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Subject: Side Airbag, On Board Diagnostic (OBD)

Group: 01

Number: 00-05

Model(s): All

2000, 2001

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Service

Additional diagnostic procedures have been established to prevent improper replacement of airbag components. In addition, certain airbag wiring harness terminals and connectors can now be repaired using VAS 1978 Wire Harness Repair Kit. Follow all diagnostic procedures in this bulletin and Repair Manual before beginning repair.

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CAUTION!

ALWAYS review and follow all **CAUTIONS**
and **WARNINGS** in the *Repair Manual*
regarding **Airbags**!

Airbag On Board Diagnostic (OBD)

For diagnosis using VAS 5051, see VAS 5051
Tester.

For additional VAG 1551 information, see
Repair Manual, *Body On Board Diagnostic*
(OBD), Repair Group 01.

Rapid Data Transfer
Enter address word XX

HELP

◀ Indicated on display

Note:

*With the address word 00 the automatic test
sequence is carried out i.e., the DTC memories
of all systems in the vehicle capable of On
Board Diagnostic (OBD) are checked via the
rapid data transfer.*

Press buttons -1- and -5- to insert "Airbag"
address word 15.

Rapid Data Transfer
15 - Airbag

Q

◀ Indicated on display

– Press -Q- button to confirm input.

1J0 909 608 D AIRBAG VW 3-S V03→
Coding 0068 WSC12345

◀ Indicated on display

– Press → button.

Rapid Data Transfer
Select function XX

Q

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Rapid Data Transfer

Q

02 – Check DTC Memory

Press buttons -0- and -2- to select “Check DTC Memory” function 02.

◀ Indicated on display

Press -Q- button to confirm input.

X DTC Recognized

◀ Indicated on display (number of DTCs recognized)

The stored DTCs are displayed and printed out one after the other.

Eliminate DTCs by referencing DTC table.
See page 4.

Airbag Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC) Table

VAG 1551 Scan Tool Display	Possible cause	Corrective Action
01217 Igniter for side airbag, driver's side -N199- Resistance value too large Resistance value too small Short circuit to B+ Short circuit to Ground (GND)	Improper or damaged connection Faulty wiring or connections Igniter for side airbag, driver's side -N199- faulty	- Read Measuring Value Block. See page 5.
01218 Igniter for side airbag, passenger's side -N200- Resistance value too large Resistance value too small Short circuit to B+ Short circuit to Ground (GND)	Improper or damaged connection Faulty wiring or connection Igniter for side airbag, passenger's side -N200- faulty	- Read Measuring Value Block. See page 5.

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VAG 1551 Scan Tool Display	Possible cause	Corrective Action
01221 Crash sensor for side airbag, driver's side -G179- Resistance value too large Resistance value too small Short circuit Open circuit Faulty Not authorized	Faulty wiring or connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check terminals in both connectors are fully seated. If damaged, repair or replace using VAS 1978 Repair Kit. - Check connectors. If damaged, repair using VAS 1978 Repair Kit.
	Crash sensor faulty Control module faulty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace damaged component.
	Crash sensor and control module do not match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace crash sensor or control module.
01222 Crash sensor for side airbag, passenger's side -G180- Resistance value too large Resistance value too small Short circuit Open circuit Faulty Not authorized	Faulty wiring or connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check terminals in both connectors are fully seated. If damaged, repair or replace using VAS 1978 Repair Kit. - Check connectors. If damaged, repair using VAS 1978 Repair Kit.
	Crash sensor faulty Control module faulty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace damaged component.
	Crash sensor and control module do not match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace crash sensor or control module.
65535 Control module malfunctioning	Electrical interference as a result of external sources, poor Ground (GND) connections or Positive connections to control module -J234-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Test wiring and connections to control module according to wiring diagram¹⁾
	Control module -J234- faulty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace control module.¹⁾

¹⁾ Replace control module only if DTC 65535 is displayed or vehicle has been involved in an accident.

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Measuring value block, reading

WARNING!

***Check wiring via visual inspection only.
Do not check continuity or resistance of
airbag igniter circuits.
Only check wiring with ignition switched
off.***

Rapid data transfer
Select function XX

HELP

◀ Indicated on display. If VAG 1551 is still in
another function:

- Press buttons -0- and -6- to select “End
Output” function.

Rapid data transfer
06 – End output

HELP

◀ Indicated on display:

- Press -Q- button to confirm entry.

Rapid Data Transfer
Enter address word XX

HELP

◀ Indicated on display

- Press buttons -1- and -5- to insert “Airbag”
address word 15.

Rapid Data Transfer
15 - Airbag

Q

◀ Indicated on display

- Press -Q- button to confirm input.

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Coding 0068 WSC12345

◀ Indicated on display

- Press → button.

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Rapid data transfer

HELP

Select function XX

◀ Indicated on display.

- Press buttons -0- and -8- to select “Read Measuring Value Block” function.

Rapid data transfer

Q

08 – Read measuring value block

◀ Indicated on display

- Press -Q- button to confirm entry.

Read measured value block

Input display group number XXX

◀ Indicated on display

- Press buttons -0-, -0- and -5- to select display group 005 and confirm entry with -Q- button.

Read measured value block 1 →

1

2

3

4

◀ Indicated on display (1-4 = Display Fields)

Explanation of individual display fields on display is found in evaluation of display group numbers.

If displayed values in all display fields are “Correct”:

- Press → button.

Note:

To change to another display group, proceed as follows:

Display Group	VAG 1551	VAG 1552
Higher	Press button -3-	Press ↑ button
Lower	Press button -1-	Press ↓ button
Skip	Press button -C-	Press button -C-

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Note:

Check DTC memory after completing "Read Measuring Value Block" function 08.

For additional information, see Repair Manual, *Body On Board Diagnostic (OBD)*, Repair Group 01.

Display group 005

Display group 005						
Read Measuring Value Block 5				→ ◀ Indicated on display		
xxxx	xxx	xxx	xxxx			
1	2	3	4	◀ Display field	Specification	Evaluation
					Not Applicable	See Page 8
					Not Applicable	
Igniter for side airbag, passenger's side -N200-					Correct	
Igniter for side airbag, driver's side -N199-					Correct	

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Evaluating display group 005

Display field	Designation	Display contents	Corrective action
1	Igniter for side airbag, driver's side -N199-	Correct	- No malfunctions or DTCs present.
		too small to Ground to Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Visually check wiring (for damage) and connectors for correct engagement and tight fit.- While observing display, move seat back and forth, fold seats, (2 door models), move wiring up, down, back and forth in different areas. <p>If display changes from "too small", this indicates wiring repairs are necessary.</p> <p>If display remains on "too small"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Separate yellow 3-pin connector from side airbag adapter harness under seat. <p>Display remains on "too small":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Repair wiring between control module and 3-pin connector using VAS 1978 Repair Kit. <p>Display changes to "too large":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remove seat (Remember to connect airbag adapter VAS 5094 as directed) See Repair Manual, <i>Body-Interior</i>, Repair Group 72.- Pull back seat back cover. See Repair Manual, <i>Body-Interior</i>, Repair Group 74.

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Display field	Designation	Display contents	Corrective action
1	Igniter for side airbag, driver's side -N199-	too small to Ground to Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Temporarily reinstall seat , remove VAS 5094 and reconnect 3-pin connector.- Separate igniter connector -N199- from airbag unit. <p>Display reads "too small":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Replace adapter harness between igniter and 3-pin connector. <p>Display reads "too large"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reconnect igniter connector. <p>Display reads "too small":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Replace airbag unit and adapter harness (if harness has not already been replaced in previous steps).

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Display field	Designation	Display contents	Corrective action
1	Igniter for side airbag, driver's side -N199-	too large to Ground to positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Visually check wiring (for damage) and connectors for correct engagement and tight fit.- While observing display, move seat back and forth, fold seats, (2 door models), move wiring up, down, back and forth in different areas. <p>If display changes from "too large" this indicates wiring repairs are necessary.</p> <p>If display remains on "too large":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Separate 3-pin yellow connector from side airbag adapter harness under seat (Display should remain "too large").- Connect inert igniter #2 on VAS 5056 (see Page 16 to 3-pin yellow connector). <p>Display should change to "correct":</p> <p>Display remains on "too large":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Press button on VAS 5056 to simulate short circuit. <p>Display remains on "too large":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Repair wiring between control module and 3-pin connector using VAS 1978 Repair Kit.

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Display field	Designation	Display contents	Corrective action
1	Igniter for side airbag, driver's side -N199-	too large	<p>Display changes to "too small":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remove VAS 5056, remove seat. Remember to connect airbag adapter VAS 5094 as directed. See Repair Manual, <i>Body-Interior</i>, Repair Group 72.- Pull back seat cover. See Repair Manual, <i>Body-Interior</i>, Repair Group 74.- Temporarily reinstall seat, remove VAS 5094 and reconnect 3-pin connector.- Separate igniter connector -N199- from airbag unit.- Bridge ignitor connector -N199- ON ADAPTER WIRE HARNESS with small gauge wire. <p>Display changes to "too small":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Replace airbag unit and adapter harness. <p>Display remains on "too large":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remove wire bridge from adapter harness.- Check adapter harness and connectors for damage, i.e., kinked or pinched wire near tie-wrap.- Replace adapter harness between igniter and 3-pin connector.- Reconnect igniter connector. <p>Display remains on "too large":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Replace airbag unit and adapter harness (if not previously replaced).

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Display field	Designation	Display contents	Corrective action
2	Igniter for side airbag, driver's side -N200-	Correct	- No malfunctions or DTCs present.
		too small to Ground to Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Visually check wiring (for damage) and connectors for correct engagement and tight fit.- While observing display, move seat back and forth, fold seats, (2 door models), move wiring up, down, back and forth in different areas. <p>If display changes from "too small", this indicates wiring repairs are necessary.</p> <p>If display remains on "too small"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Separate yellow 3-pin connector from side airbag adapter harness under seat. <p>Display remains on "too small":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Repair wiring between control module and 3-pin connector using VAS 1978 Repair Kit. <p>Display changes to "too large":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remove seat (Remember to connect airbag adapter VAS 5094 as directed) See Repair Manual, <i>Body-Interior</i>, Repair Group 72.- Pull back seat back cover. See Repair Manual, <i>Body-Interior</i>, Repair Group 74.

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2	Igniter for side airbag, driver's side -N200-	too large to Ground to positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Visually check wiring (for damage) and connectors for correct engagement and tight fit.- While observing display, move seat back and forth, fold seats, (2 door models), move wiring up, down, back and forth in different areas. <p>If display changes from "too large" this indicates wiring repairs are necessary.</p> <p>If display remains on "too large":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Separate 3-pin yellow connector from side airbag adapter harness under seat (Display should remain "too large").- Connect inert igniter #2 on VAS 5056 (see page 16) to 3-pin yellow connector. <p>Display should change to "correct":</p> <p>Display remains on "too large":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Press button on VAS 5056 to simulate short circuit. <p>Display remains on "too large":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Repair wiring between control module and 3-pin connector using VAS 1978 Repair Kit.

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2	Igniter for side airbag, driver's side -N200-	too large	<p>Display changes to "too small":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remove VAS 5056, remove seat. Remember to connect airbag adapter VAS 5094 as directed. See Repair Manual, <i>Body-Interior</i>, Repair Group 72.- Pull back seat cover. See Repair Manual, <i>Body-Interior</i>, Repair Group 74.- Temporarily reinstall seat, remove VAS 5094 and reconnect 3-pin connector.- Separate igniter connector -N200- from airbag unit.- Bridge ignitor connector -N200- ON ADAPTER WIRE HARNESS with small gauge wire. <p>Display changes to "too small":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Replace airbag unit and adapter harness. <p>Display remains on "too large":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remove wire bridge from adapter harness.- Check adapter harness and connectors for damage, i.e., kinked or pinched wire near tie-wrap.- Replace adapter harness between igniter and 3-pin connector.- Reconnect igniter connector. <p>Display remains on "too large":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Replace airbag unit and adapter harness (if not previously replaced).
3	Not applicable	Correct	
4	Not applicable	Correct	

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VAS 5056 test box

It is possible to use VAS 5056 in conjunction with VAG 1551/1552 or VAS 5051 to diagnose airbag system faults.

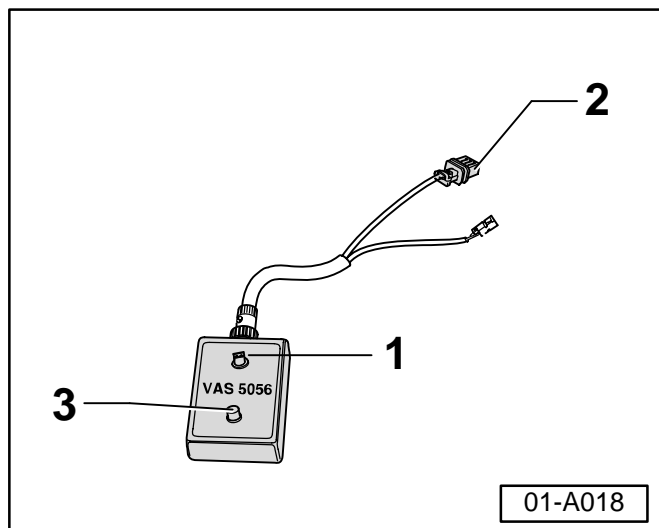
WARNING!

Check wiring via visual inspection only.

Do not check continuity or resistance of airbag igniter circuits.

Only check wiring with ignition switched off.

VAS 5056 test box, components



- 1 - Igniter connector on inert igniter #1.
 - Used to simulate correct resistance of igniter at airbag or seat belt.
- 2 - Adapter harness with connectors for inert igniter #2 (VAS 5056/2).
 - Used to connect inert igniter #2 to airbag harness
- 3 - Button
 - Used to simulate short circuit in harness through connectors.

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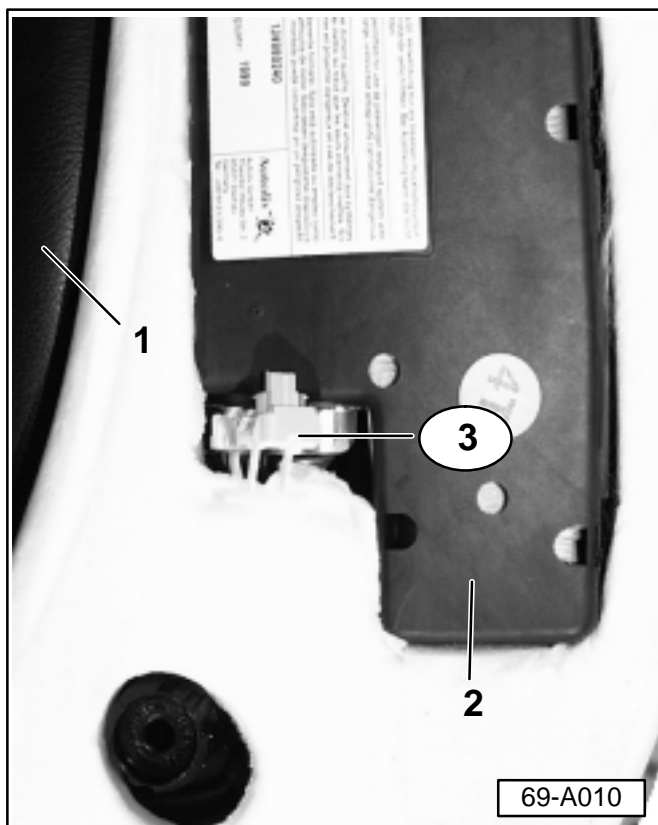
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Airbag, connecting test box to side airbag components, example

- Connect adapter harness with connectors for inert igniter #2 (VAS 5056/2) to airbag harness connector underneath seat. See Evaluating display group 005 for specific diagnostic instructions. If diagnosis is not completed, proceed to next step.
- Press button to simulate short circuit in airbag harness through connectors. Repair as directed. If diagnosis is not completed, proceed to next step.
- Remove seat -1-.

Note:

When removing seat, always connect airbag adapter VAS 5094 as directed. See Repair Manual, Body-Interior, Repair Group 72.



- ◀ – Pull back seatback cover to expose side airbag unit -2-. See Repair Manual, Body-Interior, Repair Group 74.
- Remove connector -3- from airbag igniter.
- Check airbag igniter connector -3- for damage.
- Temporarily reinstall seat, remove VAS 5094 and reconnect 3-pin connector.
- Bridge ignitor connector -N199- or -N200- ON ADAPTER WIRE HARNESS with small gauge wire.
- If concern still exists, replace side air bag unit -2- and adapter harness. See Repair Manual, Body-Interior, Repair Group 69.

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Wire harness, repair

Note:

No other procedure or materials, other than those in VAS 1978, may be used for wire harness repairs, specifically soldering, wire nuts, generic repair kits, etc.

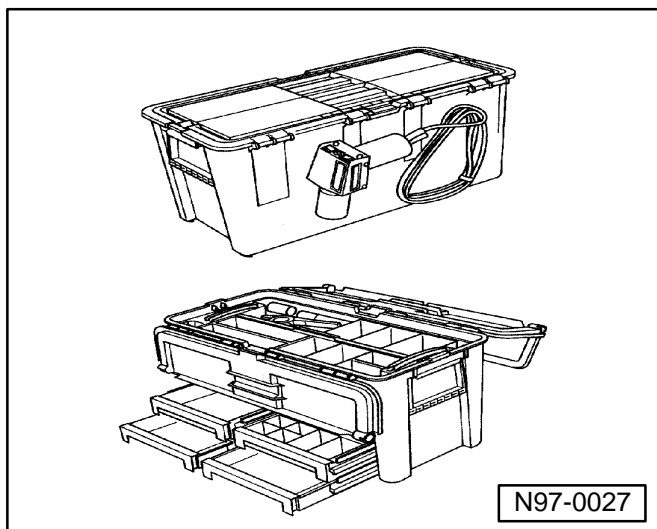
Always review Safety Precautions in the VAS 1978 Instruction Manual prior to performing any wiring harness repairs.

CAUTION!

Wiring that is part of the ABS system and shielded wiring for components, such as speed sensors or knock sensors, may not be repaired, but must ALWAYS be replaced.

DO NOT use solder wire when repairing a wiring harness.

Only use approved methods and materials if wiring harness repairs are required.



If wiring harness repairs are required:

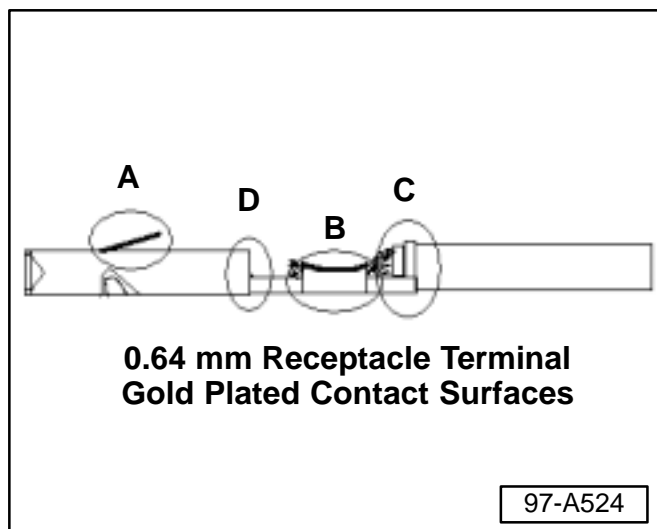
- Use only VAS 1978 Wire Harness Repair Kit.
- If wire harness cannot be repaired using this procedure and materials contained in VAS 1978, replace wire harness.



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Terminal, inspection

◀ Replace terminal when one of following conditions occur:

Terminal is bent or unintentionally deformed.

Terminal is cracked or torn at crimped areas -B- and -C-.

Wire insulation has been drawn into core crimp -B-.

Material is cracked at transition bend -D-.

Terminal coating shows signs of moisture or "greasy" coating. Terminal surface should be bright and shiny.

Primary lock tab(s) -A- should be straight and stand away from terminal.

Note:

During terminal extraction, primary lock tab(s) may have been pressed into terminal. Straighten using sharp edge to carefully lift tab.