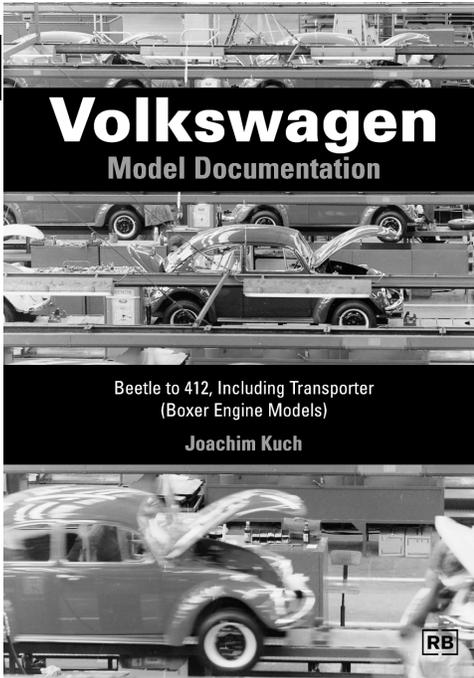




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Split window



Type 4



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Type 3



Cabriolet



Type 181



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- Type 147 (1964–74)
- Type 181 (1969–78)
- Type 2 (1950–90)
- Type 3 (1961–73)
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