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#1

Haggisman14

Cram V


 Drives: 07 CW/manual/PKG
 2/18"Hufs
 Join Date: Nov 2006
 Location: Jersey
 Posts: 618
**Replacing Fuel Filter--Getting DAMN clips off?!?!?!?**

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Thanks.

Marc

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06-12-2009, 03:35 PM

#2

JetTurbo

geezer


 Drives: '06 GTi
 (US)
 Join Date: Feb
 2007
 Location:
 Cincinnati, OH USA
 Posts: 2,429

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FSI fuel filter fuel line release

Quote:

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 Be ready for **fuel** to escape

arrows in pictures point to release buttons





The other one has the release button on the opposite side.
I had great difficulty removing that one.
Ended up pushing the best I could on the release button with my finger,
while gently twisting a screwdriver blade in the gap to push it free.
You do not want to break these connectors, that repair is much more work and cost.



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Good luck.



06-12-2009, 04:02 PM

#3

Haggisman14

Cram V



Drives: 07 CW/manual/PKG
2/18"Hufs
Join Date: Nov 2006
Location: Jersey
Posts: 618



Jet - You're a lifesaver man! I thought those buttons needed to be pryed up...damn good thing I didn't do that!

I'll have the new tires next week, so I'll be giving it a go probably next Saturday...thanks a ton....LIFE SAVER!!!

Marc

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06-12-2009, 05:51 PM

#4

JetTurbo

geezer




Drives: '06 GTi (US)
Join Date: Feb 2007
Location: Cincinnati, OH USA
Posts: 2,429

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Quote:

Originally Posted by [skateboy918](#) 
so has anyone ever open one of these up to see what kind of stuff is filtered in there?

I want to, but the only way is some sort of saw, and that sounds like a possible explosion waiting to happen...

anyone has an idea?

I've been thinking about it since I replaced mine.
Been air drying it, turning it to allow gravity to help drain.
Might expect brief flames when I cut - but not explosions.
Probably in a few weeks when I have some free time planned I'll hack it up.



06-12-2009, 05:51 PM

#5

darrinb

Newbie



Drives: 06 GTI
Join Date: Mar 2006
Location: texas
Posts: 73



I just did my **filter** took 15 min tops. I will cut it open at work monday but the brown **fuel** that leaked out of the return barb say's all that needs to be said.



06-12-2009, 06:47 PM

#6

Tip-C

Rally Car Newbie



Drives: 2007 Black GTI
Join Date: Jan 2008
Location: Montreal, Canada
Posts: 301



how do you know when your **filter** needs to be replaced?

My car has 55,000 miles...should I replace it?



06-12-2009, 10:04 PM

#7

MKV808

FIA World Rally Car Newbie



Drives: Red/Black MKV GTI
Join Date: Mar 2007
Location: Hawaii
Posts: 498



Where is the **filter** located and price on the **filter**?



06-12-2009, 11:34 PM

#8

JetTurbo

geezer



Drives: '06 GTi (US)
Join Date: Feb 2007
Location: Cincinnati, OH USA
Posts: 2,429

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **Tip-C**
*how do you know when your **filter** needs to be replaced?*

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40k is the recommended replacement interval - its time.



06-12-2009, 11:38 PM

#9

JetTurbo

geezer



Drives: '06 GTi
(US)
Join Date: Feb
2007
Location:

fuel filter location - cost

Quote:

Originally Posted by **MKV808**
*Where is the **filter** located and price on the **filter**?*


VW Part# 1K0201051C cost around \$35 and it is located under the car just forward of the right rear wheel.

Cincinnati, OH USA
Posts: 2,429
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06-13-2009, 08:38 PM

#10


MKV808
FIA World Rally Car Newbie

Drives: Red/Black MKV GTI
Join Date: Mar 2007
Location: Hawaii
Posts: 498

nice. thank you very much!



06-16-2009, 09:20 PM

#11

stuck24
so?

Drives: 2010 CW GTI:
6spmanualtranny
Join Date: Apr 2009
Location: Houston-SE
Posts: 1,329

really??? the manual says don't bother ... is our **fuel** that clean?
I was gonna skip it...



06-17-2009, 01:17 PM

#12

Haggisman14
Cram V

Fuel is **fuel**...it's got some crap in it regardless of what kind of car you drive!



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06-17-2009, 03:02 PM

#13

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Posts: 1,329



Quote:

Originally Posted by **Haggisman14**

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I'll be doing my replacement this weekend!

hmmm... think I'll fill up at some of the newer gas stations... makes me feel better about what I feed the GTI



09-04-2009, 01:21 PM

#14

piston

Options



Drives: 08 GTI
Join Date: May 2009
Location: Seattle
Posts: 532



Quote:

Originally Posted by **JetTurbo**

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*Be ready for **fuel** to escape .*

I just want to point out that the key thing to remember is push in on those tabs and pull out the hose.
Do not pull up/out on those tabs.

The new **fuel filter** comes with 3 caps and those can be placed on the old **fuel filter** after removing each hose to reduce **fuel** spill when you are removing the **filter**.

*Make sure to order your **fuel filter** using your VIN.

There are different bar rating **fuel** filters and you want to make sure you get the correct one for your specific car.



09-04-2009, 02:09 PM

#15

Sailem

Oval Newbie



Drives: UG GTI
Join Date: Feb 2009
Location: Palmdale
Posts: 133



Quote:

Originally Posted by **piston**

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Make sure to order your **fuel filter using your VIN.*

*There are different bar rating **fuel** filters and you want to make sure you get the correct one for your specific car.*

I have never heard anything regarding using a specific **filter**



09-04-2009, 02:55 PM

#16

piston

Options



Drives: 08 GTI
Join Date: May 2009
Location: Seattle
Posts: 532

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Sailem**

*I have never heard anything regarding using a specific **filter***

When I went to the dealer, they said there are two different **fuel** filters. There's a 4 bar and 4.6 bar. They are the same size and dimension. They just have a different rating. They needed my VIN number to be certain. The bar rating is also noted on the **fuel filter** itself. Mine matched up when I replaced it, 4.6 bar on old and new **fuel filter**. *Not sure if both are the same 1K0201051C as mine was 1K0201051C but it's the 4.6 bar **filter**. On some internet VW online stores, the 1K0201051C will return a 4 bar **filter**.

I just wanted to pass on the info that it's best to give the dealer your VIN to make sure you get the proper one or remove your old one and look on the end for the bar rating.



09-04-2009, 05:45 PM

#17

Sailem

Oval Newbie



Drives: UG GTI
Join Date: Feb 2009
Location: Palmdale
Posts: 133

Interesting I will go check out mine just to make sure I got the right one.



09-06-2009, 09:25 PM

#18

wilo_1979

Can you be able to relive pressure in the **fuel** line before removing the **filter** lines?

Autocross Champion



Drives: 01 Dodge, 06 VW jetta
Join Date: Apr 2007
Location: Rock Hill, SC
Posts: 93



I used to relieve pressure in my old Ford by removing the **fuel** pump fuse and running it until it burned the **fuel** in the lines. In the end I would get very little **fuel** spillage. Has anybody tried this?

I am raising money for a good cause.
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09-07-2009, 11:57 AM

#19

piston

Options



Drives: 08 GTI
Join Date: May 2009
Location: Seattle
Posts: 532



Quote:

Originally Posted by **wilo_1979**Can you be able to relive pressure in the **fuel** line before removing the **filter** lines?

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The Bentley manual has no provisions for relieving the pressure like the Fords using the **fuel** cut-off switch or removing the **fuel** relay and let the car die.
The manual basically says, push in clips, remove lines, remove mounting screw, remove **filter**, install **filter**.

I basically let the car sit for 30 minutes, open the gas cap to let out any pressure, put it back on then remove the **fuel filter**.

As menioned, the **fuel** will spray slightly on the first line you remove so put a rag over it as you pull out the line but then the other two will just drip **fuel**.
*Keep a pan under as well if you have one.

When removing the lines, put the caps that come with the replacement on the old **filter** to prevent **fuel** from spiling out when you tip it to move the other lines or remove the **filter**.

Last edited by piston; 09-12-2009 at 11:09 AM.



09-11-2009, 09:15 AM

#20

wilo_1979

Autocross Champion



Drives: 01 Dodge, 06 VW jetta
Join Date: Apr 2007
Location: Rock Hill, SC
Posts: 93



Well that sucks I just didn't want to get sprayed in the face. I will be replacing the **fuel filter** soon on my car. I will try to be careful when I do it. Thank you "Piston".

I am raising money for a good cause.
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09-14-2009, 03:33 PM

#21

blaze1

all night all day



Other then **fuel** spraying everywhere this is a easy job.

BE KIND TO THE **FUEL** LINES!!!



Drives: 07 GTI stock....
Join Date: Apr 2008
Location: Riverside CA
Posts: 247



09-14-2009, 08:58 PM

#22

wilo 1979

Autocross Champion



Drives: 01 Dodge, 06 VW Jetta
Join Date: Apr 2007
Location: Rock Hill, SC
Posts: 93



Quote:

Originally Posted by **blaze1**
Other then **fuel** spraying everywhere this is a easy job.

BE KIND TO THE **FUEL** LINES!!!

Great this is going to suck when I do it. I got to make sure I have something to catch the **fuel**.
Thanks

I am raising money for a good cause.
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