



# CORRADO



1991



**Fahrvergnügen explained:**  
(*FAR-fair-gnu-gen*): A rewarding and distinctly European driving experience. A test drive will tell you more.



**FAHRVERGNÜGEN.**

IT'S WHAT MAKES A CAR A VOLKSWAGEN.





**C**orrado is a

*personal sports coupe that invites you to exercise your driving enthusiasm. Assembled by the craftsmen of the renowned Karmann Coachworks, Corrado is a unique combination of contemporary technology and time honored craftsmanship. No other European sports coupe offers this kind of exhilarating performance, comfort and control at such a price.*



**Corrado was designed for the Autobahn, one of the most demanding roads in the**

world. Our German engineers drive the Autobahn themselves, so they've built Corrado not just to compete but to excel on this gruelling automotive field of honor. You'll experience the benefits of this European heritage as you effortlessly cruise the interstate or deftly tackle a winding country road. Its wedge profile, rounded contours, integrated bumpers and flush-mounted windows are engineered for sleek aerodynamics. And Corrado's independent suspension, power rack and pinion steering, four wheel disc brakes and front wheel drive all work together to achieve the kind of performance that's as inspiring as it is reassuring.  We call this distinctly European driving experience Fahrvergnügen. The sensation you feel only when you drive a Volkswagen.  Experience this feeling for yourself, by driving a Corrado. Only then will you feel its technology, performance and comfort raise you to a new level of exhilaration.



**CORRADO.  
ACCELERATION TO  
EXHILARATION  
IN NOTHING FLAT.**

**C**orrado

*delivers power on demand. Teamed with a close-ratio 5-speed transmission, its G60 supercharged 1.8 liter fuel injected engine generates 158 horsepower. There's no wait for thrust build-up. No shortage of low-end torque. Corrado responds instantly throughout its broad power band. So you can pass cars or enter the freeway with greater confidence. Corrado not only gives you power and performance, it inspires confidence.*





▲ Corrado's distinctive speed-activated rear spoiler raises automatically at 45 mph to reduce rear end lift by 64 percent, and lowers at speeds below 15 mph. The spoiler optimizes aerodynamics and improves directional control at cruising speeds.



► Built-in channels along the roof divert rainwater from the side and rear windows to help improve visibility. The aerodynamic design helps Corrado achieve a low drag factor of 0.32, reduces wind noise and improves fuel efficiency. See EPA mileage figures on page 17.

**T**he road begins

to twist and curve. Corrado's performance technology is made for this environment. It has a four wheel independent suspension for sure-footed handling. A track-correcting rear axle to help prevent oversteer when cornering. And oversize power disc brakes on all wheels for instant stopping power. Driver control is solid and reassuring. The road may wander, but Corrado doesn't.





▲ A six speaker AM/FM stereo cassette sound system with an amplified roof antenna provides entertainment. For security, the sound system features a theft deterrent flashing red light and security coding. Corrado's standard air conditioning will keep you refreshed.



▲ Corrado's tilt steering wheel and fully adjustable seating allow you to assume the perfect driving position.

## **E**very drive

*in a Corrado is a command performance. The instrument panel displays analog gauges for clarity. Switches are molded to help improve tactile identification. And a standard tilt steering wheel helps assure a proper driving position. Standard features include power windows and door locks, a multi-function computer that monitors your driving progress, cruise control and dual remote controlled mirrors. Corrado makes sure you're comfortably in control.*





▲ Corrado always finds a way to make room for more room. The 60/40 split rear seat adds versatility to its comfort by folding down to nearly double the cargo space.



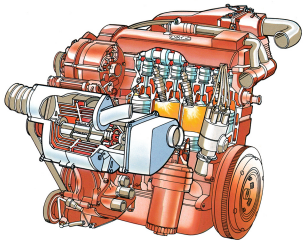
**T**he interior of

the Corrado performs as intelligently as the rest of the car. The 2+2 design provides room for four, with enough cargo space for all their luggage. The infinitely adjustable, front sport bucket seats provide firm lateral support during cornering. And the contoured rear bucket seats with integral headrests offer adult sized comfort. Corrado is one sports car that lets you share the performance.



## Corrado's

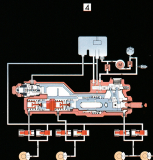
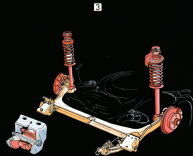
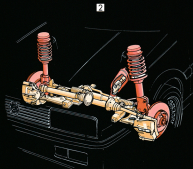
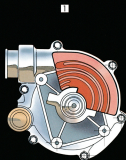
level of performance, comfort and security inspires exceptional driver confidence. Integral to Corrado's design is a passenger compartment constructed as a sturdy cell for greater safety. Patented engineering features for improved driver control. And an array of performance technology for outstanding maneuverability. Plus, Volkswagen's commitment to reliability and durability helps assure that you'll enjoy driving your Corrado for many years to come.



Corrado's G60 supercharged engine develops 158 horsepower at 5600 rpm and 166 ft.-lbs. of torque at 4000 rpm. The engine's Digifant electronic management system monitors the fuel injection, ignition timing and boost pressure to ensure smooth and efficient response throughout the engine's power range.

### Engineering Features

- 1 Corrado's advanced design G60 supercharger is patented. Its unique technology allowed us to build an engine that outperforms those of a larger displacement. Corrado's engine responds instantly, producing high torque even at low speeds.
- 2 Corrado's independent front suspension utilizes MacPherson struts, coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers, a stabilizer bar and elastokinematic wishbone mounts to produce crisp control, excellent road feel and superb maneuverability. The power assisted quick-ratio rack and pinion steering delivers instant response and precise handling.
- 3 Corrado's patented track-correcting rear axle helps eliminate rear wheel steering effect during hard cornering and improves road feel. The independent rear suspension features a V-profile torsion beam axle with integral trailing arms, coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers and a tuned stabilizer bar for a controlled, comfortable ride.
- 4 Corrado's four wheel power disc brakes, with large 11" ventilated front discs provide sure, straightline stops. For even greater stopping power, consider the optional Teves® Mark II Anti-lock Braking System (ABS). In a fast stop or while braking on a slippery road, sensors at each wheel detect an impending lock up. The system releases and applies brake pressure up to 15 cycles per second so that the wheels rotate rather than lock. As a result, traction is maintained and your ability to avoid a skid is greatly improved.





## Corrado's

design and manufacturing integrity reflect the craftsmanship of the master car builders at Karmann Coachworks. Its engineering will continue to reward you with a sophisticated balance of performance and comfort. In addition to an extensive list of standard features are a number of optional enhancements that make owning a Corrado an even greater pleasure. But the best way to appreciate Corrado is to drive one. It's the surest way to understand the distinctive European driving experience we call Fahrvergnügen.



▲ A 4-speed automatic transmission is optional for those who prefer to let Corrado do the shifting.

► When you turn the key to lock the doors of your Corrado, the power windows close automatically. This helps prevent accidentally leaving a window open when you park the car.



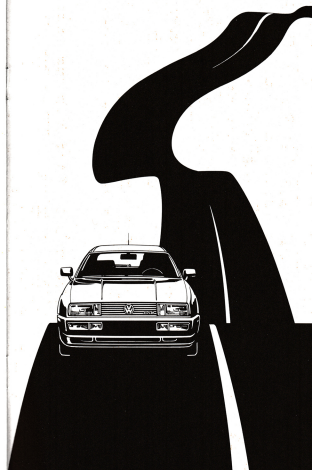
▲ An optional power top and slide sunroof with a built-in air deflector helps reduce wind noise, and makes every drive a little more refreshing.



▲ Optional leather surfaced seating feels as good as it looks. The soft, supple leather is not only practical, it adds a richness to the interior.



◀ Every Corrado comes equipped with lightweight 15" BBS® alloy wheels that help reduce unsprung weight for improved performance.



Engine	Corrado
Engine type	4 cylinder inline
Bore and stroke	3.19"/3.40"
Displacement	109 cu. in.
Horsepower @ RPM (SAE net)	158 @ 5,600
Maximum torque ft.-lbs. @ RPM	166 @ 4,000
Engine arrangement	Front mounted, transverse
Cylinder block	Cast iron
Valve train	Single overhead cam, spur belt driven, hydraulic lifters
Drive train	Front wheel drive
Cooling system	Water cooled, cross-flow radiator, water pump, thermostatically controlled electric radiator fan
Fuel/air supply	Fuel injection (Digifant), G40 supercharger
Fuel requirement	Regular unleaded (minimum 87 RON required)
Emission system	3-way catalyst, oxygen sensor

Electrical	
Battery	12 volt, 63 amp/hr
Alternator	14 volt, 90 amp/hr max.
Ignition	Digital electronic with knock sensor

Body, Chassis and Suspension	
Type	Unitized construction, bobbed front fenders, de-coupled long member
Front suspension	Independent MacPherson struts, 18mm stabilizer bar, coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers
Rear suspension	Independent torsion beam axle, coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers
Steering	Power assisted rack and pinion
Brakes	Dual diagonal circuits with power assisted 11.0" vented front discs and 8.9" rear discs, self-adjusting
Parking brake	Mechanical to rear wheels
Wheels and tires	6 1/2 x 15 BBS® alloy wheels with 205/50R15V steel belted radial tires
Drag coefficient	0.32

Capacities	
Engine oil	4.3 quarts with filter
Fuel capacity	14.5 U.S. gallons
Cooling system	7.3 quarts

Dimensions		Interior	Front	Rear
Exterior				
Wheelbase	97.3"	Head room	37.0"	35.0"
Overall length	159.4"	Shoulder room	53.8"	50.4"
Overall width	65.9"	Hip room	52.8"	44.5"
Overall height	51.9"	Leg room	41.7"	31.2"
Track (front/rear)	56.5"/56.2"	Volume (cu. ft.)	48.0	31.8
Ground clearance	4.6" (laden)	Trunk volume (cu. ft.)	18.6 (30 cu. ft. with rear seat folded)	
Turning circle (curb to curb)	34.4 ft.			

EPA Mileage Estimates/Performance Data*					
	City	Highway	0-50 MPH	0-60 MPH	Top track speed
5-speed manual	21	28	5.5 sec.	7.5 sec.	140 MPH
4-speed automatic	19*	27*	5.7 sec.	7.7 sec.	135 MPH

\*1991 EPA estimates. †Preliminary figures.

**Standard Features**

Corrado	Corrado	Competition
Fahrvergnügen	S	
1.8 liter, 158HP, 4-cylinder fuel injected engine with G60 supercharger and charge air intercooler	S	
Close ratio 5-speed manual transmission; Transmission gear ratios: 1st-3.78:1 2nd-2.11:1 3rd-1.34:1 4th-0.97:1 5th-0.80:1 Reverse-3.80:1 Final drive-3.68:1	S	
Independent MacPherson strut front suspension with 18mm stabilizer bar; independent torsion beam axle rear suspension	S	
Power assisted rack and pinion steering; power assisted vented front disc brakes, self-adjusting solid rear discs	S	
Air conditioning with four-speed fan	S	
Central locking system (doors, hatch lid, fuel filler door) with door key operated window closing feature	S	
Digital engine management system; hydraulic valve lifters; self-adjusting clutch	S	
Eurostyle wide beam halogen headlamps	S	
205/50R15V steel belted radial tires	S	
On board emission diagnostic system (California models)	S	

**Exterior**

Color keyed, speed activated, retractable rear spoiler	S	
Color keyed bumpers and aprons, front and rear	S	
Halogen fog lamps and turn signals integrated in front bumper	S	
Dual remote controlled electric, heated outside rearview mirrors with color keyed housings	S	
Electronically amplified roof antenna	S	
Two-speed wipers with intermittent feature and driver side deflector; rear wiper/washer	S	
Black front spoiler, grille, window and sill moldings, door handles and body side molding	S	
6 1/2 x 15 BBS alloy wheels	S	

**Interior**

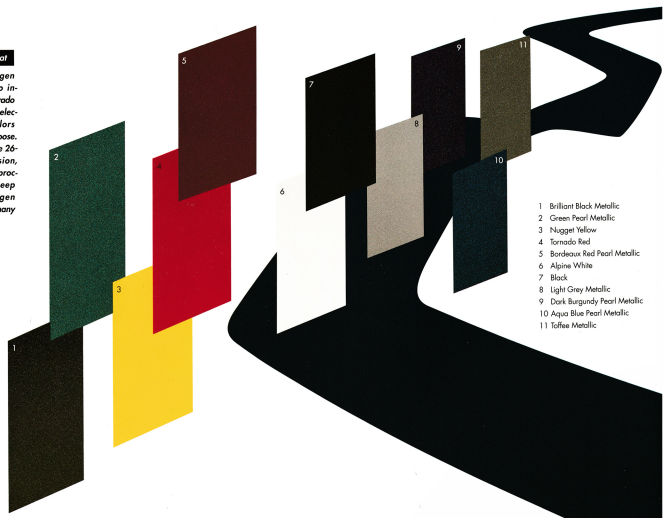
Cockpit style instrumentation including electronic speedometer, tachometer, trip odometer, fuel gauge, coolant temperature gauge, digital clock, warning chimes and lights	S	
On board multi-function trip computer	S	
Center console extended to rear passenger compartment	S	
Height adjustable, fully reclining, front sport seats with adjustable headrests	S	
Leather-wrapped four spoke steering wheel; leather-wrapped shift knob	S	
Power windows; cruise control; tilt steering wheel	S	
6 amplified speaker AM/FM stereo cassette sound system with theft deterrent blinking red light and coding system	S	
Electric automatic shoulder belt system with manual lap belts; 3 point outboard rear seatbelts	S	
Folding, divided rear seat backrest with integrated headrests	S	
Striped velour upholstery with vinyl and molded plastic trim	S	
Illuminated luggage compartment with full carpet trim; luggage compartment cover; full cut pile carpeting	S	
Electric rear window defogger; side window defoggers; heat reflecting tinted glass	S	
Time delay courtesy lights	S	
Left hand vanity mirror; illuminated right hand vanity mirror	S	
Locking and illuminated glove box; left and right hand front storage areas	S	

**Options**

4 speed automatic transmission	0	
Electric sunroof with air deflector	0	
Alarm system	0	
Leather surfaced seating with leatherette trim	0	
ABS brakes	0	
Cold Climate Group consisting of heated front seats and heated washer nozzles	0	

**Realizing that**

*the Fahrvergnügen experience also involves choice, Corrado offers a unique selection of paint colors from which to choose. A comprehensive 26-step anti-corrosion, paint and finish process will help keep your Volkswagen looking new for many years to come.*



- 1 Brilliant Black Metallic
- 2 Green Pearl Metallic
- 3 Nugget Yellow
- 4 Tornado Red
- 5 Bordeaux Red Pearl Metallic
- 6 Alpine White
- 7 Black
- 8 Light Grey Metallic
- 9 Dark Burgundy Pearl Metallic
- 10 Aqua Blue Pearl Metallic
- 11 Toffee Metallic

**D**rive your

*new Corrado with confidence. It's built to withstand the challenges of the road. And designed to enhance your level of driving exhilaration for as long as you own it. Corrado is protected by a 2-year/24,000 mile bumper-to-bumper limited warranty against defects in materials and workmanship, a 5-year/50,000 mile limited powertrain warranty and a 6-year limited warranty against corrosion and rust perforation. See your authorized Volkswagen dealer for details.*



  
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