1997-98 MANUAL TRANSMISSIONS
Volkswagen/Audi V.A.G. Type 02A

GTI, Jetta, Passat

APPLICATION

TRANSAXLE APPLICATIONS

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IDENTIFICATION

Volkswagen Audi Group (VAG) transaxle is identified by a type number cast into transaxle case. Code letter and production date information is stamped on a machined surface located on upper portion of transaxle clutch housing surface.

DESCRIPTION

Type 02A is a 5-speed transaxle consisting of an input shaft, mainshaft/drive pinion shaft and a differential assembly which transfers power to front wheels.

LUBRICATION

Place vehicle on level surface. Remove oil filler plug. Oil level should be to bottom of filler opening. Add fluid as needed. Use hypoid oil API GL-4, MIL-L2105 SAE 80 or G50 SAE 75W/90 synthetic lubricant. Capacity is 2.1 qts. (2.0L).

ON-VEHICLE SERVICE

SHIFT LINKAGE ADJUSTMENT

1) Place gear selector lever in "N" position. Remove knob and boot. Remove balance weight. Loosen bolt "A" and nut "B" sufficiently so that operating cables move freely in centering holes. See Fig. 1. Install Shift Linkage Gauge (3192). Loosen bolt "C". See Fig. 2.
2) Pivot locating pin under bearing plate. Tighten nut "D". Place gearshift lever into left detent of slide. Move gearshift lever and slide together to left stop. Tighten slide with bolt "D". Move gearshift lever to right detent. Tighten bolt "E". Move gearshift lever to right detent. Tighten bolt "C".

Fig. 1: Identifying Centering Holes
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Fig. 2: Installing Shift Linkage Gauge
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AXLE SHAFTS

See appropriate AXLE SHAFTS article in AXLE SHAFTS & TRANSFER CASES.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

See GENERAL TROUBLE SHOOTING article.
REMOVAL & INSTALLATION

See appropriate MANUAL TRANSMISSION REMOVAL article in TRANSMISSION section.

TRANSAXLE DISASSEMBLY

DISASSEMBLY PROCEDURE

1) Mount transaxle in mounting fixture and drain oil from transaxle. Remove clutch release lever, bearing and guide sleeve. Loosen and remove gearbox housing cover bolts and remove cover. Loosen and remove 5th gear selector fork. See Fig. 3.

2) To facilitate removal of gears, engage 1st and 5th gears. Remove 5th gear synchronizer assembly retaining bolts. Using a puller, remove synchronizer hub and 5th gear, with needle bearing from shaft. Using a puller, pull off fixed 5th gear.

3) Remove left side axle flange, using 2 bolts to evenly press off flange. Remove reverse idler shaft support bracket, removing inside retaining bolt with 4" (100 mm) Torx T45 key. Shift selector shaft to neutral, then remove gear selector mechanism (2 bolts). See Fig. 4.

4) Remove cover plate and shift fork pivot pins from underside of transaxle. Remove shift fork pivot pins from upper side of transaxle. Remove clutch housing-to-gearbox housing bolts (near differential). Remove remaining bolts "A" from inside clutch housing, but do not remove 4 nuts "B" for output shaft bearing support. See Fig. 5.

5) Remove gearbox housing. If necessary, carefully pry up around protruding flanges to separate housing. Remove shift forks, with selector plates. Remove bolt retaining selector mechanism for reverse gear. See Fig. 6.

6) Remove 4 nuts from clutch housing for output shaft bearing support. Remove reverse gear, input shaft and output shaft, in that order, from clutch housing. See Fig. 6. Remove right side axle flange, using 2 bolts to evenly separate flange from housing. Remove differential.
Fig. 3: Exploded View Of Gearbox Housing Cover & 5th Gears
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Fig. 4: Exploded View Of Gearbox Housing
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Fig. 5: Identifying Inside Clutch Housing Bolts
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COMPONENT DISASSEMBLY & REASSEMBLY

CLUTCH HOUSING

Disassembly
1) Remove oil drain plug, locating dowels, differential bearing outer race and shim, magnet, output shaft outer bearing race and adjusting shim. Using puller, extract input shaft needle bearing. See Fig. 7.
2) Unbolt relay lever brackets, relay lever and springs. Extract bushing for starter shaft. Remove threaded plug, input shaft oil seal, drive flange sleeve and oil seal.

**Inspection**
Inspect clutch housing for cracks, worn or galled bearing race bores, stripped threads or damaged case machined surfaces.

**Reassembly**
1) Install drive flange sleeve and oil seal. Install threaded plug and bushing for starter. Install relay lever, brackets and springs.

2) Install input shaft needle bearing using bearing driver. Install shim and bearing outer race for differential assembly. Install
selected adjusting shim and outer bearing race for output shaft. Install locating dowels and oil drain plug. Install magnet on case (secured in place by surface of mating housing).

GEARBOX HOUSING

Disassembly
Using a press, remove output shaft needle bearing. Remove differential outer bearing race, adjustment shim and drive flange oil seal. Remove input shaft outer bearing race and shim.

Inspection
Inspect clutch housing for cracks, worn or galled bearing race bores, stripped threads or damaged case machined surfaces.

Reassembly
Using a press, install output shaft needle bearing. Install outer bearing races and selected adjusting shims for differential and input shaft. Install output flange oil seal(s).

GEARBOX HOUSING COVER

Disassembly
Remove gearbox housing cover. Remove clutch lever clip, clutch lever and lever return spring. Remove release bearing, oil seal and release shaft clip. Remove oil filler plug, needle bearing and bearing retainer bolt.

Inspection
Inspect clutch housing for cracks, worn or galled bearing race bores, stripped threads or damaged case machined surfaces.

Reassembly
Install oil filler plug, needle bearing and bearing retainer bolt. Install release bearing, release shaft oil seal, release shaft and shaft clip. Install clutch lever, clutch lever return spring, and lever retaining clip.

INPUT SHAFT ASSEMBLY

Disassembly
1) Remove Torx socket-head bolt from input shaft end in transaxle housing. Remove dished washer. Use a gear puller to remove 5th gear operating sleeve and synchronizer hub. Remove 5th gear synchronizer ring with cast locking pieces. Disassembly spring and locking pieces. With puller, remove 5th gear. Remove needle roller bearing and press off sleeve. See Fig. 8.

2) Remove transaxle housing from clutch housing. With suitable Drivers (VW 407 and 477h), remove tapered roller bearing outer race from end of input shaft. Using press and Drivers (VW 412, 422 and 401), press off tapered roller bearing inner race from input shaft. Remove thrust washer from end of input shaft.

3) Press off tapered roller bearing inner race, along with

Fig. 8: Exploded View Of Input Shaft
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Reassembly
1) Install shim into bottom of transaxle housing and press in tapered roller bearing outer sleeve. Press on sleeve for needle bearing, using Drivers (VW 41-501 and 401). Install tapered roller bearing outer race into clutch housing, using drift. Install inner races into clutch housing, using suitable Drivers (VW 412, 422 and 401).

2) Press 3rd gear onto input shaft, ensuring shoulder point toward 4th gear. Install new snap ring. Press on 4th gear. Press on tapered roller bearing inner race, install thrust washer and press on outer race. Install new shim into bottom of transaxle housing, adjusting thickness as needed. See ADJUSTING INPUT SHAFT PRELOAD.

3) Insert input shaft into clutch housing and position transaxle housing in place, tighten retaining bolts. Press on needle roller bearing sleeve, 5th gear, synchronizer ring, and spring. Assemble 5th gear operating sleeve and synchronizer hub. Note proper location of locking pieces in recesses in operating sleeve. Install dished washer. Install Torx bolt into end of input shaft and tighten to 59 ft. lbs. (80 N.m).
Disassembly
1) Position Separator Plate (Kukko 17/2) under second gear and press off 3rd gear/4th gear synchronizer hub with operating sleeve, 2nd gear, 3rd gear and 4th gear with housing needle roller bearing sleeve. See Fig. 9.
2) Remove circlip. Using a 2-jaw puller, position under bearing carrier and pull off synchronizer sleeve along with 1st/2nd gear synchro-hub assembly. Using appropriate puller, remove tapered roller bearing from output shaft.

Inspection
Inspect output shaft and gears for scoring and wear marks. Check gear and synchronizer teeth for wear and chipping. Check synchronizer rings for clearance.

Reassembly
1) Install tapered bearings on output shaft. Using a press and bearing saddle, install thrust washer, 1st gear, 1st gear synchronizer ring, needle bearing, 1st/2nd gear synchronizer hub assembly, 2nd gear, 2nd gear synchronizer ring, needle bearing and bearing race.
2) Install thrust washer, 3rd gear, 3rd gear synchronizer ring, needle bearing and needle bearing inner race, 3rd/4th synchronizer hub assembly, 4th gear, 4th gear synchronizer ring, needle bearing and race. Place thrust washer on shaft assembly and hold in place with grease. Determine shim thickness. See ADJUSTING OUTPUT SHAFT PRELOAD.
REVERSE GEAR SHAFT ASSEMBLY

Disassembly
Following removal of both mounting bolts, remove reverse idler shaft support and needle bearing. If necessary, needle bearing can be pressed out of support. Use puller to extract reverse idler shaft assembly. Pull off reverse gear. Remove and discard circlip. Pull off reverse sliding gear. Pull needle roller bearing from clutch housing. See Fig. 10.

Inspection
Check gears, shaft and bearings for any signs of wear, corrosion or damage. Replace components as needed.

Reassembly
Press new needle roller bearing into clutch housing, if removed. Install reverse sliding gear, with new circlip. Ensure sliding gear shoulder faces reverse gear. Install reverse gear.
reverse idler shaft assembly into place. Press needle roller bearing into idler shaft support, if removed. Install support retaining bolts.

**DIFFERENTIAL ASSEMBLY**

**Disassembly**

1) Press tapered roller bearings off both ends of differential housing. Remove ring gear from differential housing if ring gear or housing needs replacement. See Fig. 11.

2) Remove spring pin. Remove pinion shaft, pinion gears and one piece thrust washer.

**Inspection**

Inspect gears and pinion shaft for wear, chipping or galling. Inspect thrust washer for wear. Replace components as needed.

**Reassembly**

1) If differential ring gear is being replaced, heat gear to approximately 212°F (100°C) and press onto differential housing using several bolts as guide pins during installation. Use NEW bolts (02A-
498-88A) and tighten to 52 ft. lbs. (70 N.m) and turn an additional 90 degrees.

2) Install one piece thrust washer, pinion gears and pinion shaft into differential case and secure with spring pin. Press tapered bearings onto each end of differential carrier.

**NOTE:** If installing a new ring gear or pinion, be sure both components are a matched set. Use NEW ring gear retaining Bolt Kit (02A 498 088A).

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**Fig. 11: Exploded View Of Differential Assembly**

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ADJUSTING INPUT SHAFT PRELOAD

NOTE: The input shaft must be readjusted if the gearbox housing, clutch housing, input shaft, 4th speed gear or tapered roller bearings are replaced.

1) Press tapered roller bearing race into gearbox housing without shim. Install outer bearing race for opposite end of input shaft in gearbox housing. Place input shaft into clutch housing and install gearbox housing. Tighten gearbox to clutch housing bolts to 18 ft. lbs. (25 N.m) and turn each bolt an additional 90 degrees.

2) Install dial indicator and holding plate to measure end play of input shaft. See Fig. 12. Ensure large tapered roller bearing is installed in gearbox housing. Rotate input shaft several times in both directions to seat bearings. Adjust dial indicator to "0" with .039" (1 mm) preload.

3) Press input shaft upward, against dial indicator tip and measure and record end play (dial indicator will not return to its original position). Select appropriate adjustment shim. See INPUT SHAFT SHIM SELECTION CHART. Remove input shaft, press out large tapered roller bearing outer race. Insert shim, then reinstall large tapered roller bearing outer race and input shaft. Install gearbox housing, tightening bolts to 18 ft. lbs. (25 N.m), plus an additional 90 degrees.

4) Remove gearbox housing. Install measuring fixture and dial indicator. Rotate input shaft several times in both directions to seat bearings. Press input shaft upward toward dial indicator and note end play reading. End play should be .0004-.0035" (.01-.09 mm). If not, repeat adjustment.

NOTE: Adjustment shims are available in sizes from .026-.028" (.671-.699 mm) to .059-0.60" (1.500-1.524 mm), in .001" (.025 mm) increments.

Fig. 12: Measuring Input Shaft End Play
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INPUT SHAFT SHIM SELECTION CHART

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ADJUSTING OUTPUT SHAFT PRELOAD

NOTE: Resetting is not necessary unless replacing final drive, output shaft bearings, differential assembly or clutch housing.
1) Install output shaft roller bearing outer races into their respective clutch and gearbox housings. Insert a .025" (.65 mm) shim behind clutch housing race. Insert output shaft into clutch housing and install gearbox housing. Tighten plate to 18 ft. lbs. (25 N.m), then turn each bolt an additional 90 degrees. Set up a dial indicator and measure up and down movement of output shaft. See Fig. 13.

2) The specified shim size is obtained by adding a constant of .008" (.20 mm) to recorded dial indicator reading and a .025" (.65 mm) shim value. The sum of these 3 figures will determine shim size to be installed. Shims are available in sizes from .025" (.65 mm) to .055" (1.40 mm) in increments of .002" (.05 mm). Output shaft preload should be 12-18 INCH lbs. (130-180 N.m).

![Fig. 13: Measuring Output Shaft End Play](image)

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ADJUSTING DIFFERENTIAL PRELOAD

NOTE: Adjusting differential preload is not necessary unless replacing gearbox housing, clutch housing, differential housing or differential bearings.

1) Install differential outer bearing races into their respective clutch and gearbox housing. Install differential into clutch housing case and install gearbox housing. Tighten gearbox-to-clutch housing bolts to 18 ft. lbs. (25 N.m) and turn each bolt an additional 90 degrees.

2) Set up dial indicator to measure differential end play. See Fig. 14. The specified bearing shim is obtained by adding a constant value for preload of .015" (.40 mm) to dial indicator measurement. This sum is equal to the needed shim size. Shims are available in various sizes from .025" (.65 mm) to .049" (1.25 mm) in increments of .002" (.05 mm).

3) Differential bearing preload should be 10-28 INCH lbs. (1.1-3.2 N.m) for new bearings and at least 3 INCH lbs. (.30 N.m) for used bearings.
TRANSAXLE REASSEMBLY

REASSEMBLY PROCEDURE

1) Install differential. Install input shaft, output shaft and reverse shaft, using new "O" rings on output shaft studs. Install and tighten nuts for output shaft bearing support. Clean any remaining thread locking compound from reverse shaft support threads. Install reverse idler shaft support and reverse gear selector mechanism. Install shift forks with selector plates. Install M8x100 mm stud into reverse shaft support so shaft will be aligned after installing gearbox housing. Align selector plates with selector segments positioned in grooves on operating sleeves. Install transaxle housing.

2) Install reverse shaft support bolts by inserting bolt "a", removing M8x100 mm stud, then inserting and hand-tightening bolt "b". Tighten both bolts to 22 ft. lbs. (30 N.m). See Fig. 15. Align selector mechanism with screwdriver and install pivot pin for selector forks. Install selector shaft by first placing selector rails in Neutral position. Set locating lug "1" in recess in transaxle housing. Position selector shaft so selector finger "2" is inserted in selector rails. See Fig. 16.
3) Install 5th gear so groove around circumference faces toward transaxle housing. Use suitable driver to seat 5th gear. Assemble 5th gear synchronizer hub and operating sleeve so clearance between sleeve and gear teeth is .043-.067" (1.1-1.7 mm). Install assembly with pointed teeth of operating sleeve and high shoulder of synchronizer hub facing transaxle housing. Drive on 5th gear synchronizer hub assembly. Install washers, then hand-tighten bolts for synchronizer hub and 5th gear.

4) Engage 2 gears to lock transaxle and tighten 5th gear synchronizer hub and gear retaining bolts. Install 5th gear selector fork. Engage 5th gear. Loosen bolt "1" under selector fork. Press operating sleeve and selector fork jaws in direction of arrows, then retighten bolt to 18 ft. lbs. (25 N.m). See Fig. 17. Clearance must be less than .008" (.2 mm) between operating sleeve and gear. Disengage 5th gear so operating sleeve is in Neutral position. Synchronizer ring must move freely. Check selection of all gears. If okay, install transaxle housing cover.
5) On transaxles without springs behind axle flanges, replace circlips. On transaxles with springs behind axle flanges, install complete axle flange shaft. Install guide sleeves for clutch release bearing, then install clutch.

**TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS**

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