



## Volkswagen TSI Engines Lead the Charge

**Innovative engine concept receives 'International Engine of the Year' award**

Volkswagen has achieved its greatest success to date in the international engine technology competition with the 1.4 litre TSI engine. Besides the "International Engine of the Year" award, the twincharged TSI also earned the titles "Best Green Engine 2009" and "Best Engine" in the 1.0 to 1.4 litre engine category. Dr. Rüdiger Szengel, Head of Volkswagen Petrol Engine Development, accepted the awards today in Stuttgart.



"The engines with TSI technology that we are building in the cars of today are well-equipped for the future. Their combination of reduced displacement, direct injection and intelligent engine boosting enables a dynamic performance while keeping emissions and fuel consumption low. Winning awards in three key categories is really a compliment to our development team. TSI engines are genuine trendsetters. So far, we have built nearly 2.3 million units worldwide," states Dr. Rüdiger Szengel.

The supercharged and turbocharged TSI engines are some of the most efficient petrol engines today. The "International Engine of the Year" jury composed of 65 journalists from 32 countries saw it that way too: "Volkswagen not only attained an overall victory, but also won the 'Best Green Engine' award. This shows that driving fun and fuel efficiency can certainly be unified in one package."



The judging panel included New Zealand freelance journalist, Brian Cowan. On the TSI engine, he commented: "This much power, this much economy... How the heck do they do it?!"

A powerful line-up of direct-injection petrol engines covers a wide range of Volkswagen models. The new Golf has just been launched in New Zealand with the 118 kW version of the TSI twincharger. Coupled to a 7-speed dual clutch transmission, the Golf TSI consumes just 6.0 litres fuel per 100 kilometres.



The first TSI twincharger engine in New Zealand was seen in the Golf GT towards the end of 2006. Dean Sheed, Volkswagen General Manager for New Zealand, commented: "Since then, the TSI twincharger engine has proven to be a popular choice by our Golf customers."

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Perceptions surrounding small capacity engines and performance are dispelled as they quickly discover that you can have great performance right alongside low fuel consumption and emissions.”

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