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Soundaktor be Gone !

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I did the same now. Yep makes a big difference, especially with the windows closed I find for some reason. I can hear they turbo much more 🇺🇸

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Sure, it's a 5 min mod to fix this... But I'm surprised nobody has figured out how to get rid of this pos with coding.



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I just took delivery of my car yesterday, so I'm a bit late to the game here.  
I remember hearing about this in the Audi forum, I can not believe this part exists.

After reading and watching your youtubes, I went into the garage to remove this pos.

Hopefully a tech doesn't need to visit my ecu anytime soon.  
But if and when he does, I would prefer that he didn't see a sandwich ziplock (yellow and blue make green!) and/or parts flailing around...  
If you have strong, slim hands, and simple tools, you can do this job quickly.  
If you have giant meat clever hands, get your neighbor over to assist, he owes you a favor anyhow.

A new thread isn't required, but I wanted to help future owners.  
Here is my take on this diy soundaktor delete (pos delete).  
It's very simple, I'm writing it all for you, but it's overkill!

1. view this quick youtube. it's a simplified approach. use it as a guide to "where" this part is and also how to gain access to the area c/o ibcnum1



2. remove weather stripping, but stop pulling it off at around 60% of the way to the other side. you may have to remove a strip of black foam from the left side area, no big deal.

3. use a light to keep that cowl up! it's a no brainer, you need light in there, and you need the cowl to be pushed up a bit... this is like having a 3rd hand. literally stick a mechanic's light under the cowl and use it for light and a jammer.



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4. when ibcnum1 mentions the TAB (in his youtube), that is what you need to push. I am able to get my hands in there, but I couldn't push it off. remember the car is brand new, so I probably wasn't pushing hard enough. I grabbed a very long carpenter's screwdriver. I put the edge into that tab and turned/pushed at the same time and it came off in 2 seconds. this is the best way to get that harness off.

5. I really do not believe in leaving that part in the cabin for no reason. plus removing it, gives you the ability to tie down the harness, check this out.

once you remove the harness from the device, you need to get a 10mm socket and 1/4" driver. remove the bolts from the device. use caution when removing the bolts and handling the tools, so you don't end up with a hitchhiker in your engine bay. these bolts are simple to turn, after around 2-3 turns with the wrench, I turned the rest by hand.



remove both bolts and pull out the device.



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6. now you have the harness. I opened it to see what was in there and if it could be broken down further (no).



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now instead of getting a ziplock from the bottom drawer of your kitchen, let's make this thing look like it's "right". use a piece of clear shipping tape to seal off the harness. push down hard on the entire piece of tape, activating all of the glue.



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then I used a black piece of tape (I happen to have some black tape that is similar to shipping tape, but a bit stronger). seal it off really well, push the tape into the area where the harness was. you can seal this thing off completely with tape.



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7. get a piece of outdoor 3M-type, double sided tape. put a piece on the flat side of the harness, that you sealed off. now put that flat side down onto the platform that originally hosted the device.



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8. now put a zip-tie on it. however, I don't think this thing was going to move without it.



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As you can see above, the result is "nothing to see here".

I realize this is probably overkill for this stupid pos soundaktor delete, but I'm sure there's someone as anal as me out there, hopefully you'll benefit from this approach.

It weighs about the same as a hockey puck.  
And it would make a good substitute for one too!



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Cheers

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Thanks to all the helpful advice in this thread. I was able to disconnect and cover/tape up my Soundaktor successfully after 20 mins of fiddling around. Even though I was warned, I still managed to cut my knuckle during the process. 🤪 Totally worth it, though, huge, huge improvement in the cabin noise. Coming from a 2003 Passat 1.8T, I love being able to hear the turbo spooling up again.



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