

The new Passat
Timeless, Classic, Exceptional Technology
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New technology solutions and sleek new design perfect the Passat

In its technology, design and comfort the Passat is crossing over to the next higher class. It is precisely the technology, further improvements in workmanship and material quality that set it apart from its competitors more than ever but with an impressive 320Nm of torque in the 103kW Trendline or 350Nm in the 125kW Comfortline the new Passat combines timeless beauty with surging power. The newly available TSI 118kW includes a 7-speed DSG transmission with Direct Injection and accelerates from 0-100km/h in just 8.5 seconds.



Fatigue Detection



A Fatigue Detection system is being introduced for the first time in a Volkswagen, and it is a first in its class. The system detects waning driver concentration and warns the driver with an acoustic signal lasting five seconds; a visual message also appears in the instrument cluster recommending that the driver take a break from driving. If the driver does not take a break within the next 15 minutes, the warning is repeated.

BlueMotion Technologies

The TDI Passats feature Volkswagen's BlueMotion Technologies which include energy recovery (regenerative braking), a Start-Stop system (automatic engine shutoff, such as at red lights), tyres optimised for low rolling resistance.

The driving range of the new Passat BlueMotion Technology is exceptional. With an average fuel consumption of just 5.2/ 100km combined diesel fuel consumption; and with CO₂ combined emissions of 135 (g/km) it also conforms to Volkswagen's goal of offering very advanced eco-friendly cars at affordable prices.

Dynamic Light Assist plus LED Daytime Running Lights

Also available aboard the Passat is the masked continuous main beam headlight system known as Dynamic Light Assist. The Passat is the first car in its class to have this system. Dynamic Light Assist makes manual switching between dipped and main beam headlights outdated. Where the system registers oncoming traffic or vehicles driving ahead it automatically fades out the high beam area in which other road users could be dazzled.





When bi-xenon headlights are ordered, LED daytime running lights are automatically provided as standard equipment. Each of these lights consists of 15 individual LEDs arranged around the xenon headlights (outer module of the dual headlights). The LED daytime running lights are not only very easy to recognise; they also consume far less energy. Compared to a conventional daytime running light, power consumption is decreased by up to 150 Watts to just 30 Watts.

Space

In the rear seating area the Passat has three ergonomically contoured seat positions, as well as ample headroom and legroom. The rear bench seat is asymmetrically split and folding, and it is equipped with a centre armrest with storage compartment. The seat itself can be folded forward; this creates a level, continuous cargo floor. The cargo capacity of the Wagon's boot-space is 603 litres. When the entire space is utilised, including the 90 litre spare wheel recess, cargo capacity increases to 1,731 litres – in this case, the Passat is filled to the roof-liner and up to the backs of the front seats. A net partition may be installed behind the first or second seat row, so that no cargo shifts into the passenger compartment when braking.



Exterior Design

What is immediately noticeable in the new Passat is its sleek new design. The now familiar family face that Volkswagen has rolled out across all new models brings a synergy across the brand.



The Passat's optional panoramic roof is 300 percent larger than a conventional sunroof. The front section of the two-part roof extends beyond the B-pillars and can be electrically tilted or opened completely. The thermally insulating glass absorbs 99 percent of the sun's UV radiation. In addition, the roof is equipped with an electrically powered sunshade.

The Light and Vision Package is standard in Comfortline Passats which offer automatic driving light control with 'leaving home' function and manual 'coming home' function, auto dimming interior mirror and rain sensor. Comfortline also include ParkPilot front and rear as standard which make parking a breeze.

On the Trendline 16" Alicante alloy wheels with 205/55 tyres come as standard and on Comfortline you can expect 17" Fontana with 235/45 self sealing tyres with the larger size giving a prestigious feel to this more luxury offering.



Inside Passat

Inside the already well-equipped Passat (including Auto hold feature, cruise control, front and rear electric windows, glove compartment with cooling feature) also has in the Comfortline climatronic two zone air conditioning system and optional are the keyless locking and starting system and leather covered multi function steering wheel with DSG gearshift paddles.



Vienna leather upholstery and comfort front seats make those longer trips a pleasure with optional climate control in the Comfortline. Front seats come with electric adjustment of seat travel, height, seat and backrest angle with driver's seat memory as well as a winter package with heated front seats and automatically heated washer nozzles, load through provision with ski and snowboard bag and a luggage area arrangement package.

Volkswagen has improved the acoustic properties of the new Passat tremendously. In this aspect, the bestseller is now pushing through to the next higher class. The acoustics were optimised by additional sound-absorbing materials in the front, side and rear areas.

Premium Instrument Cluster with Multi-Colour Display

The functionality of the new multi-colour TFT centre display is familiar to Touareg drivers. Multi-function display Plus is standard in TSI 118kW and TDI 103kW models and the "premium" multifunctional display standard in TDI 125kW models is higher resolution with a multi-colour layout and animated menus. Provision for mobile phones with Bluetooth with handsfree profile is standard across all models.

Safety

As you would expect with the award of a 5 star EuroNCAP safety rating the new Passat comes with a raft of safety and security to ensure total peace of mind. As standard across all models are ESP including brake assist system with dual-rate function, ABS, EDL, TCS and trailer stabilisation, a network of airbags, electronic parking brake, 3 rear head restraints and safety-optimised front head restraints which are now not only height-adjustable; they can be adjusted horizontally as well. In this new design, the outer areas of the head restraints can be pulled forward. Because they lie closer to the head, they reduce the risk of whiplash in case of an accident. With the new "Rest assist" driver fatigue system this is one of the safest cars in its class.





Pricing and NZ Spec

The new Passat is available in TSI or TDI and in either a sedan or a wagon. There are 4 available specifications to choose from: -

Passat TSI 118kW 7DSG in Trendline specification from **\$47,000**
Passat TDI 103kW 6DSG in Trendline specification from **\$49,000**
Passat TDI 125kW 6DSG in Comfortline specification from **\$57,000**
Passat TDI 125kW 6DSG 4Motion in Comfortline specification from **\$59,500**

The Wagon body style is available for a mere \$2,500 over the Sedan in each of the above models.

“The new entry level Passat will provide an affordable option for consumers wanting to opt for a luxury car who have previously been unable to attain their dream” says Dean Sheed, General Manager of Volkswagen NZ. “Passat has always been an important model for us and for indeed Volkswagen globally and we are very excited to release this new sharply priced model which is both innovative and attractive.”



With over 15 million cars sold the Passat is one of the most successful automobiles in the world. The Passat has always mirrored the course of technological progress. And the seventh Passat is certainly no exception. The overall range of the technological innovations, style and comfort now implemented in the Passat has reached a scale previously found only in upper and luxury class cars. Key new developments include fatigue detection, BlueMotion Technologies, a new sleek design including the new Volkswagen family face and advances in the interior comfort that will make any journey feel too short-lived.

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