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Treat yourself to one of life's little pleasures.

After 29 years, millions of Beetles, and countless improvements, the 1979 Convertible is still a very sensible way to flip your lid.

In fact, it's the only small four-passenger convertible in production today. And the only one that's built like a Beetle.

As you discover the sheer fun of owning and driving this sporty convertible, you'll also discover a dependable Bug underneath it all. With a bottom that's completely sealed with steel to keep out water, salt and dampness. And a body protected from the environment by three coats of paint.

The proven, 1.6 liter fuel injected engine delivers great performance. And according to E.P.A. estimates*, our Beetle Convertible delivers 30 mpg highway, 21 mpg city. So you can clip along with the sun on your face and fun in your heart, without getting clipped at the pump.

There's a top-quality top made of windproof, waterproof, easy-to-clean vinyl. And inside, it's fully insulated and upholstered to completely conceal the metal braces. The rear window, by the way, is a real window—glass embedded with electric heating elements to keep off snow and ice.

Go ahead. Raise the roof and let a little sunshine in.

1979 BEETLE CONVERTIBLE SPECIFICATIONS.

ENGINE:	Type	Air-cooled, rear mounted	
	Cylinders	4 cylinders, opposed	
	Displacement	96.66 cubic inches (1584 cc)	
	SAE Net HP	48 @ 4200 rpm	
	Fuel/Air Supply	AFC fuel injection	
TRANSMISSION & DIFFERENTIAL:	Type	Fully synchronized transaxle, rear	
	No. Speeds	4 forward, 1 reverse	
	Final Drive	Rear wheel drive, double-jointed axles	
	Clutch	Single disc, dry	
CHASSIS & SUSPENSION:	Frame	Semi-unitized body/chassis, platform frame with center tube	
	Front Suspension	Independent, coil/shock absorber struts, negative steering roll radius	
	Rear Suspension	Independent, with trailing and diagonal arms, torsion bars	
	Service Brake	Dual circuit, drums front and rear	
	Parking Brake	Mechanical, operated on rear wheels	
	Rim Size	4½J x 15 Sports wheel	
	Tire Size	165 SR 15 White wall, steel belted	
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:	Steering	Rack and pinion	
	Rated Voltage	12 Volt, 50 Amp alternator	
	Battery	12 Volt, 45 Amp/hour	
DIMENSIONS:	Wheelbase	94.5 inches	
	Length	164.8 inches	
	Width	62.4 inches	
	Height (Unloaded)	59.1 inches	
	Ground Clearance (Loaded)	5.9 inches	
PERFORMANCE:	Turning Circle	29.5 feet (curb to curb)	
	Top Speed	80 mph	
	Fuel Mileage*	Highway: 30 mpg	City: 21 mpg

*Based on 1978 EPA estimated mileage with manual transmission. Your actual mileage may vary, depending on where and how you drive, your car's condition and optional equipment. 1979 EPA data not available at press time. Ask your local dealer for a free copy of the 1979 EPA/FEA Gas Mileage Guide for New Car Buyers.

