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<p>TheDude4bides </p> <p>Member</p> <p>Join Date: Jul 20th, 2012 Location: Bethlehem, PA Posts: 1,588 Vehicles: 2012 DBP 2dr Golf R</p>	<p>10-05-2015 12:34 PM Reply #3</p> <p>I'll be out of my extended warranty soon. Can you post the solution here and keep us updated?</p> <p>APR 2+ APR RSC TBE APR HPFP (Re-build) APR IC Unitronic CAI VWR SS F&R VWR Sways OEM Tinted R LED Tails </p> <p> Reply With Quote </p>
<p>EZ </p> <p>Member</p>  <p>Join Date: Jun 22nd, 1999 Location: South Florida Posts: 3,043 Vehicles: '99 Passat / 337 / '12 4DR R</p>	<p>10-05-2015 06:59 PM Reply #4</p> <p>Ok, here it goes. Took about 30 minutes and worked amazingly well. I'll try to provide more detail than in the other DIY, and make it as idiot proof as possible. Car starts right up on the first try every try now with light pressure. FU VW dealer and your \$635. </p> <p>1. Remove the entire start/stop module by prying it off. No real secret here - it came off relatively easily.</p>



2. My antenna (the round ring) came off when I popped the module off. If yours doesn't, separate the antenna from the rest and unplug the wiring harness.



3. You can now bring the entire module inside. Remove both silver clips by spreading them and pulling them back/out (from right-to-left in this photo)



4. After removing them both, you can push the button out from the back through the front (I tried to back it out first, clearly that wasn't going to work). Picture here is what you will be left with. I have one silver pin in and one out, just for illustration purposes.



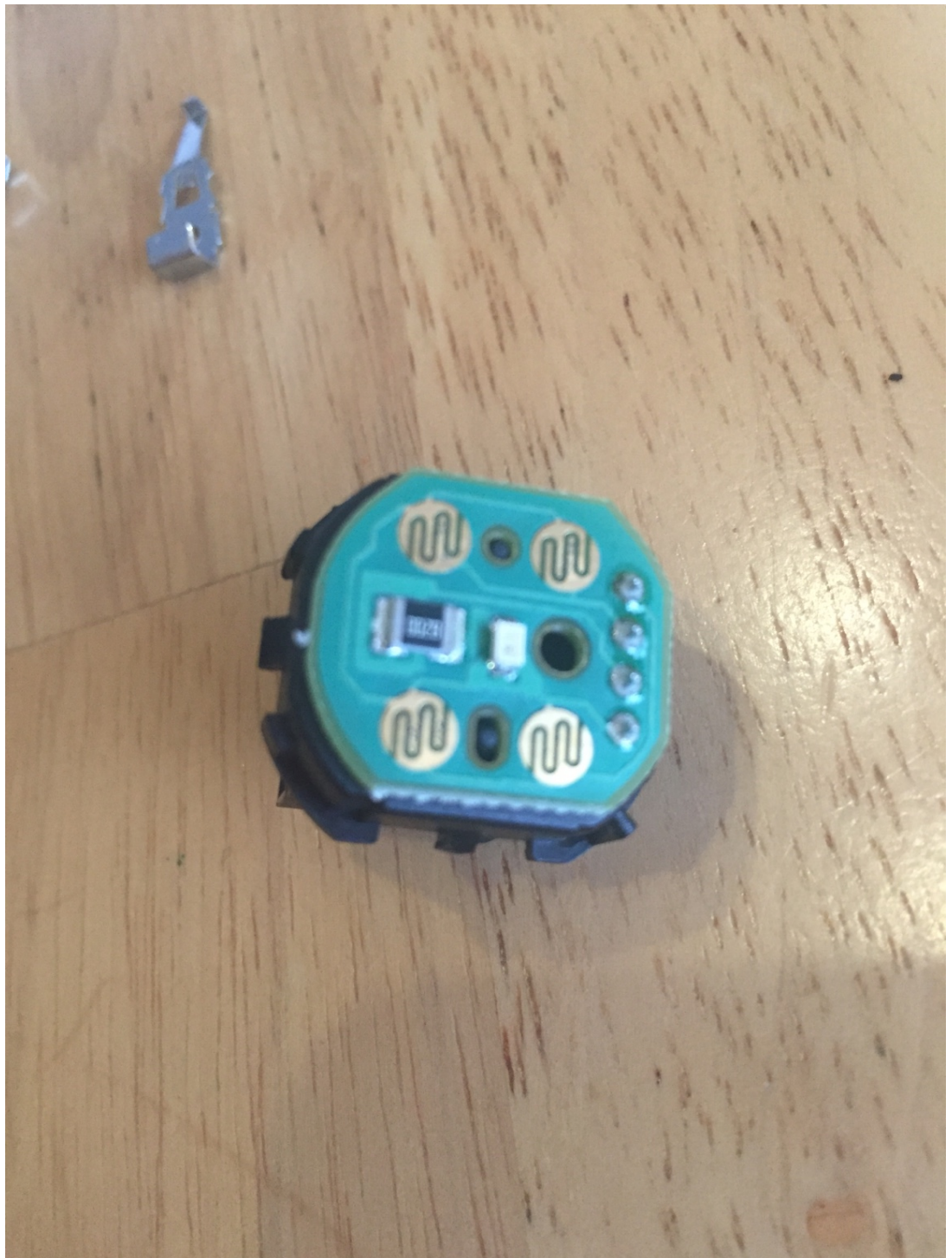
5. With the button portion removed from the module, and both silver pins removed, there are three plastic tabs that need to be released to separate the button into two pieces.



6. Once separated, remove the rubber piece and plastic piece. Two areas need to be cleaned - I used a pencil eraser. The gold contacts in the plastic piece, and the blue pads in the rubber piece. The gold contacts are easy enough. For the blue pads, push them out of the rubber piece from behind with your finger until they clear while you use the eraser with the other hand. Mine had subtle black marks on them that came off with the eraser. Before and after are below. And yes, I used a Hello Kitty pencil - don't judge. 😊







7. Reassemble in reverse order. They do go back together a certain way - as you can see in this pic there is a small piece of plastic on the left side that fits into a slight dimple in the clear rubber part.



8. Reinstall the antenna ring, plug in the wiring harness, push back into the steering column, and away you go.

Mine now works better than it did when new. Hopefully one day VW will study the Nissan start/stop button, where you only have to quickly press and release it, instead of holding it down.

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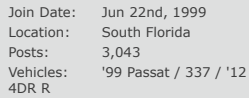
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