

# VANAGON

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VANAGON GL  
GL CAMPER







olkswagen is famous for getting a lot into a little. By applying this principle to the Vanagon GL and Camper GL, Volkswagen has created vehicles which are paragons of versatility and practicality.

In a world that is full of me-too mini-vans and maxi-vans, both the Vanagon GL and Camper GL stand out for their unmistakable originality.

**The pioneer spirit  
lives on.**

Since our German engineers were responsible for pioneering the development of the passenger van, they have also accepted the responsibility to improve both the Vanagon GL and Camper GL by driving them along the leading edge of advanced technology and practical innovation.

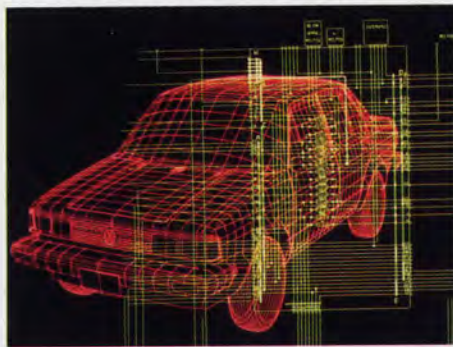
The Vanagon GL does more than offer an immense amount of carrying capacity. It also transports both people and cargo in absolute comfort. The Camper GL is so thoughtfully furnished with domestic amenities, that even those who want to get away from it all may not miss the comforts of home.

**German Engineering.  
The Volkswagen Way.**

Our engineers build the Vanagon GL and Camper GL only one way, the Volkswagen Way. They make sure that

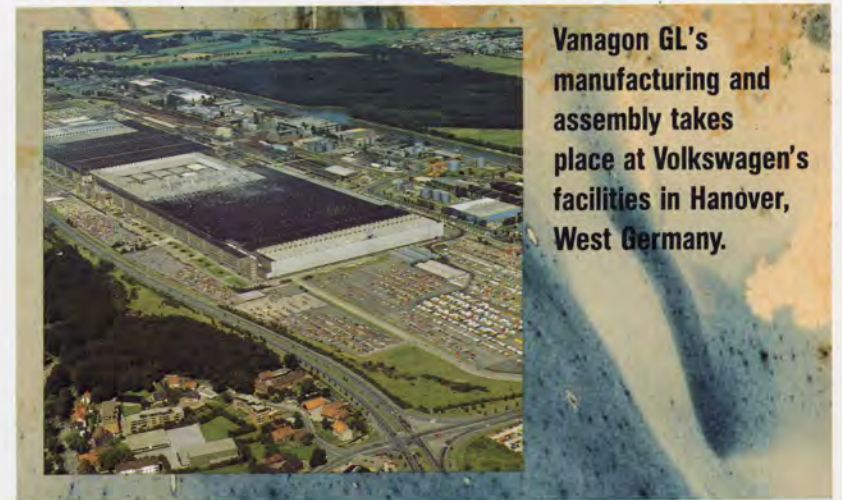
every element, from their contemporary performance features to their graciously appointed interiors, all work together to achieve a natural harmony between driver and van. They also engineer into each Vanagon

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



the kind of affordability that has always been a part of the Volkswagen tradition.

Building cars the Volkswagen Way sets us apart from every other car maker in the world. For our engineers, it is the only way. The right way. They strive to give a driver



**Vanagon GL's  
manufacturing and  
assembly takes  
place at Volkswagen's  
facilities in Hanover,  
West Germany.**

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 Vanagon.**

The craftsmanship of the Vanagon has led us to provide a Protection Plan that should inspire confidence in your vehicle. Rather than just a "drive-train" warranty, your new Vanagon 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.





**VANAGON GL:**  
A large  
living room  
on wheels.



**VANAGON GL:**  
Plenty of space,  
but hardly  
any room for  
improvement.





**VANAGON GL:**  
A unique blend  
of practicality and  
performance.











As you begin to drive the Vanagon GL you'll soon notice its power and remarkable performance.

The source for this feeling of exhilaration is twofold. One is the engine, a dynamic 2.1 liter Digifant fuel-injected powerplant that's linked to a 4-speed transmission. The other is the technology which utilizes this power. These contemporary engineering features include 4-wheel independent suspension, power rack and pinion steering and front disc brakes.

The handling is so responsive that it confidently encourages driving.

#### **A haven of luxury.**

The Vanagon GL offers a spaciousness that makes the mini-vans look truly mini. There's more than enough room for seven passengers, plus an immense 49.7 cubic feet of cargo space. To create even more room, the rear seat folds down to provide extra storage.

This giant carry-all carries its theme of luxury throughout the richly appointed interior. All seating is covered in plush velour, with the driver and front passenger enjoying deep-contoured bucket seats with fold-down, adjustable armrests. Standard amenities extend to a padded dash with an illuminated, lockable glovebox, and continue with a rear window defroster, intermittent wipers, tinted glass and see-through headrests.

Sliding side windows let the summer air in, while a front and rear heater with a flow-through ventilation system will keep the winter chill out. A wide sliding side door makes entering and exiting easy, while wall-to-wall windows let you enjoy a panoramic view.

**Vanagon GL provides 49.7 cu. ft. of cargo space, and an impressive 201 cu. ft. with the rear seat down and center seat removed.**





The Camper GL is as practical around the house as it is in the wild. During the week you can drive it around town or even commute to work in it. On weekends, you can head for the campgrounds and get away from it all.

But you don't have to wait until

you're in the country to enjoy yourself in the Camper GL. The fun starts as soon as you hit the road.

**A mobile home that really moves.**

The Camper GL provides the kind of power and

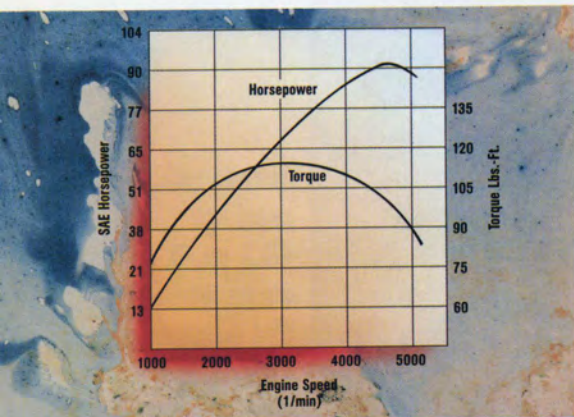
**Vanagon GL's 2.1 liter Digifant engine reaches a maximum horsepower of 90 @ 4,800 RPM's and maximum torque of 117.3 ft. lbs. @ 3,200 RPM's.**

performance you don't expect to find residing in a big, roomy home on wheels.

The powerplant that generates all this energy is a 2.1 liter Digifant fuel-injected engine coupled to a 4-speed transmission. Power becomes performance through a series of contemporary German engineering features.



This technology includes 4-wheel independent suspension. Power rack and pinion steering. Power front disc brakes. And rear-wheel drive.







**VANAGON GL  
CAMPER:**  
Move your  
house to a new  
neighborhood  
whenever you  
want.



**VANAGON GL  
CAMPER:**  
You'll never  
leave  
home again.







No matter how far from civilization you roam, you're never far from home with the Camper GL. Practically everything you need for complete domestic bliss is within reach.

If you need more space, you can expand your living room with the unique pop-top roof complete with a cheerful skylight. Dining can be as simple or as elaborate as you wish. You can prepare gourmet meals in a kitchenette complete with sink, stove and refrigerator. Then dine in the gracious comfort of front bucket seats which swivel to face swing-out tables. And when you're ready to retire, you'll enjoy the luxury of two double-bedded sleeping areas.

If you never leave the comfort of the Camper GL, you'll feel like you never left home.

#### **Domestication in the wild.**

The Camper GL is so thoughtfully and cleverly furnished that you sometimes wonder if you're really roughing it.

There's outside water and electric hook-ups. And storage space galore. Inside, you'll find a 3-door clothes locker. Overhead cabinet. Pantry with utensil drawer. Plus, several other storage cabinets. Outside, a roof top storage rack adds to your carrying capacity.

As you look around, you'll see that our German engineers thought of just about everything. They made the carpeting conveniently removable. Added curtains for privacy. And installed a fire extinguisher for extra security.

Whoever said there's no place like home obviously never spent much time in a Camper GL.

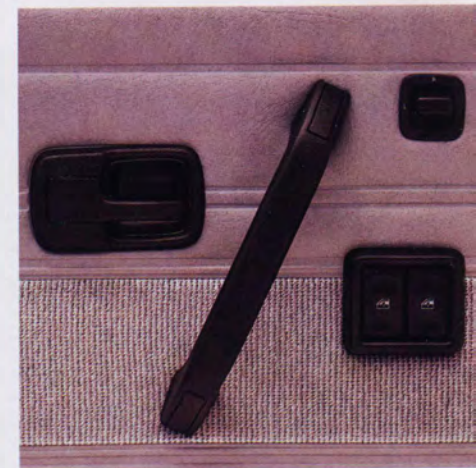


**Vanagon GL  
Camper offers  
additional  
carrying capacity  
with its  
standard roof top  
luggage carrier.**





A complete selection of options and dealer installed accessories is available to help equip your new Vanagon to suit your personal preferences. Standard features and optional equipment pictured include: an AM/FM stereo cassette with theft protection, power mirrors, hidden under seat storage compartment (std.), a rear window wiper/washer, a power package that includes power windows and door locks, and alloy wheels.



VANAGON OPTION PACKAGES	P32	P33	P34	P35	P36	P37
Radio prep with 4 speakers and antenna	■	■	■	■	■	■
Air conditioning	■		■	■		■
Rear window wiper/washer	■	■	■	■	■	■
Power mirrors		■	■		■	■
Weekender package	■	■	■			

Option packages P32, P33 and P34 are available on Vanagon GL; packages P35, P36 and P37 are available on Camper GL.

Additional available options: AM/FM stereo cassette radio with anti-theft protection; cruise control; power package including door locks and windows; automatic transmission; alloy wheels; California emissions.

Not all options are available for all models. See your dealer for details.





STANDARD FEATURES	Vanagon GL	GL Camper
S=Standard O=Optional --Not Available		
<b>MECHANICAL</b>		
2.1 liter water-cooled Digifant fuel-injected engine	s	s
4-speed manual transmission	s	s
Electronic breakerless ignition	s	s
Independent front and rear suspension	s	s
Power assisted brakes (front discs/rear drums)	s	s
Power rack and pinion steering	s	s
Steel belted radial tires, 185 x 14	s	s
<b>EXTERIOR</b>		
Integrated front and rear bumper covers	s	s
Dual outside mirrors (convex on passenger side)	s	s
Sliding side door; sliding side windows	s	s
Tinted glass; electric rear window defogger	s	s
Decor stripe	s	-
Pop-top roof with double bed and cargo carrier	-	s
Water tank, city water hookup, 110-volt electrical hookup	-	s
Aero wheel covers	s	s
<b>INTERIOR</b>		
Padded instrument panel with full instrumentation including speedometer, trip odometer, tachometer and digital clock, illuminated glove box, map light and shelf	s	s
Deluxe seats in velour upholstery with fold down adjustable armrests	s	s
Fold down rear bench seat, converts to bed	o	s
Full carpeting	s	s
Illuminated vanity mirror	s	s
Illuminated/lockable glove box	s	s
Clothes locker/3-door closet, overhead storage cabinet, fluorescent interior light, privacy curtains, removable screen for hatch door, skylight	-	s
Removable carpet, gas 110/12-volt refrigerator, store-away tables, front swivel seats, 2-seater folding bench seat, 110-volt electrical outlet, circuit breaker, electrical cable, LP gas stove/tank, fire extinguisher	-	s

SPECIFICATIONS	
	Vanagon/Camper
Engine Type	4-cylinder, horizontally opposed fuel-injection
Displacement	2.1 liter, 129 cu. in.
Horsepower @ RPM (SAE net)	90 @ 4,800
Torque @ RPM	117.3 ft. lbs. @ 3,200
Body/Frame Construction	Unitized construction
Front Suspension	Independent with upper and lower control arms, coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers
Rear Suspension	Independent with semi-trailing arms, coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers
Steering Type	Power assisted rack and pinion
Turning Circle	35.8 ft.
Brakes	Dual hydraulic system with power assist. 10.9" front discs, 9.9" rear drums. Inertia controlled pressure regulator. Mechanical parking brake.
<b>Dimensions</b>	
Wheelbase	96.9"
Front track	62.4"
Rear track	61.8"
Overall length	179.9"
Overall width	72.6"
Overall height	75.9"
Camper height	80.9"
Ground clearance	6.3"
<b>Capacities</b>	
Cargo capacity	49.7 cu. ft. (rear seat up) 92.9 cu. ft. (rear seat down) 201.0 cu. ft. (rear seat down, center seat removed)
Seating capacity	Vanagon 7, Camper 4
Fuel tank capacity	15.9 U.S. gallons
<b>Wheels and Tires</b>	
Steel wheels	5-1/2J x 14; 6J x 14 alloy (optional)
Radial tires	185/R14C; 205/70R14 (optional)
<b>EPA Mileage Estimates*</b>	
	50 States
	City Highway
Vanagon/Camper w/4-speed	16 18
Vanagon/Camper w/automatic	14 16
*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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## VANAGON GL: Option Packages Standard Features Specifications



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GTI 16V  
JETTA  
CABRIOLET  
SCIROCCO 16V  
QUANTUM  
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