

1974 Volkswagen Super Beetle

2dr Convertible . 4-cyl. 1585cc/46hp 1bbl

#1 Concours condition

\$36,500

↗ +93.1%

#2 Excellent condition

\$27,900

↗ +84.8%

#3 Good condition

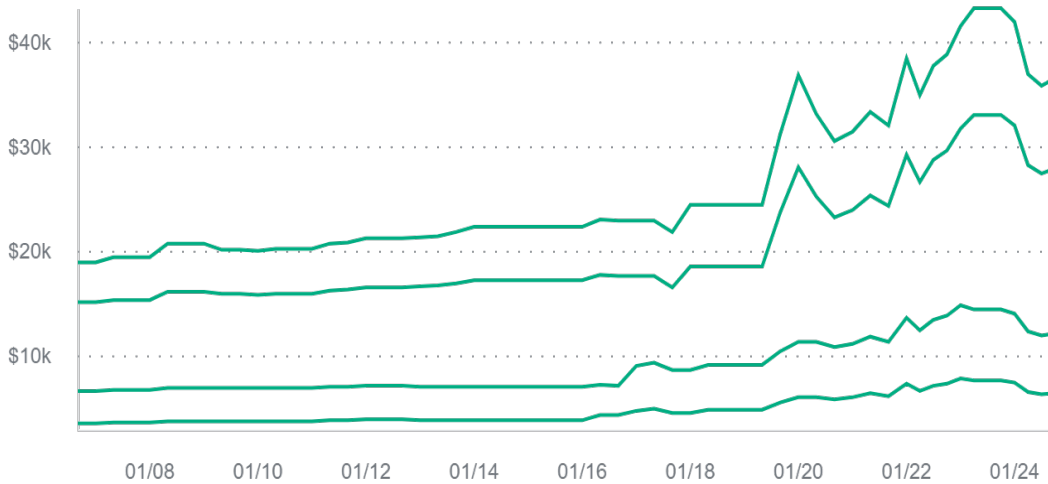
\$12,100*

↗ +83.3%

#4 Fair condition

\$6,400

↗ +82.9%



Model description

Time was catching up with the Volkswagen Beetle in 1974. After 25 years in the U.S., The front-wheel drive water-cooled Golf loomed on the horizon. Total VW sales dropped below one million worldwide and U.S. sales plummeted to 226,098 Beetles and Super Beetles, with 5730 Super Beetle Cabriolets. This would be the last year for the original Type 1 model as VW's main small car offering, as the Golf (or Rabbit in U.S. terms) would supplant it as the entry-level model.

U.S. cars now had fuel injection to meet emissions regulations and California models had catalytic converters as well. More precise rack-and-pinion steering was now fitted to the Model 1303 Super Beetle, which improved driver feel. The Beetle now had 5-mph bumpers in front and 2.5-mph bumpers in the rear and an ignition interlock which required the seatbelt be clicked before the car would start. Front seat headrests were smaller and an AC alternator was fitted at last. Cylinder heads were made of a more durable alloy and kingpin angles were changed for better stability during emergency stops.

Government regulations increased prices markedly. The old Deluxe Beetle now cost \$2625, the Super Beetle Sedan was \$2849 and the Cabriolet \$3475 – almost \$500 more than 1973.

Body styles

2dr Convertible

2dr Sedan

Engine types

4-cyl. 1585cc/46hp 1bbl

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1968-1979 Volkswagen Beetle stats

Highest sale	Lowest sale	Most recent sale	Sales
\$112,750	\$371	\$9,555	2047

Equipment

Additional Info

Shipping Weight: 1955 lbs

Vehicle Length: 164.8 in

Wheelbase - Inches: 95.3 in

Vehicle's condition classification

#1. Concours

#1 vehicles are the best in the world. Imagine the best vehicle, in the right colors, driving onto the lawn at the finest concours. Perfectly clean, the vehicle has been groomed down to the tire treads. Painted and chromed surfaces are mirror-like. Dust and dirt are banned, and materials used are correct and superbly fitted.

#2. Excellent

#2 vehicles could win a local or regional show. They might even be former #1 vehicles that have been driven or have aged. Seasoned observers will have to look closely for flaws but will be able to find some. The paint, chrome, glass and finishes will all appear as excellent. The vehicle drives as a new vehicle of its era would.

#3. Good

#3 vehicles drive and run well but are not used for daily transportation. The casual passerby will not find any visual flaws, but these vehicles might have some incorrect parts. #3 vehicles could possess some, but not all, of the issues of a #4 vehicle, but they will be balanced by other factors such as fresh paint or a new, correct interior.

#4. Fair

#4 vehicles are daily drivers, with flaws visible to the naked eye. The chrome might have pitting, the windshield might be chipped and perhaps the body has a minor dent. Imperfect paintwork, split seams or a cracked dash might be present. No major parts are missing, but there might be non-stock additions. A #4 vehicle can also be a deteriorated restoration.