

Audi RS 6: 20 years, 20 facts

Did you know that...?

... the **DRC chassis** (Dynamic Ride Control) originated in the first generation (C5) and is still used today in the current generation (C8*) with the same functional principle?

... the wide construction of the RS 6 requires modified tanks and longer tank piping? Refueling during the prototype drives in the development phase always brings a smile due to the noise of the air known as “**tank mooing**”. Thanks to further tank piping optimization, this noise is naturally switched off in series production.

... the current C8* generation of the RS 6 only has **three exterior carryover parts** from the basic model? Specifically, they are the roof, the two front doors, and the tailgate.

... the engine in the C6 generation of the RS 6 took up so much space in the front that we moved the **cooling water reservoir** to an unusual position? The passenger door had to be opened to check the coolant level, and the cooling water level read off the bottom of the A-pillar.

... the **exterior color “Sebring Black Crystal Effect”** – exclusively offered for the first time in the C8* generation – took its name from the racing premiere of the RS 6 (C5) “Competition” (SCCA = Sportscar Club of America) on March 14, 2003, in Sebring, Florida? To this day, all RS colors in the name refer to well-known international racetracks.

... any RS 6 generation can have a **biturbo-charged** engine?

... going back to the first generation, the RS 6 was the first and only RS model that consistently implemented the **double-flow RS exhaust system with oval tailpipes** that are today’s standard?

... all RS 6 generations have a **quattro drive**?

... the flat **LED headlights** of the C8* generation come from the Audi A7 of the same era? Consequently, the RS 6 is visually very different from the other A6 models and the only model within the A6 family that can be ordered with laser light.

... because of the large units and technologies like additional cooling, the **auxiliary heater** planned at the start of the C6 and C7 generations had to be replaced? This special feature, popular with customers, has only been available since the C8* generation due to better space. It emphasizes the vehicle’s suitability for everyday use.

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... the C8* generation is the first Audi model to feature completely **black-painted alloy wheels** as standard equipment for the winter season?

.... the car has been a member of the “**high-speed club**” of cars that can drive over 300 km/h (186 mph) since the RS 6 plus of the C6 generation?

... the **aluminum matte look package** is only available on RS models and has been used since the first generation? Today, in addition to aluminum matte, there are optical packages in black and carbon.

... the **wide construction** used since the C5 generation is unique in the competitive environment? It offers space for larger wheel diameters, creates a muscular look, and enables sportier handling.

... one of the most popular **Audi exclusive interior colors, Cognac Brown**, was used in the limited-edition RS 6 plus (C5) model in 2004? Today, this color is an option for the RS 6 as an homage to the first generation.

.... the **market launch** of the first RS 6 took place at the Nürburgring? For the maiden journey, 30 Audi dealers entered their demonstration cars as part of the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring in front of 194,000 spectators.

.... the RS 6 Avant matured from a European car to a **global success model** and consistently tapped into important growth markets? It has been available in China since the C7 generation and the United States of America and Canada since the C8 generation. *

... the first RS 6 generation was used for **racing** in North America, namely in the Speed GT class of the American Le Mans Series (ALMS) program? Randy Pobst was the champion in the first season. His teammate Michael Galati came in second.

.... the “**Pirelli Noise Canceling System**” (PNCS) was used for the first time in the C7 generation? These special tires produce low rolling noise because of a polyurethane sponge integrated into the tire body. The system absorbs most of the vibrations, ensuring significantly less noise pollution.

... half of all RS 6 customers in Europe now order a **towing hitch**. They are taking advantage of the RS 6's DNA and its suitability for everyday use.

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Fuel/electric power consumption and emissions values of the models named above:****Audi A6 Avant**

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 7.8 – 4.5 (30.2 – 52.3 US mpg);
combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 178 – 118 (286.5 – 189.9 g/mi)

Audi RS 6 Avant

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 11.6 – 11.5 (20.3 – 20.5 US mpg);
combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 265 – 263 (426.5 – 423.3 g/mi)

Audi RS 7 Sportback

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 11.6 – 11.5 (20.3 – 20.5 US mpg);
combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 265 – 263 (426.5 – 423.3 g/mi)

***The indicated consumption and emissions values were determined according to the legally specified measuring methods. Since September 1, 2017, type approval for certain new vehicles has been performed in accordance with the Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP), a more realistic test procedure for measuring fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions. Since September 1, 2018, the WLTP has gradually replaced the New European Driving Cycle (NEDC). Due to the more realistic test conditions, the consumption and CO₂ emission values measured are in many cases higher than the values measured according to the NEDC. Additional information about the differences between WLTP and NEDC is available at www.audi.de/wltp.*

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