



Over 320 tuning vehicles travelled to CARsting at the Technik Museum Sinsheim to be part of the new special exhibition "Fascination Tuning - VW vs. Opel"



The tuning world visits Sinsheim: over 320 cars travelled to take part in CARsting for the upcoming special exhibition "Fascination Tuning - VW vs Opel". Source: TMSNHSP



The jury was spoilt for choice: they had to select 100 vehicles. Source: TMSNHSP



19 received a firm commitment on the same day as this Opel E Kadett GSi. Source: TMSNHSP

The tuning world is visiting Sinsheim: last Sunday, 14 April, the Technik Museum Sinsheim held a CARsting to find exhibits for the upcoming special exhibition "Fascination Tuning - VW vs Opel". 322 cars, their owners and the stories behind the vehicles lined up to vote. Of these, 100 potential vehicles were selected for the special exhibition from November 2024. 19 owners even received a firm commitment on site and are therefore guaranteed to be part of the new show, including a VW Golf 3 GTI and a Golf 2 GTI "4-Motion" as well as an Opel Manta GT/E, a Kadett C GT/E and an Opel Commodore. The organisers are visibly satisfied: CARsting attracted over 4,700 tuning enthusiasts and visitors and provided a stage for the most impressive and creative tuning projects in Germany and Austria as well as Switzerland.

In perfect spring temperatures, the lowered, colourful, chrome-plated and souped-up VW and Opel cars drove onto the museum grounds. One rear spoiler followed the next. When it came to tyres, the motto was "wider is better", the colourful paintwork outdid itself, and the increased performance of many a vehicle could not be ignored. While some were still polishing their speedsters, others were unloading their rarities from the trailer. Others made themselves comfortable in their folding chairs and waited for the judges. The museum exhibition team received support in selecting the vehicles from the well-known personalities Leif Rohwedder, Head of Opel Classic, Marco Degenhardt from Halle 77 and the Garage Brothers. This expert jury had the difficult task of selecting the right tuning projects for the exhibition in just a few hours. "There really are a lot of great vehicles here. In the end, it's the passion and emotions that make the difference and that's where the selection process comes in," summarised the Garage Brothers after their tour lasting several hours. The presenters, Daniel Scheucher from DS.Automotive and Denis Marasciulo from StreetWerk, guided the guests through the day and introduced the selected vehicles, their owners and their shared history.

And these stories had it all. From family projects and wedding cars to the first tuning or successful rally car of their own, from restored barn finds to film vehicles. The motivations for taking part in CARsting were as varied as the owners' stories: Some wanted to try their luck, others took the VW vs Opel slogan seriously and wanted to draw attention to the former rivalry. Others wanted to present their art project to the world. But all the winners and participants had one thing in common: their car as part of the special exhibition "Fascination Tuning - VW vs. Opel" at the Technik Museum Sinsheim was motivation enough for everyone. And true to the motto "Taking part is everything", many of them also accepted the hour-long journey to CARsting. One participant even travelled from South Tyrol.

"CARsting was a complete success and showed just how diverse and multifaceted the topic of tuning is," agreed museum director Andreas Hemmer and exhibition manager Martin Bräunling. "We are delighted with the response and the quality of the cars on show. We will be able to create an exciting and varied exhibition with the selected vehicles." The special exhibition "Fascination Tuning - VW vs. Opel" will open at the Technik Museum Sinsheim in November 2024. Tuning enthusiasts and car fans can look forward to a colourful exhibition that represents the creative energy, diversity and originality of the Volkswagen and Opel tuning scene. "This topic is absolutely justified in the car and classic car scene, and I think it's great that the Technik Museum Sinsheim is taking it on. It's important to support this and that's why I was here," said a delighted Leif Rohwedder, Head of Opel Classic, about the upcoming special exhibition and pledged his continued support. Information on the special exhibition can be found at www.technik-museum.de/faszinationtuning. (4,115 characters)

About the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer – from underwater into space

Supported by the non-profit club Auto + Technik Museum e. V. and based on the motto "for fans from fans", the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer have more than 5,000 members worldwide. In 2023, almost one million people passed through the doors of the two institutions. The financing is exclusively based on admission fees, donations as well as membership fees of club members. All surpluses are used for the museum's maintenance and expansion. Open 365 days a year, the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer present more than 6,000 exhibits from all fields of technological history in a worldwide unique variety on an area of more than 200,000 sqm. The exhibits range from submarines to vintage cars, from the Concorde to the Space Shuttle BURAN. Besides the permanent exhibition and the changing special exhibitions, there are numerous vehicle and club meetings as well as events. Our two IMAX large-format cinemas are a true highlight. While the IMAX 3D cinema in Sinsheim – "the cinema with the highest resolution in the world" – shows exclusive documentations and the latest Hollywood blockbusters, films are projected onto a giant dome in the IMAX DOME cinema in Speyer.

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