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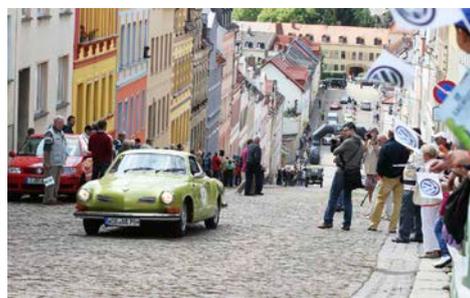
## Sachsen Classic 2019: Volkswagen goes rallying with vintage coupes

- 17<sup>th</sup> Sachsen Classic, from 22 to 24 August 2019
- Five classic Volkswagen coupes attend iconic event, including the Karmann Ghia Type 14 and Scirocco I SL
- Brazilians in Saxony for Volkswagen Classic: SP 2 and Karmann Ghia TC 145

Wolfsburg – From Dresden to Leipzig: thousands of spectators are expected to line the 580-kilometre route to cheer on the 200 vehicles at the 2019 Sachsen Classic, which is supported by Volkswagen. Volkswagen Classic lines up with five cars: the Karmann Ghia TC 145 (1970), Karmann Ghia Type 14 (1974), SP 2 (1974), Scirocco I SL (1981) and Passat B2 CL Formula E (1983).



An exotic beauty with an unmistakable design: the Volkswagen SP 2 (1974), made exclusively in Brazil



Karmann Ghia Type 14 (1974) on the iconic "Steep Wall" stage in Meerane

When it comes to automobiles, Saxony has a long tradition. The free state has also been home to the Volkswagen Group since the 1990s, with sites in Zwickau, Chemnitz, Dresden and Leipzig, as well as the ŠKODA brand in the neighbouring Czech Republic. As such, Volkswagen has supported the Sachsen Classic rally from the word go.

Participants and spectators at this event, which is a must for many vintage car enthusiast, can look forward to a spectacular automotive show: few other vintage rallies attract as many spectators from across Germany and offer such a diverse range of vehicles. This gives the rally its very own unique flair. The 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Saxony Rally runs from Dresden to Leipzig – just short of 580 kilometres through attractive regions including Saxon Switzerland, the Ore Mountains, and Saxony's castle and heathland region. Only automobiles of historic and cultural value that were built

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before 1976, and selected "Youngtimers" from up to 1999, are permitted to enter the regularity rally.

### **Brazilian beauties and sports cars in Saxony**

Volkswagen Classic lines up with five special coupes: with its unmistakable design, the 1974 Volkswagen SP 2 is still truly an exotic beast on German streets – and that despite over 11,000 of this model being built. This is because the SP 2 was only produced in Brazil. The Karmann Ghia TC 145 was also intended exclusively for the Brazilian market: the 2+2 seat hatchback coupe with a large tailgate was built at Karmann Ghia do Brasil in 1970. The Brazilians are accompanied by another air-cooled classic: a Karmann Ghia Type 14 Coupé from 1974 with a rare Saturn Yellow Metallic paintjob.

Two water-cooled Volkswagen from the 80s complete the selection of coupes: the Scirocco I SL from 1981, a special edition with sporty aluminium rims, front spoiler and foil decors, and the Passat B2 CL Formula E. The "E" stands for "Economy" and the car was available with a fuel-saving start-stop system – even back in 1983.

### **Currywurst and a unique ice cream van greet participants at the finish**

Another two, rather different, classics will be on hand to provide culinary delights: the Volkswagen Currywurst Van and the Volkswagen Classic Ice Cream Van offer taste sensations in period style. The two Volkswagen T2 food trucks can be found at the finish, at Simonsplatz in Leipzig, on Saturday.

Those interested can also check out live impressions from the rally on the social media channels of Volkswagen Classic, on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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