

The New Volkswagen Golf SV

The Golf family continues to expand with the arrival of the SV, in some markets it will be known as Sports Van; however Volkswagen has decided to name it simply SV in our market.

Replacing the Plus version the SV is certainly more stylish, it is longer than the Plus, longer than the Golf and shorter than the Estate.

Thanks to a longer wheelbase than the Golf there is more interior space which I noticed the moment I opened the door. Still with dimensions, higher and wider than the Golf.

Those who desire a Golf but would very much to have more space this is certainly the version to choose. With more space comes greater flexibility, the rear seats can be moved forwards or backwards to increase either passenger or luggage space.

Compared to the Plus, boot capacity is up by 76 litres to 500 litres and moving the rear seats forwards increases luggage capacity to 590 litres. Fold the seats down and you have 1,520 litres to play with. This newcomer from Volkswagen is going to prove a big hit with families.

Trim levels are the same as the Golf Estate, S, SE and GT and to get my first taste of the new SV I opted to try the S version and the model I tried was powered by a very bright 1.4 litre TSI engine with 125PS and it was allied to one of the best transmissions currently available the seven speed DSG.

While the S may be the gateway to the SV range I was quite surprised at the standard of equipment. Like the rest of the range electronic braking with auto hold is standard.

BlueMotion technology is also standard, this is Volkswagen's unobtrusive technology that helps to maximise fuel efficiency and this includes a Stop/Start function and battery regeneration to recover energy lost during braking, this aids fuel economy and improves emissions.

The subject of fuel economy is critical to most and looking at the official figures for the version tested, 54.3mpg on the combined fuel cycle and the emissions figure, 121 g/km.

Returning to what you get for your money with the S version, height and reach adjustable steering wheel, black roof rails, tailgate with integrated spoiler, child locks in rear, tyre pressure sensors, electric windows, electrically heated and adjustable door mirrors, multi function computer and a variable boot floor.



Quite a comprehensive package from this entry level model.
The line up of engines for the new Golf SV offer a wide choice, both petrol and diesel, ranging from 85-150PS.
Prices start just north of £18,000 and the version I tried £22,595 and this included a cost of £535 for the metallic paint finish.

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