

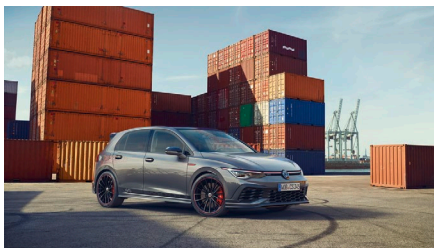


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Celebrating the birthday of an icon: Volkswagen launches the exclusive Golf GTI Clubsport 45 onto the market

- The Golf GTI has been on the market since 1976, making it 45 years old. Volkswagen is marking the occasion with a special anniversary model, the Golf GTI Clubsport 45¹
- This exclusive anniversary model is based on the 300 PS Clubsport². Both models offer a front-axle locking differential integrated with the driving dynamics manager
- Presales of the exceptional Golf GTI Clubsport 45 start next week. Base price in Germany: 47,790 euros

Wolfsburg (Germany) - In the summer of 1976, Volkswagen launched a distinctively sporty Golf onto the market: the GTI. At that time no one at Volkswagen had any idea that the Golf GTI would eventually become the world's most successful compact sports car. But that is exactly what happened – from production of the 5,000 vehicles that were originally planned to well in excess of 2.3 million today. Now Volkswagen is marking the 45th birthday of this iconic car with an anniversary model: the Golf GTI Clubsport 45¹ – an exclusive edition of the 221 kW/300 PS Golf GTI Clubsport². Extensive individualisation makes the Clubsport 45 a ready-made collector's item, even as new. First presales will begin in selected European countries on 1 March. Price in Germany: from 47,790 euros³.



Exclusive anniversary model: the Golf GTI Clubsport 45

Even the "standard" Golf GTI Clubsport is technically distinct from the classic Golf GTI^{4/5}, with features including a 55 PS turbocharged engine (TSI) and the Special driving mode for race tracks. Visual highlights of the Clubsport include larger air intakes (delivering more oxygen to the TSI), a specially designed open roof spoiler to allow improved airflow (greater downforce), and a separate sport exhaust system.

The Clubsport 45 is ready to take to the road with more individual customisation than ever before. The exterior boasts a striking black roof complete with black roof spoiler, in homage to the black-framed rear window of the first Golf GTI. With the Race package, which is available as standard and exclusive to the Golf GTI Clubsport 45, equipment includes 19-inch Scottsdale alloy wheels in a high-gloss black finish, with a narrow accent pinstripe detail in Tornado Red. The Race package also includes a sport exhaust system and removal of the Vmax limiter (otherwise top speed is limited to 250 km/h). Lettering on the side sill panel with a concise "45" characterizes the special GTI model and underlines the dynamic appearance. The Clubsport 45 series also features IQ.Light LED matrix headlights with the red trim strip which is included on all GTIs.

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The interior of the anniversary model also showcases classic GTI insignia. Embellishments include GTI lettering on the backrests of the front premium sport seats. A "45" adds character to the multi-function sport steering wheel at the centre spoke (at 6 o'clock).

With the new Golf GTI Clubsport 45, Volkswagen is adding a new chapter to the high-performance GTI versions released: The original Golf GTI Clubsport⁶ was launched in 2016, on the 40th birthday of the cult sports car. That first member of the Clubsport series achieved 195 kW (265 PS) and could temporarily deliver 213 kW (290 PS) using a boost function. That same year also saw the arrival of the Golf GTI Clubsport S⁶, which had a constantly attainable maximum performance of 228 kW (310 PS). In autumn 2020 Volkswagen released the new Golf GTI Clubsport, a car which featured the first-ever instance of the standard electromechanical front-axle locking differential control being integrated into the driving dynamics manager network – as does the newly launched Clubsport 45. This intelligent connection sets a new benchmark in driving dynamics.

¹Golf GTI Clubsport 45, 7-speed DSG dual clutch gearbox (221 kW) fuel consumption l/100 km (NEDC): urban 8.4, extra-urban 5.6, combined 6.6; CO₂-emission in g/km: 151 (combined); efficiency class C.

²Golf GTI Clubsport 7-speed DSG dual clutch gearbox (221 kW) fuel consumption l/100 km (NEDC): urban 8.4, extra-urban 5.6, combined 6.6; CO₂-emission in g/km: 151 (combined); efficiency class C.

³Price in Germany inclusive of 19% value added tax.

⁴Golf GTI 6-speed (180 kW) fuel consumption l/100 km (NEDC): urban 9.0, extra-urban 5.6, combined 6.9; CO₂-emission in g/km: 157 (combined); efficiency class D.

⁵Golf GTI, 7-speed DSG dual clutch gearbox (180 kW) fuel consumption l/100 km (NEDC): urban 8.6, extra-urban 5.3, combined 6.5; CO₂-emission in g/km: 157 (combined); efficiency class C.

⁶This model is no longer available for sale.

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 2020, Volkswagen delivered 5.3 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.
