

New BlueMotion Golf From Volkswagen

Volkswagen continues to extend its Golf range with the first Golf BlueMotion to be powered by a petrol engine and the benefits over a diesel are clear, without losing those benefits, you get the OTR advantages of petrol.



The latest addition to the ever expanding Golf range made its debut at the 2015 Geneva Motor Show and with orders now open, first deliveries are due in September.

Right at the heart of the newcomer is a three cylinder 999cc TSI engine with turbocharging. This unit is already in use in the up! City Car.

Power output is impressive as I discovered on the press launch, a very respectable 115 PS. There is plenty of torque and looking at performance, rest to 62mph in 9.7 seconds and on to a top speed of 127mph.

Transmission choice is either a six speed manual gearbox or the renowned DSG. I tried

both and my personal choice would be the DSG.

We all look for economy despite the fact that fuel is now much cheaper. With this new Golf it should put a smile on your face, Volkswagen state a combined figure of 65.7mpg. Emissions and the figure is 99g/km.

A lot of work has gone into making this new Golf more efficient, the Cd figure is reduced to 0.28 and this has been achieved by lowering the chassis, adapting the radiator grille to optimise the cooling airflow and by the fitment of special under floor panels and a rear spoiler.

Super low rolling resistance tyres are also part of the package and further economy aids make for a truly economical motor car.

Match trim is standard (Hatchback) and equipment highlights include, ESC, XDS and seven airbags. Regarding safety, Automatic Post Collision Braking and a PreCrash system.

Other standard items, cruise control and stop/start with battery regeneration while Estate and SV models are in SE trim.

Reducing weight was a feature in developing the newcomer, the engine is lighter and a spare wheel is not provided, instead a tyre repair kit is included.

In order to provide maximum customer choice, apart from the Hatchback (3 and 5 door), Estate and SV variants will be available.

Driving impressions, when I first took the wheel I could not detect that I was driving a three cylinder powered car, not the usual sound associated with such an engine. Noise levels were low and the quality of drive very pleasing.





Prices start from £19,740, which puts you behind the wheel of the 6 speed manual three door Hatchback. The most expensive model in the range, the SV SE 7 speed DSG 5 door Hatchback at £22,615.

For those Golf fans and there are many in Northern Ireland, the first BlueMotion Golf was launched in 2007, then it was powered by a diesel engine.

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