to the last Vanagon in 1993. 53 Years!

(Vanagon had Watercooled)

Chromed out VW engine
How Did it Benefit Society

- Brought Germany out of an Economic Downfall
- Cheap, so pretty much everyone could afford one.
- It created a huge following of VW enthusiasts
- Without it, there never would have been a German Autobahn
Works Cited

