



# Golf GTI TCR – The driving presentation

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# Technology transfer between motorsport and series: Racing car serves as a model for the Golf GTI TCR

Important information – key points of the Golf GTI TCR

**GTI evolution:** After building nearly 2.3 million Golf GTIs to date, a new evolutionary stage of the sports car has arrived: the Golf GTI TCR

**Pre-sales under way:** Since January 2019, the new Golf GTI can now be ordered at the base price of 38,950 euros (Germany)

**DSG standard equipment:** The GTI TCR<sup>1</sup> TSI delivers 290 PS and 380 Nm; power is transmitted to the front wheels via a dual-clutch gearbox (DSG) and locking differential

**From the racetrack to the road:** The Golf GTI TCR is the road version of the 350 PS Golf GTI in the TCR race series

**Speeds of up to 260 km/h:** Without a limiter (optional), the Golf GTI TCR reaches a top speed of 260 km/h

**Motorsport genes:** Front section with splitter (front spoiler) rear section with diffuser and own roof edge spoiler

**Racing equipment:** A steering wheel with a red 12 o'clock stripe, new sports seat design and 18-inch forged wheels

**Superior braking system:** The Golf GTI TCR is equipped with a high-performance braking system as standard

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# Golf GTI TCR – The next evolutionary stage of an icon

**Wolfsburg / Portimão, January 2019.** The Golf GTI: the world's most successful compact sports car. Nearly 2.3 million of this icon have been produced and sold over seven generations. Since the debut of the original GTI in 1976, the DNA of this Golf model has never changed: compact hatchback body, low weight, agile 4-cylinder, front-wheel drive, crisp suspension, red stripes in the radiator grille and classless, confident design. Still, the Golf GTI was repeatedly refined and perfected from generation to generation. Now, Volkswagen is launching a new evolutionary stage of this cult compact polished like a rough diamond: the Golf GTI TCR<sup>1</sup>, which reaches speeds of up to 260 km/h (optional). The special edition is a motorsport-inspired road version of the racing car of the same name and two-time overall winner of the international TCR race series. The successful touring racing car's genes also make the new GTI top model unmistakable: Design, power and





performance are intrinsic to the pure sports car doctrine. The 2.0 litre turbo engine of the new Golf GTI TCR delivers 213 kW / 290 PS (at 5,400 to 6,400 rpm). This makes it 33 kW/ 45 PS more powerful than the current Golf GTI Performance<sup>2/3</sup>. Even at 1,000 rpm – a touch above idle speed – 200 Nm of torque is available in the Golf GTI TCR. The maximum torque of 380 Nm lies between 1,800 and 5,300 rpm – this wide torque plateau ensures equally superior as well as agile drive characteristics.

**7-speed DSG and additional radiators.** Power is transmitted to the front wheels as standard via a 7-speed dual-clutch gearbox (DSG) and a locking differential. To provide appropriate cooling to handle the increased engine power in any situation, the Golf GTI TCR has been equipped with two extra water radiators in front, the same as the all-wheel drive Golf R<sup>4</sup>.



**Up to 260 km/h.** The factory maximum speed is 250 km/h, but this can be increased to 260 km/h by opting to remove the electronic Vmax limiter. Regardless of where the digital speedometer needle (standard Active Info Display) stops, the roof edge spoiler ensures the necessary downforce at the rear axle. The Golf GTI TCR completes the sprint to 100 km/h in 5.6 seconds. The efficiency of the four-cylinder four-valve engine combined with a petrol particulate filter is demonstrated by the combined consumption (NEDC): 6.7 l/100 km The new Golf GTI TCR has been available for order since January of this year.

18- and 19-inch wheels. Numerous individual features add to the Golf GTI TCR's sporty character and robust look. The new top Golf GTI model comes standard with 18-inch "Belvedere" forged wheels from the Wolfsburg plant. Newly designed 19-inch alloy wheels in "Reifnitz" and "Pretoria" designs are optionally available. Lurking behind the large alloy wheels are perforated brake discs together with special brake pads to slow the racing offshoot just as confidently as its paragon on the racetrack.







**Differential lock and four driving profiles.** Always on board too: the front-axle locking differential well known from the Golf GTI Performance (optimising traction and handling on fast bends) and the driving profile selection with the modes "ECO", "NORMAL", "SPORT" and "INDIVIDUAL". The latter enables the specific tuning of the steering, engine performance curve and gearbox as well as (optional) Dynamic Chassis Control (DCC).

**Vmax removal and DCC in one package.** As an optional extra, particularly enthusiastic drivers can push the design of the Golf GTI TCR even further in the direction of the racetrack – just by selecting the associated package. Option no. 1: The 19-inch "Reifnitz" wheels in Black matt with 235/35 R 19 tyres. In this case, the package automatically includes: removal of the Vmax limit and adaptive Dynamic Chassis Control (DCC) including running gear that is lower by 20mm compared with the normal running gear (five millimetres less as compared to the GTI running gear) as well as a special sports adjustment of the front axle and rear axle shock absorbers. It allows the features of the electrical shock absorbers to be adjusted at the touch of a button and a choice of a sporty, comfortable or normal chassis configuration as desired and depending on the situation.



Option no. 2: The 19-inch "Pretoria" wheels in glossy Black with 235/35 R 19 sports tyres (semislicks) for the racetrack. This option also includes removal of the Vmax limit, a sports version of the rear shock absorbers and adaptive Dynamic Chassis Control (DCC), as well as additional anti-theft wheel locks.

**Stainless-steel exhaust system.** The standard stainless-steel exhaust system was also tuned for the increased performance. The tailpipes are arranged on the left and right of the diffuser in the rear.

**Design transfer from racing.** The Golf GTI TCR's distinctive look is also proof of its outstanding position. At the front, the most powerful GTI of the current model programme has a sharply cut, high-gloss black splitter as an additional front spoiler, as is common in motor sport. Also new: the high-gloss black sill caps in the side panel; their lines are optically continued into the rear section. Here they meet a strikingly designed diffuser – similar to the side sills and the front splitter in the same glossy black – and the left and right exterior integrated single tailpipes of the exhaust system. Up in the rear, however, the dynamic line of the roof section transitions into the shiny black spoiler.



**"Pure Grey" and classic GTI colours.** New for the Golf GTI TCR is the colour "Pure Grey". The other colours have been GTI classics from the start: "Pure White", "Tornado Red", "Deep Black Pearl Effect" and "Oryx White Pearl Effect". Combined with "Pure Grey", "Pure White" and "Tornado Red", there is the option to order the roof in the contrasting colour "Black". Also black: the exterior mirror caps (optional Carbon look) and the "TCR" lettering above the sills. On request, the vehicle flank on the left and right of the B-pillar is additionally individualised by a striking honeycomb decor foil. The Golf GTI TCR has a particularly inviting effect when opening the front doors: the TCR logo is then projected onto the asphalt. The exterior features of the classic GTI insignia include the legendary red stripes in the radiator grille and the standard LED headlights. Elegantly toned: the dark red LED rear lights.





**Interior with exclusive features.** Drivers and passengers are seated in top sports seats, whose microfibre/fabric covers were crafted specially for this version. Anthracite-coloured microfibre features include the flanks of the seat and backrest. The striped centre seat panels (in fabric), however, feature the contrasting colour “Flashred” on a black background. Also featuring this red colour: the stitching on the seats, the centre armrest (front) and headrests, as well as seat belt edges and contrasting seams on the door trims, the DSG gearshift and the three-spoke sports steering wheel. This is not the only reason why the latter conveys a pure racetrack feeling: As an analogy to the TCR racing series, the leather cover is specially imprinted (perforated leather) at the 3 o'clock and 9 o'clock positions, as well as with a red 12 o'clock mark. Like the seats, the door inserts and the gearshift cover are made of microfibre. Meanwhile, the “Flashred” of the seats and seams is incorporated by the standard ambient lighting in the door sills and the colour graphics of the likewise free-of-charge “Composition Media” infotainment system and the optional “Discover Media” and “Discover Pro” navigation systems, respectively. New decor brings the interior to perfection.



# Equipment and technical data



# Equipment – The configuration of the Golf GTI TCR

Compared to the already very well equipped Golf GTI Performance, the new Golf GTI TCR has an even higher degree of standard customisation. An overview of the additional equipment and distinguishing features of the Golf GTI TCR compared to the Golf GTI Performance:

- Power increase from 180 kW/245 PS to 213 kW/290 PS
- 7-gear DSG
- Exterior mirror caps in black
- Brake discs perforated
- Own roof edge spoiler
- Driving profile selection
- 18-inch "Belvedere" type alloy wheels
- Logo is projected when doors are opened
- Sill extensions
- Seat belts featuring red edges
- Sport leather steering wheel with perforated leather (at 3 and 9 o'clock) and red 12 o'clock mark
- Rear bumper with diffuser

- Bumper with motorsport splitter
- TCR decorative trim
- Top sports seats in microfibre/fabric with a new design, special "Flashred" colour and red decorative seams, including door panels and DSG gearbox cuff in microfibre

## Optional equipment for the TCR

- 19-inch "Reifnitz" alloy wheels with 235/35 R 19 tyres plus Vmax limit removal and adaptive Dynamic Chassis Control (DCC) including running gear that is lower by 20mm compared with the normal running gear (five millimetres less as compared to the GTI running gear) as well as a special sports adjustment of the front axle and rear axle shock absorbers

- 19-inch "Pretoria" alloy wheels with 235/35 R 19 sports tyres (semislicks), plus additional anti-theft wheel locks, Vmax limit removal and adaptive Dynamic Chassis Control (DCC) including running gear that is lower by 20mm compared with the normal running gear (five millimetres less as compared to the GTI running gear) as well as a special sports adjustment of the front axle and rear axle shock absorbers
- Black roof
- Mirror caps in Carbon look
- Honeycomb decorative film

#### **General features of both Golf GTI models in 2019** (excerpt)

- Active Info Display (fully digital instruments)
- Ambient lighting (red)
- Brake calipers in red
- Illuminated front sill panel trim
- Automatic driving lights, with daytime running lights "leaving home" and manual "coming home" function

- Front Assist with City Emergency Braking System and Pedestrian Monitoring
- "Composition Media" radio with 8 loudspeakers
- Automatically dimming interior mirror
- "Air Care Climatronic" air conditioning system with 2-zone temperature control and allergen filter
- LED headlights for dipped and main beam with daytime running lights
- Gearshift knob in aluminium look
- Pedals and foot rests in brushed stainless steel
- Progressive steering
- Rain sensor
- Tail lights feature LED technology (with dynamic flashing function) and LED license plate illumination
- Front differential lock
- Green heat-reflecting glass at the sides and rear

# Technical data – The Golf GTI TCR in numbers

<b>Golf GTI TCR (road version)</b>	
<b>Engine</b>	2.0 TSI/four-cylinder turbo with petrol particulate filter (PPF)
<b>Gearboxes</b>	7-gear DSG
<b>Drive</b>	Front axle with locking differential
<b>Maximum power</b>	213 kW/290 PS at 5,400 to 6,400 rpm
<b>Maximum torque</b>	380 Nm at 1,950 to 5,300 rpm
<b>Top speed (standard)</b>	250 km/h
<b>Top speed (optionally unlimited)</b>	260 km/h
<b>0-80 km/h</b>	4.1 s
<b>0-100 km/h</b>	5.6 s
<b>Consumption combined (NEDC)</b>	6.7 l/100 km
<b>Kerb weight (DIN)</b>	1,410 kg
<b>Wheel sizes</b>	18 inch (series) and 19 inch



# TCR – The racing series and the racing car



**Worldwide motorsport.** The TCR series born in 2015 combines top-class racing with series-based technology. 4- and 5-door vehicles with 2.0 litre petrol or diesel motors are permitted, driven mostly by private teams. Besides the worldwide WTCR (FIA World Touring Car Cup), numerous national racing associations host TCR race series. The competition model – the Golf GTI TCR – is one of the most successful racing touring cars of today: In the international TCR series, Stefano Comini (2016) and Jean-Karl Vernay (2017) each won the driver title, with further title successes in TCR Asia (2016 & 2017) as well as in the TCR Middle East, TCR UK, TCR Asia and TCR Scandinavia (2018). In addition, the Golf GTI TCR has been honoured as “Model of the Year” out of all TCR racing cars. Volkswagen Motorsport has built more than 100 units of the racing car, manually and on a small scale, and delivered them to customer teams since 2016. Price ready to race: from 95,000 euros plus sales tax.



**Turbocharged engine legend.** Under the bonnet of the racing car is the base 2.0 engine of the same 2.0 TSI used in the Golf GTI Performance and Golf GTI TCR series – a four-cylinder, four-valve engine with turbocharging and direct injection. In the racing version, however, it delivers 257 kW/350 PS and generates a maximum torque of 420 Nm. The Golf GTI TCR of the racing series accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in 5.2 seconds, with its maximum speed due to the specific transmission ratio at around 250 km/h. Visually, the racing version differs from the standard model primarily in the form of its roughly 15 centimetres wider body and its adjustable aluminium rear wing. The safety of the driver is ensured by e.g. a racing bucket seat with head protectors, a racing safety cell and a safety tank that meets FIA regulations.



# 44 years of the Golf GTI

## – A journey through the eras



*Things that help shape their era and then outlast it can become icons. The Golf GTI is one such icon. A compact car with the performance of a sports car. An unmistakable design. A catchy name: GTI. Unlike many of its rivals, "the GTI" has been consistently refined from generation to generation. This is a car with both a history and a future, meaning that each new Golf GTI gives the present a completely new feel while remaining true to its original DNA. This 44-year journey from the Golf GTI Mk1 to the new Golf GTI TCR covers the most significant stages in the evolution of this icon. Accompanied by a soundtrack of music from each different era. Music that would once have been played over VHF and cassette and is now digitally acquired via DAB+ and smartphone. Iconic in any case. Like the Golf GTI.*



# 1976

When the **Eagles** recorded the album "Hotel California" in 1976, they had no idea of the impact they would have on the musical memories of almost everyone on the planet. **The Alan Parsons Projekt** in the meantime led a whole generation into the mystical world of Edgar Allan Poe with "Tales of Mystery and Imagination".

**Michel Jackson** became the new King of Pop with "Thriller" at the end of 1982. In 1983, hit singles like "Billie Jean" and "Beat It" from the album rocketed into musical orbit. "Thriller" went on to become the most successful album of all time, selling 66 million vinyl records, CDs and downloads.

# 1983



**Golf GTI Mk1.** We have no definite record showing on which day in 1976 the first series production GTI was built. We can say one thing though: boasting 110 PS and a top speed of 182 km/h, it ruffled a few feathers in the world of considerably higher priced sports cars and luxury saloons back in 1976.

**Golf GTI Mk1 Pirelli.** One highlight from the first generation made its debut in 1983 in the form of the "Pirelli GTI" delivering 112 PS – the first special edition. Today, like all Golf GTI Mk1 models, it is a sought-after classic car with appreciating value.



# 1984

**Golf GTI Mk2.** A strategic stroke of genius followed with the Golf GTI Mk2. Still delivering 112 PS, it carried on the idea behind the first generation in 1984. Bearing typical GTI insignia like the radiator grille with red stripes and the golf ball gear knob, this move turned the new model into a cult series.



**Bruce Springsteen** and the "E Street Band" swept across the globe in 1984 with "Born In The U.S.A.". It was also the year of **Prince** as he changed the course of music with "Purple Rain". Meanwhile, **Dire Straits** took us to a new dimension of perfectly produced live music with "Alchemy".



**Golf GTI Mk2 16V.** The introduction of the new 16V engine increased the output of the Golf GTI equipped with regulated catalytic converter to 129 PS.

In autumn 1987, **George Michael** launched his unparalleled solo career by releasing the album "Faith". The title track from the album became number one in the US Billboard single charts for 1988. Also that year, **Whitney Houston** thrilled millions of people across the world when she sang "One Moment in Time" at the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Seoul.

# 1987/88



# 1990

Women's power dominated the world of music in 1990. **"Wilson Philips"**, formed by the daughters of Brian Wilson ("The Beach Boys") and John and Michelle Philips ("The Mamas and the Papas"), stormed up the charts with "Hold On". Meanwhile, the film "Pretty Woman" (Julia Roberts) was not just a box office hit – it also boasted the most successful soundtrack, with songs by legends like David Bowie, Robert Palmer, Prince, Roy Orbison, Natalie Cole and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

If you heard "Everything I Do" – one of the best-selling songs of all time – back in 1991, you would have not just associated it with singer **Bryan Adams**, but also with Kevin Costner, who is carried by the song through the film "Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves".

# 1991

**Golf GTI Mk2 G60.** As production of the second generation drew to a close, Volkswagen boosted the output of the sporty model to 160 PS with new technology by installing the G-Lader supercharger in the Golf GTI G60.



**Golf GTI Mk3.** Volkswagen transferred the GTI insignias to the third generation in 1991. This version started out with 115 PS. One year later, the output was increased to 150 PS thanks to a new four-valve engine.





**Golf GTI Mk3 "20th Anniversary Edition"**. Volkswagen launched the "20th Anniversary Edition" GTI to mark 20 years of the GTI. Like all anniversary models, this GTI has long since become a legend.

**Golf GTI Mk4.** The fourth generation of the GTI introduced in 1998 was modest in terms of styling. Technically speaking though, the Golf Mk4, delivering up to 170 PS, was indeed a GTI. It held the competition at bay again with its agility and quality.



# 1996

When the Golf turned 20, five women from England rocked the world's stages: **The Spice Girls**. Their first single "Wannabe" raced up the charts in over thirty countries and seemed to be played on every GTI car radio around the globe.

When the third generation of the Golf GTI was phased out and the fourth was fired up, **Elton John** provided the soundtrack of the era with "Candle in Wind 1997". A tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales, who died in 1997, this song became the top selling single in music history according to the "United World Chart".

# 1997/98



# 2001

The voice of New Yorker **Alicia Keys** and her first album "Songs in A Minor" brought a fresh breeze to the world of soul and R&B. Her début album sold twelve million copies.

When Volkswagen presented the fifth Golf GTI in 2004, R&B star Usher, Maroon 5 and Eminem ruled the radio waves. Nelly Furtado and Norah Jones were the women competing against them. One of the most notable albums of the year was "**Franz Ferdinand**" by the rock band of the same name from Scotland.



**Golf GTI Mk4 "25th Anniversary Edition"**. The turbocharged special "25th Anniversary Edition GTI", delivering 180 PS, sparked off an unforeseen renaissance for the sporty icon in 2001. Today, this GTI is an insider tip among collectors of modern classics.

**Golf GTI Mk5.** The début of the fifth generation saw the Golf GTI Mk5 pick up pace like never before. Clearly sharper styling, a turbocharged engine delivering 200 PS and unmatched driving properties catapulted the GTI concept into the future.



# 2004







**Golf GTI Mk5 "30th Anniversary Edition".** On the 30th birthday of the iconic sports car, Volkswagen introduced the 230 PS "30th Anniversary Edition" GTI in 2006. Featuring the same engine, the reincarnation of the "Pirelli GTI" was launched in 2007.

**Golf GTI Mk6.** In 2009, the sixth GTI generation introduced a Golf delivering 210 PS that redefined traction thanks to its electronic differential lock (XDL). The Golf GTI was also available for the first time as a convertible.



# 2006

*It is all a question of taste, but ultimately "Dani California" by the **Red Hot Chili Peppers** and "Hips Don't Lie" by **Shakira** can both claim to be the songs of 2006.*

*The voices of 2009 were **Lady Gaga** with "Poker Face" and **Rihanna** with "Russian Roulette".*

# 2009



# 2011

*From time to time, artists step into the limelight who are in a completely different league. In 2011, it was **Adele** who made her mark with "21" and the single release "Someone Like You". The second woman in this lonely league that year was **Amy Winehouse:** "Valerie" made her immortal.*

*Some bands set out the musical coordinates for a year with an entire album. In 2012, it was the band **Seeed** who managed to make Berlin the centre of the German music scene for a whole summer.*

# 2012

**Golf GTI Mk6 "Edition 35".** The sixth generation was crowned by the Golf GTI "Edition 35", which delivered 235 PS and was unveiled in 2011 to mark the 35th anniversary.



**Golf GTI Mk7.** The seventh generation of the GTI was launched in two output versions in 2012. The base version delivered 162 kW/220 PS while the Golf GTI Performance could unleash 169 kW/230 PS. Equipped with a new front differential lock, the Performance version masterfully redefined traction for front-wheel drive vehicles.





**Golf GTI Mk7 Clubsport.** To mark the 40th anniversary of the GTI, a model delivering 195 kW/265 PS, which was based on the Golf GTI Performance, followed at the start of 2016. It was joined by the Golf GTI Clubsport with output boosted to 213 kW/290 PS. Thanks to its power and all-new aerodynamics in many areas, this model blurred the boundary between production and racing cars.

# 2016

*The past was almost present in 2016. Today, if we look back, one name dominated music in Germany that year: German artist **Udo Lindenberg.** His song "Stärker Als Die Zeit" (Stronger Than Time) saw him compete with the greats from the English-speaking world at the top of the German charts.*

**Golf GTI Mk7 Clubsport S.** It was a spring evening in May when the Golf GTI Clubsport S screamed across the finishing line at the Nürburgring. With a time of 07:49:21, it smashed the existing lap record for front-wheel drive production vehicles on the legendary circuit. 228 kW/310 PS constantly available, a 0–100 km/h sprint in 5.8 seconds, a top speed of 265 km/h and an EU kerb weight reduced to 1,360 kg: these are the purely factual key figures for the "CS".



# 2016



# 2019

**Golf GTI Mk7 TCR.** Volkswagen presented the Golf GTI TCR, delivering 213 kW/290 PS, as a highlight at the famous GTI meeting at the Wörthersee lake in May 2018. It is a design study for a road-going version of the Golf GTI TCR (275 kW/350 PS) racing car. The production model is now set to be launched at the start of 2019.



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