

Press Release

Volkswagen Safety Technology Rewarded by Euro NCAP

Today, Euro NCAP rewards [Volkswagen's 'Local Hazard Warning' system](#) with an 'Advanced' award.

Volkswagen's car-to-x communication system becomes the first technology to be rewarded by Euro NCAP in nearly six years. The technology, fitted as standard to the [Golf 8](#) and to future ID models, allows cars to communicate with each other and with properly equipped road infrastructure and emergency vehicles to give the driver advanced warning of local safety hazards. Using ITS-G5 technology, cars equipped with the system can transmit a signal to others if they have broken down or have stopped suddenly and present a safety risk. Other manufacturers are also considering equipping their vehicles with ITS-G5 technology and, in time, it may be possible for drivers to receive advance warning of motorcycles and tractors.

Secretary General of Euro NCAP, Michiel van Ratingen, said, "This is an exciting area of safety and one which offers the potential to help road users who have, so far, been difficult to protect, like motorcyclists. It is already on Euro NCAP's roadmap but its full potential will not be realised until many vehicles are equipped with a compatible system, along with roadside hazards. Volkswagen are to be congratulated for making the technology standard on high-selling vehicles like the Golf".

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About Euro NCAP Advanced

Euro NCAP Advanced is a reward system for advanced safety technologies, complementing Euro NCAP's existing star rating scheme. The rewarded safety technologies have demonstrated a scientifically proven safety benefit to consumers, based on technical evidence reviewed by Euro NCAP. With the Advanced reward, Euro NCAP focuses on safety innovation in industry and its ability to help save lives on the European roads.