

FROM SHOWCAR TO PRODUCTION

As an entirely newly developed vehicle, the design of the up! is virtually identical to the showcar presented in 2007. Especially the short overhangs at the front and rear were adopted. The typical Volkswagen space concept has made the up! a day-to-day companion. The new engine and the MQ and SQ gearboxes make driving fun. In addition to this, the up! complies with the highest safety requirements.



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SEGMENT EXTENSION

The up! extends the Volkswagen range in the small car segment with vehicle lengths of about 3.50 m, internally referred to as the A00 class. But its design orientation and efficiency clearly differ from its two predecessors, the Lupo (up to 2005) and the Fox (from 2005). The IAA 2007 saw the unveiling of the first up! model with a rear engine. The proportions of this study were particularly striking due to the short overhangs. Together with a large wheelbase in relation to the overall length, this has made it possible to make generous use of the space for the A00 segment. Due to the public's response to the study, virtually all of the styling and proportions of the showcar were transferred to the series vehicle. A new platform as well as a new gearbox and three-cylinder engine generation were developed for this purpose.

The external package dimensions are classic for the A00 segment. The overall length accounts for 3540 mm with a wide wheelbase of 2420 mm. At 585 mm, the front overhang is rather short. These measures have achieved good use of the interior, enlarging the space for the passengers at the front as well as in the rear. **1** illustrates the relationship of the trunk volume to the vehicle length as a gage of how the space has been used in the A00 class. Compared with the competitors, the trunk volume of 251 l of the up! takes pole position. Generally, a greater wheelbase enables a more advantageous use of the interior. However, it is the simultaneous realisation of a lower curb weight while maintaining the usual high standards of comfort and safety that enables efficient and dynamic driving in equal measure. For that, the up! has good conditions, featuring a curb weight of 854 kg. At the same time, high crash safety and body stiffness are achieved.

PERFORMANCE AND CONSUMPTION

Synergies within the Group's engine range have brought about a change from the rear engine originally presented in the showcar to the front-mounted engine concept. The engine is compatible with the standard of the modular transverse matrix (MQB) by Volkswagen with a standardised installation position and hence, is suited as starting drive train for the A0 class. The ancillary components like the generator and the compressor are attached directly to the engine without a separate bracket. The entirely newly developed 1.0 l three-cylinder MPI engine offers compact driving fun with a choice of two power ratings, 44 kW and 55 kW. In both performance classes, the efficient



1 Relationship of trunk volume to vehicle length

engine complies with the new Euro 5A standard. Reducing the curb weight and optimising the air resistance brought the c_d value down to 0.32, and it was further reduced by various other measures. The BlueMotion Technology offers a catalouge of measures to further reduce consumption and emissions. The start-stop system with regenerative braking, the lowering of the chassis to reduce air resistance and the use of rolling resistance-optimised tires as well as an adapted engine management system enable a CO₂ emissions value of 97 g/km. At just 105 g/km CO₂ in the basic version, the up! represents a more contemporary vehicle concept compared with its competitors. Moreover, the engine is prepared for natural gas: the up! powered with natural gas and BlueMotion Technology boasts average emissions of just 79 g/km CO₂.

DESIGN AND EQUIPMENT LINE

The up! study, which was showcased at the IAA 2007, presented the new styling language of Volkswagen to the public for the very first time. Much emphasis has been placed on the horizontal line of the front of the vehicle and the headlamps. This intensifies the identity of the Volkswagen brand and its values, and simultaneously creates an individual character. With three equipment lines, the up! boasts a multitude of individualisation options. In addition, customers can choose from the two models, up! black and up! white, right from the market launch.

A highlight of the up! is the automatic emergency braking function, City Safety, for avoiding rear-end collisions in city areas. Supported by a laser sensor which detects and analyses the traffic in front, the vehicle is automatically braked to a standstill if this is required by the traffic situation and the driver is not responding accordingly. The up! is the first vehicle ever in the small car segment to be equipped with such an assistance system.

The equipment line of the up! is based on the new Polo. The grained surface finish of the dashboard in conjunction with the chrome elements has a high-quality and robust feel. The "maps + more" system in the interior is an additional feature. It combines typical car radio functions with the versatility of a portable navigation system. The system can be removed from and installed to the provided bracket quickly. Alongside the classic infotainment functions, the customer can choose from a whole host of applications, e.g., Bluetooth telephony, visually-supported park distance control, consumption monitor and much more.

POSITIONING OF THE VEHICLE

The up! will be available as a two-door and a four-door vehicle worldwide. Its many features and its understated design distinguish this vehicle significantly from its competitors.

It is Volkswagen's dedicated aim to satisfy a broad variety of customer needs – ranging from the student to the pensioner – and to meet the requirements of men and women alike. As a consequence, the equipment concept of the up! has been designed to reflect three characteristics: simple, useful and broader. The simple concept stands for clear product design and a clean-cut options program, while the useful concept offers highly practical features tailored to the customers' needs. Finally, the broader concept adds mobility and lifestyle features to the standard equipment list.

The up! is the Volkswagen brand's entry car, giving a large group of customers the opportunity to experience Volkswagen's particular brand promise.

Unlike many competitor cars, customers can choose from numerous options to build their own, individual up!, for example, a modern two-door lifestyle car or a practical four-door vehicle. In total the up! is more than only an intelligent product: pure and authentic.

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