



## Vintage

German are on German oldies



**About three-quarters of the classic car registered in Germany are models of German brands. Italians and the English landed on the Thursday (15.10.) Survey published by the VDA distant second to the courts.**

On behalf of the Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA) has been prepared by the Federal Motor Transport Authority (KBA), while the inventory of all permanently registered passenger cars first registered before 1979 and analyzed according to manufacturers and vehicle types. Did not include vehicles that are moved exclusively with 07er 06er and numbers. Vehicles with seasonal flow characteristics in the statistics but with a.

The KBA determined from the 315,000 cars correspond to 0.76 percent of the total vehicle stock. How strong German classic car owners are fixated on German brands, shows the proportion of 74 percent of the authorized stock of the 30-year-old cars. Classics from the British Isles make up only a proportion of 6.2 percent and are thus exactly on a par with vintage Italian descent. The fourth-largest group are classics from France with a share of 5.2

percent, followed by American classics that come to a share of 1.9 percent.

## About 165,000 vehicles with H-plates

Were traveling with an H-plate and thus characterized by its own initiative as automotive historical heritage as of 1st January 2009 a total of 164 225 cars

The most approved classics still wear an emblem of the brand **Volkswagen** on the bodywork. Overall, 24 percent of the KBA oldies were determined once at **VW** assembly line. **Mercedes** secures with a share of 17.2 percent ranked second in the classic car inventory. This is followed by **Opel** (9.9 percent), **Ford** (7.4 percent), **Fiat / Alfa** (5.5 percent), **BMW** (4.6 percent), **Audi** (3.4 percent), **Porsche** (2.9 percent ), Trabant (2.3 percent) and **Citroen** (1.9 percent). The remaining 21.2 percent are distributed among many other brands.

## Classic car stock is rising in Germany

Clearly evident from the figures for the KBA is that owners of older vehicles are becoming more aware of the status of their vehicles and to estimate the former as a commodity worth preserving cultural knowledge. Thus the stock of more than 30 years old, still registered cars in the past five years has increased significantly in almost all brands. Particularly striking is the development at **Porsche** . Porsche currently has a stock share of the total vehicle population of only 0.3 percent, driving the Porsche oldies a rich share of 2.9 per cent in the overall vintage inventory. But even with VW, **Mercedes** and Fiat / Alfa, the proportion in the classic car segment significantly higher than the proportion of total car ownership.

## VW Beetle as favorite classics

The absolute favorite among the classics in Germany have approved models, the VW Beetle. Exactly 44 540 Wolfsburg still crawling through the streets of Germany. At a whopping 10 140 approved models, it brings the Mercedes-/8-Baureihe, the Swabians with the W123 series, the SL Series 107, Series 110/11 and the models of series 108/109 for another four placings in the top Ten retract. In between, the push is still a cadet and a record of Opel and the Eastern classic Trabant. The tenth place ranking goes to the VW Golf and VW so again.

The most popular are evaluated according to the VDA thus obviously the models of Volkswagen, which reached more than 76,000 vehicles accounted for just under a quarter (24 percent). But Daimler and Opel with 17 percent, 10 percent are far more popular with classic car drivers at the front. On the fourth and fifth follow Ford (seven percent) and BMW (five percent).

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**CLASSIC CAR STOCK IN GERMANY 2009**


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Model / Series	Number
VW Beetle	44 540
Mercedes / 8	10 140
Opel Kadett	9334
Satellite	7246
Mercedes W123	5944
Mercedes SL W107	5859
Opel Rekord	5843
Mercedes W110/111	5674
Mercedes W108/109	5219
VW Golf	4371
Fiat 500	4256
911	4235
Ford Taunus	4127
BM 113 Mercedes SL "Pagoda"	4044
Mercedes S-Class W116	3692
Opel Olympia Rekord	3329
BMW Series 02	3321
Opel Ascona	3124

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Automobilwerke Eisenach Wartburg	2731
VW bus and box	2499
VW Passat	2397
Opel Manta	2221
Ford Granada	2142
VW 181	2084
Mercedes 'Ponton'	1924
BMW 3 Series	1853
Ford Capri	1722
BMW Isetta	1644
Ford Escort	1513
Opel GT	1494
Glass (+ BMW) Goggomobil	1471
BMW 5 Series	1275
BMW CS	1272
Mercedes 190 SL	1161
Renault R 4	1047
Mercedes W170/220	925
Citroen DS	847
Citroen 2 CV	834

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