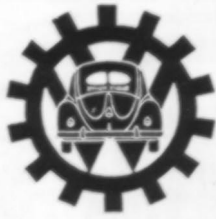


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Amazingly these two Karmann Cabriolets followed each other off the production line. The part-dismantled Cabrio pictured left has body number 15-07715, while the car on the right has 15-07716.

In December 1993 Claus Missing who lives in Kaarst, Germany purchased his very first Karmann Cabriolet from a VW friend in Düsseldorf. This Karmann is a rare February 1952 model with chassis number 10 326 862 and was originally painted two-tone brown and ivory. His friend apparently purchased the car from a man in Kaufbeuren, in Southern Germany.

Some four months later Claus was contacted by one of our Germany correspondents Carsten Reeder about yet another '52 Karmann Cabriolet that was for sale very near his home town of Plettenberg. Unfortunately Carsten was unable to purchase the car because of a recent purchase of his 1953 Oval. So it was left up to Claus to buy this second Karmann Cabriolet. The car does need a complete restoration but was more or less complete.

I must also mention Carsten told me the owner of the Karmann also had several other VW's for sale. One to his surprise was a Type 14A Hebmüller [sold a few days before] the other two cars are still for sale, a split window Beetle in good order, and a 356 B Porsche in very poor condition.

After the deal was done Claus and Carsten decided to check over the vehicle chassis number details. To their surprise they soon realised that this Karmann Cabriolet with chassis number 10 326 865 was only three numbers different from Claus's first cabriolet - chassis number 10 326 862.

Work soon started on the second car, and whilst chatting to a friend, he asked if the chassis numbers are so close together, have they checked the Karmann body numbers ?

The answer was no!

Another big surprise was in store for them both. The first Cabriolet purchased had body number 15-07716 the second car had body number 15-07715. Amazingly they both came off the production line together.

Both these cars were built on 28th February 1952, and despite the current body colours they were both painted the same colour two-tone brown and ivory. [probably medium brown L-70 with L-60 ivory, or even L-71 beige side panels.] Both cars also have the same brown leatherette covered seats.