



## **ABT Sportsline 2015 – Press release CW50** **Stay tuned! ABT congratulates the Audi A3 on its 20th anniversary**

For it is a jolly good fellow... ! **ABT Sportsline** congratulates the Audi A3 on its 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. The original version, 8L, based upon the Golf IV, was a real innovation. After all, it was the first premium compact car in the entire group and to become very important for **ABT Sportsline**. And the body variants have become ever more: the first A3, from 1999 also available with five doors, in the next generation, 8P, had become a spacious “sportback”. And there also was a convertible. The latest generation, 8V, also has an impressively dynamic notchback.

**ABT Sportsline** has always dealt with all new variants, with the racy S3 always having had a special place. With the 8P, we then had the even faster RS3, still not racy enough for **ABT** or its fans. Thanks to **ABT Power S** with its own control unit, the latest version, based on the 8V, shows **450 hp/ 331 kW** instead of 270 kW/ 367 hp, with torque at **550 Nm**, up from 465. By comparison with what we had 20 years ago: this was what a Porsche 911 Turbo was able to show – and only when having been equipped with the factory performance upgrade. And the **ABT Audi RS3**'s acceleration is also perfect, with 4.1 seconds to get from naught to 100 kph. The current top speed is 300 kph.

In terms of road holding, the RS3 and its a bit less powerful siblings are also perfect, as are their looks – all thanks to the optional **ABT suspension springs**. The “more staid” A3s are also lent a more sporty body: while the RS3 features an optional sonorous muffler system and cool fender inserts, these also receive a front and rear spoiler, a front grille and a striking rear skirt set, including a 4-pipe exhaust system. A huge selection of alloy wheels is available for all A3 variants. We should also mention that the conventional petrol and diesel engines can be upgraded up to 210 hp/ 154 kW – what the very first S3 showed as serial version. The modern S3, however, is upgraded by the leading tuner of cars produced by the Volkswagen Group from 300 hp/ 221 kW to up to 400 hp/ 294 kW. And just like always with **ABT Sportsline** extensive tests on the dynamometer and public roads and an extensive warranty mean maximum dependability and safety.

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