

DIY: Replacing foglight bulbs for the VW Passat (for model year 2001.5 – 2003)

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Driver's side. The foglight bulb's size is H3 at 55W. Take note that the passenger's side is the exact mirror image of the driver's side. Simply follow the same procedures for the driver's side.

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First step is to take the grill out. With your thumb and index finger on each clip, squeeze in to release and pull out.

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Here's what it looks like without the grill.

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Unscrew the foglight's housing.

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You can continue without disconnecting the wiring, or you can disconnect it by pressing down at the point shown by the arrow and pulling out the connector. Open the housing by twisting the top portion counter-clockwise.

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Disconnect the positive terminal by pulling them apart.

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Release the clips that hold the bulb in place. Push down then out on each.

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The bulb is now ready to be pulled out.

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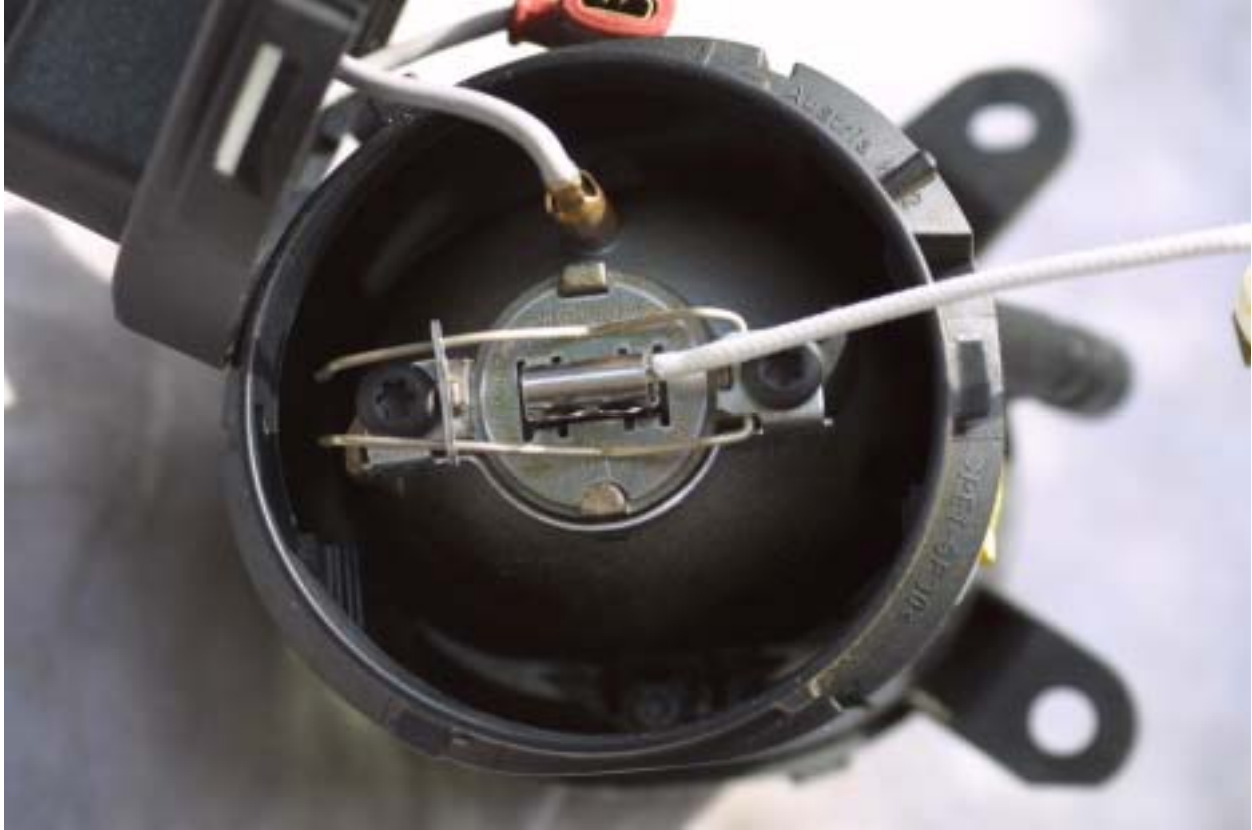
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Remove the old bulb and secure the new one.

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