



## Evolution of The Thinking Man's Ute Amarok 8-speed Auto

In many respects, the Amarok has already set new standards in its class, but now yet another special feature is being added: the Amarok will soon be available with an innovative 8-speed automatic transmission. This transmission combines excellent ride comfort with good off-road capabilities and unrivalled fuel economy values; it will again set the benchmark in the 1-tonne Ute market.



This automatic transmission is combined with permanent four-wheel drive and the new 132kW / 420Nm Twin Turbo TDI engine. The Amarok with an automatic gearbox also has an increased towing capacity of 3.2 metric tonnes (up to 12% gradient).

The additional gear levels enable it to achieve a broader gear ratio spread between the 1st and 8th gears compared to a conventional automatic transmission, leading to some very positive effects: thanks to this greater spread the TDI engine works even more effectively in every rev range, and it is more fuel-efficient and agile. Moreover, 8th gear was configured as a fuel-saving overdrive gear that operates at reduced engine speed. The first gear is configured for pulling away in off-road use or when towing. Like the manual version, the Amarok with automatic transmission and permanent 4-wheel drive is thus also highly capable in all-terrain use without any need for additional reduction gearing.



The new automatic transmission with its maximum torque of 420 Newton metres produces exceptional driving performance and a relaxed ride – even when towing or with a heavy payload. The top speed of 179 km/h is reached in 7th gear. It only takes 8.5 seconds to accelerate from 80 to 120 km/h.

Relaxed driving is also assured with a trailer load or high payload. With the automatic gearbox, the Amarok's towing capacity has now been increased to 3.2 metric tonnes (up to 12% gradient) – which is a superior value in its class.



Grant Doull, Manager of Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles NZ is understandably excited about the introduction of the auto transmission for Amarok into NZ; "The launch of Amarok double cab in New Zealand earlier this year has certainly been a great success for our brand. To be able to introduce Kiwi's to the Amarok, with its class leading safety standards, driver comfort and fuel economy has definitely been a milestone achievement for the Volkswagen brand and the release of the new automatic transmission next year will again lay down a new benchmark for the ute market once again."



The Amarok automatic in double cab configuration, with its innovative 8-speed transmission is planned for introduction into the New Zealand market from Quarter 2, 2012. Further details on local specifications and pricing will be outlined closer to NZ launch.

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