

Yes yes!

“¡Sí, sí!” En español, the Volkswagen CC comes with two thumbs up. by Joe Sage



CC is the orange in Volkswagen's basket of apples, a standalone model that's bigger than the Beetle-Golf-Jetta range, a little smaller than the midsize Passat sedan, with premium four-door-coupe style and finish that place it at the top of the VW car lineup by price. But before comparing it with the economical Jetta or sedate Passat, compare it to other premium brands. If you suffer no badge envy, the CC puts you in a premium German sedan-coupe for thousands less.

The CC has the business-lunch presence of a Passat, with more panache. The CC's sleek cabin volume makes it officially a compact, though it feels like a larger car inside.

Our tester was the Sport trim, which in this case is not a performance

upgrade, but rather the base model. At base, however, CC Sport comes with navigation, back-up camera, and keyless entry and start, three inclusions we consider essential, all standard.

Ours did not have lane departure or blind spot warnings, which it would benefit from, especially given its sleek greenhouse. It was also a little short on connectivity for some devices, relying on Bluetooth, SD cards or accessory cabling.

For \$3345 more, the R-Line Executive model adds panoramic sunroof, full leather, paddle shift, automatic cruise, lane departure warning, collision warning with emergency braking assist and a few other goodies. Volkswagen used to set up their features to require about three add-on packages for the fundamentals. Not so on this. At either trim level, you get a lot for the money. ■

SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE	2.0L 16v turbo/intercooled, FSI
HP/TORQUE	200 hp / 207 lb-ft
TRANSMISSION / DRIVETRAIN	6-spd DSG / FWD
BRAKES	dual circ F 12.3x1.0 vent, R 11.1x0.5 solid
STEERING / TURN.CIRC.	rack & pinion elec / 37.4 ft
SUSPENSION	FR: strut-type, lower control arms, coils, telescopic dampers, anti-roll bar; R: multilink w/coils, telescopic dampers, anti-roll bar
WHEELS / TIRES	17x8 alum alloy, 235/45 R17 (AVAIL: 18.8 alum alloy, 235/40 R18)
LENGTH / WHEELBASE	189.1 in / 106.7 in
SEATING / CARGO CAPACITY	five / 13.2 cu.ft
WEIGHT	3369 lb
FUEL / CAPACITY	premium recom. / 18.5 gal
MPG	22/31/25 (city/hwy/comb)
BASE PRICE	\$34,475
INCLUDED:	dual-zone auto climate, leather/leatherette seats/wheel, rear camera, 8-sprk audio, bi-xenon auto headlights, front fogs, keyless entry/start, heated folding power mirrors, rain-sense wipers, more
VW CAR-NET®:	App-connect smartphone integration, navigation/infotainment, emergency assist, remote access and vehicle info trial period
DESTINATION CHARGE:	865
TOTAL	\$35,340

