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フォルクスワーゲン、ニュルブルクリンク 24 時間レースで「Golf GTI Clubsport」のワールドプレミアを祝う

- 前輪駆動を備えた最強のゴルフをワールドプレミア: フォルクスワーゲンは、大勢のファンの前で新型「Golf GTI Clubsport(ゴルフ GTI クラブスポーツ)」¹ を披露
- レーシングプレミア: 「Golf GTI Clubsport 24h」²が、新しい燃料「E20」を使用してニュルブルクリンクで開催される ADAC 24 時間レースに参戦
- ヒストリックゴルフ: ADAC 24 時間クラシックレースには初代ゴルフから3台の速いゴルフ GTIが参戦予定

ウォルフスブルグ-ドイツ最大のモータースポーツ イベントのカウントダウンが始まりました。伝説の ADAC 24 時間レースは 6 月 1 日にニュルブルクリンクでスタートし、20 万人以上の観衆が予想されます。今回のイベントは、史上最も成功した欧州車、ゴルフの舞台にもなります。フォルクスワーゲンは、ニュルブルクリンクでゴルフというアイコンの 50 周年を祝います。このお祝いはアイコンのお誕生日に相応しい形で迎えられます。フォルクスワーゲンは、強力なドライブとハイエンドのスポーツサスペンションを備えた新型「Golf GTI Clubsport¹」をワールドプレミアとして来場者に披露します。2 つ目のハイライトは、「Golf GTI Clubsport 24h」の 24 時間レースへの参戦です。出力 256 kW / 348 PS² というユニークな GTI は、ベニー ロイヒター(ドイツ)やヨハン クリストファーソン(スウェーデン)といったモータースポーツのスターがハンドルを握る予定です。代替燃料を使用するこの GTI レースカーのゼッケン No. はもちろん 50 番。それは、半世紀にわたるサクセスストーリーを誇るゴルフへの主催者からの誕生日プレゼントです。さらに、これまでに生産された 3,700 万台を超えるゴルフへの敬意を払って、3 台のクラシックゴルフ GTI が ADAC 24 時間クラシックレースに参加します。



The Golf GTI Clubsport will celebrate its world premiere at the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring

World premiere of the new Golf GTI Clubsport. This represents the start of a true GTI weekend: on Friday afternoon (31 May, 4:30 p.m.), Volkswagen will unveil the Golf GTI Clubsport, the most powerful Golf with front-wheel drive, in front of thousands of visitors and present it on the 'Ring Boulevard'. The enhanced Golf GTI

Clubsport is characterised by a completely redesigned front, which has become even more powerful and more distinct. The

standard LED Plus headlights have been revamped. In addition, the Volkswagen logo at the front is illuminated for the first time. A large roof spoiler at the rear ensures maximum downforce. The LED tail light clusters have also had a makeover. The 19-inch Queenstown³ alloy wheels are also new. With their striking design of five oval semi-circles, they evoke the classic Detroit wheel, which was introduced for the fifth-generation Golf GTI. As a further option, the Golf GTI Clubsport can be configured with the new 19-inch Warmenau³ forged wheel. With a weight of only eight kilograms per wheel rim, the forged wheels reduce the unsprung masses and thus optimise performance. The functions of the Golf GTI Clubsport are coordinated via a newly

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developed multifunction leather sports steering wheel and a new Infotainment system. This is extremely intuitive and ensures that the driver can concentrate even better on the road ahead. In addition, the new GTI top model has the new voice assistant IDA with Chat GPT integration.

The "Special" driving profile is adapted to the Nordschleife. The performance and torque of the GTI turbocharged engine are transferred to the track via an electronically controlled front differential lock. The DCC adaptive chassis control is available as optional equipment. Another highlight of the Golf GTI Clubsport is the exclusive Special driving profile. This matches systems relevant for driving dynamics to the special track characteristics of the Nürburgring Nordschleife – in order to compensate for the undulations typical of the Nordschleife, maximum performance is achieved by means of a specific vertical setup of the DCC adaptive chassis control and a modified lateral dynamics setup of the standard Vehicle Dynamics Manager.

Motorsport becomes a test laboratory for the use of alternative fuels. The Golf GTI Clubsport 24h used by Max Kruse Racing in the 24-hour race impressively demonstrates the potential of the new Golf GTI Clubsport because the production GTI served as the development basis for the race car. The latter was built by Volkswagen Motorsport, and the car was initially transferred to Volkswagen Classic in 2021 after the end of its motorsport activities. The prototype has now been reactivated and further perfected by racing driver Benny Leuchter and his team Max Kruse Racing specifically for use on the race track also known as 'The Green Hell'. The race car will start in the AT3 class (SP3T / class for vehicles with "alternative fuels"), as the 348 PS 2.0-litre turbocharged engine is powered by a new bioethanol fuel from technology partner Shell: the high-tech fuel E20. The extremely knock-resistant fuel enables significantly more efficient operation of the near-production GTI engine thanks to software adaptation and ensures a significantly greater reduction in CO₂ emissions than the familiar bioethanol fuels E5 and E10. The E20 fuel developed at the Shell Technology Centre in Hamburg reduces CO₂ emissions in the well-to-wheel balance by 35 to 40 per cent, as it contains a further 40 per cent share of renewable components from residual and waste materials in addition to the 20 per cent bioethanol content.

Powerful race car, strong team. The 270 km/h Golf GTI Clubsport 24h delivers first-class performance for a compact athlete. This is due firstly to its technical basis: the 1,170 kg Volkswagen has a weight-to-power ratio of 3.36 kg/PS. The turbocharged engine sends a maximum of 450 Nm of torque to the front axle. The efficient E20 fuel, of which the Golf GTI Clubsport 24h has up to 100 litres in the tank, also ensures excellent power output. The second success factor for the race is the driver team put together by Max Kruse Racing. Benny Leuchter won a class victory in the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring in 2017 driving a Golf GTI TCR. In 2019, he was also the first German to win a WTCR qualifying race – in the Golf GTI TCR at the Nürburgring. One of the best racing drivers in the world is Johan Kristoffersson, who has written motorsport history with Volkswagen as the current and six-time FIA World Rallycross Champion. The Swede was Benny Leuchter's teammate in the WTCR and also won a Nürburgring race there with the Golf GTI TCR. This well-established team is supported by the two German Nürburgring professionals Nico Otto and Heiko Hammel. From the outside, the Golf GTI Clubsport 24h, equipped with a racing camera, attracts attention



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with its sophisticated aerodynamics and a special camouflage design that was previously only used on the Golf GTI Clubsport's camouflaged production vehicles.

Three GTIs in the ADAC 24h Classic race. Before the main race, three first-generation classic Golf GTIs will create a fantastic atmosphere among visitors to the Eifel track at the ADAC 24h Classic. All three cars will start in the KWL Motorsport team, which is celebrating its 45th anniversary in 2024. 45 years of KWL, 50 years of Golf – a perfect double anniversary on the Nordschleife. The team from Burscheid will enter a legendary Golf GTI 16S Oettinger (Group 4) from 1981 that has an output of 208 PS. Just as legendary: a 1978 Golf GTI Kamei (Group 2) with 183 PS. The third classic model is wrapped in the GTI camouflage design (with the '50 years of Golf' logo): a 1980 Golf GTI from Group 2 with an output of 184 PS.

¹ *Golf GTI Clubsport – near-production vehicle.*

² *Golf GTI Clubsport 24h – race car. The model will not be available for sale.*

³ *Optional equipment.*

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The Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand has a global presence and produces vehicles at 29 locations in 12 countries. In 2023, Volkswagen delivered about 4.9 million cars. These include bestsellers such as the Polo, T-Roc, T-Cross, Golf, Tiguan and Passat as well as the successful all-electric models of the ID. family. Last year, the company handed over about 394,000 all-electric vehicles to customers worldwide. About 170,000 people currently work at Volkswagen around the world. With its ACCELERATE strategy, the company is consistently driving forward its development into the most desirable brand for sustainable mobility.
