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2019 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA GLI DEBUTS AT THE TORONTO AUTO SHOW

New GLI delivers with more power and sharper handling

- *Sixth generation of Volkswagen's performance sedan has the heart and soul of the GTI*
- *2.0-liter TSI® engine puts out 228 horsepower and 258 lb-ft of torque*
- *Performance features include: VAQ limited-slip differential, and multi-link independent rear suspension*
- *Unique GLI styling includes 18-inch aluminum-alloy wheels, aggressive front and rear bumpers, black honeycomb grille, rear spoiler, and dual chrome exhaust*
- *Standard features include: front and rear LED lighting, 10-color ambient lighting, dual-zone Climatronic®, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear Traffic Alert, Volkswagen Digital Cockpit, Rail2Rail sunroof, heated and ventilated leather seats, DCC® adaptive damping, and a 400w BeatsAudio® sound system*

Ajax, ON – Today, Volkswagen Canada unveiled the new 2019 Jetta GLI at the Toronto Auto Show. Since the launch of the 6th generation Jetta last spring, fans of Volkswagen's performance sedan have been eagerly waiting for the GLI, which ups the performance ante with more power, sharper handling, and features shared with the GTI.

"Volkswagen has a proud history of sporty sedans," said Daniel Weissland, President and CEO of Volkswagen Group Canada, Inc. "The 2019 GLI builds on the Jetta foundation and adds the performance features our customers have been asking for."

The 2019 GLI takes the coupe-like profile of the redesigned Jetta and adds sporty styling cues and a beefed-up powertrain. Featuring a sport suspension, the GLI sits 15mm lower than a regular Jetta, giving it a more planted look. Standard LED projector headlights with LED DRLs flank a black honeycomb grille with red accent line that harkens to the GTI. Larger brakes, with red-painted calipers, stand out behind the sleek 18-inch aluminum-alloy wheels that are exclusive to GLI. In the rear, standard LED taillights are

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joined by a spoiler and unique rear bumper with finned diffuser and dual chrome exhaust tips to give it a truly unique rear view. A 35th Anniversary model features unique black wheels, a black roof, black mirror caps, black tail spoiler, and 35th anniversary badging inside and out.

Inside, the GLI transforms the Jetta's modern cabin with nods to the Volkswagen performance family. A luxurious black interior sets the stage for red accents to pop throughout—red stitching is used on the steering wheel, shifter, armrest and floor mats. Red accents peek out from the perforated leather seats. Diamond flag décor trim reinforces the sporty nature of the car, as does the standard heated, leather-wrapped sport multifunction steering wheel and sport HMI display from the GTI. The 35th Anniversary model has unique seat tags, floor mats, and sill kickplates.

The 2019 GLI is powered by Volkswagen's 2.0-liter turbocharged and direct-injection EA888 TSI[®] engine, making 228 horsepower (achieved with premium fuel) and 258 pound-feet of torque, 18 more horsepower and 41 lb-ft more than the previous GLI. This engine, shared with GTI, features variable valve timing on the intake and exhaust sides, as well as variable exhaust valve lift.

Power is taken to the front wheels via a standard six-speed manual transmission, with an available seven-speed DSG[®] dual-clutch automatic. Automatic transmission models come with a Start/Stop system designed to improve fuel efficiency. This technology stops the engine during idle when the brake pedal is held (such as when waiting at a stop light). When the brake pedal is released, the engine restarts.

The Jetta GLI features an independent sport suspension, with a strut-type setup at the front and a multi-link arrangement at the rear. Stopping power comes by way of 340mm diameter vented front discs, and 300mm diameter solid rear discs. Like the GTI, the GLI is fitted as standard with Volkswagen's VAQ electronically controlled, torque sensing limited-slip differential that helps to eliminate understeer, as well as variable ratio electric steering, and the DCC[®] adaptive damping system.

Driving Mode Selection comes standard, and allows drivers to customize their vehicle's dynamic behavior. This system includes five modes to choose from: "Normal," "Sport," "Eco," "Comfort," and "Custom." Normal mode gives a balanced drive experience, while Sport is tuned for a more dynamic throttle and shift response, tighter steering, and a more spirited exhaust



note. Eco mode optimizes shift points, throttle response and climate control settings for improved fuel economy. Custom allows a driver to tailor the steering, throttle, front differential, engine note, and climate control settings.

An impressive list of luxurious features and technology come standard on GLI. To keep passengers comfortable, heated and ventilated front seats, heated rear seats, dual-zone Climatronic® automatic climate control, automatic headlights, KESSY® keyless access with push-button start, rain-sensing wipers, and an auto-dimming rearview mirror are standard.

Technology features include Driver Personalization, App-Connect technology that offers compatible smartphone integration with the three major platforms—Apple CarPlay™, Android Auto™ and MirrorLink®—and 10-color customizable wrap-around ambient lighting. Also standard is a „rail2rail“ sunroof, the Volkswagen Digital Cockpit display with unique GLI graphics, 400-watt BeatsAudio® system, SiriusXM® radio, Voice Control, two USB ports, wireless mobile phone charging and remote start (automatic transmission models only).

The GLI's technology extends beyond the cabin to include a comprehensive suite of standard and available safety and driver assistance technology including Forward Collision Warning and Autonomous Emergency Braking (Front Assist), Blind Spot Monitor, Rear Traffic Alert, and the Automatic Post-Collision Braking System.

The 2019 Volkswagen Jetta GLI will be available from \$31,695. The first production run will be limited-edition 35th Anniversary models priced from \$32,445. It is expected to begin arriving at Canadian Volkswagen dealers in the next few weeks.

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