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## **Volkswagen's new Golf crowned '2009 Carsguide Car of the Year' winner**

The new Golf has taken top spot at the '2009 Carsguide Car of the Year' awards, establishing itself as the benchmark in the small car segment with Australian motoring experts.

The new Golf was awarded 'World Car of the Year 2009' earlier this year and now uses its winning formula in Australia to continue the claim to fame. It went on sale in Australia in early 2009 and has received rave reviews since.

Anke Koeckler, Volkswagen Group Australia's Managing Director, commented on the significance of this award. "It is a very important achievement for the Volkswagen brand in the Australian market to succeed against such an impressive range of contenders. This win demonstrates that not only the consumers but the media have embraced the new Golf as a leader in its segment and the market."

The National Motoring Editor of Carsguide, Paul Gover, commented: "The right car won. The Golf was voted World Car of The Year when it landed in Europe and now it has claimed the big prize in Australia".

The judging panel on the '2009 Carsguide Car of the Year' Awards consists of Motoring editors and senior writers from Sydney's The Daily Telegraph, Melbourne's Herald Sun, Brisbane's The Courier-Mail, Adelaide's The Advertiser, Hobart's Mercury, Perth's Sunday Times and carsguide.com.au. Nine judges evaluated the best new car releases of 2009 resulting in one overall winner.