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NEW VOLKSWAGEN GTI TCR RACE CAR MAKES U.S. COMPETITIVE DEBUT IN BMW ENDURANCE CHALLENGE AT DAYTONA

- *Turnkey race car comes to U.S. after success in global Touring Class Racing*
- *Race-car shares 65 percent of components with production GTI*

HERNDON, Va. (January 26, 2018) — After leading the way in the European Touring Car class for 2017, the Volkswagen GTI TCR will make its American debut today at the Daytona Motor Speedway. The #31 GTI TCR of Rumcastle Racing, with drivers Tanner Rumburg, Luke Rumburg and Jon Miller, will take its place in the field of the BMW Endurance Challenge At Daytona, part of the IMSA Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge series.

The Touring Car Racing class was introduced in 2015, and has grown to include 20 national and regional race series worldwide. The class rules specify four- or five-door vehicles, with engines of no more than 2.0 liters and 350 hp, powering the front wheels through six-speed sequential transmissions.

Last year, the GTI TCR was one of the most successful touring cars in the world; it won the "Model of the Year" award in the TCR International series, along with a driver's championship for French racer Jean-Karl Vernay. A VW GTI TCR also won its class at the VLN Endurance Championship on the Nürburgring Nordschleife.

"We're excited to see the Volkswagen GTI TCR make its first appearance on a U.S. track, especially one as historic as Daytona," said Greg Lucia, Director of Experiential Marketing for Volkswagen Group of America. "As Rumcastle Racing demonstrates, the GTI TCR puts the dream of competing in professional motorsports within reach of new teams, by offering a great value, as all Volkswagen vehicles do."

Volkswagen Motorsport offers the GTI TCR as a turn-key solution for racing teams that want factory-built quality and reliability in a package designed for performance and ease of use. About 65 percent of the parts are

carried over from the production version, including the basic engine components. Visually, the Golf GTI TCR gains its competitive look through 18-inch racing rims and a version of the award-winning MQB chassis that is about 0.6 inches wider than that of the production Golf. An adjustable aluminum-alloy rear wing—standard for all TCR cars—generates additional downforce. The car's safety features include a racing seat with head protection, a racing roll cage, and an FIA-approved safety fuel tank.

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The Volkswagen GTI TCR is not approved for use on U.S. public roads. U.S. race teams interested in purchasing the GTI TCR can contact T&H Technologies at <https://tandhtech.com/>