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The new Polo GTI – world premiere

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1 =The Polo GTI and the up! GTI are near-production concept cars. The vehicles have not yet gone on sale, and therefore Directive 1999/94 EC does not apply.

2 = Golf GTI 2.0 TSI 169 kW fuel consumption in l/100 km: urban 7.8 / extra-urban 5.5 / 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: urban 8.2 – 8.1 / extra-urban 5.4 – 5.3 / combined 6.4 – 6.3; CO₂ emissions in g/km: 148 - 145 (combined). Efficiency class: D.

4 = Golf GTI 2.0 TSI 180 kW fuel consumption in l/100 km: urban 8.7 – 8.6 / extra-urban 5.4 – 5.3 / combined 6.6 – 6.5; CO₂ emissions in g/km: 150 – 148 (combined). Efficiency class: D.

5 = Golf GTI 2.0 TSI 180 kW (DSG) fuel consumption in l/100 km: urban 8.2 / extra-urban 5.2 / combined 6.3; CO₂ emissions in g/km: 144 (combined). Efficiency class: C.



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Key facts – Polo GTI, up! GTI & Golf GTI in keywords

- **DNA of an icon:** The new Polo GTI¹ dynamises the segment of small compacts with its 200 PS turbocharged engine.
- **Polo GTI dynamism:** 320 Nm of torque, sport suspension and XDS differential lock make the Polo a compact sports car.
- **Polo GTI features:** Air conditioning, top sport seats in legendary 'Clark' plaid pattern, new 17-inch wheels, red painted brake calipers.
- **Polo assistance systems:** Front Assist with City Emergency Braking and Pedestrian Monitoring, Blind Spot Monitor, proactive occupant protection system, ACC and Automatic Post-Collision Braking System.
- **The new up! GTI – the little brother:** up! GTI¹ with a power output of 85 kW / 115 PS follows in the footsteps of the first Golf GTI (110 PS).
- **up! GTI with particulate filter:** The new up! GTI comes with a petrol particulate filter fitted as standard at its launch (early 2018).
- **up! GTI shows sprinting power:** TSI accelerates the up! GTI¹ to a top speed of 197 km/h. up! GTI sprints to 100 km/h in just 8.8 seconds.
- **Today's Golf GTI – the bigger brother:** The first Golf GTI was launched in 1976. It is considered to be an icon of all sporty compact cars.
- **Golf GTI in 2017:** Golf GTI^{2/3/4/5} has a power output of 169 kW / 230 PS^{3/4}; new Golf GTI Performance produces 180 kW / 245 PS^{5/6}.
- **Three classes, three GTIs:** up!, Polo and Golf – with the debut of the new up! GTI, Volkswagen will for the first time have three GTI models in its range.

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The new Polo GTI – a sports car in a compact package

Perfectly balanced GTI dynamics. It is the world's best known identifier for sporty compact cars: GTI or Gran Turismo Injection, inseparably associated with Volkswagen. Now a new Volkswagen GTI makes its debut on the market: the next Polo GTI¹, featuring a power output of 147 kW / 200 PS¹, DSG as standard and a top speed of 237 km/h . For the first time, Volkswagen will now have three GTI models in its model range: the up! GTI¹ (85 kW / 115 PS) that will be launched in 2018, the iconic Golf GTI^{2/3/4/5} (169 kW / 230 PS and 180 kW / 245 PS) and the new Polo GTI. One trait they all share is their perfectly balanced dynamics. This is the secret to the success of the GTI idea – an alliance of high powertrain agility, low weight, tight yet comfortable running gear, safe front-wheel drive and an ergonomically optimal seating position behind a grippy sport steering wheel. In addition to these characteristics are GTI insignia such as the typical red stripe on the radiator grille and the legendary 'Clark' plaid seat upholstery, all of which makes each Volkswagen GTI an original in its class.

From Polo GT to Polo GTI. The up! is now available as a GTI for the first time. It feels like the Golf has always been available as a GTI. It all began in 1976. Now the seventh generation of the Golf GTI is on the starting blocks, but the Polo has also been impressive as a Gran Turismo for decades. Initially without fuel injection, the history of the sporty Polo began in 1980 with the first GT. The Polo GT G40 was already endowed with the dynamism of a GTI in 1987, with a top speed of 200 km/h. Then 1998 saw the launch of the first Polo GTI with 120 PS. In 2010, its power was boosted to 180 PS, and in 2014 it was upped to 192 PS. In 2017, the new Polo GTI now breaks the symbolic 200 PS barrier. To accompany the engine's high performance are the standard sport suspension and the optional Sport Select suspension. Thanks to changing over to the modular transverse matrix (MQB) and increased length, wheelbase and width, the new Polo GTI is significantly more spacious. The five-seat car is also equipped with a 305 to 1,079 litre boot – the previous model had a boot



capacity of 204 to 952 litres – so that the new Polo GTI is well-prepared for long journeys and challenging transport tasks.

GTI front styling. Front end features include an independent bumper with integrated spoiler lip and fog lights as standard. There is, too, one of the classic insignia GTI at the front: the red stripe in the radiator grille. An exclusive feature in the GTI is optional LED headlights with a red winglet; stylistically these are extensions of the red stripe of the radiator grille. Naturally, its other insignia include the GTI logo as well as the air intakes with a honeycomb structure – at the top in the radiator grille and below this in the bumper. At the bottom, the new Polo GTI is also differentiated from the less powerful Polo versions by C-shaped black high-gloss panels in the bumper.

GTI rear section. The Polo GTI can also be identified by typical GTI characteristics at the rear. Black is also a stylistic element here; a trait that has carried over from the first Golf GTI of 1976 to the new era. Black was used in places such as the area around the rear window – a fact that every boy between the ages of 7 and 70 knew in the late 1970s. Today, it is the enlarged, two-piece roof spoiler of the new Polo GTI that is painted in black (high-gloss on top; underside in black matt). Other GTI characteristics at the rear include a high-gloss black diffuser and the chrome dual tailpipes of the exhaust system integrated on the left-hand side. Located in a direct line above the tailpipes is the GTI signature on the boot lid. Another standard feature of the Polo GTI is its LED tail light clusters that provide for a very distinctive light signature at night.

GTI side profile. GTI insignia on the car's flanks include the newly designed 17-inch 'Milton Keynes' alloy wheels with 215/45 tyres. The inner areas of the high-sheen wheels are offset in black. They are colour coordinated on the sides with the matt black sill extensions of the Polo GTI. As an option, the GTI can be ordered with exclusive 18-inch alloy wheels for the first time (tyres: 215/40). The wheels in 'Brescia' design are also high-sheen; their inner area is also painted in high-gloss black. Regardless of which of the two wheel types is installed, the red painted brake calipers of the powerful brake system are



always well visible through the aluminium spokes. Located on the front wings at the end of the eye-catching three-dimensional tornado line design feature is the red and chrome coloured GTI badge.

GTI colours. There are car colours, and then there are typical GTI colours. On the Polo GTI, the latter include the body colours Pure White, Flash Red and Deep Black Pearl Effect. In addition, the sportiest Polo can also be ordered in Limestone Grey Metallic or Reef Blue Metallic.

GTI interior. A highlight of every GTI is its customised interior. Black, red, grey and chrome dominate visually here. Everything that is not upgraded with red, grey or chrome is always finished in black (trim colour: Titan Black). Therefore, the roof pillars and rooflining are also black. Red contrast stitching is another typical GTI characteristic of the interior. It is found around the standard leather multifunction sport steering wheel, the gear shift lever trim, the floor mats and the outer seat surfaces. The top sport seats, which are ergonomic for practically any driver stature, feature the legendary 'Clark' plaid pattern on their inner surfaces (red, dark grey and light grey stripes, black squares). Black leather upholstery is available as an option. Numerous chrome details also upgrade the interior (including the steering wheel, gear knob, instrument surrounds, tabs of the air vents, climate controls, pedals and many buttons). Also exclusively coordinated for the GTI are the decors of the dash panel, centre console and door trims. The dash panel can be ordered in Deep Iron Glossy or Velvet Red; meanwhile the instruments in the upper dash area are always finished in black.

GTI instruments – Active Info Display. For the first time the new Polo, including, of course, the new GTI, can be ordered with fully digital instruments. The Polo is the first Volkswagen Group model to offer the latest generation of Active Info Display with a display diagonal of 10.25 inches. The most powerful Polo gets exclusive GTI graphics with a red-white-black design. It is known as 'Sport'. Meanwhile, the infotainment systems with their 6.5- and 8.0-inch displays feature a unique GTI welcome screen. Instruments and the infotainment system are arranged on a single visual axis in the new



Polo GTI, which makes them optimally visible and easy to operate. Digital interfaces for smartphones make it easier to bring their apps and various online services on board. Not only can smartphones be charged by plugging them in, but as an option they may be charged wirelessly (inductively).

GTI features. Every new Polo has four doors as standard and is equipped with the area monitoring system Front Assist with City Emergency Braking and Pedestrian Monitoring as well as the Automatic Post-Collision Braking system. The Polo GTI also offers numerous other details as standard. Beyond the GTI-specific design features, these include additional head airbags front and rear, the XDS differential lock, driving profile selection, Composition Colour infotainment system, ambient lighting (white), door sill trims with GTI logo, air conditioning, front fog lights and cornering lights, LED tail light clusters, a height-adjustable driver's seat, floor mats front and rear, electric windows all around with convenience switching, and multifunction display plus. The Polo GTI can also be equipped with an exceptionally large range of optional convenience and assistance systems. Two other optional equipment highlights are the largest panoramic sunroof in its class and a 300 watt sound system from Beats.

GTI engine and driving performance. Naturally, at the heart of every GTI, and therefore of the new Polo GTI, there is the engine. In recent times the GTI has always been powered by high torque turbocharged engines. In the case of the new Polo GTI, it is a two-litre direct-injection petrol engine with an output of 147 kW / 200 PS. As previously mentioned, it develops 8 PS more than the 1.8 TSI of the previous model (141 KW / 192 PS). This means that, like the Golf GTI, the new Polo GTI will be represented in the 2.0-litre turbo class for the first time. The 1,984 cc engine has a compression ratio of 11.65:1. The GTI unit delivers its maximum power between 4,400 and 6,000 rpm. This powerplant of the third generation EA888 engine series transmits its maximum torque of 320 Nm to the front wheels at a low 1,500 rpm; this high torque figure stays constant up to a speed of 4,400 rpm – giving the GTI engine a torque curve that is hardly traditional; it features an extremely sporty



torque plateau. The Polo GTI is fuelled with premium petrol (95 RON). The new Polo GTI engine launches with a 6-speed dual clutch gearbox (DSG) as standard. A version with a 6-speed manual gearbox will follow next year. The Polo GTI with DSG accelerates to 100 km/h in 6.7 seconds. Today's most powerful Polo reaches a top speed of 237 km/h. Despite its power output of 200 PS, the Polo GTI can be driven very economically thanks to its efficient drive technology. The combined fuel consumption of the DSG version is 5.9 l/100 km (equating to 134 g/km CO₂).

GTI running gear. The Polo GTI is offered with two different running gear configurations. It is based on a sport suspension; while the 'Sport Select' suspension with active dampers is available as an option. Like all Polo models, the GTI is also equipped with electromechanical power steering and Electronic Stability Control (ESC). Also on-board is the XDS differential lock, which further refines traction when cornering quickly.

- **Basic configuration.** The 200 PS Polo, which like all GTI cars features front-wheel drive, has coil spring struts and lower wishbones with a track-stabilising scrub radius. The front running gear additionally features an anti-roll bar. The front suspension consists of coil springs with telescopic gas-filled dampers; the elements are integrated in the spring struts. The rear running gear consists of a semi-independent twist-beam suspension with an integrated anti-roll bar. Gas-filled dampers and separate springs provide optimal suspension at the rear.
- **Sport suspension.** The Polo GTI is the only model of the series to be delivered with a sport suspension as standard. The configuration includes special tuning of the springs, auxiliary springs, shock absorbers and anti-roll bars with the body lowered by 15 mm.
- **'Sport Select' suspension and driving profile selection.** The new Polo can also be optionally configured with the 'Sport Select' suspension. The driver can vary the characteristic of the active dampers; and one of the two modes - Normal or Sport - can be activated with the driving



profile selection that is included as standard in the Polo GTI. The driving profile selection itself offers four modes: Normal, Sport, Eco and Individual. Driving profile selection enables the driver to make individual adjustments, within a defined scope, that have direct effects on vehicle handling. Along with its effects on the 'Sport Select' suspension, the profile that is selected also modifies the steering, engine characteristic and gearbox control. The driving profile selection is also available separately.



Key aspects

Active Info Display and infotainment systems

Instruments and infotainment merge

Digitalisation of the Polo cockpit points the way to the future

New Active Info Display. The new Polo, and thus the Polo GTI too, are launching as the first Volkswagen and first Volkswagen Group models to feature a new generation of the Active Info Display. Volkswagen interface designers have systematically advanced the next generation of the Active Info Display (10.25-inch display diagonal) and have elevated its high-quality graphics (133 dpi / resolution 1,280 x 480 pixels) and functional range to new levels. As a result, the display offers better graphic performance, higher pixel density, greater brightness and contrast, more intense colours and fewer conventional indicator lamps. Using a 'View button' on the multifunction steering wheel, the Polo driver can now also switch between three basic layouts, easily and quickly.

1. A view with two instrument dials, or 'tubes': one for the rev counter and one for the speedometer
2. Digital view without dials
3. Digital view without dials with supplemental information.
Supplemental information can be configured via the infotainment system

In addition, the graphics and colour range of the Active Info Display have been fully adapted to each specific model. Thus, for the new Polo GTI, black, white and red colours and graphic elements dominate.

New cockpit environment. A new, digital and interactive cockpit environment has been created in the interplay of the Active Info Display and the infotainment system. Volkswagen is introducing the latest generation of infotainment systems in the Polo GTI with display sizes ranging from 6.5 to 8.0 inches. Specifically, these are the Composition Colour (6.5-inch

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radio-infotainment) that comes as standard in the Polo GTI, Composition Media (8.0-inch radio-infotainment with CD player) and Discover Media (8.0-inch radio-navigation infotainment with CD player).

Online services. The new Polo GTI brings connectivity to the driver and other vehicle occupants more innovatively and more easily than ever. In the Polo, they are 'always on', which is to say they are online whenever they wish. Available for this purpose are the Car-Net applications App-Connect (in addition to MirrorLink® / Android, it also integrates Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ / Google into the infotainment systems), Media Control and 'Guide & Inform' (wide variety of online services).



Convenience and assistance systems

Electronically enhanced convenience and safety

Armada of new assistance and convenience systems in the Polo GTI

Blind Spot Monitor. This system can play a role in preventing serious accidents. The Blind Spot Monitor utilises an LED symbol in the outer area of the exterior mirrors to alert the driver to vehicles located in the blind spot alongside the Polo GTI and to vehicles approaching from the rear. As soon as a vehicle is detected, the symbol lights up. If the driver activates the turn indicator in the direction of the detected vehicle the symbol flashes as an additional warning level. Moreover, in this case the system generates a steering pulse that makes it harder to change lanes, thereby reducing the risk of a hazardous lane-changing incident. The system, which is automatically activated from a speed of 30 km/h, uses radar sensors to monitor an area of roughly 20 metres around the vehicle. When the Blind Spot Monitor is ordered, it automatically comes with Rear Traffic Alert, which makes reversing out of parking spaces much safer.

Rear Traffic Alert. Rear Traffic Alert further enhances safety. It is offered in combination with the Blind Spot Monitor. Rear Traffic Alert takes much of the risk out of reversing from driveways and parking spaces that are at right angles to the road. The system not only 'recognises' stationary or moving vehicles directly behind the Polo, but also vehicles approaching from the side which are barely visible to the driver. The radar-based sensor module even detects objects at distances of up to 40 metres and recognises objects moving at speeds of 4 km/h or faster. If a collision is imminent, the system produces an audible warning. If the driver or other road user does not take action to avert the danger, or if there is a risk of immediate collision, the Rear Traffic Alert system automatically activates the car's brakes.

Driver Alert System. If the Driver Alert System detects waning concentration of the driver, it outputs an audible warning for a duration of five seconds and



displays a message in the instrument cluster recommending a break from driving. If the driver does not take a break within the next 15 minutes, the warning is repeated once.

Automatic Post-Collision Braking System. Around one-quarter of all accidents that result in personal injury involve multiple collisions. The Automatic Post-Collision Braking System, which is included as standard in the new Polo, can help to avoid secondary collisions or reduce their severity. After an initial collision, the Automatic Post-Collision Braking System initiates a braking action – within system limits – even before the driver can react. This can reduce the severity of the accident and ideally prevent secondary collisions.

Proactive occupant protection system. If the proactive occupant protection system detects a potential accident situation – such as when hard braking is initiated by an activated brake assistant – the seatbelts for the driver and front passenger are automatically pre-tensioned to ensure the best possible protection by the airbag and belt systems. If a highly critical and unstable driving situation is detected – such as severe oversteer or understeer with ESC intervention – the side windows are closed (except for a small gap) and so is the sunroof. That is because when the windows and roof are nearly closed, the head and side airbags are braced optimally and thereby achieve their best possible effectiveness. As this system is offered in the Polo GTI in conjunction with the standard Front Assist area monitoring system, the proactive occupant protection system also detects situations in which the distance to the vehicle ahead is critical, and it helps to shorten the vehicle's stopping distance. In hazardous situations, the driver is given a visual and an audible warning and is also warned with a preventative braking jolt.

Adaptive cruise control (ACC). The system uses a radar sensor integrated in the front car body and is offered in conjunction with a dual clutch gearbox (DSG). The driver can specify a target speed within a range of 0 to 210 km/h. ACC automatically adapts the car's speed to that of the vehicle driving ahead up to the maximum speed setting while maintaining a preselected distance.



When the system is combined with DSG, this enables the Polo GTI with ACC to be automatically braked to a standstill behind a stopping vehicle. After stopping, automatic ACC operation can be resumed if the driver re-enables it.

Front Assist area monitoring system. Front Assist uses a radar sensor integrated into the front end of the car to continually monitor the distance to vehicles ahead. The system assists the driver in critical situations by preconditioning the brake system, alerting the driver to the need to react by visual and audible warnings and, in a second stage, by a brief warning jolt of the brake pedal. If the driver fails to brake hard enough, the system automatically generates sufficient brake pressure to avoid a collision. If the driver does not react at all, Front Assist automatically brakes the car to give the driver more reaction time. In addition, the system assists by informing the driver if the distance to the vehicle ahead is too short. The latest version of Front Assist being offered in the Polo GTI not only detects other vehicles, but also pedestrians who are moving across the driving lane. As soon as a pedestrian is at risk, the system warns the driver and in a final stage brakes the Polo within system limits. One component of the Front Assist System is the City Emergency Braking system.

City Emergency Braking. City Emergency Braking is a system extension of Front Assist. It monitors the zone in front of the Polo by radar sensor. The system operates at speeds below 30 km/h. If the driver does not react in a situation with an impending collision with a vehicle ahead that is moving or stationary, then the brake system is preconditioned as in Front Assist. If necessary, the City Emergency Braking System then automatically initiates hard braking within system limits to reduce the severity of the impact. In addition, if the pedal force applied by the driver is insufficient, the system intervenes by applying maximum braking force.

Driving Profile Selection. In the driving profile selection, the driver can choose from a total of four programs: Eco, Sport, Normal and Individual. In the Eco driving mode engine management, the air conditioning unit and other auxiliary systems are regulated for optimal fuel efficiency. In addition, in



vehicles with DSG, a coasting function can be used in Eco mode. If the driver releases the accelerator pedal – on downhill stretches, for example – the DSG disengages and the engine idles. This enables optimal utilisation of the Polo GTI's kinetic energy. In Sport mode, on the other hand, damping of the active dampers is increased (with the Sport Select suspension), while engine response and DSG shift points are configured to be more dynamic.

Park Assist. Park Assist automatically guides the Polo GTI into parallel or perpendicular parking spaces, and it can also reverse out of parallel parking spaces. The system is activated by pressing a button on the centre console. Using the indicators, the driver selects the side on which the car is to be parked. If Park Assist finds a sufficiently large parking space (40 cm of manoeuvring room, front and rear, suffices), assisted parking can begin. The driver engages reverse gear and only needs to accelerate and brake (an automatic braking function assists in case of insufficient space). The car handles the steering.

Tyre Pressure Loss Indicator. The Tyre Pressure Loss Indicator utilises the wheel speed sensors of the anti-lock brake system (ABS). In case of tyre pressure loss, the rolling radius of the affected wheel decreases, and the wheel turns faster at the same vehicle speed. This allows the system to detect insufficient air pressure, and it warns the driver. However, the Tyre Pressure Loss Indicator does not relieve the driver of the obligation to check tyre pressures.



The other GTI cars – the new up! GTI and Golf GTI

The small up! GTI launches in 2018 as third GTI model

Golf GTI is offered in 230 PS and 245 PS versions

GTI power range will run from 115 PS to 245 PS in future

up! GTI – a tribute to an icon. 41 years after the first Golf GTI made its debut, the circle is now complete. In early 2018, Volkswagen will introduce a compact sports car that broadly follows the format of the original GTI: the new up! GTI. The vehicle concept and power output of the 85 kW / 115 PS up! GTI are approximately in line with the Golf GTI Mk 1 presented in 1976 that had an output of 81 kW / 110 PS. The up! GTI pays tribute to this icon – with compact dimensions, low weight, a powerful engine, greater downforce on the rear axle, a sport suspension and the typical insignia of a GTI (including red stripes in the radiator grille, red brake calipers, 'Clark' plaid seat covers and a unique wheel design). Key data for the new up! GTI do indeed read like a Golf GTI Mk 1 that has been transported into the present day. Weight: 997 kg. Max. speed: 197 km/h. 0-100 km/h: 8.8 seconds. What is certain is that the up! GTI with its 1.0 TSI engine will add a new dimension of driving fun to the smallest car class. A typical GTI feature here is the sophisticated sport suspension. It gives the car a level of agility that is somewhat similar to that of a go-kart, yet it also offers a high level of comfort.

Golf GTI – outputs of 230 PS and 245 PS in the seventh generation. A brief retrospective: when the Golf Mk 7 made its debut in 2013, there were two GTI cars: one 'standard' version with 162 kW / 220 PS and one 'Performance' version that delivered 169 kW / 230 PS to the Golf GTI's drivetrain which was always configured with front-wheel drive. Jump forwards to the year 2017: over the course of visual and technical updates, the 'standard' Golf GTI developed the power output of the 'old' Golf GTI Performance: 230 PS. Volkswagen is now also introducing the new Golf GTI Performance. Naturally, it delivers even more power: 180 kW / 245 PS. Additional standard features



include Active Info Display, Composition Media infotainment system, rain sensor, automatically dimming rear-view mirror, mobile phone interface, USB interface and the front differential lock that is important for a sports car. As always, both GTIs deliver a level of performance that challenges much more expensive sports cars and large saloons. In this way, they pay tribute to the very first Golf GTI which democratised the overtaking lane of the German Autobahn back in 1976. The Golf GTI Performance accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in just 6.2 seconds; its top speed is 250 km/h (DSG: 248 km/h). These performance figures apply to both the version with a 6-speed manual gearbox and the version with the newly developed 7-speed dual clutch gearbox (DSG). However, the Golf GTI Performance is 0.2 l/100 km more fuel efficient than the DSG version and has a fuel consumption (NEDC, combined) of 6.3 l/100 km (manual gearbox 6.5 l/100 km). Performance figures of the 230 PS GTI: its top speed is also 250 km/h (DSG: 248 km/h); 6.4 seconds for the sprint to 100 km/h; 6.4 l/100 km (manual gearbox) and 6.3 l/100 km (DSG). What the figures do not tell: with its 370 Nm of torque (instead of 350 Nm) this Performance version will offer even better throttle response. Both of these figures promise sheer GTI driving pleasure.