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New Audi A6 is launched

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Audi is setting a new benchmark in the luxury performance segment. For the latest generation of the Audi A6 is a saloon combining supreme driving dynamics with high technology, plus outstanding comfort and exemplary equipment, thus striving for top position within this competition segment.

Powerful TDI and petrol engines with up to eight cylinders and 246 kW (335 bhp), the most advanced transmission technology, as well as the choice of front-wheel or quattro permanent all-wheel drive set the foundation for the particular supremacy of the new A6 sports saloon. And thanks to the cutting-edge suspension combined with high body rigidity, this power and performance opens up a new dimension in driving dynamics



Measuring 4.92 metres in length, 1.86 metres in width, and 1.46 metres in height, the new Audi A6 visibly sets a new standard. The lines of the car combine the clear architecture typical of Audi with other core elements of the brand's progressive design.



Seen from the front, the trapezoidal design of the single-frame radiator grille reveals clearly that the A6 represents the latest generation of Audi models. The most advanced headlight technology, in turn, is equally visible behind the clear-glass headlight covers: the new A6 is the first Audi to feature as an option dynamic adaptive light technology incorporating powerful xenon plus units that help you see around corners.



A quick look at the interior is also sufficient to show the change in generations, the high and wide centre console with controls and instruments in perfect reach accentuating the sporting architecture of the interior fully integrating the driver.

The new Audi A6 is entering the market initially with a total of five power units fitted in longitudinal arrangement – three petrol and two TDI engines. All these engines share a level of power and torque that is outstanding in this segment of the market:

- 4.2 V8 with 246 kW (335 PS), 420 Newtonmeter

- 3.2 V6 FSI with 188 kW (255 PS), 330 Newtonmeter
- 2.4 V6 with 130 kW (177 PS), 230 Newtonmeter
- 3.0 TDI V6 with 165 kW (225 PS), 450 Newtonmeter
- 2.0 TDI with 103 kW (140 PS), 320 Newtonmeter.

The supreme fuel economy and dynamic performance offered by the new Audi A6 also results from the standard fitment of six-speed manual/six-speed automatic transmissions with a wide range of gear increments.

A new highlight of the manual gearboxes is the introduction of the ML gearbox generation, the abbreviation "ML" standing for "Manual/Longitudinal". The advantages for the driver are enhanced all-round efficiency combined with optimum gearshift operation featuring ultra-short, precise shift travel.

After making its successful production debut in the Audi A6 2.8 in the year 2000, multitronic now once again proves its special qualities in the new A6, combining the benefits of a manual gearbox with those of a geared automatic transmission. A new feature is the introduction of 7 shift stages in the tiptronic mode.

quattro permanent all-wheel drive is a typical feature of all high-performance Audi models. With the power unit and drivetrain of the new A6 being fitted longitudinally, all models come with a Torsen centre differential distributing engine torque in a straightforward but very effective flow of power to the front and rear axles and thus making a significant contribution to the driving dynamics and superior safety even in extreme situations so typical of quattro drive.

The 4.2 and 3.0 TDI models come as standard with quattro all-wheel drive, which is optional on the 3.2 FSI.

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