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30th Birthday for the VW Golf



To mark the 30th birthday of the Golf, Volkswagen UK ran a campaign to find all those people born on the same day as the launch of the original car. By entering through a special website, one of these individuals stood to win a new Mk5 Golf 1.6 SE. It was estimated that 1,800 people were born on 30th January 1974 and of these, 1,225 entered the competition. The winner received the car on their 30th birthday.

Mk5 Launch

Looking through the new brochures on the MK5, the launch models are very limited. There are three specification levels to choose from, the S, SE or GTI and a choice of 6 engines. New to the engine range is the 2.0 TDI with 140bhp on tap. The GTI models are either badged GT FSI for the petrol models or GT TDI for the diesel models. Currently there are no V5 or V6 engined cars, these will appear later.

The Mk5 Golf range starts at £11,995 and rises to £18,530, a quick check shows the new cars are about £1000 more than the old models. Looking through the options list, the S and GT models can be

ordered with a parking heater. This enables you to programme a heater to come on whilst the car is parked so when you return the car is warm. This was an option on the older air cooled cars many years ago. The cost of this is between £755 and £855 depending on model.

VW dealers are trying to sell the Mk4 cars and Volkswagen has introduced a Golf Match as a cut price limited edition. The Match model range has been reduced by between £705 and £1000, whilst gaining a CD player, 15" Avus alloy wheels, remote central locking including an alarm and a multi function computer. We'll have to wait to see if more limited editions are announced. But, if you're in the market for a Mk4 then you may be able to bag a bargain.

Technical Information

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Events

A full list of events for 2004 will soon be posted on the Club website at www.clubgti.com

Discounts

If you're aware of a company who will offer Club GTI members a discount, please let us know so we can pass the information on to other members.

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