

CLASSIC DRIVER

1964 VW Beetle

- Price
USD 29 114
EUR 27 500 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1964
- **Mileage** 3 567 km / 2 217 mi
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Number of doors** 2
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Drive** LHD
- **Interior colour** Red
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Beige
- **Car type** Coupé
- **Interior brand colour** Rood
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Description

Transmission: 4 gears, Manual gearbox
Number of cylinders: 4
Empty weight: 740 kg
Emission class: Euro 0
Number of owners: 2
Registration number: JF-29-13

The Volkswagen Beetle is probably the most famous car there is, it easily finds place of honour between other icons such as the Mini, the Fiat 500 and Citroën 2CV. Considering the 21 million sold (15 million in Germany and 3,5 million in Brazil) it is no wonder you will regularly come across one in the wild. It is rare to find one as well-restored and even rarer to have one that has been in Netherlands since it was supplied in 1964.

Indeed this '64 Beetle 1200 is an original Dutch supplied car. The expert will jump for joy as 1964 was the last year of the small windowed version. Also typically 1964 is the wide border surrounding the licence plate with the incorporated light. Whilst in the same year the basic 30 hp Beetle was still available, our one is the higher compression version producing no less than....., hold on to your horses, 34 hp!

This Beetle has not been teleported from 1964 to 2022, this Panama beige 1200 had a normal life just like every other Beetle. It was treated with care, hence the reason the bodywork has withstood the ravages of time. This did not stop the last owner to completely restore the car. Many affordable cars are treated to a superficial patch up, this one however was fully dismantled and photographed at each stage. Neither time, effort or money were not a consideration in making this Beetle a fine thing in every aspect. The panelwork is great, the beige paintwork shows off the car's round and sloping lines to a tee. This in itself shows off how good the alignment of the various panels are. The Beetle was reassembled without succumbing to lowering the suspension, fitting Porsche Fuchs wheels or other embellishments often seen on '60's Beetles. Whilst ofcourse those cars also have their own charm, our original Beetle is bound to leave you with a permanent grin. Not only on our faces between our Ferrari's, Bentley's and exclusive Facels, but it manages to enthuse nearly every visitor to us.

The wonderful brown interior is a pleasant place to be. These Beetles are distinguished by their colour-coded dashboards. The simple elegant single large gauge indicating speed and distance is supplemented by a small square fuel meter and a few switches emphasising simplicity and allure go hand in hand with Volkswagen. Behind the large steering wheel with the similarly light-coloured gear knob with a pleasant hand feel, this Beetle is raring to go outside for a lovely trip. Preferably in good weather conditions to fully utilise the factory-fitted sunroof.

Naturally the relatively simple technology has also been fully overhauled, leaving us with a lovely smooth running engine. The 1.192 cc 4-cylinder with a Solex carburettor turns over with the unmistakable VeeDub air-cooled sound. There is a photographic report of all of the extensive engine rebuild. Besides the photos a hand-written log has been kept meticulously detailing the car's maintenance history and mileage over the last 15 years. It is the kind of document many of us try to keep but tend to loose track of after a year. Definitely not the case with this owner.

The upshot of all this care and attention is that we have a Beetle that looks, feels and drives as good as it did when supplied in 1964. A car ready for many more years of trouble-free driving pleasure. This is certainly one of the prettier and better Beetles we have recently seen.

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