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Compact powerhouse with high-tech control unit and intercooler: ABT boosts Audi RS3 to 470 hp

Just 20 years ago, the S3 made its debut as the most powerful compact Audi boasting 210 hp (154 kW). Coming in one level above this, the RS3 was introduced eight years ago. The current generation with Otto particulate filters delivers an enormous 400 hp (294 kW), almost twice as much power but the 'driving pleasureometer' has still to reach its peak. **ABT Sportslines** presents the **ABT Power S** performance package which provides the latest edition of the Audi RS3 with a whopping 470 hp (346 kW). Aficionados are aware that the "S" always refers to an additional mechanical component. Thus an intercooler is used in addition to the high-tech control unit **ABT Engine Control** (AEC). From the outset, this results not only in a significant increase in horsepower, but also an increase in torque, from 480 to 540 Nm. The maximum speed is also increased from 155 to 177 mph as part of the scope of delivery. As a lower-priced alternative, **ABT Power** is available with AEC only. This option provides 440 hp of power output (324 kW) and a maximum torque of 520 Nm. An optional **ABT silencer system** will soon be available for all RS3 models. It is manufactured from stainless steel and its crowning glory comprises four black chrome-plated tailpipes, each with a diameter of 102 mm. Certification is included.

The pictured vehicle is equipped with **ABT ER-C** 19-inch alloy wheels in matt black – the perfect colour combination. Other interesting alternatives are the 20-inch **GR** and **FR** light alloy wheels and the 19-inch **ER-F**. The latter stands out as a particularly exclusive forged wheel with an extremely low weight of only 8.0 kilos per rim. However, further improvements to the **ABT Audi RS3's** agility can be made in other areas, not just in the area of the unsprung masses. Other interesting programme options include **ABT suspension springs**, **ABT coilover suspension** (as fitted to the pictured vehicle), an **ABT sport anti-roll bar kit** and the **ABT brake upgrade kit**.

The interior should also let you know that this is no run-of-the-mill RS3: **ABT Sportslines** offers a whole host of stylish carbon and leather interior enhancement options. Car door light projectors with the **ABT logo** always create an impression. However, on the road is where you realise most that this car bears the hallmark of the Allgäu tuner. If you cannot decide between the wide range of finishing options, you may want to consider the **ABT RS3 package** which already includes the most exciting extras. It can also be combined with the comprehensive **ABT interior package**.

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