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I installed LED Tails with a rear fog a couple of days after taking delivery of the Golf R. I figured I'd write up a few notes which other owners might

I benefitted from all the information in the MkVI Golf/GTI forum about this. This isn't a DIY - most of the information you need with great pictures is already available in the MkVI forum. These are just some clarifying notes.

First thing - if you bought, or are buying, a Golf R (or really any modern VW or Audi), you should order Ross-Tech's VCDS tool. These cars have so many controllers, I can't imagine owning one of these cars without this tool. If you plan to do any kind of modifications, or even if you keep your car stock, at some point you will need/want this tool to see what's going on or troubleshoot something. Don't bother waiting until you need the tool - just go get it now. It will pay for itself very quickly.

Disclaimer - this is what I did on my car (which was obviously one of the first US Golf Rs produced) - your mileage may vary. Mod at your own risk. Second thing is that I've only driven the car briefly since I made this mod. So far everything (apart from one very minor issue below) is good, but faults could still turn up.

My goal was:

- keep LED DRLs
- add parking light function add rear fog
- add LED tails.

Part numbers I used:

- (2) repair wires, 000-979-009E (1) euro-switch, non-AUTO, chrome trim: 3C8-941-431Q XSH* OEM Hella LED Tails (5K0-945-093A), -094A), -095Q, 096Q)
- 4 wire harness adapters for the tails (from ECS)
- * see note 3 below this is not the right switch for a US Golf R the correct switch is 3C8-941-431B-XSH.

Summary of the steps I took:

- Installed wire from headlight harness pin 3 to T52/A pin 19 to enable the parking light signal.
 Installed wire from headlight harness pin 7 to T52/A pin 17 to enable the rear fog signal
 Installed European LED tail lights with rear fog
 Removed grey wire with white stripe from pin 28 of T52/A.

- Removed blue wire with green stripe from pin 47 T52/C.
 Switched the positions of these two wires so grey wire with white stripe is in 47 of T52/C
- and blue wire with green stripe is in 28 of T52/A Recoded Central Electronics Module byte 18 from 0x20 to 0x04.

(Note: T52/A is the black connector on the CECM under the dash. T52/C is the brown connector).

Functionality I have now with headlight switch (w/ ignition on):

Off position: DRL running lights at correct intensity with DRL icon on cluster. Parking position: DRL running lights dimmed (no cluster DRL icon), parking lights and tail lights on. Headlight position: DRL running lights dimmed (no cluster DRL icon), parking lights, tail lights, headlights on Rear fog position: works with switch in headlight position, also illuminates rear fog icon on cluster.

Single rear reverse light functions. Brake lights function.

Turn signals ok

Because I used the wrong headlight switch initially, I ran into one minor problem - attempting to activate the rear fog with the headlight switch in the "parking lights" position results in a fault code being generated, the rear fog not turning on, and the headlights turning on. I believe the headlights turn on because the fault code is generated (as a fail safe), although this is just my theory. The CECM is unhappy that the rear fog is being activated without any front lighting (no headlights, no fogs). Using the correct headlight switch will eliminate this issue because you physically cannot turn the rear fog on unless the headlights are on.

Other notes:

- 1. In the other forums you will see a lot of discussion about not being able to read the value of byte 18 in the CECM. In older cars, this value was displayed as "00", although its real value was something else. In the US Golf R, you can now read the current value of byte 18 which makes life much easier. Stock setting was 0x20.
- 2. The MkVI forum original post suggests disconnecting the wire in pin 47 T52/C and taping it up. And then moving the wire from pin 28 of T52/A over to position T52/C pin 47. This may have worked on older and/or halogen cars, but for my car with LED DRLs, you actually must swap these wires. It appears the wire in pin 47 is connected to the right front DRL and after you recode the CECM to enable the rear fog, pin 28 now controls the right front DRL.
- 3. The Golf R does not have front fogs. So the euro-switch I bought which has a front fog position is wrong switch for the car. The correct switch for the car is 3C8-941-431B-XSH, which has the rear fog position, but does not have front fogs. Also, this switch is available through US VW dealers - it is stocked in US distribution centers - you should be able to get one in a day or two
- 4. ECS Tuning has install instructions on their website under the euro switch for activating the rear fog. These instructions have some nice pictures which are helpful, but unfortunately the information is wrong. They have you wire pin 3, which is the parking light signal it will do nothing for the rear fog, at least on the Golf R.

Anyhow - thanks to all the people who worked on this stuff on the other MkVI cars - the DIYs in the MkVI forum are excellent, and I know people like Dana from Ross-Tech put in many hours sorting our wiring and coding issues previously.

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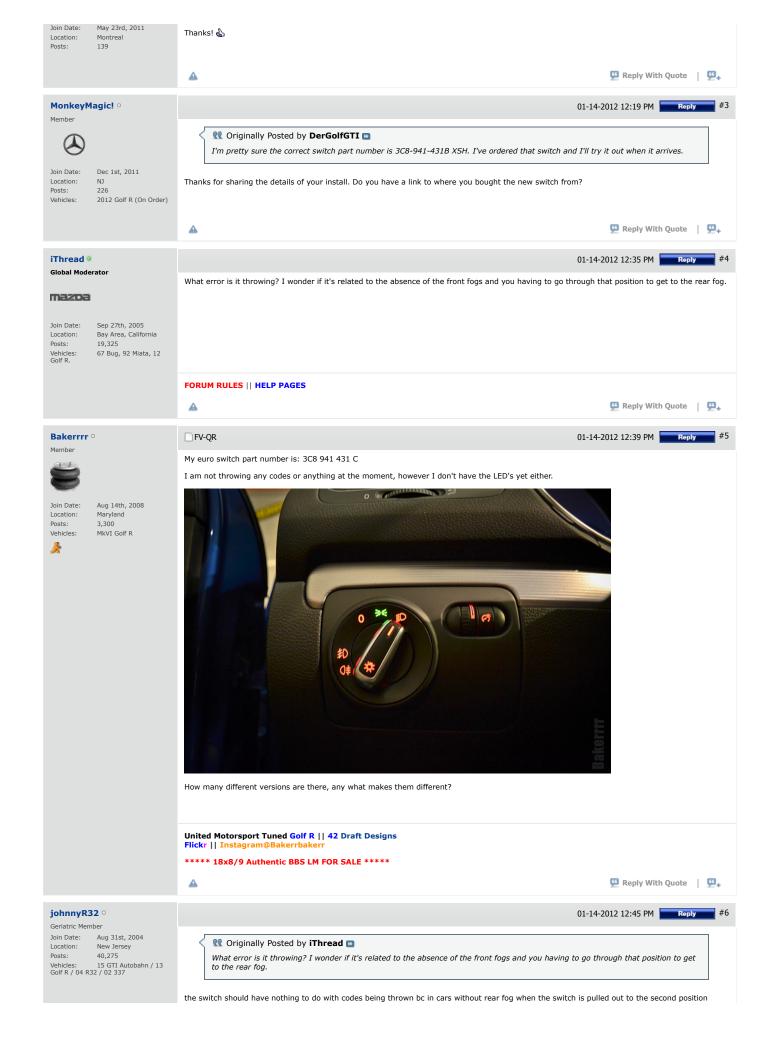
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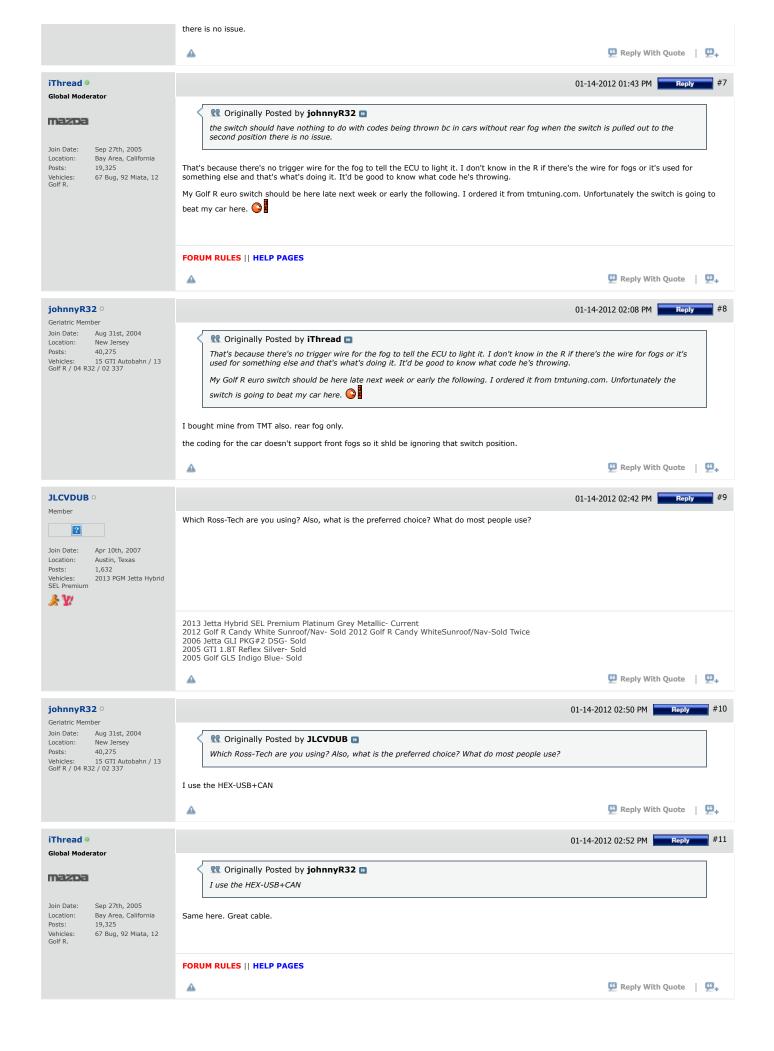


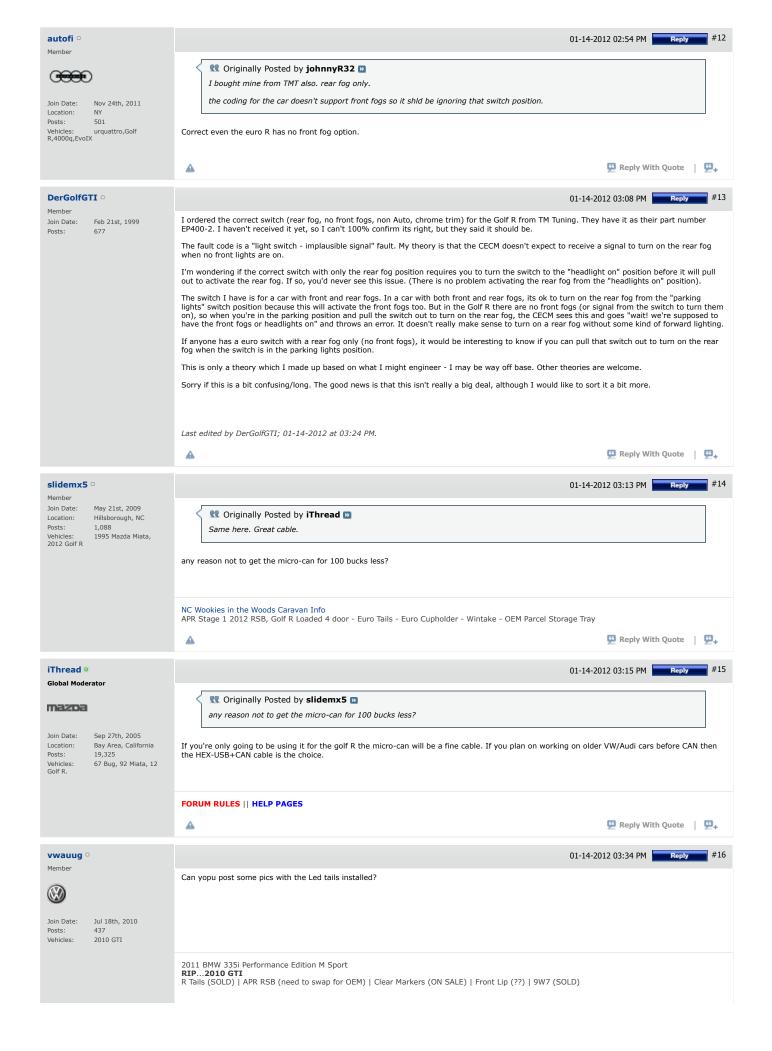
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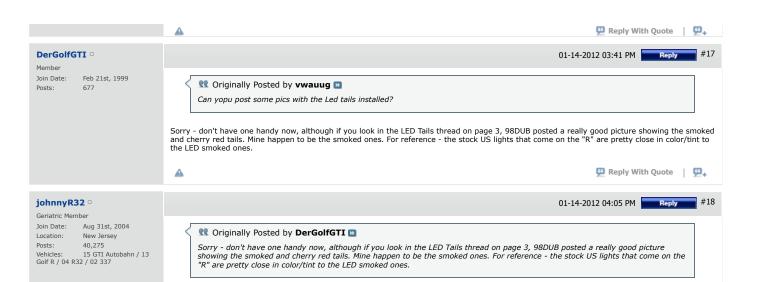
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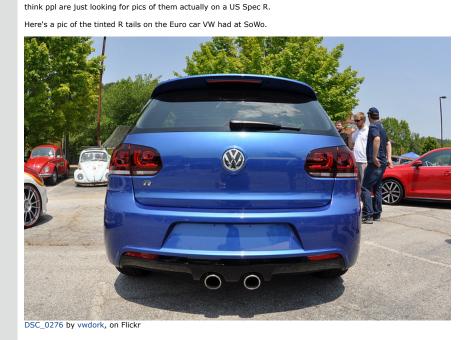
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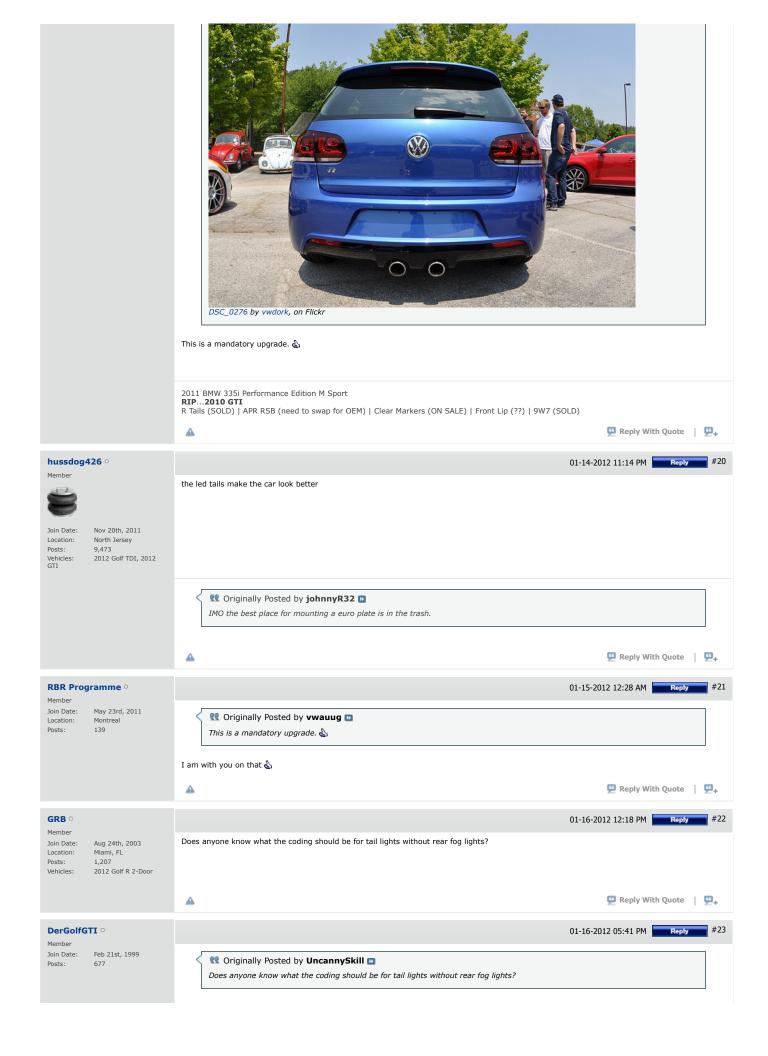


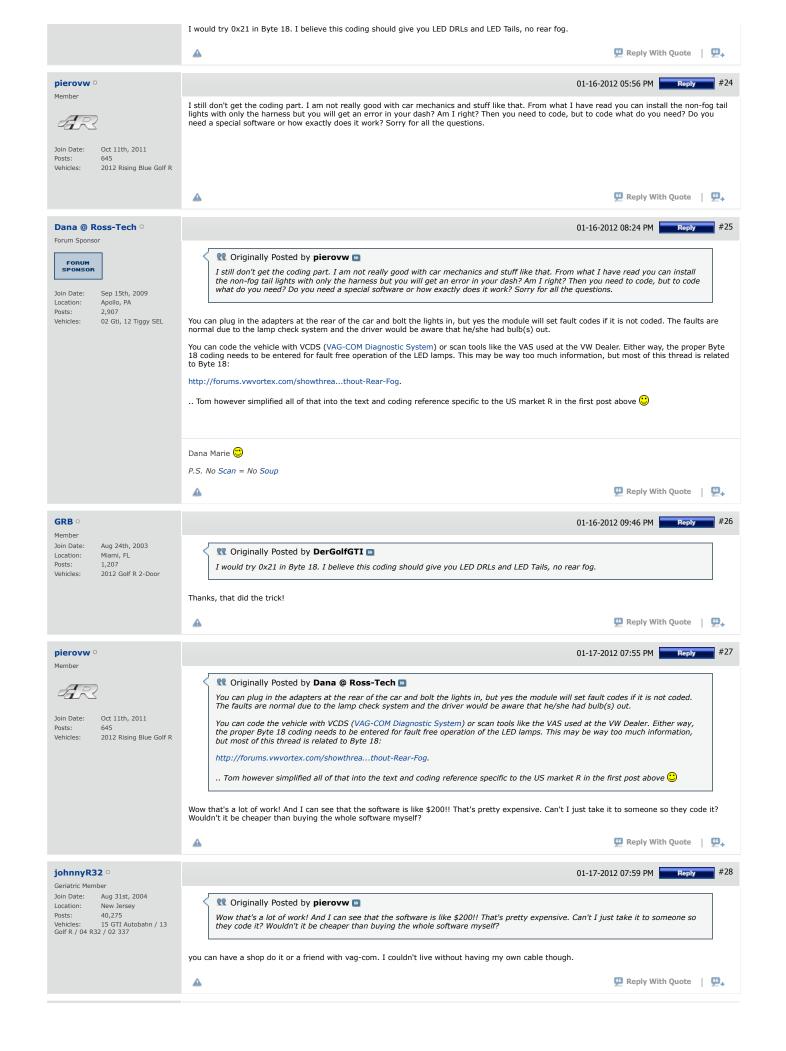
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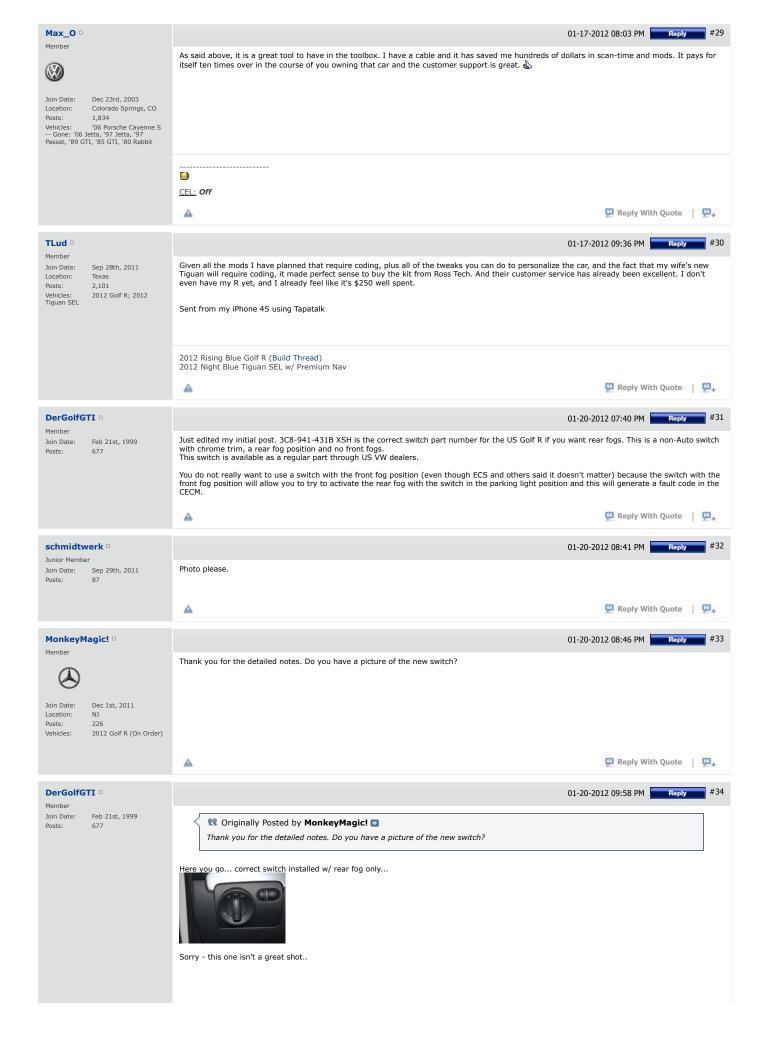
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Here are the other switches. On the left is the original US switch from the Golf R. On the right is the regular Euro switch that ECS and others sell which has positions for both front and rear fogs. This is the switch I originally used, which is not the right switch for the car since it doesn't have front fogs...



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Out of curiosity, and off-subject. Do you know if there is a similar switch made that only has front fogs? Adam

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