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Order Books Open for 2017 Honda Civic Type R

- State-of-the-art 2.0-litre VTEC Turbo engine, mated to six-speed close-ratio gearbox
- Three driving modes available - Comfort, Sport (default) and +R
- Traditional Championship White the hero colour; four other colours available

MELBOURNE, May 19, 2017 – It's official! The order books for the all-new 2017 Honda Civic Type R open today ahead of the car's official October 1 on-sale date.

"Our dealers have been telling us that customers are eager to put their names against a car so we've opened the order books early to allow them to secure their orders," Honda Australia Director, Mr. Stephen Collins, said. "We understand the level of interest as the Civic Type R represents the pinnacle of performance for the Civic range and our faithful enthusiasts have been lining up."

Many prospective customers started contacting dealers last year about the Civic Type R when Honda Australia announced it was returning to Australia, Mr. Collins said. "We've had extraordinary interest in this car from existing owners and those enthusiasts who are looking for something bolder and visually striking; something distinctive from the usual European offerings." Buyer interest was energised last month when Honda confirmed that the all-new Civic Type R had set a new lap time for front-wheel-drive cars at the world-famous Nurburgring circuit in Germany. Video and imagery from the event spiked even more interest in the car. The Civic Type R set a record of 7 mins 43.80 seconds.

Honda Australia has already brought in several engineering examples of the all-new 2017 Civic Type R to show dealers, and undertake validation testing. "Even these cars have created a buzz around the arrival of the first production cars later this year," Mr. Collins said.

For Australia, the Civic Type R will be available in one engine specification, a 2.0-litre VTEC Turbo engine mated to a new close-ratio six-speed manual transmission with rev-matching capability. Visually the car features a track-tested aero kit with front and side splitters, a rear diffuser, vortex generators at the trailing edge of the roof line and a rear wing spoiler, all designed to keep the Civic Type R planted on the road.

The 2017 Civic Type R chassis builds on the major upgrades undertaken for the 10th-generation Civic makeover with model-exclusive spring, damper and bushing settings, a new Dual-Axis front suspension set-up with aluminum lower arms and steering knuckles for improved at-the-limit cornering and reduced torque steer while a new multi-link rear suspension enhances stability under braking. There's also a new four-wheel Adaptive Suspension System with three-chamber dampers; a retuned and adaptive dual-pinion electric power steering system with variable gear ratio; and a helical limited-slip front differential.

Mounted to the suspension are 20-inch aluminum alloy wheels and high-performance tyres. Decisive stopping power comes from red-painted powerful Brembo 4-pot aluminum calipers squeezing 350mm cross-drilled rotors at the front. The rear braking system features solid 305mm rotors.

The Honda Civic Type R is designed to reward the driver in all driving conditions, on the track and on the street, and features three driving modes: Comfort, Sport (default) and +R. The driver-selectable modes adjust steering and throttle response, transmission rev-matching, Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA) and the Adaptive Damper System.

The visual package is complete with a centre-exit triple exhaust system. Additional interior Civic Type R features include heavily bolstered sports seats, leather-wrapped steering wheel and gearshift boot, aluminium shift knob, aluminium sports pedals, red Type R driver's gauges and a Type R serial plate number.

In Australia, the 2017 Civic Type R will be available in five distinctive colours. The hero colour is Championship White, the traditional Type R racing colour. Customers will also be able to choose from Rally Red, Crystal Black, Sonic Grey or Brilliant Sporty Blue. Crystal Black and Sonic Grey are Pearlescent colours; while Brilliant Sporty Blue is Metallic.

The 2017 Honda Civic Type R will be sourced from the Honda of the UK Manufacturing facility in Swindon, UK. Further model details and pricing for the all-new Honda Civic Type R will be released closer to launch.

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