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First off, a huge thanks for this thread and the original how-to. I just did this procedure yesterday to my new-to-me 2012 Golf R, and the difference in the cabin sound is remarkable. I like my music, so getting rid of the artificial bumblebees is fantastic.

A few notes on the process:

1. We couldn't reach under the plastic cowl without fear of snapping it, so we pulled the wiper arms. They are a royal pain to get off, but just rocking them back and forth once the bolts are off finally yielded results. It takes patience, and we wrapped the passenger-side arm in a towel to keep it from whacking and scratching the windshield as we wrestled with it. Getting them back on was a breeze (remember not to overtighten).
2. The plastic cowl threatened to be another pain in the butt, but using plastic pry tools to gently unsnap it worked really well. We carefully drove the flat end of the pry tool into the gap between the windshield seal and the cowl, and were able to get it loose.
3. Even with small hands, reaching behind the control arm to disconnect the plug proved impossible for all four of the people involved in this process. We got the gray clip free, but none of us could get the right angle on it to unplug it. So, we removed the small metal wall in front of the control arm, unbolted the control arm, tipped the whole thing down, back, and forward, and were able to unplug the Soundaktor in no time at all. We regretted not doing that from the get-go, as all of that is really easy to put back. It's nice not having to grope around in the dark, trying to unplug something so odd.

I'm sure we didn't do it the most efficient way, but it's done!

Here are some photos of the process:



Prepping.

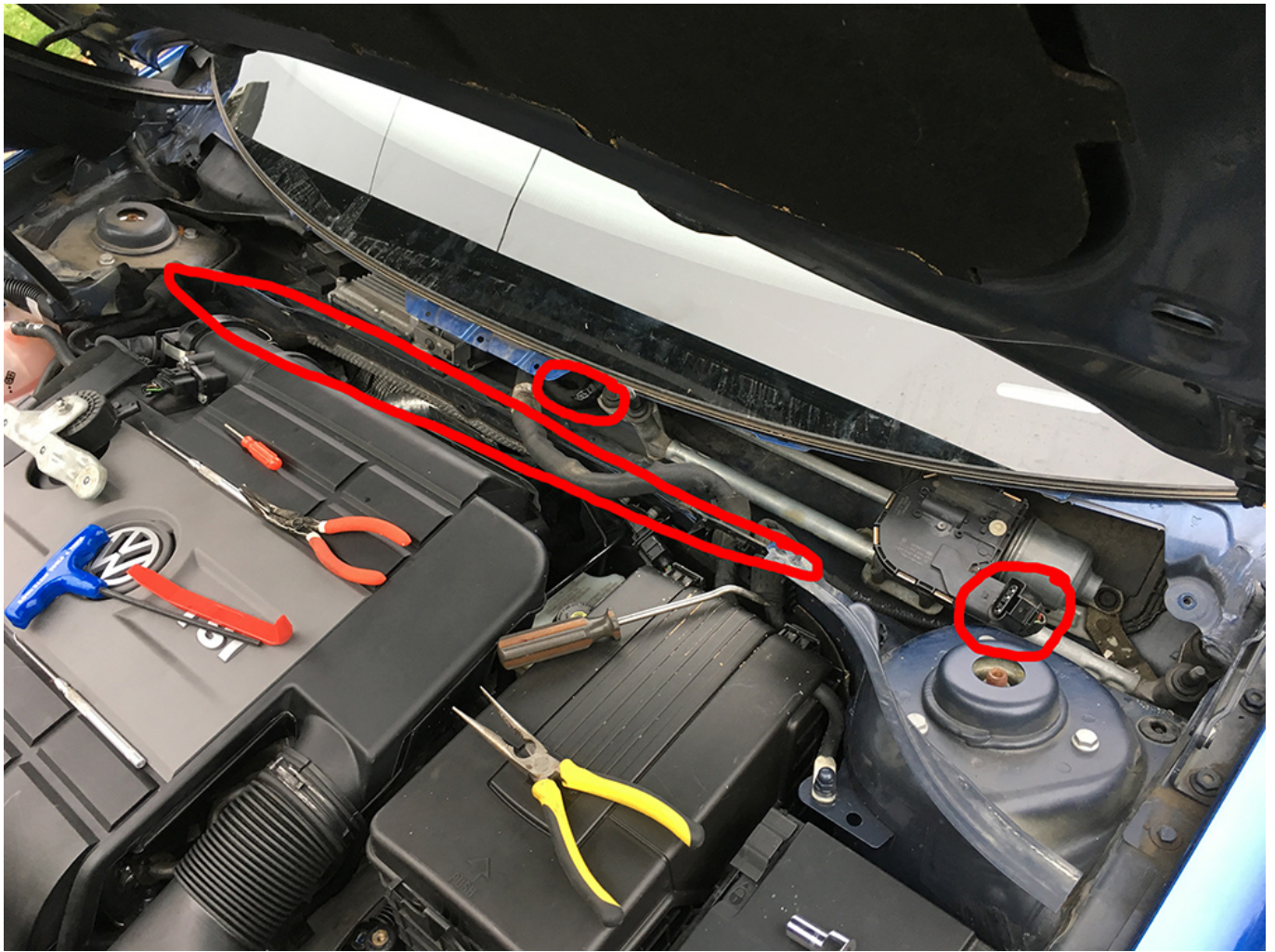


Closeup of the Soundaktor plug.





Another closeup of the Soundaktor and plug.



Wall removed, arm unplugged, Soundaktor unplugged and wrapped.

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