

2008 GTI Mk V



makefriendswithyourfast



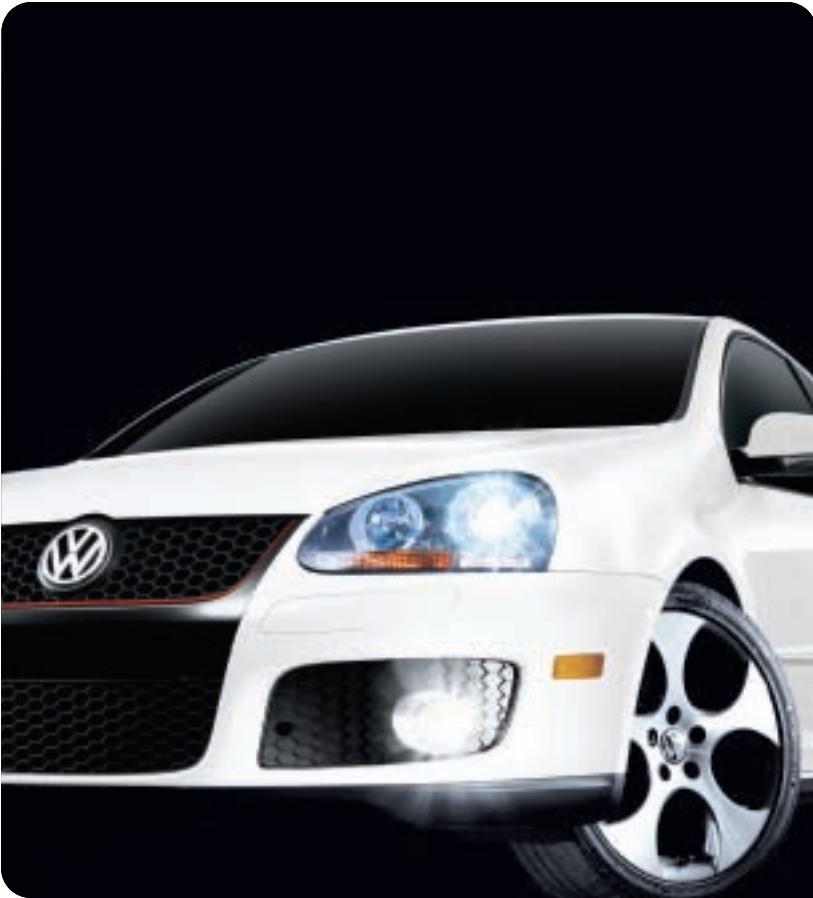


fig. 01 your fast.
according to data collected from thousands
of respondents nationwide, this is what your
fast looks like. and it comes standard with
the GTI Mk V. it's completely portable, it works
day or night, it makes everything more fun
and 9 out of 10 chicks dig it. think of it as your
co-pilot, your alter ego, your friend. it's your
fast. take good care of it.

how well do you know your fast?
take the quiz inside, and find out.

inside most of us there is a fast ^{see fig 01} —
and the GTI Mk V was designed down
to the last detail to satisfy it — born on
the German autobahn this turbocharged
torqued out wound up 200 horsepower
GTI is an automobile built by
enthusiasts for enthusiasts — built for
a generation that knows the flash of a
red grille stripe in a rearview mirror
means move over — this is the car that
created a category — the original pocket
rocket lives on — say hello to the GTI Mk V —
and make friends with your fast* —





if your right foot were made of something other than flesh and bone, it would be made of...

1. the element known as "uranium" – one of the heaviest materials known to science.
2. lead – a classic choice.
3. carbon fiber – durable and lightweight.
4. money. just because.
5. something pretty and stylish.

which of the following would be a dream experience?

1. being strapped to the nose of the space shuttle during launch.
2. being slung off an aircraft carrier in a fighter jet.
3. an afternoon on the autobahn.
4. a brisk bike ride through the fragrant french countryside.
5. lying on the beach with a good book for 14 days straight.



torque

when it comes to performance horsepower and 0 to 60 time get all the glory – but your fast craves torque too – torque is a measure of the rotational force that twists the crankshaft – but for those of us without a physics degree it's that kick of g's you feel coming off the line – torque is the unsung hero of performance and the GTI delivers it huge – variable valve timing variable length intake manifold and forced induction translate to a maximum 207 lbft at 1800 to 5000 rpm – plain English it hauls – your fast will eat it up –

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0-happy in 6.8 seconds

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alloy pedals

go ahead. stand on them as hard as you want.

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xenon headlamps

high-intensity gas-discharge lamps housed in chip-resistant polycarbonate lenses. great for seeing things in front of you before they go whizzing by.



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interlagos plaid

to the uninitiated, it's a quirky choice.
to the enthusiast, it's the only choice.

instrument cluster

that unearthly blue glow—it's truly unbelievable how
much this little detail enhances the driving experience.
test-drive after sunset if possible.

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strapin'yourfast-

anyone who's ever sat inside a GTI
knows there's something about it—
here's what that something is—it's
an interior that's designed with
simplicity and purpose—it's a
meticulous consideration for
every sight sound and texture—
it's leather where it should be
leather—aluminum where it
should be aluminum—a sport seat
that wraps you up—a race car's
steering wheel that begs to be
gripped with both hands—an
unearthly blue glow from the
instrument cluster—it's the way it
all comes together—experience it
yourself and you'll see—there's
just something about it—

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grab handles

most cars have the grab handles mounted above
the doors, but the GTI has an extra set on the center
console. we think these send a pretty clear message.





when ready to check out at the grocery store, you...

1. panic if even one person is in front of you, leave your cart and exit the store.
2. force however many items you have into the express lane.
3. trim ballast until you're left with only ten items, then hit the express lane.
4. wait patiently in the shortest line.
5. choose the longest line. it's fun to wait.

you think the legal speed limit should be...

1. infinity.
2. what's the speed limit on the autobahn?
3. 90.
4. 75.
5. a nice even 50.

to you, the ideal passenger is...

1. a screamer.
2. weightless.
3. a racing instructor.
4. a caring and conscientious friend.
5. 400 lbs. and eating a bag of nacho cheese flavored chips.



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steering wheel

three spokes. leather-wrapped. drivers of open-wheel racecars use the flat surfaces at 8:00 and 4:00 to steer with their knees during a victory lap.

note: this is 100% NOT something we recommend.

why is it in front of your computer getting directions - when you could be sitting in your GTI's driver seat - now you know why the GTI comes with an optional dvd navigation system - so you don't waste time - and you get to where you are going in true GTI fashion - fast -

GTI

the badge
the original GTI badge.
a small touch. a big statement.

6 on the floor
standard 6-speed manual transmission.
it doesn't rhyme. it performs.

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engineering—

more than twenty years ago
a team of scrappy young
Volkswagen engineers
fashioned a prototype for the
world's first hatchback—amazingly
they did so entirely in their own
free time—a labor of pure passion
for performance—the result
of that labor has become an
automotive legend—a car built
by enthusiasts for enthusiasts—
we designed this fifth-generation
GTI to honor that heritage—to us
that meant fanatical attention to
performance above all else—
starting where it counts—under
the hood—

engine—

the GTI MkV is driven by the
lightweight high revving big
breathing turbocharged
intercooled direct fuel injected
200 horsepower 2.0 TFSI™—it goes
from 0 to 60 in just 6.8 seconds
and tops out at a track speed
of 130*—of course we urge you to
obey all speed limits and traffic
laws—what else can we say—it's
economical—it's an ultra-low
emission vehicle** it's no
compromise—your fast
will approve—

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the 2.0 TFSI™
a turbocharged, intercooled, direct-fuel-injected,
200hp thing of beauty.



you're running late for the movie, you...

1. wonder if you could actually drive fast enough to reverse the spin of the earth and go back in time.
2. consider it a challenge.
3. take that special shortcut you discovered the last time you were running late.
4. don't mind, nothing good happens in the first 20 minutes, anyhow.
5. stay home, by the time you make it, the film will be over.

while waiting for elevators, you...

1. spew a steady stream of unspeakable profanities.
2. refine your innovative jetpack designs.
3. whack away at the button nonstop.
4. make polite conversation with the fellow standing next to you.
5. take a moment to reflect upon the precious gift of life.



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paddles are for spanking
the optional dsg automatic transmission with
tiptronic® and paddle shifting. whap, whap,
whap and you're gone.



dsg-

the GTI MkV comes standard with a 6 speed manual transmission—but it's also available with a dsg automatic with tiptronic® and paddle shifting—technically the dsg is two gearboxes with two clutches in one—the transmission can be driven in automatic or tiptronic manual mode—when you shift or when the box does it for you one clutch engages while the other one disengages—all in about 0.2 second—all without overtaking your foot off the accelerator—and the shifting paddles are mounted on the steering column—so in manual mode your hands never leave the steering wheel—just whap whap whap your way through the gearbox—smooth quick accurate shifting—your fast will think it's gone to heaven—

launch control-

get the optional dsg automatic and you also get launch control—disengage the esp*—shift into sport mode—then stand on the gas and the brake at the same time—once your GTI revs to 3000 rpm—let off the brake and hold on tight as you tear through the gears with optimum acceleration—that's launch control—use it's power for good—



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alloy wheels

17" or 18" forged into a racy horseshoe pattern with great big holes to show off the red brake calipers. hot wheels for the original hot hatch.

esp—

faced with a stretch of twisting road
your fast can get a little ram bunctious
—so we built the GTI with a complex
system of stability controls to help
you carve corners while keeping all
four tires stuck to the pavement—the
electronic stabilization program esp
constantly monitors the direction
you're steering in relation to the
direction the GTI is actually moving
—when those two directions aren't
exactly the same the esp kicks
into action—together with the
abs it automatically applies brakes
to the appropriate wheel to
help compensate for any over
or understeer—before you ever
know you're in trouble you're out of
it—of course we also understand
there are certain things you just can't
accomplish while the esp is engaged
—that's why we built it with an on/off
switch*—hey it's your fast—have it
whichever way you like—





**builttoautobahn
standards of safety—**
when you design automobiles
for a highway system without
speed limits there's really no
such thing as an excessive safety
standard—there's a whole
culture of engineering expertise
helping to keep you protected in
the GTI—but just as importantly
it's helping to keep everyone
else protected too—in the GTI
passengers and drivers all
enjoy an uncompromising
level of safety—and while that
certainly says something about
the people who make the GTI it
also says something pretty great
about the people who own
them—it says you're not the type
of person who's all about me me
me—it says you're the type who's
all about me you you and the
other guy too—

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alphabet brakes

abs + ebd + hba = enhanced control

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safety cell construction

in the GTI, the passengers and the driver travel inside
a rigid cage of laser-welded reinforced steel.



complete the following sentence:
music while driving...
1. can't compare to the whine of a turbocharger.
2. reminds me that the stereo is sucking precious
wattage from the engine.
3. gets me all fired up.
4. starts my toes a-tappin' and my fingers snappin'.
5. is a distraction. driving is difficult
enough without it.

you're on a long road trip, and you get
hungry. you...

1. suck it up. food just weighs you down, anyway.
2. grab a 6-day-old hot dog and some
pork rinds at the next filling station.
3. hit the drive-thru.
4. pull over for a leisurely roadside picnic.
5. vow to never take another long
road trip as long as you live.

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a proud bloodline
the original pocket rocket.
a tradition of performance since 1983.



prevent and preserve safety system

every volkswagen comes standard with the 47 safety features that make up the prevent and preserve safety system. the features work together to both help you avoid an accident and protect you if an accident is unavoidable, and we are constantly updating it because when it comes to your safety, there's always room for improvement. vw.com/safehappens

side curtain protection^{**}

airbags deploy down the roofline from the c-pillar to the c-pillar to help minimize head and upper torso injury in the event of side impact.

latch

lower anchors and tethers for children, a standardized child safety-seat system.

trunk escape handle

there's a fluorescent reflector on the inside, so it can be found easily.

automatic locking feature

locks automatically engage at 8 mph and unlock automatically should the airbags deploy.

front-seat safety-belt pre-tensioners with load limiters

in a severe front impact, the pretensioners activate, meeting in excess safety-belt slack.

dual front and side airbags*
deploy within a tenth of a second.

optimized head restraints

minimize whiplash injuries from rear-end collisions.

steering wheel

deformable/collapsible on impact.

pinch protection on power windows

extending window revoers if there's any obstruction.

safety cell construction and anti-intrusion side-door beams. the driver and the passengers travel inside a rigid cage of reinforced steel.

asr, edl, eba
improve handling and prevent
compression-induced
skidding in slippery conditions.

alphabet brakes

abs + ebd + hba = enhanced control.

esp

complex stability control system helps prevent over- or understeer.

crash-optimized front end
designed to divert impact energy away
from cab occupants.

*airbags are supplemental restraints only and will not deploy under all crash circumstances. always use safety belts and seat children only in the rear, using restraint systems appropriate for their size and age.



roadside assistance

4-year, 50,000-mile, 24-hour protection by cross country automotive services, inc. peace of mind when you're out on the lonely road.

the4meansmore—

it's time to re-consider four-door performance—four doors mean easy access for an intimate audience of performance groupies—four doors provide ready egress for back-seat victims with weaker constitutions—and four doors mean you climb out from behind the steering wheel only when absolutely positively necessary—they're not for everyone of course—but maybe four doors are a option your fast could get used to—

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colors—

the GTI is a performance car down to the core—and everybody knows performance cars don't come in fuchsia—so when talk turned to paint we took the classic route—so you can make a color choice the same way you do everything else—fast—

gray—it's the color of foreboding storm clouds looming on the horizon—it's the color of cold unfeeling uncaring stone—it's the color of battleships—it's not black—it's not white—it's blight—

black—it's how you spot the bad guys—it's bloodsucking vampire bats and unlucky cats and poisonous snakes and spiders and ravens that peck your eyeballs out—and it's asphalt—it's a classic—

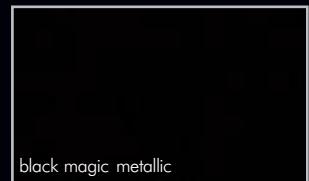
white—as in knuckles—it's blood rushing from faces—it's the color of fear—it's the spooky ghost that appears on one minute and disappears the next—it's surprisingly easy to keep clean depending on the color of dirt where you live—and it's always cool—even in the summertime—

silver—it's metal—it's polished—it's a full suit of armor and a broadsword—if it made a noise it would goshahshing—it's an unidentified flying object—it's the color of quick—

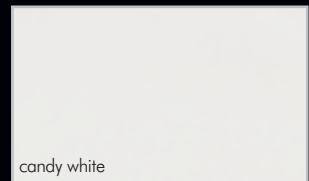
red—it's a warning—it's the marking on a dangerous animal—it's a nasty burn—it's the color of guts—and deep down it's whatever sports car really wants to be—it's timeless for good reason—it's always hot—



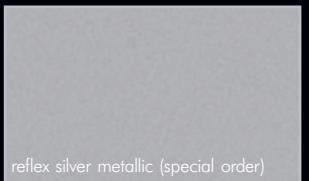
united gray metallic



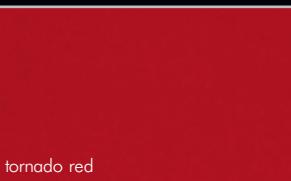
black magic metallic



candy white



reflex silver metallic (special order)



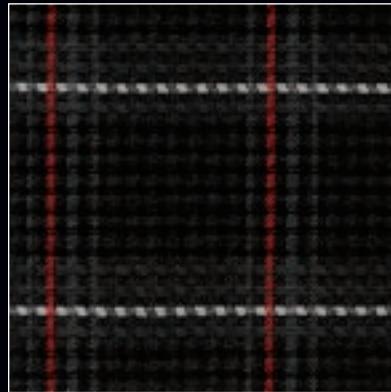
tornado red





interior fabrics

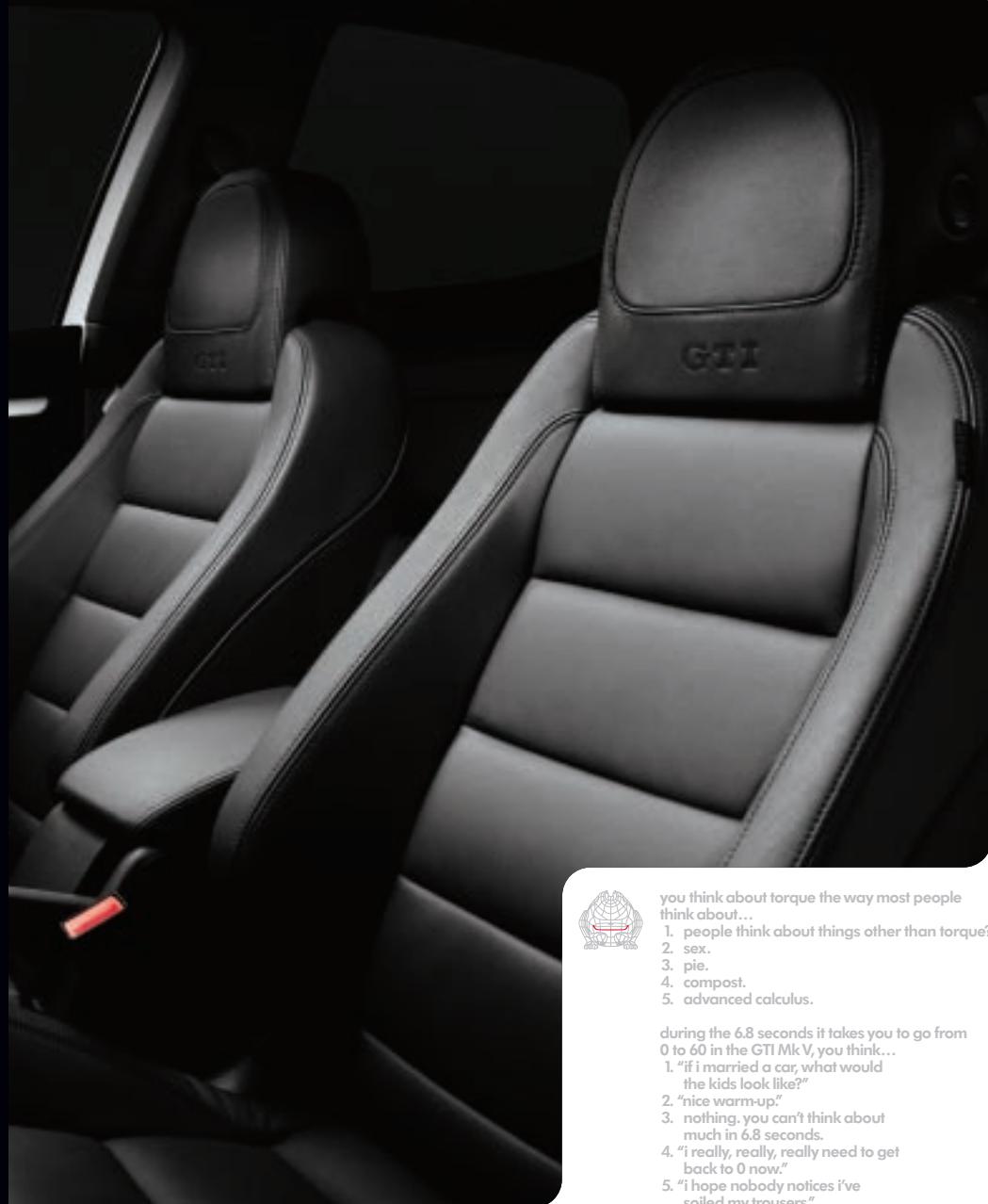
the GTI Mk V sport seats are available in leather or interlagos plaid fabric—that's right—plaid—it's a GTI thing—



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sport seats

with special side bolsters for support, these seats sit you up straight and make you pay attention. available in standard interlagos plaid seats or hand-stitched leather top sport seats (pictured).



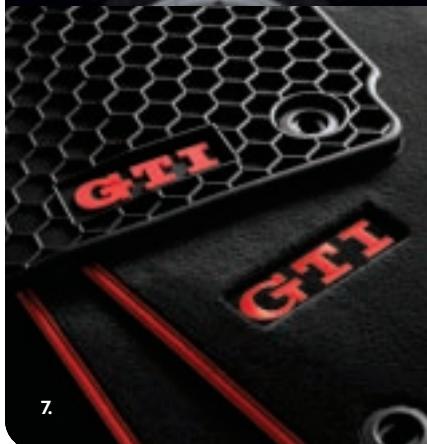
you think about torque the way most people think about...

1. people think about things other than torque?
2. sex.
3. pie.
4. compost.
5. advanced calculus.

during the 6.8 seconds it takes you to go from 0 to 60 in the GTI Mk V, you think...

1. "if i married a car, what would the kids look like?"
2. "nice warm-up."
3. nothing, you can't think about much in 6.8 seconds.
4. "i really, really, really need to get back to 0 now."
5. "i hope nobody notices i've soiled my trousers."

vwdesigns—
we put a lot into the GTI to
make your fast happy—but we
also understand that your fast is
different from everyone else's—
maybe you're looking for
options on the alloy wheels—
maybe you're into ground
effects—or maybe you need
some extra rigging for when
you go freeriding up on the north
shore—that's why we setup
drivergear.vw.com—think
of it as a personal outfitter for
your very unique brand of fast—



1. body kit (includes front spoiler, side skirts and rear valance)

2. 17" exis wheel

3. 6-speed golf ball shift knob

4. 18" vision wheel

5. base carrier bars and barracuda® bike holder (upright – base carrier bars can fit 3 barracuda® bike holders)

6. 18" karthoum wheel (in silver)

7. GTI monster mats™ and carpeted mat with red GTI logo

8. 17" activa wheel

9. gorilla gear™ trunk liner and organizer blocks

keeping your fast happy—keeping you happy—
when you tear out of our lot with a new GTI and are nice and happy
fast our goal is to make sure you stay happy—which
means making sure you stay happy—which means servicing
your GTI like it was our very own—it'll always be one of our little
guys after all—so go have fun with your GTI—we'll be here
when you need us—

basic limited warranty—
every GTI comes with a bumper-to-bumper new vehicle
limited warranty for 4 years or 50,000 miles whichever
comes first—

powertrain limited warranty—
the Volkswagen powertrain limited warranty provides
5 years or 60,000 miles of protection whichever comes first—

**limited warranty against
corrosion perforation—**
a fully galvanized steel body means we can offer you a
12 year unlimited mile age limited warranty against
corrosion perforation—

roadside assistance—
the GTI has a 24-hour-a-day roadside assistance package for
4 years or 50,000 miles provided by Cross Country Automotive
Services Inc—wherever you go we got your back—

exterior specs

	2-door/4-door
roof-mounted "fin-type" satellite radio antenna	S
dual chrome exhaust pipes	S
anti-intrusion side-door beams	S
black front grille with honeycomb mesh and red surrounding strip	S
high-intensity gas-discharge headlamps (xenon) with clear, lightweight, chip-resistant polycarbonate lenses	S
halogen foglights integrated into front bumper	S
side blisters integrated into side exterior mirrors	S
driver- and passenger-side power exterior mirrors, heatable	S
power glass sunroof with tilt, slide, tinted glass, manual sunshade, pinch protection and driver-door power-lock-operated convenience closing feature	P
rear spoiler located above rear hatch	S
red front and rear brake calipers	S
225/45 r17 h, summer performance tires	S
225/45 r17 h, all-season performance tires	O
225/40 r18 h, summer performance tires	O
temporary-use spare wheel and all-season tire	S
7J x 17" alloy wheels	S
7.5J x 18" alloy wheels	O
anti-theft wheel locks	S
windshield wipers with variable intermittent wiper feature	S
heated windshield washer nozzles, front	P

interior specs

manual single-zone climate control (climatic), cfc-free	S
anti-theft vehicle alarm system for doors, hood, trunk lid, radio and starter, with warning led in door-top sill and with audible and visual activation	S
immobilizer theft-deterrent system	S
cruise control	S
brake-pad wear indicator	S
illumination of controls and gauges—blue, with red indicators	S
multi-function trip computer featuring trip time, trip length, average trip speed, average trip fuel consumption, current fuel consumption, miles to empty, compass, radio station display and personalizing functions	S
folding keys (2) with radio-frequency remote transmitter for central locking, eyelet valet key	S
remote central power-locking system with selective unlocking	S
aluminum alloy interior trim	S
power outlet (sae size) in trunk	S
power outlet (sae size) in center console	S
10-speaker in-dash mp3-readable 6-disc cd stereo with aux input, am/fm and SIRIUS® satellite radio, theft-deterrent warning light and coding system	S

S = standard O = optional P = available with package

interiorspecs

	2-door/4-door
navigation system with visual and audible commands through color center-console display and through multi-function onboard computer display in instrument cluster, 6-disc cd changer or ipod dock located in armrest between front seats	o ¹
auxiliary input jack	s
driver and front-passenger front-airbag supplemental restraint system	s
driver and front-passenger side-thorax-airbag supplemental restraint system	s
side curtain protection [®]	s
rear-impact optimized head restraints, driver and front-passenger	s
emergency locking retractors for all seating positions	s
front-seat safety-belt pre-tensioners with load limiters	s
height-adjustable front 3-point safety belts	s
rear 3-point safety belts, all 3 seating positions	s
rear-passenger side-thorax-airbag supplemental restraint system	na/o
rear outboard seat safety-belt pre-tensioners with load limiters	na/o
latch (lower anchors and tethers for children), child-seat lower attachment points and tether rear-outboard seating positions	s
buckle switch (sensor that deploys airbag, depending on safety-belt use)	s
interlock feature, center rear safety belts cannot be extended unless seatback is in fully locked position	s
8-way manually adjustable sport front seats: fully reclining, height adjustable	s
top sport front seats, lumbar support, 4-way electrically adjustable for driver and front-passenger seats, heatable front seats, anthracite leather seating surfaces	p
rear-seat head restraints, height adjustable, all seating positions	s
60/40 split-folding rear seat with center armrest and pass-through	s
3-spoke leather-wrapped multi-function sport steering wheel, with audio controls (includes paddle shifters on both sides of steering wheel when equipped with optional 6-speed automatic direct-shift gearbox)	s
height-adjustable and telescoping steering column	s
steering wheel deformable/collapsible upon impact	s
theft-deterrent steering column	s
alloy pedals	s
chrome interior door handles	s
removable storage divider	s
interlagos-plaid sport-seat fabric	s
pollen filter	s
power windows with pinch protection and automatic one-touch feature, operable from driver side only	s



The ideas in this brochure are new, the paper however is recycled.
Please remember to recycle. The brochure. Not the ideas in it. Thanks.

2-door/4-door

optionprogram

autobahn package	2-door/4-door
power sunroof	s
top sport front seats	
leather seats	
heatable front seats and heated washer nozzles	
premium sound system	
options:	
6-speed automatic direct-shift gearbox with tiptronic [®]	o
225/45 r17 h all-season tires (no charge)	o
7.5j x 18" alloy wheels	o
with 225/40 r18 92y xl summer tires	o
7.5j x 18" alloy wheels	o
with 225/40 r18 92h xl summer tires	o
navigation system with ipod dock	
located in front armrest	o ¹
navigation system with 6-disc cd changer	
located in front armrest	o ¹

technicalspecs

engine

16-valve, dohc, in-line 4-cylinder turbocharged engine with intercooler and direct fuel injection	s
displacement: 121.0 in ³ 1,984 cm ³	s
compression ratio: 10.5:1	s
horsepower (sae) @ rpm: 200 @ 5,100–6,000 (147 kw @ 5,100–6,000)	s
maximum torque, lbs·ft @ rpm: 207 @ 1,800–5,000 (280 nm @ 1,800–5,000)	s
fuel requirement: premium unleaded (95 ron) recommended for maximum performance, (unleaded regular (91 ron) as alternative with slight reduction in performance)	s

engine design

arrangement: front mounted, transverse	s
cylinder block: cast iron	s
crankshaft: 5 main bearings	s
cylinder head: aluminum alloy	s
valve train: dual overhead camshaft, belt driven, 4 valves per cylinder, maintenance-free hydraulic lifters	s
fuel/air supply: fully electronic engine management with drive-by-wire throttle control, fsi [®]	s

body, chassis and suspension

type: uni-body construction, bolt-on front fenders	s
front axle: sport-tuned independent mcpherson strut suspension with aluminum subframe and stabilizer bar	s
rear axle: sport-tuned independent 4 link suspension with stabilizer bar	s
drag coefficient: .32	s

drivetrain

front-wheel drive	s
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technical specs

steering

electromechanical power steering with variable assistance and active return

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brakes

4-wheel disc brakes, front vented

s

abs: 4-wheel anti-lock braking system

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ebd: electronic brake-pressure distribution

s

hba: hydraulic brake assist

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traction control

asr: anti-slip regulation

s

edl: electronic differential lock

s

eba: engine brake assist

s

esp: electronic stabilization program

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transmission

6-speed manual transmission

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6-speed automatic direct-shift gearbox with tiptronic® and sport mode

o

cable shift mechanism, manual transmission only

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clutch-starter interlock for manual transmission, vehicle will not start if clutch is not depressed

s

hydraulic clutch for manual transmission

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interior volume—sae

seating capacity 5

passenger volume 94.2 ft³ 2.7 m³

cargo volume 15.1 ft³ 0.4 m³

	front	rear	
volume	51.3 ft ³	1.5 m ³	42.9 ft ³
head room	39.3 in	998 mm	38.5 in
shoulder room	54.7 in/54.8 in	1,390 mm	54.6 in/53.1 in
leg room	41.2 in	1,046 mm	35.3 in
			896 mm

dimensions

wheelbase 101.5 in 2,578 mm

front track 60.4 in 1,534 mm

rear track 59.7 in 1,516 mm

length 165.8 in 4,210 mm

width 69.3 in 1,759 mm

height 58.4 in 1,484 mm

ground clearance 5.6 in 143 mm

fuel consumption* manual automatic

city 21 mpg 22 mpg

highway 29 mpg 29 mpg

fuel tank 14.5 gal 55.0 l

2-door/4-door

warranty

12-year/unlimited-distance limited warranty against corrosion perforation

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5-year/60,000-mile (whichever occurs first) powertrain limited warranty

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4-year/50,000-mile (whichever occurs first) new vehicle limited warranty

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wear-and-tear items and adjustments excluded after initial 12 month / 12,000 miles

(whichever occurs first)

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roadside assistance

4-year/50,000-mile, 24-hour roadside assistance provided by cross country automotive inc.

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¹ available only in combination with "autobahn package"

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type 11–20

A

your fast is frightening, and it should probably be locked away forever. we could beg and plead with you not to purchase the GTI Mk V, but frankly, we think our admonitions might make you want one even more. we can only hope that your friends and loved ones will be able to talk some sense into you before you enter into an unhealthy relationship with this automobile.

type 21–30

B

your fast is hearty, robust and aggressive. when we built the GTI Mk V, we did it for a fast just like yours. after all, your fast is just like ours. your fast is an enthusiast. a purist. your fast appreciates driving as a complete sensory experience. with proper care and feeding, you and your fast will enjoy a mutually beneficial relationship for years to come.

type 31–40

C

your fast sits somewhere right on the apex of the fast bell curve. with just a bit more exercise and attention, your fast could grow to be a formidable and powerful one—a fast to be reckoned with. but deprived of torque or horsepower, your fast could just as easily wither into a sleepy decline. GTI or no GTI, the future of your fast lies in your hands.

type 41–50

D

your fast is severely atrophied. can the GTI Mk V help? it's possible. but you need to take action now. you've got to be willing to put in the miles, carve the hard corners and work the transmission like you've never worked a transmission before. in time, we're confident your fast can make a complete recovery and lead a happy, healthy life.

type 51+

F

you are the rare case. your fast is completely nonexistent. many grandmothers have more of a fast than you. there's not a single sluggish bone in your body that would be interested in the GTI Mk V. in fact, we suggest you consider some other mode of transportation entirely. perhaps one of those electric mobility scooters with a nice basket on the front for your needlepoint.

so how well do you know your fast?
to tally your score, simply add together the numbers
corresponding to your answers. then, refer to the key.





every GTI comes with fast