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Astra OPC: New Edition of Compact Sports Car

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- IDS^{Plus} with electronic damping control CDC as standard
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Rüsselsheim. “ Astra High Performance Concept” was the name of the attention-getting study Opel presented at the 2004 Paris Motor Show to demonstrate how an OPC version of the Astra GTC could look. Only six months later, the sporty top-of-the-line Astra OPC made its premiere at the Geneva Motor Show in March 2005.

The especially agile and fast three-door model is powered by a 177 kW/240 hp 2.0-liter turbo engine combined with a six-speed manual transmission. Maximum torque of 320 Newton meters ensures strong pulling power, even at low engine speeds. Zero to 100 km/h acceleration in 6.4 seconds and a top speed of 244 km/h underline that the Astra OPC is a true sports car. At the same time, fuel consumption of 9.2 l/100 km (MVEG) documents the efficiency of the high-performance unit.

The Astra OPC’ s chassis technology is also state-of-the-art in the compact class. The body stands 15 millimeters lower than the GTC, with firmer springs and shock-absorbers. The electro-hydraulic power steering also features a specific OPC set-up for optimum feedback and contact with the road. A 17-inch high-performance braking system provides powerful deceleration, durability and precise feel. The Astra OPC’ s impressive chassis is completed by the sophisticated IDS^{Plus} suspension concept with Continuous Damping Control and networking of all driving dynamics systems as standard. This also offers the driver the SportSwitch mode, which gives the shock-absorbers, steering and gas pedal a more direct set-up.

Information concerning specifications and equipment applies to the models offered in Germany. There may be differences in other markets. All data on fuel consumption refers to combined fuel consumption of the base model in the European test cycle. Subject to alteration.



The uncompromising looks reflect the sporty character of the Astra OPC. The deep front spoiler and large air intake, rear bumper with centrally positioned tailpipe, strongly contoured door sills, blue brake calipers, and five-spoke, OPC light-alloy wheels with 225/40 R 18 Y tires also distinguish it further from the GTC. The cockpit features additional OPC-specific details such as Recaro sport seats in leather/fabric, instruments with special graphics, three-spoke sport steering wheel, door sill trim in OPC design and aluminum pedals.

The Astra OPC' s extensive standard equipment includes safety features such as front and side air bags, active head restraints in front, head curtain air bags for the front and outer rear seats, seat belt force limiters combined with pyrotechnic seat belt tensioners in front, the PRS Pedal Release System and ISOFIX mountings for child seats.

Customers can place orders for the youngest member of the OPC family, soon to be followed by additional models, in September 2005. Deliveries in Germany are scheduled to begin on November 25.

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