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Locally emission-free in the city, ample range for journeys: start of sales for the Golf eHybrid and Golf GTE

- Two new plug-in hybrid models: the Golf eHybrid¹ has an all-electric range of up to 80 kilometres², while the more powerful Golf GTE³ can cover up to 62 kilometres²
- Golf eHybrid: the drive of the new Golf eHybrid is designed for maximum comfort and develops a system power of 150 kW (204 PS)
- Golf GTE: thanks to additional electric power, the Performance hybrid drive of the new Golf GTE matches the power output of the Golf GTI with 180 kW (245 PS)⁴

Wolfsburg (Germany) – Volkswagen is electrifying the eighth generation of the Golf with two new plug-in hybrid versions: the Golf eHybrid and Golf GTE. This means that no less than two Golf models are now available as plug-in hybrid models for the first time. The Golf eHybrid is designed for maximum comfort and delivers an output of 150 kW (204 PS). Price in Germany: from 39,781.18 euros^{5/6}. With an output of 180 kW (245 PS), the Golf GTE offers outstandingly sporty performance, combining both power and efficiency. Base price: 41,667.40 euros^{5/6}. Sales of both models are starting now. By the end of the year, a total of eight different Golf and Golf Variant models will be available with hybrid drive – the Golf will therefore be the brand's product line with the greatest level of hybridisation.



The new Golf GTE with plug-in hybrid drive

The new Golf plug-in hybrid versions feature a 50 percent-higher energy capacity (13 kWh) compared with the plug-in hybrid drive of the Golf Mk7. This allows a wider electric range. When the battery is charged, the Golf eHybrid and Golf GTE start electrically and therefore with zero local emissions. The Golf eHybrid covers up to 80 kilometres fully electrically, while the Golf GTE boasts a locally zero emissions range of up to 62

kilometres. The E-MODE also permits all-electric driving on country roads and motorways. The TSI engine (turbocharged petrol engine) is automatically switched on at higher speeds – depending on the activated hybrid mode, driving profile or charge level of the battery. The drive then operates in economical Hybrid mode, which makes it possible to achieve very high combined ranges – up to 870 km (NEDC) with the e-Hybrid resp. 745 km (NEDC) with the Golf GTE.

In every case, a 6-speed dual-clutch gearbox DSG is responsible for gearshifts as standard. On longer journeys, electric energy can be reserved for driving into a built-up area at the destination so that driving in the city is possible with locally zero emissions.

Volkswagen offers the Golf eHybrid in the upscale "Style"⁶ equipment versions. Like the predecessor, the Golf GTE will again be offered as an independent model with

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customised GTE⁶ equipment. Always on board: features such as Digital Cockpit Pro (digital instruments), "Discover Media" navigation system including streaming and Internet, DAB+, mobile phone interface with inductive charging function, voice control, Dynamic Road Sign Display, a multifunction leather steering wheel, sports comfort seats (eHybrid), Travel Assist for assisted driving up to 210 km/h (including Adaptive Cruise Control and Lane Assist lane keeping system), Front Assist Autonomous Emergency Braking, Air Care Climatronic automatic air conditioner, start/stop system with brake energy recuperation, V2X local warning system, new Keyless Start keyless comfort start function, LED Plus headlights and LED tail light clusters as well as alloy wheels. The Golf GTE is additionally equipped with details such as customised bumpers as well as customised premium sports seats with integrated head restraints and an LED light strip in the radiator grille.

With the new Golf eHybrid and Golf GTE, Volkswagen is launching the next models as part of a wide-ranging product offensive. The number of different models available in the eighth Golf generation will be extended in particular as part of this offensive. Iconic sporty models such as the new Golf GTI⁷, Golf GTD⁷ and Golf R⁷ will be launched in the coming weeks. The market launch of the new Golf Variant will also take place soon. The mild hybrid models are also becoming increasingly important. The new Golf eTSI with the first 48 V mild hybrid drive (110 kW / 150 PS)⁸ is already on sale. Further power output level of the eTSI will follow before the end of 2020.

 $^{1)}$ Golf eHybrid – (NEDC) fuel consumption I /100 km: combined 1.4-1.2; power consumption in kW/h/100 km: combined 11.6-11.0; CO₂ emissions (combined) in g/km: 31-28; efficiency class: A+

²⁾NEDC

 $^{3)}$ Golf GTE – (NEDC) fuel consumption I /100 km: combined 1.7; power consumption in kW/h/100 km: combined 12.4; CO₂ emissions (combined) in g/km: 38; efficiency class: A+

⁴⁾System power

⁵⁾Germany, including 16 per cent value added tax; valid until 31 December 2020 ⁶⁾All equipment specifications are excerpts from the overall equipment; they apply to the German market

⁷⁾Golf GTI, Golf GTD, Golf R – The vehicles are near-production concept cars. ⁸⁾Golf eTSI (110 kW / 150 PS) – (NEDC) fuel consumption I/100 km: urban 6,1-5,9; extra urban 4,1-3,9; combined 4,8-4,6; CO₂-emissions (combined) in g/km: 111-106; efficiency class: A

About the Volkswagen brand:

The Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand is present in more than 150 markets throughout the world and produces vehicles at over 50 locations in 14 countries. In 2019, Volkswagen delivered 6.3 million vehicles including bestselling models such as the Golf, Tiguan, Jetta or Passat. Currently, 195,878 people work for Volkswagen across the globe. The brand also has over 10,000 dealerships with 86,000 employees. Volkswagen is forging ahead consistently with the further development of automobile production. E-mobility, smart mobility and the digital transformation of the brand are the key strategic topics for the future.

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