

VEHICLE	FORD FOCUS ST	VOLKSWAGEN GTI
BASE PRICE	\$24,495	\$24,790
PRICE AS TESTED	\$28,170	\$24,790
DIMENSIONS		
LENGTH	171.7 inches	165.9 inches
WIDTH	71.8 inches	70.0 inches
HEIGHT	58.4 inches	57.8 inches
WHEELBASE	104.3 inches	101.5 inches
FRONT TRACK	61.2 inches	60.4 inches
REAR TRACK	60.4 inches	59.7 inches
INTERIOR VOLUME	F: 52 cubic feet R: 39 cubic feet	F: 51 cubic feet R: 42 cubic feet
CARGO BEHIND	F: 45 cubic feet R: 24 cubic feet	F: 46 cubic feet R: 15 cubic feet

POWERTRAIN		
ENGINE	turbocharged DOHC 16-valve inline-4 122 cu in (1999)	turbocharged DOHC 16-valve inline-4 121 cu in (1984 cc)
POWER HP @ RPM	252 @ 5500	200 @ 5100
TORQUE LB-FT @ RPM	270 @ 2500	207 @ 1800
REDLINE/FUEL CUTOFF	6500/6800 rpm	6000/7000 rpm
LB PER HP	12.8	15.3
DRIVELINE	6-speed manual	6-speed manual
DRIVEN WHEELS	front	front
GEAR RATIO:1/MPH PER 100 RPM/ MAX MPH	1 3.23/5.6/38 2 1.95/9.4/64 3 1.32/13.8/94 4 1.03/17.5/119 5 1.13/21.9/144 6 0.94/26.2/148	1 3.36/5.4/38 2 2.09/8.7/61 3 1.47/12.6/88 4 1.10/16.4/115 5 1.11/20.9/125 6 0.93/24.9/125
AXLE RATIO:1	4.06/2.95*	3.94/3.09*

CHASSIS		
SUSPENSION	F: struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar R: multilink, coil springs, anti-roll bar	F: struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar R: multilink, coil springs, anti-roll bar
BRAKES	F: 12.6-inch vented disc R: 10.7-inch disc	F: 12.3-inch vented disc R: 10.7-inch disc
STABILITY CONTROL	fully defeatable, competition mode	traction off
TIRES	Goodyear Eagle F1 Asymmetric 2 235/40R-18 95Y XL	Pirelli P Zero Nero All Season 225/40R-18 92H M+S

C/D TEST RESULTS		
ACCELERATION		
0-30 MPH	2.4 sec	2.2 sec
0-60 MPH	6.3 sec	6.4 sec
0-100 MPH	16.5 sec	16.0 sec
0-120 MPH	26.9 sec	27.1 sec
1/4-MILE @ MPH	14.8 sec @ 95	14.8 sec @ 96
ROLLING START, 5-60 MPH	6.9 sec	7.0 sec
TOP GEAR, 30-50 MPH	8.5 sec	10.2 sec
TOP GEAR, 50-70 MPH	6.9 sec	7.5 sec
TOP SPEED	148 mph (drag ltd)	125 mph (gov ltd)
CHASSIS		
BRAKING, 70-0 MPH	164 feet	187 feet
ROADHOLDING,		
300-FT-DIA SKIDPAD	0.93 g	0.86 g
610-FT SLALOM	45.2 mph	42.7 mph†
1.6-MILE ROAD COURSE	81.4 sec, 70.8 mph, 107 mph max	83.2 sec, 69.2 mph, 110 mph max
WEIGHT		
CURB	3219 pounds	3052 pounds
%FRONT/%REAR	59.8/40.2	61.5/38.5
CG HEIGHT	22.5 inches	22.0 inches
FUEL		
TANK	12.1 gallons	14.5 gallons
RATING	91 octane‡	91 octane
EPA CITY/HWY	23/32 mpg	21/31 mpg
C/D 400-MILE TRIP	21 mpg	24 mpg
PRACTICAL STOWAGE		
BEER CASES, SEATS UP/FOLDED	7/27	8/27
LENGTH OF PIPE	113.3 in	118.5 in
LARGEST FLAT PANEL, LENGTH X WIDTH	64.8 x 37.0 in	58.5 x 38.5 in
SOUND LEVEL		
IDLE	49 dBA	44 dBA
FULL THROTTLE	86 dBA	77 dBA
70-MPH CRUISE	73 dBA	71 dBA

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FINAL RESULTS

VEHICLE	Maximum points available	Ford Focus ST	Volkswagen GTI
DRIVER COMFORT	10	7	9
ERGONOMICS	10	7	8
REAR-SEAT COMFORT	5	5	5
REAR-SEAT SPACE*	5	4	5
CARGO SPACE*	5	5	5
FEATURES/AMENITIES*	10	10	7
FIT AND FINISH	10	7	9
INTERIOR STYLING	10	8	7
EXTERIOR STYLING	10	9	7
REBATES/EXTRAS*	5	0	1
AS-TESTED PRICE	20	17	20
SUBTOTAL	100	79	83
POWERTRAIN			
1/4-MILE ACCELERATION*	20	20	20
FLEXIBILITY*	5	4	4
FUEL ECONOMY*	10	7	10
ENGINE NVH	10	7	10
TRANSMISSION	10	9	8
SUBTOTAL	55	47	52
CHASSIS			
PERFORMANCE*	20	20	16
STEERING FEEL	10	9	7
BRAKE FEEL	10	8	6
HANDLING	10	9	7
RIDE	10	8	10
SUBTOTAL	60	54	46
EXPERIENCE			
FUN TO DRIVE	25	23	21
GRAND TOTAL	240	203	202

* These objective scores are calculated from the vehicle's dimensions, capacities, rebates and



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* First ratio is for gears 1 through 4, second ratio for gears 5 and 6.
† Stability-control-inhibited. ‡ To achieve optimum performance.