

New Golf GTD 2.0 Tdi 5dr

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A German hot hatch that's good on fuel!!

When the VW Golf GTD made its UK debut in 2009, its blend of hot hatch performance and fuel-sipping efficiency made it an instant hit. Now an all-new version, based on the latest MkVII model, aims to continue the success story.

This looks great amazing wheels and the new rounded shape really looks the part.

Like the VW Golf GTI, there's also the choice of a precise six-speed manual gearbox or the slick DSG twin-clutch tested here. Yet despite its performance-car credentials, the GTD promises supermini-rivalling running costs, with a CO2 output of just 109g/km for the manual and claimed fuel economy of up to 67.3mpg.

Special mention has to be given to VW's interior work with the GTD. The seats are exceptionally comfy, yet have enough side bolstering that you don't fly out of them. Then there is the ergonomics of the cabin, which are absolutely spot on.

The GTD is a little soft compared to other hot hatches and suffers from pointy yet fairly feel-free steering. Ultimately though it's still a very solid package. It is the hot hatch you can get away with. It's the sensible



buying decision when you aren't really intending on buying something sensible. It's the car you buy when you need to reach a halfway house, but don't really want to.

Over all it's a very capable car and you will not be disappointed in and I would happy drive this all day up and down the motorway I would add leather if I was buying one as I find the seats a bit ugly looking and the newest model now comes with Nav as standard and winter pack and keyless go so really nice spec as standard.



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MPG = 67.1
Top speed = 143 MPH
0-62 = 7.5
CO2 = 109
On the road price £25,900
(Lease price £219+vat over 2 years
with 6 payments up front based on 10k
miles a year)

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