Timing belt change Phaeton 4.2 V8

Without removing front or lowering radiator fans

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- 1. First remove the underbelly engine cover
- 2. Remove the air intake pipes at the front
- 3. Remove the airfilter boxes (only the top half) and
- 4. Remove the sparkplugs
- 5. Fill all the holes with towelpaper so nothing can fall in there (sparkplugs + airintakes)



6. Remove the bar in front of the ribbed belt



7. Remove the ribbed belt:



- 8. Find the markings on the biggest pulley and align them with the marking on the timingbelt cover
- 9. Remove ribbed belt tensioner



10. And follow the repair manual:





11. On the left side of the car looking at your engine next to the engine mounting part you will see the plug for locking the crankshaft. Unplug it and replace it with the locking tool



- 13. Be sure that the locking tool is correctly in place
- 14. After that remove the big pulley for the ribbed belt











15. To empty the cooling system I disconnected the bottom hose from the radiator on the left or rightside. This is also the water pipe that is often very rusty and needs replacement at some time.

16. Because of the big tool to remove the camshaft gears you have to remove the left side top radiator hose and lay it out of the way. It is a 5cm diameter hose with a special clamb on top of it. You can pull that clamb up to remove the hose.You will need some force to remove that hose. I even needed a small pipe or screw driver and a hamer to remove it. Use the small hole in the front of the radiator to put your pipe in and push the hose backwards. Be carefull with you hamer. When the hose is off, you can push it down so you can remove the camshaft gear.





17. Small space to put a screwdriver in to push the radiator hose from it's mounting part.





18. Before installing:

Lubricate the bolts for the waterpump and the thermostat with WD40 or another rust remover, wait half an hour and try to unbolt the waterpump and the thermostat.

- 19. Clean the waterpump house en thermostat house.
- 20. You can leave the gasket of the waterpump en renew the thermotat gasket. The waterpump gasket is glued on the engine and is difficult to remove. I placed a new gasket on top of the old one and used a thin layer of grease to lubricate the gasket and to make it sticky. Also lubricate the thermostatgasket so it would fit easily. Also note that the hole in the thermostat needs to be at the top of the thermostat when mounting. If you break a bolt and it is not possible to remove it, leave it there. Or if you like to remove the front of your car... I broke two bolts on the waterpump and took my chances. It is still leak free. Hoping that I don't need to remove the front.
- 21. When thermostat, waterpump and some new bearings are installed you can reinstall the timing belt. Follow: repair manual again











- 22. Don't forget to reinstall the radiator hose, but some grease on the end of the hose to let it slide on its mounting. Be sure that it is fully connected en push the clamb back on its place. Check if it is fixed correctly.
- 23. Reinstall ribbelt belt tensioner
- 24. Reinstall ribbelt belt again





- 25. Do not forget to reconnect the water hose.
- 26. Reinstall sparkplugs, airintake parts and underbelly engine cover.
- 27. Refill cooling system with G12+
- 28. Run you engine hot to check the cooling system.
- 29. After a few trips check the water level.
- 30. Good luck

Special tools:

