

1974 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia

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

#1 Concours condition

\$44,000

▼ -1.3%

#2 Excellent condition

\$28,300

▼ -1.4%

#3 Good condition

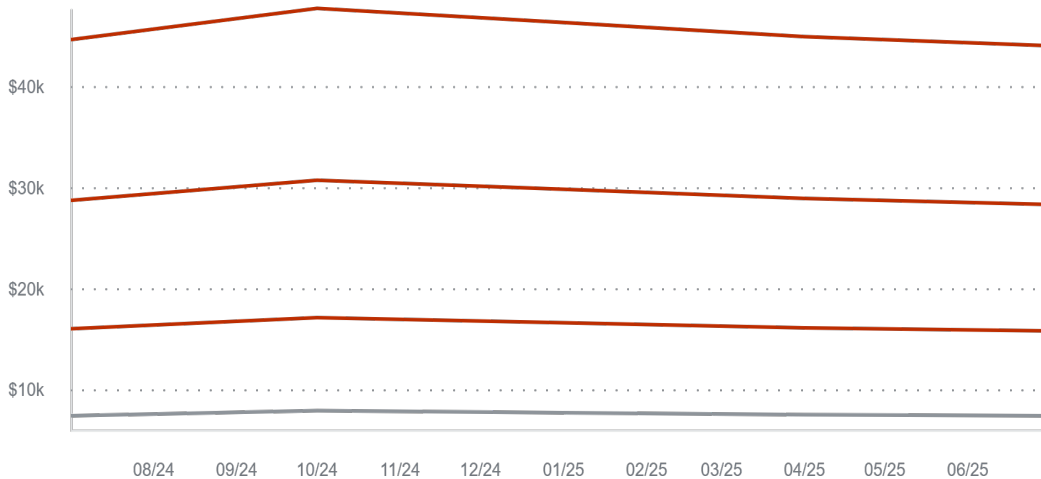
\$15,800*

▼ -1.2%

#4 Fair condition

\$7,400

○ 0%



NOTE: The chart displays price changes for the last year.

Model description

This year 1974 saw the end of a number of models in the U.S. market, both domestic and imported. Some cars simply could not be modified to meet stricter crash tests, while incoming regulations for unleaded gas, presented requirement for catalytic converters to be fitted in 1975. The 1974 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia was one of them.

Production began in August 1973 and ended in Europe in December that year. U.S. cars continued to be delivered until June 1974 but some records indicate no Convertibles were produced, so it's possible those sold in the U.S. were leftover 1973 models.

In any event the last year Karmann Ghia total is listed at 7167 Coupes, and any Convertibles could have been part of the 2555 total built the previous year. The Coupe cost \$3475 and the Convertible \$3935.

The 1974 Coupe advertised 14 cubic feet of storage space behind the front seat, basically where the rear seat had been. The energy-absorbing rear bumper was extended to meet the new 2.5 mph collision requirement and the front bumper met the 5 mph regulation. Front disc brakes had floating calipers and larger brake pads. Inertia reel seatbelts were now interlocked with the ignition so the car could not be started until they were clicked in place – an idea that lasted exactly one year.

Karmann Ghia models utilized the final version of their air-cooled engine, the twin-port 1585 cc flat-four, producing 46 net bhp. Numerous options were available at extra cost, including air-conditioning, AM/FM stereo, wood steering wheel and shift knob, rubber mats, racing stripes and even a tissue dispenser.

When the dust settled, what had originally been seen as a slim luxury segment of the Volkswagen Beetle market had been a huge success. It was proof that people would pay for elegance and quality construction, even with modest performance.

Body styles

2dr Convertible

2dr Coupe

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Engine types

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1956-1975 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia stats

Highest sale	Lowest sale	Most recent sale	Sales
\$324,500	\$1,333	\$39,742	852

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.