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Fresh from the Bavarian “Driving Range” ABT gives Golf VIII R and co. the perfect swing

In 1982, **ABT Sportsline** created the legendary and iconic wide-body GTI. Almost 40 years later, the 8th generation of the Golf is offered as standard in a wide range of sporty models, way beyond the regular Gran Turismo Injection. Alongside the GTI (245 HP / 180 kW / 370 Nm) and GTI Clubsport (300 HP / 221 kW / 400 Nm), the GTD (200 HP / 147 kW / 400 Nm) is available for diesel fans and the Golf R (320 HP / 235 kW / 420 Nm) is the ultimate compact sports car. The most powerful beast of this bunch delivers as standard almost double the performance of the turbo-driven **ABT Golf** of the 80s (163 HP / 120 kW). However, the bar has been raised considerably over the last four decades – and as a result, many drivers still want more power. No problem. In the company’s 125th anniversary year, **ABT Sportsline** offers a wide range of performance upgrades for the top models of the Golf family. The basis for each of these is the high-tech control unit **ABT Engine Control** (AEC).

The Golf GTI is boosted to unleash 290 HP (213 kW) and delivers a maximum torque of 410 Nm. The GTD delivers 440 Nm and 230 HP (169 kW). However, even the series GTI Clubsport has a few more horses under the hood than a performance-upgraded normal GTI. For this model, **ABT Sportsline** offers the option of 360 HP (265 kW), with a maximum torque of 450 Nm. But if the Clubsport unleashes so much power, what about the Golf R? This car, with a performance upgrade to 384 HP (282 kW) and 470 Nm, will certainly put a smile on your face. Furthermore, **ABT Sportsline** will soon offer sporty suspension springs and a tailor-made exhaust system for this version.

Regardless of the selected platform, **ABT Sportsline** offers three attractive rim designs for the Golf GTI, GTD, GTI Clubsport and R. For example, the 19-inch **ER-C** in matt black. If you want to pull out all the stops with a 20-inch rim, choose the **ABT FR** in mystic black or **Sport GR** in glossy or matt black. Both of the latter score highly with their diamond-machined accents. A comparison with the rims of a wide-body GTI from 1982 shows how much wheel dimensions have developed: Back then, it cruised along the autobahn, roads and boulevards on 13-inches.

*The engine performance data is in accordance with the stipulations of EWG/80/1269. The process and dynamometer manufacturer have been certified and authorised by the vehicle manufacturer. For further details, visit www.abt-sportsline.com/performance-measurement.

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