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Countdown to the new Golf: the Golf Mk5 – it's come of age

- 24 October 2019: three days to go until the global debut of the eighth Golf generation
 - The Golf Mk5 sets standards in terms of comfort, dynamics and quality
 - New body variants enhance the Golf's range
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Wolfsburg (D) - This was the Golf generation offering comfort and dynamics that went beyond those of quite a number of competitors within the upper mid-sized vehicle class. The same rang true for quality. A value that underlines the stability of the laser-welded body is that its torsional rigidity had increased by 35 percent in 2003 upon the debut of the Golf Mk5. This also marked the first time that the Golf was optionally available with side airbags in the rear – in conjunction with the standard airbags (front, sides at the front, head-protection airbag) this now meant that eight of these protecting, inflatable pads were on board the vehicle.



Golf Mk5 built between 2003 and 2008

In terms of comfort and dynamics the Golf Mk5 scored high marks thanks to features including the new four-link suspension rear axle and a new 7-speed DSG, bi-xenon headlights, rain sensor as well as a tilting and sliding panoramic sunroof, plus the debut of the first turbocharged direct petrol injection engine in the Golf GTI (2004) as well as the world's first Twincharger (TSI, 2006) featuring turbocharging and compressor-

based charging. At the same time, the product line became relevant to an even wider range of drivers thanks to new body variants: the Golf Plus made its debut in 2006, the CrossGolf, a new Variant and the Golf BlueMotion premiered in 2007, the latter of which set a benchmark with an average consumption of just 4.5 l/100 km. In March 2007 the Golf celebrated a major milestone: 25 million units had been produced since 1974. When the Golf Mk6 was subsequently introduced in 2008, 3.4 million units of all available Mk5 variants had been produced.

Golf Mk5 annual figures

- 2003 Laser-welded doors, underbody, roof seam, side panels
- 2003 Multi-link rear axle
- 2003 Electromechanical power steering
- 2004 Comeback of the GTI with turbocharged engine (147 kW/200 PS)
- 2006 GT, direct petrol injection engine with twincharging (turbocharger and compressor)
- 2006 Debut of the Golf Plus
- 2007 Introduction of CrossGolf and new Golf Estate

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- 2007 Production milestone: 25 million Golfs since 1974
- 2008 Phase-out of the fifth generation after 3.4 million vehicles produced.

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