



VOLKSWAGEN OF AMERICA, INC  
2200 Ferdinand Porsche Drive  
Herndon, Virginia 20171  
[www.media.vw.com](http://www.media.vw.com)  
@VWNews

## Media Information

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Tuesday, April 18, 2017**

CONTACT: Nicole Redding  
571-471-9257

[nicole.redding@vw.com](mailto:nicole.redding@vw.com)

William Gock  
703-364-7726

[william.gock@vw.com](mailto:william.gock@vw.com)

### **VOLKSWAGEN e-GOLF NAMED 2017 AAA GREEN CAR GUIDE'S TOP GREEN VEHICLE IN COMPACT CAR CATEGORY**

*Annual report produced by the Automobile Club of Southern California's Automotive Research Center highlighted the e-Golf's sharp handling, responsive steering and smooth acceleration*

**HERNDON, VA (April 18, 2017)** — Volkswagen of America, Inc. is pleased to announce that the Volkswagen e-Golf SE has earned the Top Green Vehicle award amongst compact cars in the 2017 AAA Green Car Guide. Of the 21 compact cars reviewed, the e-Golf scored highest amongst its competitors based on a total point score in 13 different attributes including, but not limited to: slalom handling, visibility, EPA emissions, ride quality and interior noise.

"We are very happy that the e-Golf SE has been selected as the Top Green Vehicle in such a competitive segment," said Hendrik Muth, Senior Vice President, Product Marketing & Strategy, Volkswagen of America, Inc. "The e-Golf embodies all of the great things inherently Volkswagen in an all-electric package."

"The Volkswagen e-Golf SE is proof that affordable battery-electric efficiency and sporty driving don't have to be mutually exclusive," said Megan McKernan, manager of the Automobile Club of Southern California's Automotive Research Center. "The e-Golf's ride quality, handling and quiet interior helped earn it a Top Green Vehicle Award in its category of the AAA Green Car Guide."

For the 2017 model year, the e-Golf retains all its inherent properties, but offers an improved EPA-estimated range and fuel economy over last year's model, as well as more power. For 2017, Volkswagen is using a new lithium-ion battery with an increased energy capacity of 35.8 kWh from 24.2 kWh. The new battery helps increase the vehicle's range from an EPA-estimated total range of 83 miles to 125 miles on a single charge. The 7.2 kW on-board charger is now standard on both SE and SEL Premium trims, which enables the battery to be charged in less than six hours at a 240V charging station. When equipped with DC Fast Charging

(optional on SE, standard on SEL Premium), the battery can be charged to 80 percent within an hour at a DC fast charging station.

Improved battery chemistry also helps improve the overall fuel economy of the 2017 e-Golf. For city driving, the EPA estimated fuel economy is 126 MPGe; highway driving is rated at 111 MPGe, and combined city/highway at 119 MPGe, improved over the 2016 EPA estimates of 126, 105 and 116, respectively. The 2017 e-Golf EPA estimates are the best in the Compact Class, as defined by the EPA.

The electric motor on the 2017 e-Golf has been upgraded as well. Where the 2016 e-Golf utilized a 115 horsepower electric motor, the new electric motor develops 134 horsepower. At the same time, the maximum torque of the electric motor has been boosted from 199 lb-ft to 214 lb-ft. The 2017 e-Golf runs zero to 60 mph faster than its predecessor—now in just 9.6 seconds—and its top speed increases to 93 mph.

In addition to these engineering improvements, the 2017 e-Golf is wallet friendly. Using 13 cents per kilowatt-hour, the EPA has estimated an annual fuel cost of just \$550.

The 2017 e-Golf goes on sale this Spring. Pricing will be announced closer to market introduction.

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

Founded in 1955, Volkswagen of America, Inc., an operating unit of Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (VWoA) is headquartered in Herndon, Virginia. It is a subsidiary of Volkswagen AG, headquartered in Wolfsburg, Germany. VWoA's operations in the United States include research and development, parts and vehicle processing, parts distribution centers, sales, marketing and service offices, financial service centers, and its state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Volkswagen Group is one of the world's largest producers of passenger cars and Europe's largest automaker. VWoA sells the Beetle, Beetle Convertible, CC, e-Golf, Golf, Golf GTI, Golf R, Golf Alltrack, Golf SportWagen, Jetta, Passat, Tiguan and Touareg vehicles through approximately 652 independent U.S. dealers. Visit Volkswagen of America online at [www.vw.com](http://www.vw.com) or [media.vw.com](http://media.vw.com) to learn more.

#### **About AAA Green Car Guide:**

The *AAA Green Car Guide* is an annual report produced by the Automobile Club of Southern California's Automotive Research Center that reviews and ranks electric, hybrid, alternative fuel, fuel efficient and low emitting gasoline-powered vehicles based on a number of characteristics including fuel economy, emissions, ride comfort, braking, handling, etc. The purpose of the guide is to provide motorists with useful information about green technologies and vehicles and assist motorists in the vehicle purchasing process. For more information, visit [www.AAA.com](http://www.AAA.com).

#### **About the Automobile Club of Southern California's Automotive Research Center:**

The Automobile Club of Southern California's Automotive Research Center is a state-of-the-art research facility in Los Angeles, California that conducts fuel efficiency, emissions, On Board Diagnostic (OBD), horsepower and other automotive test procedures. Additional road tests are also completed at the Auto Club

Speedway in Fontana, California. It is operated by Auto Club engineers and technicians with years of experience in automotive research and testing.

Notes:

This press release and images of the 2016 and 2017 e-Golf are available at [media.vw.com](http://media.vw.com). Follow us @VWNews.

"VW", "Volkswagen", all model names and the Volkswagen logo are registered trademarks of Volkswagen AG.

Features and technical data apply to models offered in the USA. They may differ in other countries. The e-Golf vehicle is only available at participating dealers in select states.

All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

The e-Golf vehicle is only available at participating dealers in select states.

2017 e-Golf EPA estimated range is 125 miles. 2017 e-Golf EPA estimates: 126 city/111 highway MPGe. Actual mileage will vary and depend on several factors including driving and charging habits, accessory use, temperature and topography, battery age, and vehicle condition. Battery capacity decreases with time and use. See owner's manual for details.

Charge in under 6 hours is the approximate time with available 240V home charging wall box, purchased separately. Actual charge time will vary and depends on several factors including battery age and vehicle condition. Battery capacity decreases with time and use. See dealer or owner's literature for limited warranty details.

Charging up to 80% in one hour requires charging at select DC fast charging stations. Frequent and consecutive high-voltage charging (including DC charging) can permanently decrease the capacity of the high-voltage battery. See owner's manual for details.

Top track speed electronically limited in U.S. Always obey all speed and traffic laws.

EPA estimated annual fuel costs are based on 45% highway, 55% city driving, 15,000 annual miles and current fuel price.