

2020 Civic Si Sedan vs. 2019 VW Golf GTI



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Value	The Civic Si's MSRP (\$25,000 ¹) is thousands less than even the most affordable Golf GTI trim	Not only is the base GTI S (\$28,490 ¹) much more expensive, but the VW's MSRP can also balloon to \$36,890 ¹ for the Autobahn
	The Honda has historically retained significantly more value over time, with double-digit advantages in ALG residual values ²	The GTI's relative plunge in value after both 36 and 60 months means the VW buyer will pay more—but could recover thousands less at sale or trade-in time
Performance	The Civic Si Sedan's curb weight (2,906 lbs) is lighter than that of any GTI trim, enhancing acceleration, cornering and braking	The VW's curb weights range from 3,031 to 3,128 lbs—or from 125 to 222 lbs heavier than the Honda
	The Si Sedan comes standard with an adaptive suspension system that can firm up for sportier driving at the touch of a button	A similar feature is unavailable on GTI S and Rabbit Edition trims, costs \$860 extra on SE and is standard only on the high-priced Autobahn model
	The Civic Si Sedan receives higher EPA fuel-economy ratings in every category (26 city/36 highway/30 combined) ³	The GTI is rated at just 24 city/32 highway/27 combined
Comfort & Convenience	With more legroom front (42.3 in) and rear (37.4 in), Civic Si occupants can stretch out in greater comfort	The GTI comes up 1.1 inches shorter in front (41.2 in) and 1.8 inches less in the rear (35.6 in)
	Shoulder room is another Civic Si advantage, both in the front row (56.9 in) and the rear (55.0 in)	GTI riders squeeze into 1.0-inch less room up front (55.9 in) and 1.1-inch less in the back (53.9 in)
	The Civic Si Sedan rocks the road with a standard 10-speaker, 450-watt audio system	The extremely expensive GTI Autobahn trims comes up just short, with 9 speakers and 400 watts
	Dual-zone automatic climate control is another standard comfort-enhancing feature on the Honda	Only GTI buyers who can afford the Autobahn model get to enjoy it
	A standard power moonroof lets in the sun and sky for Civic Si passengers	GTI S and Rabbit Edition occupants can't savor a similar experience

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Safety & Driver-Assistive	The Collision Mitigation Braking System™ (CMBS™) ⁴ is standard on the 2020 Civic Si Sedan	A feature similar to CMBS costs an extra \$450 on the GTI S, and is standard only on the higher trims
	Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) ⁵ , Lane Keeping Assist System (LKAS) ⁶ and auto high-beam headlights are also standard on the Civic Si Sedan	Similar features require the GTI buyer to spend Autobahn money
	Confidence-enhancing features Honda LaneWatch™ ⁷ and the Road Departure Mitigation System (RDM) ⁸ come standard on the 2020 Civic Si Sedan	VW offers nothing to match Honda LaneWatch or RDM

The Verdict: The Civic Si Sedan provides performance-loving drivers with the smartest, most comfortable and confidence-enhancing ticket to exhilaration. Compared to the VW Golf GTI, the Honda Civic Si Sedan offers:



- Substantially more value
- Lighter, more agile performance
- A more spacious cabin
- More standard comfort, convenience and audio features
- A longer list of standard safety and driver-assistive technologies



¹MSRPs including delivery and handling. ²Example: As of 7/25/2019, the 2019 Civic Si Sedan was projected to retain 59% of its value after 36 months and 40% after 60 months; the 2019 Golf GTI S 6MT figures were 44% after 36 months and 28% after 60 months. ³26 city/36 highway/30 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. ⁴CMBS 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. System designed to mitigate crash forces. Driver remains responsible for safely operating vehicle and avoiding collisions. ⁵ACC 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. ACC only includes a limited braking function. Driver remains responsible for slowing or stopping the vehicle to avoid a collision. ⁶LKAS 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. ⁷Display accuracy will vary based on weather, size of object and speed, and the display may not show all relevant traffic. The display is not a substitute for your own direct visual assessment of traffic conditions before changing lanes. ⁸Road 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.