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Aug 10th, 2010 Join Date: Location: NYC / Orange Co. Posts: 383

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The story of MDAce15's B6 Passat 3.6 4Motion Wagon

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Hey guys, My name is Matt. I've been a Vortex member for just under a year and a half and have loved every minute of it. I have owned my 2007 Passat 3.6 4Motion Wagon since late July 2010. I fell in love with the CC interior when I first saw it, but the CC wasn't practical for my active and hard-working lifestyle (I'm an electrician, so I consistently haul ladders and oversized tools) so I started to look into the Passat Wagon. Classic lines, superb build quality, and a rare car here in NYC

As everyone knows, NY winters (except for this year apparently) suck! I automatically wanted the glorious 3.6 engine and I've always wanted all wheel drive so the 4Mo was a no-brainer. My search began on AutoTrader.com and Cars.com, 3 months before I was ready to buy. I was blindsided by the fact there were only 49 3.6 4Mo Wagons in the entire COUNTRY None at the time were east of Ohio!

But 1 week before I was ready to buy, while searching the usual sites, I happened upon a United Gray 3.6 4Motion Wagon with 52,000 miles on it in Greenwich, CT (about 40 minutes away). That same weekend my wife and I drove up to see it. It wasn't impressive at first glance. It was kept in the back of the building because no one showed any interest, so it was covered in at least 2 months worth of dust. They knew we were coming to see it so they freshened up the interior a little but that was it. It had been owned by someone who had a German Shepherd and there was dog-hair in every nook and cranny. Again... Not impressive.

The salesman, an older and respectful retired firefighter, handed me the key to start the engine. Pushing the fob into the dash felt

The satisficial in a local and respective the triangular, included in the key to start the engine. Fushing the 100 mitor the dash left comfortable and familiar, like shaking hands with an old buddy. The car started in a way that it never has since... It revved for a split-second after it started, allowing to hear that uncanny exhaust note for the very first time. I looked at my wife and gave her a sinister smirk... you know... the one you give when you mash the pedal while merging onto an occupied yet open highway, where the cars in front of you instantly become the cars behind you... that smirk. And when she saw it she knew.

We took the car for a test drive through some twisty back roads not far from the dealership. It handled well and rode very comfortably over the (I'm sure, deliberately chosen) smooth back roads of CT. There was no singular aspect of the drive that I enjoyed. Not just the power. Not just the comfortable ride. Not just the interior ergonomics. Not just the secure handling. Not just the exhaust note echoing into the woods. It was all of it... equally. And as we pulled back into the dealership, the respectful salesman uttered those infamous words that break the silence and restore the reality that this wasn't my car just yet. He said "So... What do ya think?" and as much as I wanted to tell him, I downplayed it. Simply for the sake of business. But, after all the paperwork was completed, I sat with the gentleman and told him how I enjoyed the test drive. And as one of the few car-guys-turned-salesmen, he understood.

He told me they would have all the DMV documents ready when we returned and that the car would be thoroughly detailed and ready to go.

And this is what awaited us when we returned...









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3.6awdwagon o

Member

Join Date: Aug 26th, 2010 Location: NY/NJ Posts:

Vehicles: Wagon

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Join Date: Aug 10th, 2010

Brief Mods list...

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My direction with this car is maybe slightly unique. I love VWs and Audi's, so I aim to create a subtle mix of both. I like the Golf R and I guess my aim it to create (my version of) a Passat .:R with a few Audi touches. So far I have made a few pretty substantial and costly mods, but also some easy and inexpensive ones. Such as:

Vag-Com Adjustments: Deactivate DRLs

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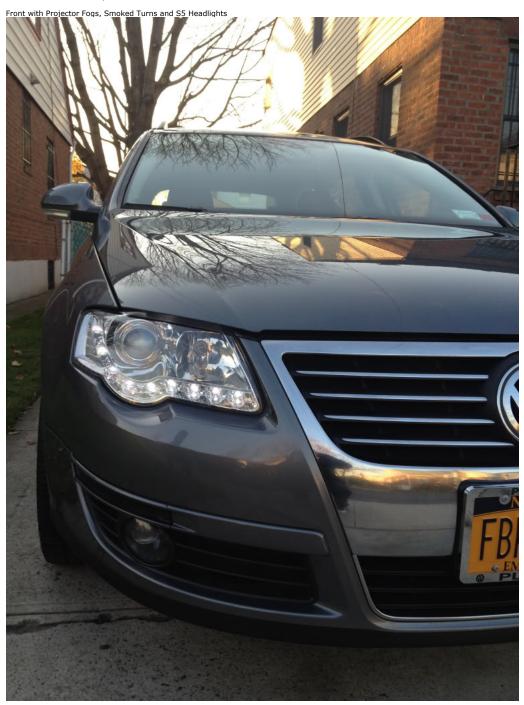
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Activate Remote Window Opening
Activate Remote Window/Sunroof Closing
Activate Rain Sensor Window/Sunroof Closing
Adjust Settings to allow HIDs
Disable Center of Tail Light (except for braking)
Enable Navigation
Enable Internal Bluetooth (RNS-315)
Enable Rear-View Camera (shows black screen in reverse until camera is installed)

Exterior Mods: S5 LED Headlight Install Smoked Front Turn Signal Install Euro Projector Fog Install (replaced existing fogs) Euro Outer Tail Light (w/ Amber Turns) Install

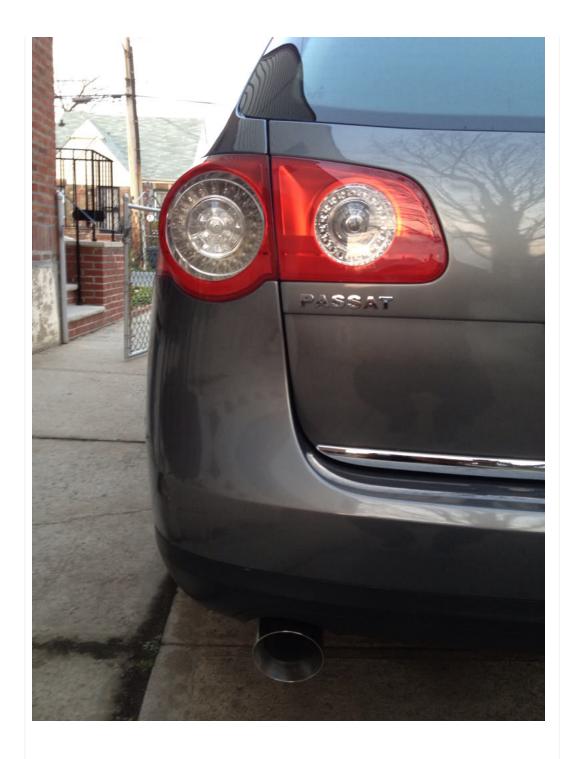
Smoked (Tinted) Tails (removed, I want to install a lighter tint to maintain "the sleeper factor"
Painted Calipers Blue
Rotor Hub Black
DIY'ed Blue VW Center Caps

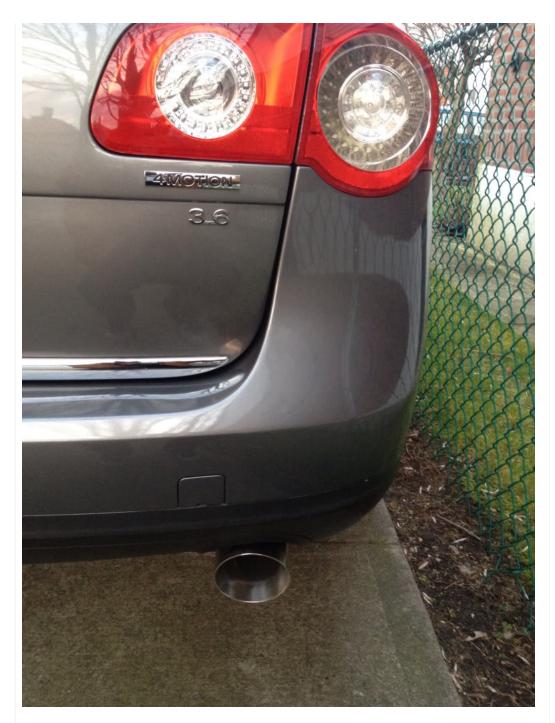


New "VW Blue" Calipers



Rear with New 4" Magnaflow Double Wall Angle-Cut Tips





Interior Mods:
Euro Headlight Switch Install (Brushed)
MK6 R-Line MFSW with DSG Paddles Install
RCD-510 Install (upgraded to RNS-315)
MDI Retrofit Kit Install
Euro Cupholder Install
Complete Dash Wrap (Brushed Titanium and Cherry Teak Wood)
Door Panel Trim Wrap
Brushed Aluminum Climatronic Ring Install

From this:





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And currently To This:



Last edited by MDAce15; 08-28-2012 at 11:52 PM. Reason: Completed Blue VW Center Caps

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R Originally Posted by 3.6awdwagon

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Thanks man! Looking forward to seeing it (and hearing it $\widehat{\ensuremath{\varpi}}$) very soon.

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kalobg o

Member

Sep 23rd, 2010 Salt Lake City, UT Join Date: Location:

Posts: 218

'13 JSW, '87 BMW Vehicles: K100RS

What NAV unit is that?

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Future Mods List...

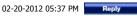
Here's a list of what I plan to do next:

Interior: Premium Cluster with Color MFA (DONE)

Custom Installed Screen for Night Vision Display (Top Secret... Currently in R&D 📵) R Door Sills (DONE)

Exterior:

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Volkswagen Blue Painted Calipers (DONE)
Blue VW Center Caps (DONE)
18" Audi RS3 Wheels on Continental DWS tires
Suitcase Muffler (and/or) Resonator Delete
4" Magnaflow Tips (DONE)
Power Folding Mirrors







Front and Rear H&R Sway Bars (for reduced Body roll) OEM Rear-View Camera OEM Sport Suspension

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👥 Originally Posted by kalobg 🔟

What NAV unit is that?

That is the RNS-315. It's slotted in-between the RCD-510 and the RNS-510. Basically a less expensive OEM Nav alternative. I personally prefer it to the RNS-510 because of the interface , the built in bluetooth and how it looks with the older climatronic (which I also prefer).

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Join Date: Aug 10th, 2010 Location: NYC / Orange Co. Posts: 383 Vehicles: 07 3.6 4Motion Wagon My Wheel Options...

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These are a couple of the wheels I'm heavily considering. Right now my mind is pretty well set on the Gunmetal Audi RS3 reps (the bottom ones), most likely in 18". I personally like the "color-matched" look. The other wheels are from the 2012 A6. They look amazing by themselves, just not sure how they blend with the car... Any thoughts?

2012 Audi A6 Rep



2012 Audi A6 Reps Photoshopped onto (someone else's) car...



Audi RS3 Reps... My personal favorite wheel...



Audi RS3 Reps Photoshopped (This just does it for me, especially when I envision the VW Blue Calipers behind them and with the Blue/White VW Center Caps... Mmmm.)



Let me know what you guys think.

I like me some RS3 reps!

Last edited by MDAce15; 04-10-2012 at 03:08 PM.

YAY New Country!! I used to work there years ago.

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Black Demon B6 º

Junior Member



Join Date:

Location: Posts: Vehicles: Trailblazer Dec 26th, 2011 Omaha,NE 2006 Passat, 2002

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phatredhead o

Junior Member

Jan 18th, 2008 Join Date: Posts: 91

Ditto to the RS3s

A6 reps in 19 FTW. They would look very oem+. 02-21-2012 03:36 PM



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#10

ckpepper02 o

Member

Join Date: Feb 7th, 2006 Location: Fuquay, NC Posts: 204

Vehicles: 2017 Jetta Facelift 5sp



OGnh9095 o

Member



Apr 30th, 2010 Join Date:

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b6 2.0t 6m/t ATE slotted rotors Vmaxx coils S5 LED Headlamps S5 Reps 19x8 Toyo Proxy4's 5% Llumar Votex Lip B&B 3in DP PepperWagen ATE slotted rotors 22x10 Kohan's Yoko Spec X's 5% Llumar Euro turns

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Incrementalg o

Join Date: Oct 14th, 2008 1,263

Posts: '07 Passat 3.6 4mo Vehicles: wagon; '05 GLS 4mo wagon

Welcome to the club! I'm a fan of 7 spoke RS4reps on the wagons. #9 on the Hartmann list of Audi wheels is my favorite.

http://hartmannwheels.com/audi-wheels

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Vehicles: '07 Passat 3.6 4mo wagon; '05 GLS 4mo wagon

叹 Originally Posted by Incrementalg 💴

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Oops...shoulda posted the link to VW fitment. In any case, their my favorite.

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Berta06 o

Junior Member



02-22-2012 03:45 PM





RS3 wheels for sure! I currently have a set in the garage and i cant wait to put them back on my Passat. Anyways the point is the look is so much better in person then any pictures. You wont regret it for sure.

P.S. Love the build so far and im intrigued about the Custom Installed Screen for Night Vision Display 🔒



Join Date: Apr 22nd, 2011 Sherbrooke, Qc Location: 2006 VW Passat Vehicles:

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02-22-2012 04:00 PM Reply #16

MDAce15 o

Member



Join Date: Aug 10th, 2010 NYC / Orange Co. Location: Posts: 383 07 3.6 4Motion Wagon Vehicles:

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Thanks man. The R&D is going well. I'll be ordering parts in about a month.

R Originally Posted by Berta06

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Member



Aug 10th, 2010 NYC / Orange Co. Join Date: Location:

07 3.6 4Motion Wagon Vehicles:

Tinted Tails...

02-26-2012 07:34 PM

Completed tinting my tails today with Matte Finish tail light tint. I personally prefer the Matte finish over the gloss because I feel it gives a slightly more subtle look. Wrapping the inners is easy, but wrapping the outers...?! What a... • Anyway, here's the results. I still have to do the third brake light, but I'm pretty happy with the outcome. Let me know what you guys think.

Before:

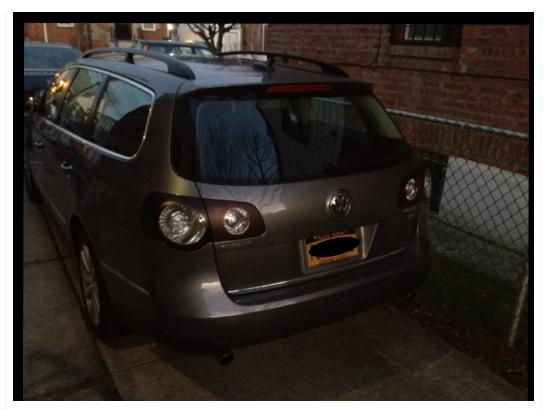




After:



I like this look... Now just to get rid of that HORRIBLE yellow plate! Thanks Bloomberg! $\cite{3}$



Thanks for looking...

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02-27-2012 03:51 AM Reply #18

Born²VW ^o

Member



Join Date: Jan 28th, 2012 Location: Posts: Tiger GA 162

Vehicles: 07 VW B6 4Mo Sedan That tail light tinting looks awesome on the United Gray.

As far as your loud yellow license plate goes, maybe you can try what I did with a tinted cover over CT's loud plate.



Last edited by Born²VW; 02-27-2012 at 04:08 AM.

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Member



Aug 10th, 2010 NYC / Orange Co. Join Date: Location: Posts: Vehicles: 07 3.6 4Motion Wagon Exhaust Tips

Recieved these in the mail from Amazon yesterday $\ensuremath{\overline{\mathbb{G}}}$ MagnaFlow 35121 Stainless Angled Double-Wall Tips

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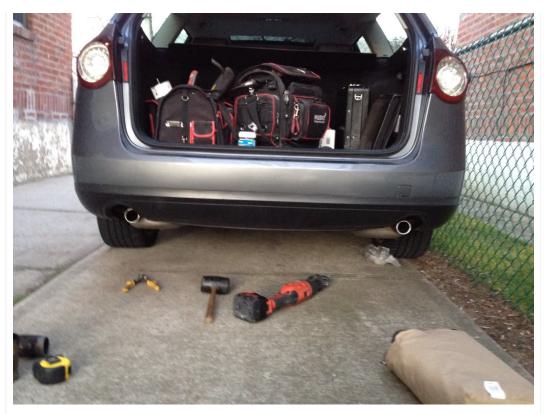
I took them with me to the muffler shop just to see if everything would work out and they quoted me \$90 to install both if they had to cut off my old (cheap PoC Auto Zone) tips which fit so tightly the had to be tapped on with a rubber mallet. He said if I could get them off myself he'd only charge me \$45 to install both! Soooooo...







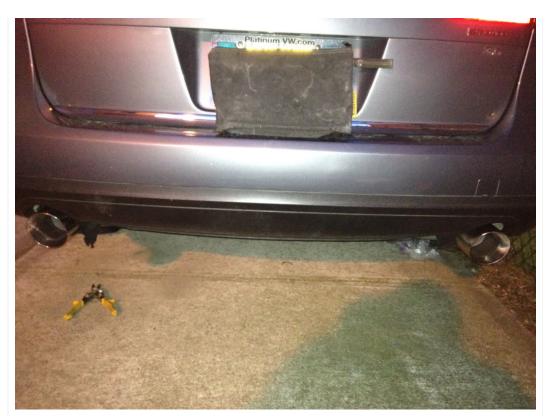
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And just for anyone who might need this info for future reference the exhaust pipe section (before it flares out) is just UNDER 2.25" as you can see here...



So I quickly did a dry fit which required rags to hold on the new tips being that they are a little bigger than the exhaust pipes. But these are what they should look like when they're done (roughly).







Thanks for looking... $\mbox{\Large \&}$

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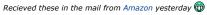
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Juniorfeel o

Member

Dec 24th, 2011 Belleair, Florida 1,996 2006 Volkswagen Join Date: Location: Posts: Vehicles: Passat

Originally Posted by MDAce15



MagnaFlow 35121 Stainless Angled Double-Wall Tips

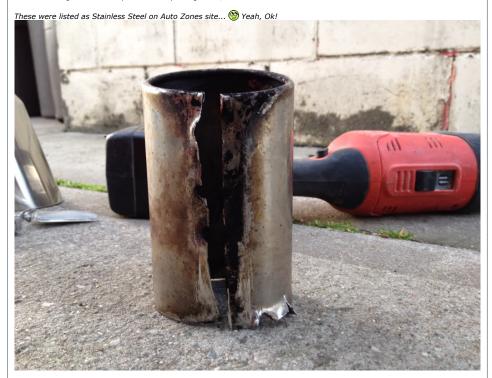
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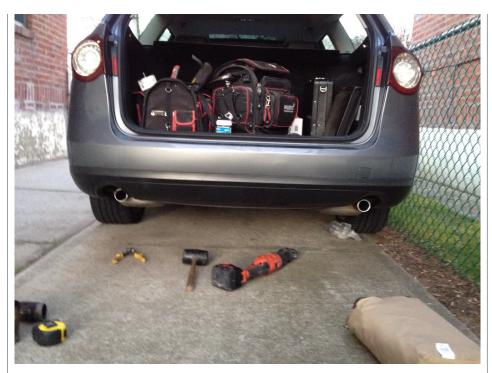


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Robman o

Member

Join Date: May 8th, 2005 Location: Foxboro, MA Posts: 2,896

Vehicles: 2012 A6 3.0T Prestige, (2008 Passat Lux 2.0T Hi-Def), (1999 Jetta 2.0L)

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Reply #21

What a beautiful build. Love everything you've done.

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04-06-2012 01:37 AM Reply #22

MDAce15 o

Member



Join Date: Aug 10th, 2010 NYC / Orange Co. Location:

Posts: 07 3.6 4Motion Wagon Vehicles:

Originally Posted by Juniorfeel

I love those tips! Do you have a link? Wondering if they'd fit on the 2.0T side by sidee...

I purchased them from Amazon.com. If you punch in "Magnaflow 35121" they will come up, but I'm pretty sure they wouldn't fit side by side... They are pretty big.

🔐 Originally Posted by Robman 🔟

What a beautiful build. Love everything you've done.

Thank you man, I appreciate that.

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Blue VW Center Cap Mod...

04-06-2012 01:41 AM Reply #23



AR.

Join Date: Aug 10th, 2010 Location: NYC / Orange Co. Posts: 07 3.6 4Motion Wagon Vehicles:

Installed Blue VW center caps today. I "built" them myself. Here's the finished product. Personally I love this look.



Here's a link to the DIY... http://forums.vwvortex.com/showthrea...(with-pictures) VERY easy to do and very cheap...

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passat3.6 o

Join Date: Mar 10th, 2012

Posts: 33 04-08-2012 09:16 AM Reply #24

Very interesting build up, I didn't realize these wagons were quite so rare in the 3.6 4MO. I bought mine a couple of weeks ago at a local Ford dealership where it had been sitting for a couple of months and getting marked down the whole time.

Last week I took it to Florida and the alternator died (70K miles). Got around 25-26 mpg for the trip.

I probably won't mod mine very much but it's fun to see what others are doing!

2001 Allroad 2.7TT Silver 2005 Phaeton 4.2 Black 2007 Passat Wagon 3.6 4Motion I have a thing for German motors apparently

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04-09-2012 12:42 PM

zackiedawg o

Join Date: Jul 21st, 2000 Location: Boca Raton, FL 3,340 Posts: Vehicles:

2015 Audi Allroad

Nice work you've been doing on your wagon...nice to see other 4mo VR6 wagons getting the mods, as they are quite rare.

I just traded my 2007 VR6 4mo wagon last week, and picked up a new '13 CC VR6 4motion Exec...I'll miss the wagon utility, but keep the

VR6 4mo drivetrain which I love.

My wagon wasn't as highly modded as yours, custom-wise, but I did add Audi exhaust tips, the Euro-issue chrome roof rails, chrome mirror caps, red-painted calipers, and tint. And I had an oddball combo on mine, with the Lux interior package upper wood trim but the sport package aluminum center stack, and the lux seats but the sport springs.

My wagon's now in the used-car lot over at my local dealership (Gunther Coconut Creek, in FL), waiting for its next owner!

 $I \ \text{love those A6 rims, BTW - for what it's worth.} \ I \ \text{always liked them from the first time } I \ \text{saw them, and would probably lean towards those}$ myself on your wagon. But both choices look good.

lustin

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