New sporty models now available: Volkswagen starts pre-sales of Golf GTI Clubsport and Golf R models

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The front-wheel drive Golf GTI Clubsport is the most powerful GTI with an output of 221 kW (300 PS) and an electronically controlled front differential lock

- The Golf R and Golf R Variant have 4MOTION all-wheel drive, R-Performance torque vectoring and an output of 245 kW (333 PS)

- The spacious Golf R Variant offers a luggage compartment volume of 1,642 litres

- The exclusive Golf R Black Edition special model comes in dark design as standard and offers functions such as a GPS lap timer and an accelerometer

The sportiest Golf models from Volkswagen can now be ordered in a new look and with a host of additional features. Customers can choose between the front-wheel drive Golf GTI Clubsport and three all-wheel drive versions: the classic Golf R, the spacious Golf R Variant and the exclusive Golf R Black Edition special model. All four models offer the perfect mix of extreme sportiness, comfort and everyday usability. The Golf GTI Clubsport is available from 48,075 euros in Germany and the Golf R from 53,795 euros. The Golf R Variant can be configured and ordered from 55,065 euros. Prices for the exclusive Golf R Black Edition, which is completely in black, start from 58,440 euros.

The new models are based on the eighth generation of the Golf, which was significantly upgraded this year. The new Performance versions feature a sharpened and distinctive exterior design (including an illuminated VW badge at the front) as well as an enhanced interior. They additionally offer an intuitive operating concept (including

ChatGPT), powerful drive systems with impressive performance values and high-end sports suspension. Optional equipment packages are available for motorsport enthusiasts that allow special driving profiles to be selected for the race track and the top speed to be increased, for example, or that offer features such as GPS lap timer and G-meter.

Most powerful GTI – with front differential lock as standard. The new Golf GTI Clubsport was unveiled a few weeks ago as part of the legendary 24-hour race at the Nürburgring. This clearly shows that this Volkswagen is also at home on the race track. Its turbocharged engine delivers a torque of 400 Nm and an output of 221 kW (300 PS), and this power is transferred to the road by the electronically controlled front differential lock equipped as standard. The top speed of the most powerful GTI is electronically limited to 250 km/h. However, this limit can be lifted with the Race package – which raises the top speed to 267 km/h. A large roof spoiler at the rear ensures maximum downforce. In addition, the Golf GTI Clubsport comes as standard with the selectable Special driving mode, which ensures optimum performance on the Nürburgring and optimises the engine, gearbox and suspension for fast laps on the Nordschleife.

Golf R models with R-Performance torque vectoring. The all-wheel-drive models Golf R, Golf R Variant and the Black Edition special model impress with optimised driving dynamics, exclusive standard equipment and an output of 245 kW (333 PS). This is an increase of 10 kW (14 PS) compared with the predecessors. The times for the classic sprint from 0 to 100 km/h have thus been shortened to 4.6 and 4.8 seconds (Variant) respectively. The top speed of 250 km/h can be boosted to 270 km/h with the R-Performance package. This makes these Golf R versions the world’s fastest Volkswagen production models, alongside the Arteon R Shooting Brake.

Dynamic Chassis Control for driving comfort and dynamics. In addition to power and rich sound, the Golf R models offer maximum performance – and also convey a genuine motorsport feeling. Dynamic Chassis Control (DCC) – fitted as standard in vehicles sold in Germany – is a technology that continuously reacts to the road surface and driving situation, while taking account of various elements including steering, braking and acceleration manoeuvres. DCC therefore always provides the highest level of driving comfort and optimum driving dynamics. Up to seven driving profiles are available

to choose from. With the Special driving profile, which is specially designed for driving on the Nürburgring Nordschleife, the DCC is also adapted to the conditions of this legendary race circuit. All those who want to drift on secured terrain can activate the special Drift mode.

The exclusive Black Edition special model. Elegant, sporty and unmistakeable: as the name suggests, the new Golf R Black Edition comes with a consistently black design, including darkened headlights, Volkswagen badges and R logos, black exhaust tailpipe trims and a dark wheel profile. The model is equipped as standard with the R-Performance package and IQ.LIGHT LED matrix headlights. A larger roof spoiler through which the air flow is routed, providing additional downforce.

Also available for the Golf GTI Clubsport, Golf R, Golf R Variant and Golf R Black Edition: the optional titanium exhaust system from Akrapovič, which ensures an even more individual sound.

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