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The countdown has started: the new Golf GTI top model is set to be the highlight of this year's GTI meeting at Wörthersee

- **Strong performance: the Golf GTI TCR¹ delivers 213 kW / 290 PS and offers perfect traction thanks to the front axle locking differential**
- **New addition to the series: the Golf GTI TCR is the road version of the 275 kW / 350 PS TCR race series Golf GTI**
- **The fastest Golf GTI: the Vmax limiter in the GTI TCR to be launched at the end of 2018 can be removed as desired to increase the maximum speed from 250 to 264 km/h**

Wolfsburg – Wednesday 9 May will see the largest GTI meeting in the world get underway. The location: Reifnitz am Wörthersee. Last year, 7,300 cars and around 125,000 visitors turned the Austrian town into the Mecca of the GTI world. Figures of this magnitude are expected again this year. Volkswagen will also present a special highlight to the participants and visitors: the new Golf GTI TCR, which is nearly ready for production. As a tribute to fans, the 290 PS GTI will be unveiled in a world première at Wörthersee. The future top model in the Golf GTI series, which has sold more than 2.2 million units worldwide, will be launched at the end of the year.



Rear view of the new Golf GTI TCR

The special edition is the road version of the two-time overall winner of the international TCR race series: the Golf GTI TCR of the same name. The touring racing car's specs make the new top model a dominating presence: design, power and performance are intrinsic to the pure sports car doctrine. The turbo engine of the new Golf GTI TCR delivers the 290 PS (213 kW) mentioned above at between 5,000 and 6,800 rpm. The TSI balances its maximum torque of 370 Nm towards the front axle in a speed range of 1,600 rpm; this value remains consistently high up to 4,300 rpm. A 7-speed dual-clutch gearbox (DSG) and a front axle differential lock (both standard) are responsible for power transmission and excellent traction.

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The maximum speed is 250 km/h, but can be increased to 264 km/h as stated above by opting to remove the electronic Vmax limiter. This makes the new GTI TCR the fastest Golf GTI of the current model range. Thanks to its drive performance, the production car achieves similar ranges as the 275 kW / 350 PS Golf GTI TCR racing car.

With more than 2.2 million units sold, the Golf GTI has become one of the world's most successful compact sports cars. It all started life in 1976 as a 110 PS front-wheel drive car, which made high driving dynamics affordable. Originally, only 5,000 cars of the original GTI were to be built – 4,400 times as many have now been produced.

- ¹⁾ The vehicle is a prototype. The vehicle is not yet on sale and is consequently not subject to Directive 1999/94 EC. All technical details of the new Golf GTI TCR are predicted values as at May 2018.*
- ²⁾ Golf GTI 2.0 TSI, 169 kW / fuel consumption in l/100 km (NEDC): combined 6.4; CO₂ emissions in g/km: 148 (combined), efficiency class: D*
- ³⁾ Golf GTI 2.0 TSI, 169 kW (DSG) / fuel consumption in l/100 km (NEDC): combined 6.4 - 6.3; CO₂ emissions in g/km: 148 - 145 (combined), efficiency class: D.*
- ⁴⁾ Golf GTI Performance 2.0 TSI, 180 kW / fuel consumption in l/100 km (NEDC): combined 6.6 - 6.5; CO₂ emissions in g/km: 150 - 148 (combined), efficiency class: D.*
- ⁵⁾ Golf GTI Performance 2.0 TSI, 180 kW (DSG) / fuel consumption in l/100 km (NEDC): combined 6.3; CO₂ emissions in g/km: 144 (combined), efficiency class: C.*

About the Volkswagen brand: "We make the future real"

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 2017, Volkswagen delivered 6.23 million vehicles including bestselling models such as the Golf, Tiguan, Jetta or Passat. Currently, 198,000 people work for Volkswagen across the globe. The brand also has over 7,700 dealerships with 74,000 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.
