

# 2020 Civic Type R vs. 2020 WRX STI



2020 Honda Civic Type R



2020 Subaru WRX STI

	Civic Type R Touring	WRX STI (STI & Limited)
Exterior	The Civic Type R sports aggressive <b>20-inch alloy wheels</b>	The WRX STI rolls on less impressive <b>19-inch alloys</b>
Performance	<b>295</b> <sub>lb-ft</sub> The Type R has an edge in peak torque: 295 lb-ft @ 2500-4500 rpm <sup>1</sup> , plus it starts much sooner and lasts longer	<b>290</b> <sub>lb-ft</sub> With 290 lb-ft @ 4000-5200 rpm, the Subaru's engine delivers a shorter burst of acceleration later in the rev range
	The Honda weighs in at a light, lean and responsive <b>3,117 lbs</b>	With a weight range of <b>3,450-3,514 lbs</b> , the WRX STI gives its engine a much heavier load to haul around
	The rev-matching feature on the Type R makes for smoother and more racer-like downshifts every time	The WRX STI has no rev-match feature, so its driver had better be well-versed in heel-toe downshifting
	<b>22 city/28 hwy/25 comb</b> Given its searing performance, the Civic Type R receives impressive EPA fuel-economy ratings: 22 city/28 highway/25 combined <sup>2</sup>	<b>16 city/22 hwy/19 comb</b> The Subaru's much lower EPA ratings: 16 city/22 highway/19 combined mean it could be making a lot more pit stops at the gas station
	With the adaptive dampers on the Type R, the driver has fingertip control over suspension tuning—for everything from track-day stiff to grocery-run comfortable	The dampers on the WRX STI are unchanging, regardless of the conditions
Comfort & Convenience	<b>25.7-46.2</b> <sub>cu ft</sub> With a cargo-volume range of 25.7-46.2 cubic feet, depending on the rear seatback position, the Type R can haul some serious groceries	<b>12.0</b> <sub>cu ft</sub> Since it's a sedan, the WRX STI is limited to a 12.0-cubic-foot trunk for cargo

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Comfort & Convenience	<p><b>12</b> speakers <b>540</b> watts</p> <p>The Honda's road-rocking, 12-speaker, 540-watt audio system makes for an appropriate soundtrack to its thundering performance</p>	<p><b>9</b> speakers <b>440</b> watts</p> <p>The very pricey WRX STI Limited trim stretches the audio specs to just 9 speakers and 440 watts</p>
Safety & Driver-Assistive	<p><b>Honda SENSING</b></p> <p>Driver confidence and convenience are enhanced on the Type R with standard CMBS<sup>TM3</sup>, RDM<sup>4</sup>, LKAS<sup>5</sup> and ACC<sup>6</sup></p> <p>The Type R comes standard with auto high-beam headlights to enhance nighttime driving convenience</p> <p>A multi-angle rearview camera<sup>7</sup> is standard on the Type R</p>	<p>No WRX STI has any features similar to those provided in the Honda Sensing<sup>®</sup> suite</p> <p>No STI has auto high beams</p> <p>The Subaru's camera provides only a single view</p>

**The Verdict:** The Civic Type R has the edge in performance, versatility, enjoyability and confidence-inspiring tech. The Honda offers:



- More responsive power in a lighter package
- Significant advantages in efficiency
- Vastly greater day-to-day cargo-hauling space
- The most complete suite of safety and driver-assistive features



<sup>1</sup>295 lb-ft @ 2500–4500 rpm (SAE net). <sup>2</sup>22 city/28 highway/25 combined mpg rating. Based on 2020 EPA mileage ratings. Use for comparison purposes only. Your mileage will vary depending on how you drive and maintain your vehicle, driving conditions and other factors. <sup>3</sup>CMBS cannot detect all objects ahead and may not detect a given object; accuracy will vary based on weather, speed and other factors. System operation affected by extreme interior heat. Driver remains responsible for safely operating vehicle and avoiding collisions. <sup>4</sup>Road Departure Mitigation only alerts drivers when lane drift is detected without a turn signal in use and can apply mild steering torque to assist driver in maintaining proper lane position and/or brake pressure to slow the vehicle's departure from a detected lane. RDM may not detect all lane markings or lane departures; accuracy will vary based on weather, speed and road condition. System operation affected by extreme interior heat. Driver remains responsible for safely operating vehicle and avoiding collisions. <sup>5</sup>LKAS only assists driver in maintaining proper lane position when lane markings are identified without a turn signal in use and can only apply mild steering torque to assist. LKAS may not detect all lane markings; accuracy will vary based on weather, speed and road condition. System operation affected by extreme interior heat. Driver remains responsible for safely operating vehicle and avoiding collisions. <sup>6</sup>ACC cannot detect all objects ahead and may not detect a given object; accuracy will vary based on weather, speed, and other factors. ACC should not be used in heavy traffic, poor weather, or on winding roads. Driver remains responsible for safely operating vehicle and avoiding collisions. <sup>7</sup>Always visually confirm that it is safe to drive before backing up; the rearview camera display does not provide complete information about all conditions and objects at the rear of your vehicle