



The Golf as Space Wonder

New Golf Variant Now Follows New Volkswagen “Design DNA”

The new Golf Variant will shortly be available in New Zealand for the first time in a number of years. The new Golf Variant has been completely redesigned. Its visual appearance follows today’s Volkswagen “Design DNA”. From now on, its appearance will be defined by clear horizontal lines and bold headlight styling. Key engines from the Golf have also been transferred to the Variant. In the interior, high-end materials and instruments of the current Golf set the tone.



From the front, the new Golf Variant can recognised by its modified bumper and radiator grille, new engine bonnet styling and redesigned fenders and headlights; all were transferred from the Golf hatch. The front-end design is defined by a black, horizontal layout of the grille and front bumper painted in body colour. The Variant has an additional large air intake in the lower front section as well.



At the rear, the independent design of the previous model has been upgraded in the new generation by modified taillights with a higher-end appearance and bumpers whose lower area is also fully painted in body colour.



The sixth generation Golf has received excellent marks, especially for its high-end quality. In the interior, it was especially in the styling of the instruments and gauges where the Golf crossed boundaries to the next higher class and still does. The same instruments, including a standard multi-function display, are now being used in the new Golf Variant too. Also adopted from the Golf is the new generation of three-spoke steering wheels.

All controls for the new Golf climate control system were integrated in the Golf Variant as well. Also transferred were the radio systems including the interfaces for MP3 players. Two driver assistance systems are available as options for the first time in the Golf Variant: “Park Assist” (automatic parking assistant) and “Rear Assist” (rearview camera).



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Another optional feature is the panoramic sunroof that is popular among many Golf Variant buyers.



Euro-5 engines for the Golf Variant

The new Golf Variant will be available in New Zealand with two engine options; both of which meet the emission limits of the new Euro-5 standard. Both the diesel TDI 77kW and petrol TSI 90kW come with the Direct Shift Gearbox (DSG) as an automatic transmission.

The TDI 77kW diesel engine is characterised by noticeably quiet noise levels, low emissions (119 g/km CO₂) and an extremely low combined fuel consumption of just 4.5L/100km. Equally as impressive is the TSI 90kW petrol engine with combined fuel consumption of just 6.0L/100km and emissions of just 139g/km. This engine range makes the new Golf Variant one of the most economical and cleanest wagons available.

One specification level is available in New Zealand. The Trendline based vehicle includes a number of crucial safety features as standard – a total of 6 airbags (front driver and passenger, front side and curtain), Electronic Stability Programme (ESP, including ABS and an Electronic Diff Lock) and daytime running lights for maximum visibility.

Other features include electrically adjusted and heated exterior mirrors, an RCD 310 stereo system, leather steering wheel, Climatic air conditioning system and roof rails. Security is ensured via the remote controlled central locking and alarm system.

Key for the Golf Variant is of course the luggage compartment. With the rear seat back rest upright, the Golf Variant boasts 505 litres of boot space. The 1/3 to 2/3 split folding rear bench seat and backrest can create a flat load floor, liberating up to 1,550 litres of cargo capacity.



The Golf Variant TDI with the 7 speed DSG transmission will arrive in New Zealand in January 2010 with a RRP of \$43,990. Expected to arrive about 3 months later, the Golf Variant TSI will have an RRP of just \$40,990.



Dean Sheed, Volkswagen General Manager for New Zealand, expects that the new Golf Variant will find favour in particular with a number of corporate customers: “The new Golf Variant will tick all the important boxes for many corporate customers – high levels of safety, low fuel consumption and emissions, and competitive whole of life costs.”

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He also added: “Given the external dimensions of the new Golf Variant, the luggage carrying capacity of it is bound to impress. Capacity of 505 litres is equal to or better than many larger cars. Combine this ability with the cars ability to cover large distances on a small amount of fuel and you have a great vehicle solution.”

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