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#51

**jamesatfish**

Member

Join Date: Mar 2013

Location: ACT

Posts: 90

Righto - install all finished and 100% operational.

If you're doing an install yourself, here's a quick how-to.

**Short Version**

1. Remove old climatronic unit
2. Install new climatronic unit

3. Test A/C Operation
4. Perform Compressor Initialisation if needed

### Long Version

1. Remove old climatronic unit



Loosen the fascia at the bottom of your RNS/RCD unit. It doesn't need to come off completely, but loosening it will make re-installing the fascia for the climatronic easier. A small flat screwdriver used from the sides can help get a corner up, but gentle force by hand is the safest way to remove the fascia without scratching it.

Remove the fascia around the old climatronic unit. Remove the small groove cover at the bottom of the fascia and set it aside.



Use a T20 Torx bit to remove the 4 screws holding the climatronic unit in place. Pull it out gently.



Remove the 3 plugs from the back of the unit. To remove, pull the small red locking pieces upwards (towards the back of the unit), which will allow you to depress the locking tabs on the plugs themselves. Each plug is uniquely shaped so no need to panic if you can't remember which of the small plugs came from which socket.





## 2. Install new climatronic unit

Re-connect the plugs into the new unit, noting that you'll need to turn the whole unit 180 degrees as the sockets on the new unit are in the opposite order. There is plenty of slack in the cables to allow this. Re-fit the unit with the 4 screws.

**\*\*At this point I would suggest performing the test and initialisation steps, in case you need to remove the unit to check connections etc.\*\***



Install the small groove cover you removed from the old fascia into the new fascia. Re-fit the climatronic fascia underneath the RNS/RCD fascia, then re-fit the RNS/RCD fascia above.



### 3. Test A/C Operation

Start the car, set the temperature settings to LO and press the AC button. Ignore any information on the RNS/RCD display - check if the AC light illuminates and the air gets cold. If neither of those things happen then the AC compressor needs to be initialised with the new climatronic unit.

### 4. Perform Compressor Initialisation if needed

Start the car, turn on the fan, set the temperature to LO. Press and hold both the AC and Rear Demister buttons simultaneously for around 5 seconds. This process will initialise the AC compressor and you'll know the process has worked because the AC light will stay on once you stop pressing the buttons (and the air will get cold).



### Note re VCDS

If you need to troubleshoot the unit for any reason using VCDS, be sure to use the latest BETA version of VCDS, as the production release (11.11.6) does not include definitions for this Mk7 unit.

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#52

**jamesatfish** ◉

Member

Join Date: Mar 2013

☞ Originally Posted by **Caydus** ☜

*Yep, pencil me in for one, very interested.*



Location: ACT  
Posts: 90

I still have 1 spare unit if you'd like it. With currency conversion they came to \$212 AUD each, plus \$20 for registered postage anywhere in Australia. Shoot me a PM if you want to take it, otherwise I'll put it up for anyone else who might be interested.

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#53

**Lucas\_R** ◉

Super Moderator



Join Date: May 2011  
Location: Newcastle  
Daily: Golf R  
Name: Lucas  
Posts: 5,995

☞ Originally Posted by **jamesatfish** ☜

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If Caydus doesn't want it then ill take it.

PS - thanks for the DIY info.

*Last edited by Lucas\_R; 12-09-2013 at 10:07 AM.*

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#54

**frazza** ◉

Senior Member



Join Date: Apr 2011

Great DIY James, Do the seat heater buttons still have a 3 different setting?

*(Note: That part number for the unit you have is 2013 Passat CC, they use the same unit as MK7)*

Location: Brisbane, Australia  
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#55

**wooduck** ▫

Member



Join Date: Apr 2010  
Location: Sydney  
Daily: Golf R  
Name: John  
Posts: 97

Temp read out in F or C ?

**Golf R DSG.**

**WSID 400m. 12.1 @ 111.00 MPH. 210.4 awkw. GIAC Extreme/DSG Stage 3 > EXOTICARS.**

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#56

**jamesatfish** ▫

Member

Join Date: Mar 2013  
Location: ACT  
Posts: 90

🗨️ Originally Posted by **wooduck** 🗨️

*Temp read out in F or C ?*

Celcius.

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#57

**jamesatfish** ▫

Member

Join Date: Mar 2013  
Location: ACT  
Posts: 90

🗨️ Originally Posted by **Lucas\_R** 🗨️

*If Caydus doesn't want it then ill take it.*

*PS - thanks for the DIY info.*

No problems - Caydus' PM box is full so hopefully he'll read this thread and let me know either way.

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#58

**Lucas\_R** ◦

Super Moderator



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Originally Posted by **jamesatfish** »

*No problems - Caydus' PM box is full so hopefully he'll read this thread and let me know either way.*

Ok. If he decides he doesn't want it or whatever im ready to go. Im going to buy one anyway. I'll wait a few days and then if i haven't heard anything from you ill just get one from Bold Sport.

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#59

**jamesatfish** ◦

Member

Join Date: Mar 2013  
Location: ACT  
Posts: 90

Originally Posted by **Lucas\_R** »

*Ok. If he decides he doesn't want it or whatever im ready to go. Im going to buy one anyway. I'll wait a few days and then if i haven't heard anything from you ill just get one from Bold Sport.*

No problems - I'll give it the weekend and if I haven't heard anything back by Monday consider it yours.

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#60

**Caydus** ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Jan 2013  
Location: Sydney

Sorry mate. Had a few budget blowouts this month so not in a position to buy. All yours mate

Daily: Mk7 Golf R  
Name: Ben  
Posts: 313

## Blue Mk7 R

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