

Show premiere – the new Golf GTD Variant

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Sporty Golf GTD makes debut as 184-PS Variant car

Spacious long-distance express car consumes just 4.4 litres per 100 km

Golf GTD Variant accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in 7.9 seconds

Ten key facts on the premiere of the Golf GTD Variant:

1. First Golf GTD Variant develops 135 kW / 184 PS of power and an impressive 380 Nm of torque.
2. With a top speed of up to 231 km/h, the Golf GTD Variant consumes a mere 4.4 l/100 km with a 6-speed manual gearbox.
3. Equipped with a Stop-Start system, the Golf GTD Variant combines thrilling dynamics with maximum efficiency.
4. Extremely clean long-distance TDI engine with NOx storage catalytic converter meets the Euro 6 emissions standard with ease.
5. Golf GTD Variant is offered with a 6-speed dual clutch gearbox as an option.
6. Bi-xenon headlights, 17-inch alloy wheels, “Composition Touch” radio system and automatic climate control as standard.
7. Sport suspension, XDS+ vehicle dynamics function and ESC Sport ensure superior handling.
8. New Golf GTD Variant accommodates five adults along with 605 litres of luggage.
9. When loaded to the roof, the cargo space of the Golf GTD Variant increases to 1,620 litres.
10. Sport seats, leather-trimmed steering wheel, leather-trimmed gear knob and black headliner are GTD interior features.

Wolfsburg / Geneva, March 2015. It was 33 years ago when the first Golf GTD entered the market. It became an icon of all sporty diesels. This was due to the almost unique ability of this long-distance express car of the Golf model range to combine the performance of a sports car with the fuel economy of a small car. Now, for the first time since the debut of the original Golf GTD in 1982, Volkswagen is launching the sportiest of all compact diesels as an Variant car. The new Golf GTD Variant is celebrating its premiere at the Geneva International Motor Show. The agile diesel Variant is powered by a 135-kW / 184-PS 2.0-litre TDI engine. Combined fuel consumption with a 6-speed manual gearbox: 4.4 l/100 km (equating to 115 g/km CO₂). Optionally, Volkswagen offers the GTD Variant with an automatic 6-speed dual-clutch gearbox (DSG) – with a low fuel consumption figure of just 4.8 l/100 km (CO₂: 125 g/km). Among the features ensuring extremely low emissions is an NOx storage catalytic converter, and – as a matter of course – the Variant version of the GTD also complies with the Euro 6 emissions standard.

7.9 seconds. The Golf GTD Variant has a stop/start system as a standard feature and, in battery regeneration mode, it exploits deceleration phases to charge the battery. The 2.0-litre common rail turbodiesel of the EA288 series is distinguished both by its economy and power. From 1,750 rpm to 3,250 rpm, the engine – which is equipped with two balancer shafts – develops a constant maximum torque of 380 Nm. This turbocharged efficiency lets the new Golf GTD Variant accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in only 7.9 seconds with either gearbox version. A top speed of 231 km/h (DSG 229 km/h) reveals it to be a sports car among diesel Variants.

Superior handling characteristics. Further attributes of its special sporting status are standard features such as the XDS+ vehicle dynamics function, ESC Sport (specific response at an extremely dynamic pace), progressive steering that is as direct as it is comfortable, sport suspension (15 mm lower) and 17-inch wheels

("Curitiba" design) with 225 tyres. This combination leads to impressive handling characteristics.

1,620 litres of cargo space. Alongside the dynamics, flexibility is another showcase discipline of the new Golf GTD Variant. Thanks to a luggage volume of 605 litres (loaded up to the backrests of the rear seats), the Volkswagen offers remarkably large bootspace even with five people on board. When the vehicle is loaded up to the front seat backrests and up to the headliner, cargo capacity grows to 1,620 litres. To conceal the luggage compartment behind the rear bench seat from prying eyes, it is fitted with a cover as standard; when not needed, the roller blind, like the net partition, can be stowed under the cargo floor. In addition, the cargo floor can be adjusted in height or removed entirely.

Exterior with bi-xenon headlights. The new Golf GTD Variant leaves the Wolfsburg plant with bi-xenon headlights including cornering lights as standard. One distinguishing feature of the GTD is its discreetly elegant chrome strip in the radiator grille; it traces the same sporty lines as its legendary red counterpart in the Golf GTI. The chrome strip extends into the headlights, dividing them into an upper section with bi-xenon elements and a lower part with the indicator. Positioned below this is the bumper specially designed for the GT models, with integrated LED fog lights (optional) on the left and right as well as air guide elements in a gloss black finish and the lower radiator grille insert with black honeycomb structure. From the side, the Golf GTD Variant can be distinguished by its 17-inch alloy wheels and side sill extensions. At the rear, the dual exhaust pipe mounted on the left-hand side and a GTD badge indicate that this is the sportiest Golf Variant ever with a TDI engine. As with the two-door and four-door versions of the Golf GTD, optional standard paint finishes for the Variant are the three GT exterior colours of "Tornado Red", "Black" and "Pure White".

Interior with sport seats. Passengers enter the car over stainless steel door sills with white lighting fitted as standard. In both the GTD and GTI, the driver and front passenger sit on sport seats

upholstered in the classic GT tartan design “Clark”. The front seats are height adjustable and fitted with a manual lumbar support and seatback storage pockets. Visually, the Golf GTD Variant features a mixture of black, grey and white shades together with chrome work; leather upholstery (“Vienna”) can be ordered as an option. Black headlining rounds off the sporty atmosphere at the top. Beside the automatic climate control system (Climatronic), Driver Alert system and Composition Touch radio system (with features including SD card slot and AUX-IN interface), standard equipment also includes ambient lighting. Features adding to the exclusive sporty flair inside the new Golf GTD Variant include brushed stainless steel pedal and footrest caps, a three-spoke multifunction leather-trimmed sport steering wheel that is flattened at the bottom, a GTD gear knob and instrument cluster with the extended control settings offered by the optional “Premium” multifunction display. The Golf GTD Variant is equipped with the Driver Alert System and Automatic Post-Collision Braking System as standard.

Additional features. Optional assistance systems now include Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC), the ambient traffic monitoring system Front Assist plus City Emergency Braking, Lane Assist lane departure warning system and the latest generation of DCC adaptive chassis control (including driving profile selector). A 400-watt sound system by Dynaudio is also ideally customised for use in the new Golf GTD Variant. Also optionally available for the Golf GTD Variant are 18-inch alloy wheels of the type “Nogaro” and seat covers in Alcantara or leather (“Vienna”). Furthermore, Volkswagen also offers a “Sport & Design” package, which contains features such as driving profile selector, the “Nogaro” alloy wheels with 225 tyres, red brake callipers and up to 65 per cent tinting of the rear windows. Essentially, the entire range of special equipment offered for the model series is also available in this vehicle.