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New ID. Polo GTI Clubsport Concept[1]: this electric GTI is ready for the racetrack

- **100% electric, 100% GTI Clubsport** – the new ID. Polo GTI Clubsport Concept transfers the Clubsport concept designed for maximum performance to the world of electric mobility for the first time
- **Clubsport is motorsport** – with 270 kW (367 PS), 4.7 seconds for the 0-100 km/h sprint, a top speed of 240 km/h and a new ceramic brake system, the model is predestined for the racetrack
- **Perfect match of heritage and future** – the two-door Clubsport concept car builds on 50 years of GTI success with an innovative technology concept and classic Volkswagen design
- **Master of modular platforms** – the fusion of MEB+ with front-wheel drive and APP550 creates a strong performance derivative; this combination shows one way the GTI DNA might evolve in the future

Wolfsburg – 270 kW (367 PS), top speed of 240 km/h and 4.7 seconds from 0 to 100 km/h: With the ID. Polo GTI Clubsport Concept[1], Volkswagen is marking the 50th anniversary of the GTI by showing how uncompromising an electric GTI with motorsport ambitions can be. The concept car will be presented to the public next week at the Essen Motor Show (27 November to 6 December 2026). Its performance figures meet a two-door silhouette and flared wings as well as a large front splitter, diffuser and rear wing. The result: a powerful appearance and maximum downforce for fast laps. At the same time, the concept vehicle provides a preview of how the GTI idea can be further developed in the electric age.



The new ID. Polo GTI Clubsport Concept

Kai Grünitz, Member of the Board of Management for Technical Development, Volkswagen Brand and Brand Group Core: "The GTI has been one of Volkswagen's great success stories for 50 years. This year, we launched our GTI as an electric vehicle in series production for the first time. With the ID. Polo GTI Clubsport Concept, we are showing how much more potential there is in the electric GTI world. Our platform strategy and MEB+ give us the technological freedom to make even extreme concepts possible."

Designed for performance. The design of the new ID. Polo GTI Clubsport Concept is based on the production model, the 166 kW (226 PS) ID. Polo GTI[2]. In both models, the drive power is transmitted to the front axle. In the 270 kW (367 PS) ID. Polo GTI Clubsport Concept, this power delivery is controlled – thanks in part to an electronically regulated front differential lock (VAQ) – so that the model reaches 100 km/h from a standstill in just 4.7 seconds with Launch Control. Like the drive system, the electrical infrastructure has also been adapted to the high performance of the

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ID. Polo GTI Clubsport Concept. The 52 kWh high-voltage battery can provide up to 290 kW at short notice, enabling a top speed of 240 km/h. The DCC (adaptive chassis control) has also been tuned for use on the racetrack and ensures precise handling and high traction in conjunction with the front differential lock. The new ceramic brakes of the one-box brake system are also designed for high performance.

Dynamics are visible in the design. On the exterior, the ID. Polo GTI Clubsport Concept follows the powerful clarity of the ID. Polo GTI production model, while at the same time incorporating design elements that underline the motorsport characteristics. Particularly striking features are the two-door instead of four-door silhouette, pronounced flaring of the wings by 50 millimetres in each case, a large motorsport splitter at the front, a wider rear end, a new diffuser and a rear wing in carbon fibre that protrudes above the roof line.

Two-seater. Reduced to racing. The interior is also tailored to the racetrack, and only the basic layout of the overall cockpit has been adopted from the production model. This means there is no infotainment system, for example. The focus is solely on ergonomics and driving. The driver and front passenger sit on Recaro racing bucket seats with red 5-point harnesses. The rear and luggage compartment have been completely cleared. Instead of a rear seat system, a rollover bar painted in the GTI colour Tornado Red is integrated above and behind the front seats. The dash panel, side trims and many other details are covered in dark ArtVelours microfibre fabric with red topstitching – work that has been carried out with great precision by Volkswagen trainees. In many areas – in keeping with Volkswagen tradition – the young employees were directly involved in realisation of the concept vehicle by the Development department and designers.

550 instead of 290 newton-metres. The ID. Polo GTI Clubsport Concept features the high-torque APP550 motor. The special technical challenge here: this motor is actually intended for the rear of large models such as the ID. Tiguan[3] or ID.7. It therefore had to be fitted into the smaller ID. Polo as front-wheel drive and additionally combined with an electronic front differential lock. Thomas Schmall, Member of the Board of Management Volkswagen AG for Technology, and CEO of Volkswagen Group Components: "The ID. Polo GTI Clubsport Concept shows just how emotive electric mobility can be: This is made possible by our APP550, one of the most efficient electric drives in its class. Manufactured over one million times at the Group Components plant in Kassel, this drive was actually developed for larger vehicle classes. Integrating it into the Polo required millimetre precision and is a powerful example of engineering skill and teamwork at Volkswagen, from Development and Design through to our trainees who worked on the project."

GTI from the master of modular platforms. The ID. Polo GTI Clubsport Concept is based on the modular electric drive (MEB+) platform with front-wheel drive. Volkswagen has used the basic technical layout of the production model and taken it to a new level of performance with a 104 kW (141 PS) more powerful electric drive. The result is the most dynamic interpretation of a front-wheel drive ID. model to date. At the other end of the scale is the Mission Efficiency[4], which is also based on the ID. Polo and set four world records as a particularly efficient near-production electric

vehicle. Both concept vehicles show the large bandwidth offered by electric drive systems from maximum sportiness to outstanding efficiency.

2026 is the year of the GTI. Following the Golf GTI EDITION 50[5], the new ID.3 GTI[6] (sales start early 2027) and the new ID. Polo GTI[2] (available to order since October), the ID. Polo GTI Clubsport Concept is making its debut this year as the fourth new model under the umbrella of the iconic GTI product brand. No other compact sports car family has been as successful worldwide for half a century now – with more than 2.5 million units sold – as the GTI models.

1. ID. Polo GTI Clubsport Concept – concept car.
2. ID. Polo GTI – Combined energy consumption 15.7–14.2 kWh/100 km; combined CO_2 emissions 0 g/km; CO_2 class: A.
3. ID. Tiguan – Combined energy consumption 16.1–14.6 kWh/100 km; combined CO_2 emissions 0 g/km; CO_2 class: A.
4. Mission Efficiency – concept vehicle. The vehicle is not available for sale.
5. Golf GTI EDITION 50 – Combined energy consumption 7.8–7.6 l/100 km; combined CO_2 emissions: 178–173 g/km; CO_2 class: G-F. The vehicle can no longer be ordered in Germany with individual equipment.
6. ID.3 GTI – Near-production concept vehicle. The model is not yet available for sale Provisional forecast values: Combined energy consumption 14.5 kWh/100 km; combined CO_2 emissions 0 g/km; CO_2 class: A.

The Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand has a global presence and produces vehicles at 28 locations in twelve countries. In 2025, Volkswagen delivered over 4.7 million vehicles. These include bestsellers such as the Polo, T-Roc, T-Cross, Golf, Tiguan and Passat as well as the successful all-electric models from the ID. family. Last year, the company handed over around 382,000 all-electric vehicles to customers worldwide. Volkswagen currently employs around 170,000 people worldwide. With its "BOOST 2030" strategy, Volkswagen is advancing its evolution into the most desirable brand for sustainable mobility.