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## 2012 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF R: VW'S NEW PERFORMANCE ICON

*With 256 horsepower, the Golf R is the most powerful VW sports performance vehicle ever sold in the U.S.*

- *R employs most powerful Golf production engine sold in the U.S.*
- *Six-speed manual transmission and all-wheel drive are standard*
- *Predicted fuel economy of 19 mpg city, 27 mpg highway*
- *Bi-Xenon headlights and LED DRLs standard on Base trim*
- *On-sale early 2012 as a 2012 model, in both two- and four-door versions*

**Herndon, VA** – The Golf R will go on sale in early 2012, and features a high-output version of Volkswagen's 2.0-liter, turbocharged four-cylinder FSI® engine, making 256 horsepower and 243 pound-feet of torque. There will be just one transmission option: a six-speed manual. Drive is taken to all four wheels through a fourth-generation Haldex® system.

In keeping with the R's mission as a performance flagship for the VW brand, the vehicle is equipped with a sport-tuned suspension, upgraded brakes, and unique 18-inch wheels. Even the Electronic Stability Control system has been re-tuned for a sportier driving experience. With a predicted weight of 3325 pounds for the two-door model, distributed 60 percent up front, it's estimated that the Golf R will sprint from 0 to 60 mph in less than six seconds. Top speed will be electronically limited to 130 mph. The fuel economy is predicted to be excellent for such a sporting car, with 19 mpg in the city and 27 mpg on the highway.

The Golf R will be available in both two- and four-door forms, the first time in the U.S. for a Golf R model. The car signals its sporting intent with a number of interior and exterior enhancements. The front bumper has a motorsport look, there's a high-gloss black radiator grille and dramatic LED DRLs are integrated into the Bi-Xenon headlights. Gloss-black-painted brake calipers nestle behind stylish new 18-inch aluminum-alloy wheels. At the rear of the car, there's a center-mounted chrome twin tailpipe and a racing-style diffuser, also highlighted in gloss black.

The interior gains a unique steering wheel, shifter knob, door sill plates and trim that differentiate it from the GTI. There are two trim levels: Base and High. Inside, the Base model features a multifunction

steering wheel and leather-topped seats with the R logo, while the High trim adds a sunroof, the RNS 315 navigation system, the Dynaudio® sound system, and keyless entry with push-button start.

### **About Volkswagen of America, Inc.**

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