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What Car? Award 2008: Double for Volkswagen

Volkswagen Golf 1.4 TSI – Best Small Family Car

Volkswagen Eos 2.0 TSI – Best Open Top Car

Wolfsburg / London, 18 January 2008: Yesterday Volkswagen scored victories all over Europe. At midday, Germany's Automobile Association ADAC presented its "Yellow Angel" award to Europe's biggest carmaker in Munich. A few hours later in London, Volkswagen won the prestigious "What Car? Award" in two categories.

The Golf 1.4 TSI was named "Best Small Family Car" for the second year running amidst fierce competition. The ten-man journalist jury from the UK's top-selling motoring magazine was looking for the "small family friend" among numerous vehicle types. The car needed to provide sufficient space and protection for adults, children and their luggage when travelling on motorways, in town and in commuter traffic. One decisive criteria was certainly the fact that over 70,000 Golfs were sold in the British Isles last year.

Dr Rüdiger Sengel, head of petrol engine development, says: "I am extremely proud. This award confirms the international success of our

innovative TSI engines. By using this concept, Volkswagen has managed to reduce consumption and, at the same time, increase performance.”

The Eos also picked up an award in London last night for the second time in succession. In the category “Best Open Top Car”, the What Car? editors voted in favour of the Volkswagen by a clear majority. They were impressed by both the powerful 2.0-litre TSI engine and also the excellent design that is rounded off by the five-part folding roof.

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