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### **Three in a row - Golf GTI wins 'DRIVE Car of the Year Award'**

The Golf GTI has won its third consecutive award at the 2008 'DRIVE Car of the Year Awards'.

#### **Best Performance Car under \$60,000: Golf GTI**

Volkswagen Group Australia's Managing Director, Jutta Dierks, said "this win is a great confirmation of what a convincing product the Golf GTI represents."

"Since its launch, the Golf GTI has been one of our best selling models, it is an enduring performance car with good reason," said Ms Dierks.

The DRIVE Car of the Year judges chose the Golf GTI ahead of some highly fancied rivals including the Mitsubishi Evo and Ford XR6 Turbo.

The DRIVE team remarked in their report on the award winners: "The Golf's 2.0-litre turbo and automated manual transmission (DSG) make a perfect match, providing ample performance and a wonderful exhaust note."

This is the third year that the Drive Car of the Year Awards have been held. Nine experienced motoring journalists from the Fairfax group of online and newspaper media made up the judging panel spending 6 days judging 42 vehicles in 13 different categories.