

2012 Volkswagen *Golf* Maintenance Schedule For USA
Applicable engines: 2.0L TDI and 2.5L

Carefree
 Maintenance
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Miles	10K	20K	30K	40K	50K	60K	70K	80K	90K	100K	110K	120K	130K
Airbag system: Perform visual inspection (Every 1 year regardless of mileage)	1, *	1, *	1, *	1, *	1, *	1, *	1, *	1, *	1, *	1, *	1, *	1, *	1, *
Air filter element and snow filter: Replace and clean housing (Every 6 years regardless of mileage)						6, *						6, *	
Battery: Check		X		X		X		X		X		X	
Body: Visual inspection for corrosion				X				X				X	
Brake pads: Check thickness and brake disc condition (front and rear)	X		X		X		X		X		X		X
Brakes: Inspect brake system and shock absorber for leaks and damage, check thickness of brake pads, brake disc condition front and rear and check brake fluid level subject to abrasion		X		X		X		X		X		X	
Brake fluid and clutch unit: Change fluid (Every 3 years regardless of mileage and every 2 years after)			3, *		3, *		3, *		3, *		3, *		3, *
Coolant level and frost protection: Check				X				X				X	
CV joints: Check for leaks and damage				X				X				X	
Diesel Particulate Filter: Perform after the first 120,000 miles or 120,000 miles after a Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) replacement. Check ash loading according to manufacturer work procedure; Replace if necessary. NOTE: If DPF replacement is not necessary, perform check every 20,000 miles thereafter until replacement becomes necessary. (2.0L TDI only)												X	
Door checks and mounting pins: Lubricate				X				X				X	
Dust and pollen filter: Replace (Every 2 years regardless of mileage)		X		X		X		X		X		X	
Engine: Change oil and replace oil filter	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Engine and engine compartment components: Check (from above) for leaks and damage				X				X				X	
Engine and engine compartment components: Check (from below) for leaks and damage, check transmission, final drive, and drive shaft boots				X				X				X	
Exhaust system: Check for leaks, damage and secure fittings				X				X				X	
Fuel filter: Replace (2.0L TDI only)		X		X		X		X		X		X	
Headlights, daytime running lights, curve lighting, and automatic headlights: Check adjustment				X				X				X	

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Interior lighting and glove box lights, cigarette lighter / power outlets, horn, and all warning lamps: Check				X				X				X	
Lighting: Front and rear lights, luggage compartment lighting, turn signals, hazard warning lights: Check				X				X				X	
Power steering: Check oil level				X				X				X	
Rear window: Check cleaning nozzle functionality (if applicable)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ribbed V-belt: Check condition				X				X				X	
Service interval display: Reset (if applicable)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Service sticker: Enter the date of the next service on the service sticker and apply to the driver's side door pillar	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Spark plugs: Replace (2.5L only)				X				X				5, *	
Sunroof and panoramic sunroof: Check, clean, and lubricate (if applicable)				X				X				X	
Sunroof: Open sunroof and check front water drains and clean if necessary (if applicable)				X				X				X	
Test drive: Check braking, kick-down, steering, electrical, heating and ventilation systems, air conditioning, handling, and parking brake				X				X				X	
Tie rod ends: Check for excessive play and looseness, check boots				X				X				X	
Timing Belt: Replace (2.0L TDI only)													X
Tires: Check tread depth, condition, tire age, wear pattern and pressure of all tires (including spare)		X		X		X		X		X		X	
Tires: Rotate front to rear	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tire mobility kit: Check and observe expiration date on the tire filler bottle (Every 2 years regardless of mileage)		2, *		2, *		2, *		2, *		2, *		2, *	
Tire mobility kit: Replace tire filler bottle (Every 4 years regardless of mileage)				4, *				4, *				4, *	
Transmission: Automatic (non DSG): Change fluid (2.5L only)					X					X			
Transmission: DSG (non Automatic): Change fluid and filter (if applicable)				X				X				X	
Underbody sealant: Inspect for damage				X				X				X	

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Windshield washers, headlight cleaning system, and wiper blades: Check for damage and function, Check fluid level and add if necessary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

* **Carefree Maintenance Program - Time dependent items will be included in scheduled maintenance intervals if applicable**

1. Every 1 year, regardless of mileage: Perform visual check of airbag system
2. Every 2 years, regardless of mileage: Check and observe the date on the tire filler bottle in the tire mobility kit (**if applicable**)
3. Every 3 years, regardless of mileage and every 2 years after: Change brake fluid
4. Every 4 years, regardless of mileage: Replace tire filler bottle in tire mobility set (**Observe expiration date**)
5. Every 6 years regardless of mileage: Replace spark plugs (**2.5L**)
6. Every 6 years regardless of mileage: Air filter element and snow filter: replace and clean housing (**if applicable**)

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