

## Volkswagen Racing Golf GTI

This was the first ever Golf GTI mk5 converted for motorsport use anywhere in the world. It has competed since then in the Volkswagen Racing Cup, and remains one of the fastest cars through the speed traps. This has been the car that the majority of our technical development has been focussed on, and it's reliability is a testament to this programme.

It also has an interesting history, as it was the first ever Golf GTI that Volkswagen bought into the UK. In fact, while still standard, it was the very car that appeared in all the poster advertising for the launch (for those who remember, it had an 'old' 1976 R-reg number plate on). It was even on the set of the 'Singing in the Rain' TV ad, but at the last minute the director substituted a silver car feeling that the red paint didn't stand out enough against the set.

In its first year of racing, it was sponsored by CAR magazine, mainly raced by editor Jason Barlow and road test editor Chris Chilton. Jason described it as the best handling front-wheel drive car he had ever driven - high praise indeed.

After that first season it was repainted in the distinctive white, green and yellow colours of Europcar and has been driven by their Fleet Director Michael McInerney since then.





**GOLF GTI Mk V racing version**

Engine capacity (litres / cc)	2.0 / 1984 FSI
Configuration	4 cyl, 16v, turbocharged
Engine management	Volkswagen Racing mapping
Power output (PS @ rpm)	240 PS (std model 200)
Drive	Front-wheel drive VWR solid engine mounts
Gearbox	Six speed manual, VWR limited slip differential Quick Shift Gearchange
Clutch	VWR Sintered metal plate
Exhaust system	VWR race system with Race Catalyst
Shell	Production shell, fully stripped, welded-in multi-point roll cage to FIA standard. VWR Front Splitter
Safety	Recaro HANS racing seat, six-point harness, plumbed-in fire extinguisher system
Steering	Power assisted rack and pinion
Brakes	VWR 360mm 6-pot ventilated front discs VWR rear discs Mintex racing pads, ABS disabled, Adjustable bias
Front suspension	VWR two-way adjustable race dampers, height adjustable Adjustable anti-roll bar VWR Solid bushes
Rear suspension	Multi-link production suspension, VWR two-way adjustable race dampers, Adjustable anti-roll bar VWR Solid bushes
Wheels	8x18 in VWR alloy wheels
Tyres	Hankook Slick/Wet 225/40 ZR18
Weight	1173 kg