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2010 Volkswagen Jetta TDI

I have never been a big fan of diesel powered anything, well maybe except a big rig hauling down the road, they smell, no power and they rattle like they are coming apart, oh did I mention that they smell?

I know that statement may have been a little extreme but when you follow behind 15 M-60 diesel powered tanks for three years in the Army you become a little tainted when it comes to diesel powered anything!

Then a few years back I get a call from a local North County Volkswagen dealer that had just bought 20 new/used Volkswagen Jetta diesels from out of state (At the time California would not allow the sale of new diesel powered anything in the state except big rig diesels). He asked me to come to his dealership and test drive a new diesel Jetta, I reluctantly make the trip north and once behind the wheel and with the coaxing of the GM yelling for me to "Stand on it, Burn Rubber, see what she will do"! I did and was I impressed, 35 feet of smoking rubber and an engine that was as quiet as a gas burner, what happen, did someone figure out how to make a diesel powered anything really work? Yes sir, Volkswagen did and they have kept the spirit alive and today I'm driving a jet black 2010 Diesel Jetta from Drew Volkswagen.

My tester is a 2.0-liter 140 horsepower inline four cylinder diesel engine with TDI technology, TDI what is that you are thinking? Well that is the heart of why diesel engines work as well as they do with minimum smoke, noise but with a bucket load of torque and power, Turbo Direct Injection is what the letters stand for and it works. This engine produces 236 pound foot of torque, front wheel drive, electro-mechanical power steering, anti-lock brakes, anti-slip regulation, electronic stabilization program, electronic differential lock all sitting on a set of 16-inch alloy wheels with 205/55/R16 all season tires.

The above package works well as a unit and for more in depth information on some of the features you not sure about just stop by or call Drew Volkswagen and they will answer all your questions.

This Jetta was a dream to drive, awesome air conditioning, and a great sound system, very comfortable seating in front and in the back seat great storage space in the trunk as well as in the car..

You can load up your Jetta to any specification you would desire. You start with a base model that starts at \$22,660.00 plus tax and license and then you can build up from there or just look at the basic features you get for the base price and you might be happy just with that. Sure there are a few options you may want to consider like Blue Tooth, Satellite Radio an automatic transmission versus a 6-speed manual (My choice is the six speed manual) or maybe a media device that allows an I-Pod hook up.

Driving the TDI Jetta was a dream in the mountains and in the city, small enough to park, big enough to haul the family on a weekend get a way and it has a clean tail pipe and it gives back to the environment how good it that?