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Volkswagen's new Golf 118TSI announced as overall winner in 'DRIVE Car of the Year Awards 2009'

Volkswagen is also a triple category award winner

Volkswagen has taken out the overall win as 'Drive Car of the Year 2009' with its Golf 118TSI. In addition to that, Volkswagen can claim three category wins:

- 1. Best Performance Car under \$60,000: Volkswagen Golf GTI**
- 2. Best Small Car over \$20,000: Volkswagen Golf 118TSI**
- 3. Best Luxury Car under \$60,000: Volkswagen Passat CC 2.0 TDI**

The New Golf has gone from strength to strength beginning with its claim to fame as 'World Car of the Year 2009'. On a local level it has obviously managed to impress the motoring experts as well.

Apart from the overall win, the New Golf 118TSI has convinced the judges in the 'Best Small Car over \$20,000' segment to establish itself as the benchmark in this segment against two strong contenders.

The Passat CC - previously awarded for its styling and good looks - now officially gets recognition as a great-value package in the luxury car segment by taking out the award for 'Best Luxury Car under \$60,000'.

Anke Koeckler, Volkswagen Group Australia's Managing Director, is pleased to see the new Golf claim a double victory. "It is fantastic to see the new Golf

GTI follow in its predecessor's footsteps continuing its success as the true leader in the hot hatch segment. Volkswagen has delivered again on what was already an impressive car - obviously leaving a lasting impression with the judges. Overall, the new Golf range has established itself as a serious player setting a benchmark in the small car segment."

The judges praised the Golf 118TSI for its strong performance and frugal consumption. National Drive editor Toby Hagon says, "The Golf 118TSI blends above average performance with class leading economy in a well presented small car package."

"It sets a new benchmark for small car performance while using around 20 per cent less fuel than some of the big sellers in the class. The Golf has a high quality interior with attention to detail most competitors don't come close to."

The Drive Car of the Year Awards are regarded as the ultimate consumer guide in Australia. An expert panel of 10 motoring journalists at Drive.com.au, the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age have picked this year's winners in 14 categories from 48 nominees.