Engine Cooling System

Quick Data

Air-cooled

V-belt deflection

10-15 mm (3/8-9/16 in.)

Tightening Torques

alternator brackets 20 Nm (15 ft lb) cooling fan 20 Nm (15 ft lb) thermostat 15 Nm (11 ft lb)

Diesel

water pump v-belt deflection
5-10 mm (3/16-3/8 in.)
coolant capacity 16.9 US qt (16.0 ltr)

Tightening Torques

shim pulley bolts 20 Nm (15 ft lb) thermostat housing 10 Nm (7 ft lb) thermoswitches 30 Nm (22 ft lb)

Water-cooled - Digi-jet

water pump V-belt deflection 10-15 mm (3/8-9/16 in) coolant capacity 18.4 US qt (17.5 ltr)

Tightening Torques

thermostat housing 7 Nm (61 in lb)

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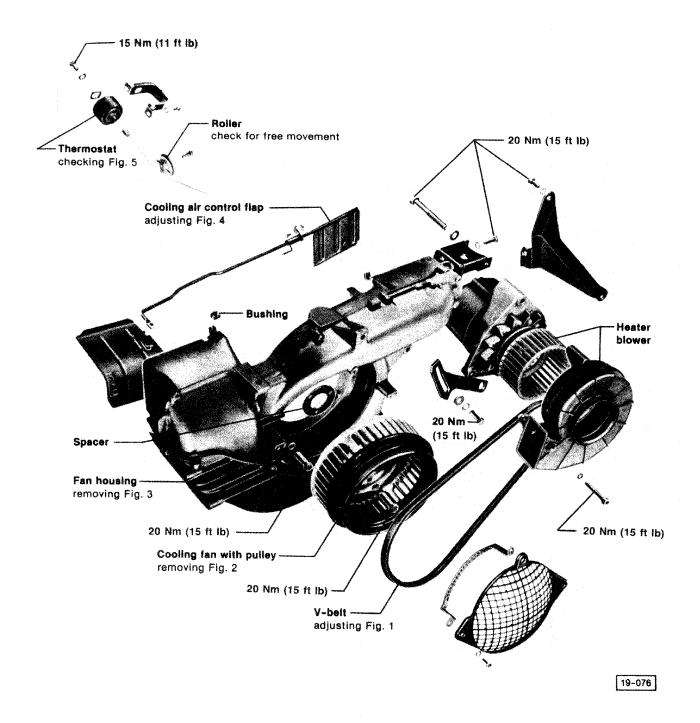
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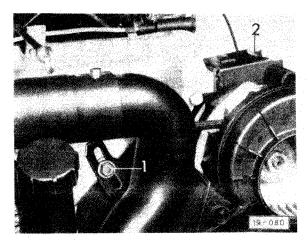


Fig. 1 V-belt tension, adjusting

- loosen bolts 1 and 2
- move alternator to tension belt
 - belt deflection must be 10-15mm (3/8-9/16 in.) in middle when pressing firmly with thumb
- tighten bolts

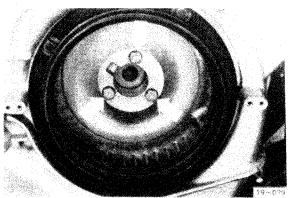


Fig. 2 Cooling fan with pulley, removing

- remove bolts (arrows)

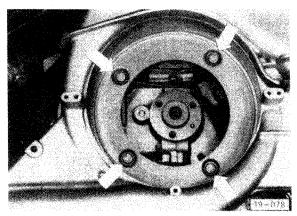


Fig. 3 Fan housing, removing

- disconnect cooling air control flap cable
- remove bolts (arrows)
- remove housing

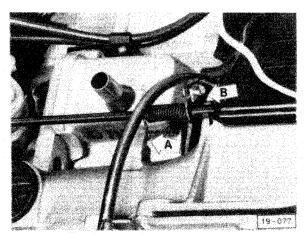


Fig. 4 Cooling air control flap, adjusting

- press flaps to fully closed position and tighten cable clamp

Note

Bent ends of return spring must rest on boss of housing (arrow A) and on cable guide (arrow B)

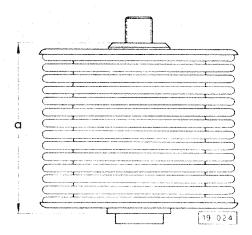


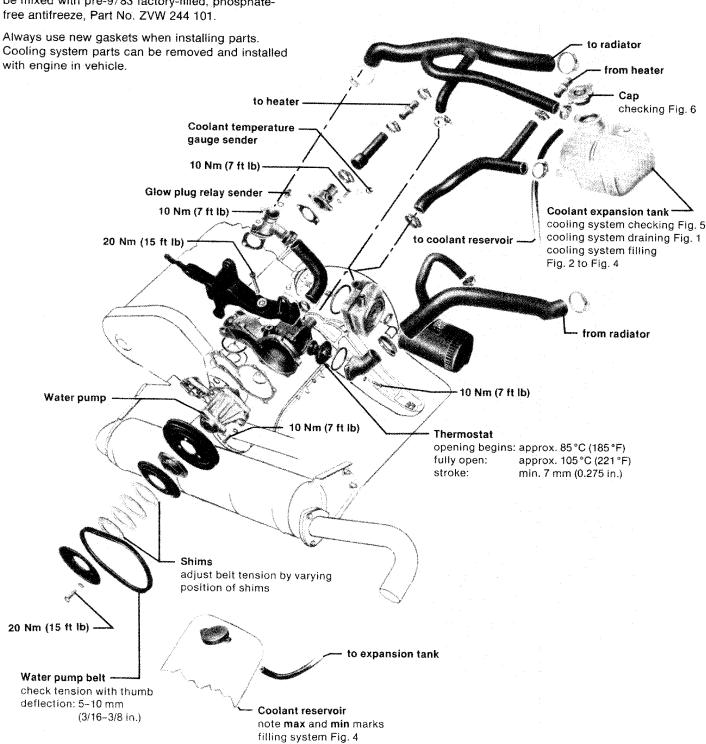
Fig. 5 Thermostat, checking

- put thermostat in water 85-90°C (185-194°F)
 - a = min. 46 mm (1 13/16 in.)

Cooling system is filled at factory with mixture of water and antifreeze solution with corrosion inhibitors. Use coolant mixture year-round. When replacing coolant/antifreeze, only a phosphate-free product must be used. Part No. ZVW 237 102 may be mixed with pre-9/83 factory-filled, phosphate-free antifreeze, Part No. ZVW 244 101.

CAUTION

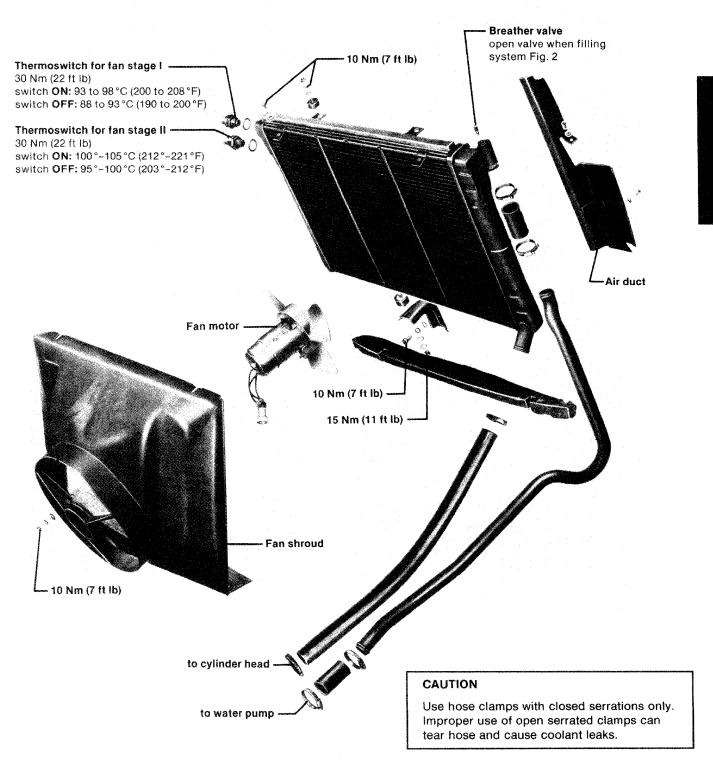
Antifreeze other than specified by Volkswagen may cause corrosion of the cooling system thus leading to engine overheating and damage.

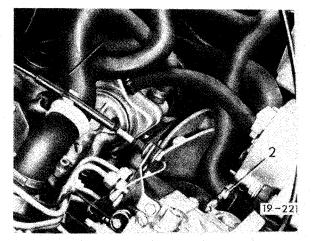


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Cooling system assembly





Cooling system, draining

- -fully open heater controls
- -open cap on expansion tank
- -disconnect lower coolant hose 1 from water pump at connection pipe
- -disconnect center coolant hose 2 from water pump

When removing radiator, drain rest of coolant by detaching lower hose from radiator

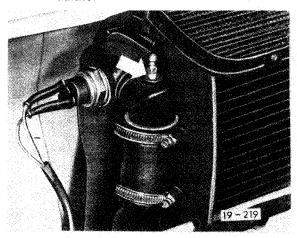
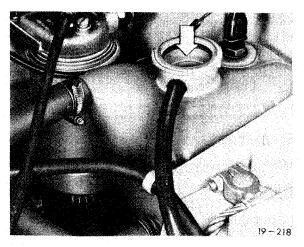


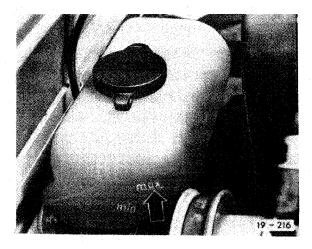
Fig. 2 Cooling system, filling

- -set heater controls to position WARM
- -open breather valve (arrow) on radiator



Cooling system, filling

- -fill cooling system via expansion tank (arrow) until tank is filled to brim and remains filled
- -run engine at about 2500 rpm until coolant flows at breather valve with NO bubbles
- -close breather valve
- -check coolant level and top up as necessary
- -close expansion tank with cap



Cooling system, filling

—fill reservoir up to mark max (arrow)

Coolant mixture ratio

Coolant capacity 16.0 ltr (16.9 US qt)

| Outside Temperature | Antifreeze | Water | |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| - 25°C (- 13°F) | 6.4 ltr (6.75 US qt) | 9.6 ltr (10.15 US qt) | - |
| - 35°C (-30°F) | 8.0 ltr (8.45 US qt) | 8.0 Itr (8.45 US qt) | - |

Cooling system Coolant mixture ratio

Diesel

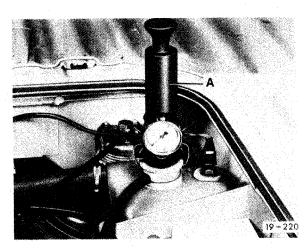


Fig. 5 Cooling system, checking

- -attach tester A in place of pressure cap • A = Stant tester ST-255A, AC-PCT-3 or equivalent
- -apply pressure of approximately 1 bar
 - if pressure remains constant, system is OK

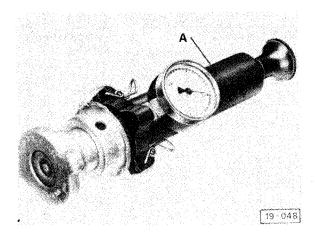
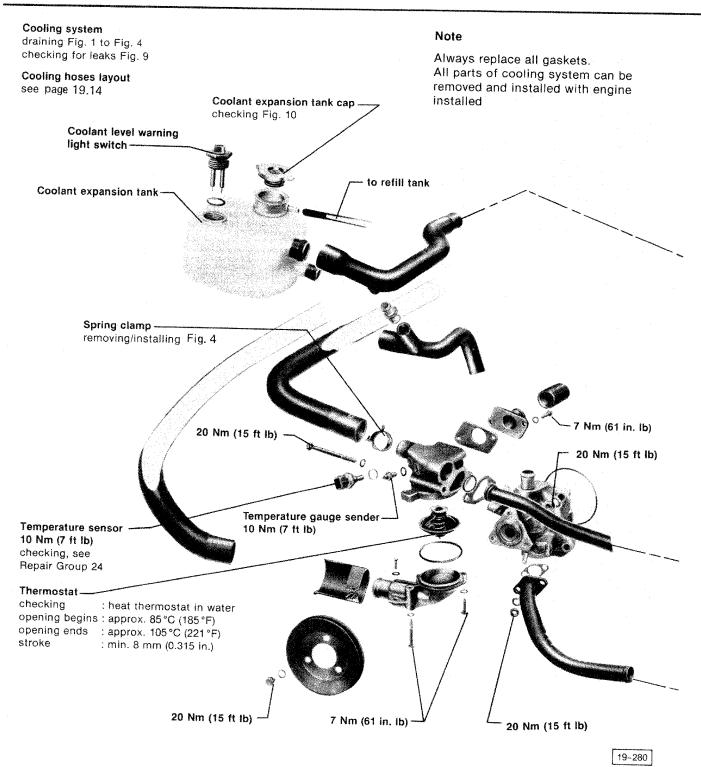


Fig. 6 Pressure cap, checking

- -attach cap on tester A
 - A = Stant tester ST-255A, AC-PCT-3 or equivalent
- -apply a pressure of 0.9 to 1.15 bar (11 to 16 psi)
 - if pressure relief valve opens within this range, cap is OK

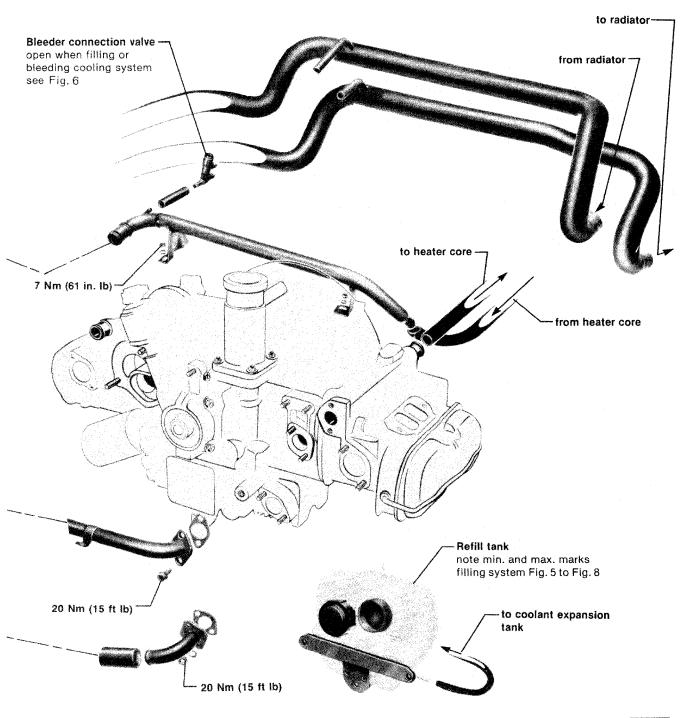
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Cooling system

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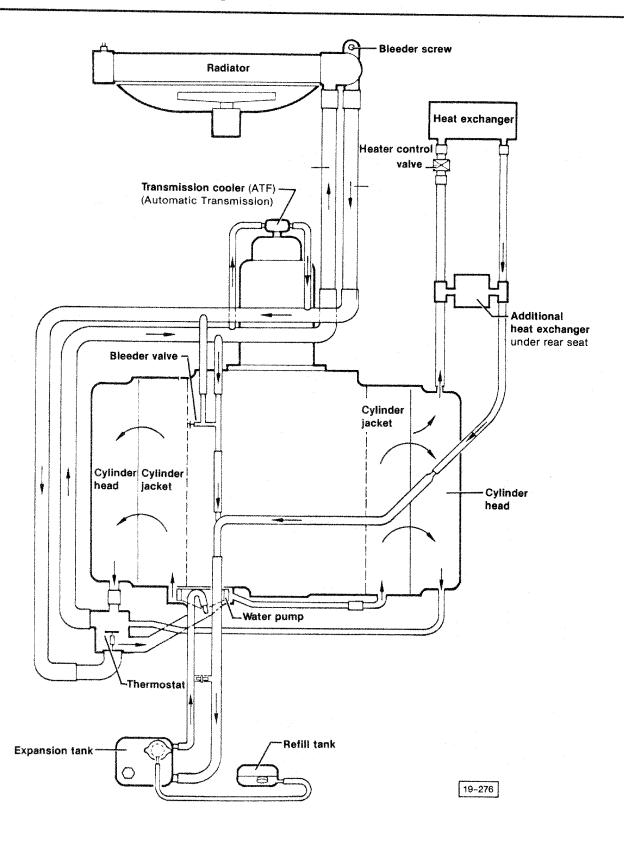
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Water-cooled

Cooling system

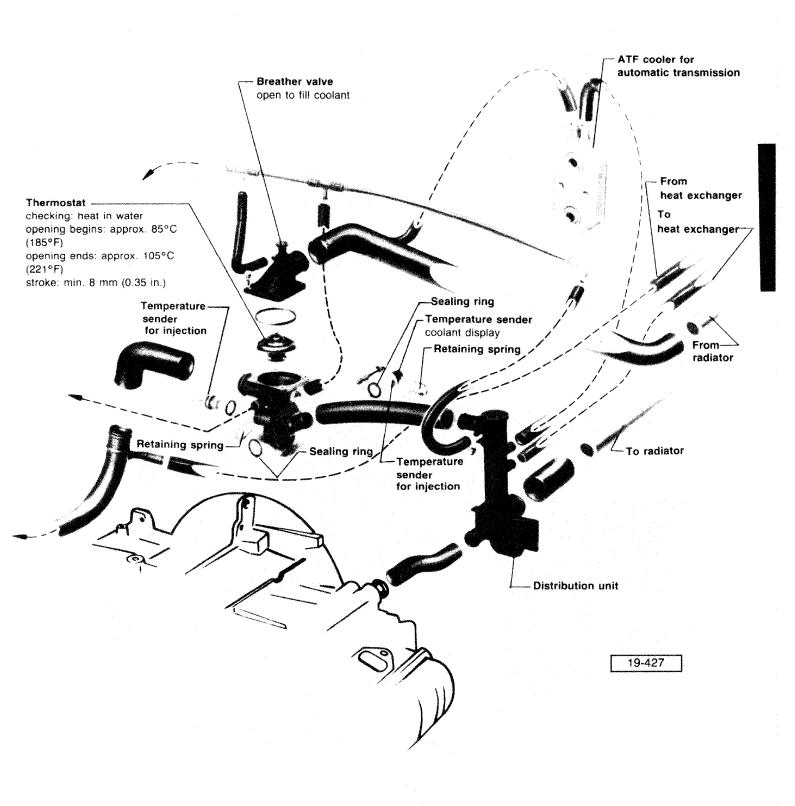
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Coolant hose layout

Water-cooled



Use coolant, Part No. ZVW 237 102, which has corrosion inhibiting agents especially formulated to help prevent corrosion damage to the water iacket sealing surfaces of the cylinder head.

CAUTION

Antifreeze other than specified by Volkswagen may cause corrosion of the cooling system thus leading to engine overheating and damage

Note

Secure coolant hoses with hose clamps

Thermo-switch for fan-

(located at left on radiator)

removing/installing: remove radiator grille and move left cardboard air deflector to

Thru 1985

I. Stage II. Stage 99°C-105°C

93°C-98°C Cut-in temperature:

(210°-221°F) (199-208°F)

88°C-93°C Cut-out temperature:

91°C-97°C (190-199°F) (196-206°F)

From 1986

89°C-94°C Cut-in temperature:

II. Stage 95°C-100°C

(203-212°F)

(192°-201°F)

1. Stage

81°C Cut-out temperature: (178°F) 87°C

(189°F)

Bleeder screw open when filling cooling system,

see Fig. 5

Washer-

Radiator fan-

can be removed and installed without draining coolant after lowering

Radiator -

remove spare wheel

bracket and radiator

grille before removing or lowering radiator

radiator

Lower bolts

remove bolts on both sides before lowering radiator

10 Nm (7 ft lb)

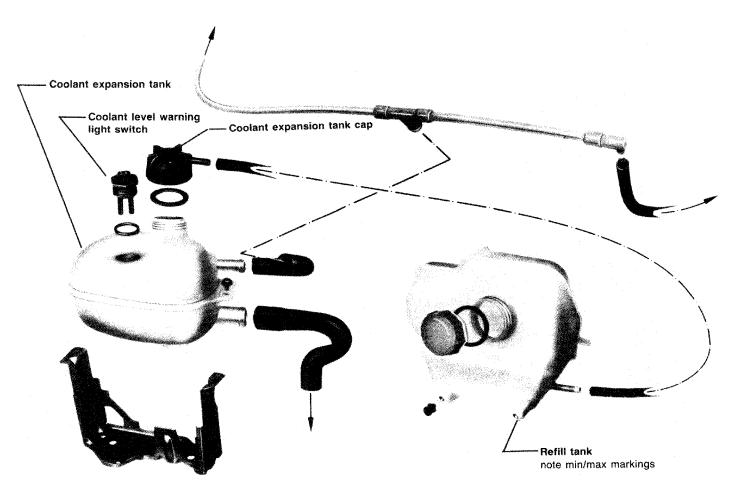
15 Nm (11 ft lb)

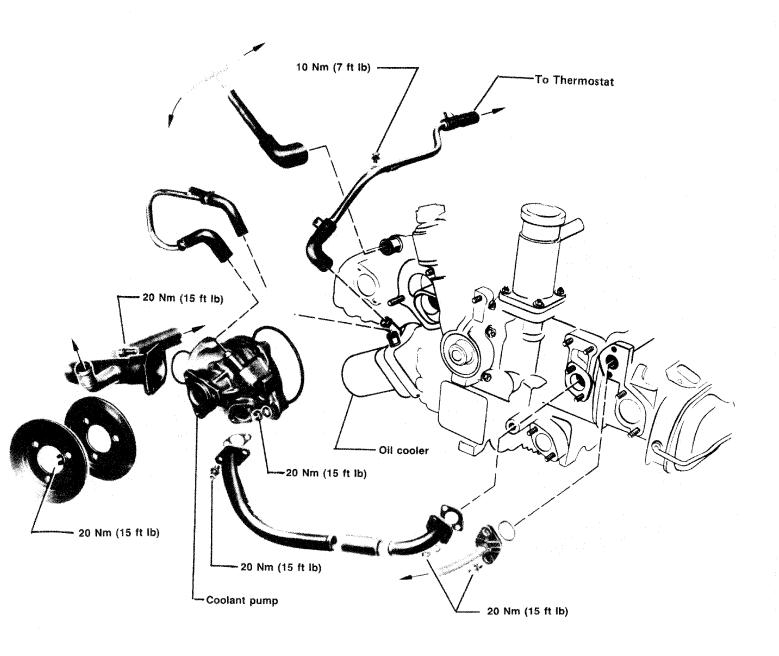
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19.12 Radiator assembly Thermo-switch

Water-cooled

Always replace all gaskets. All parts of cooling system can be removed and installed with engine installed in vehicle.



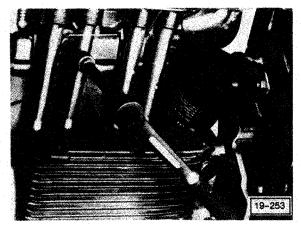


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Cooling system

Water-cooled from 1986



Coolant system, draining

- open coolant expansion tank cap
- drain coolant at drain plugs 1 on cylinder heads

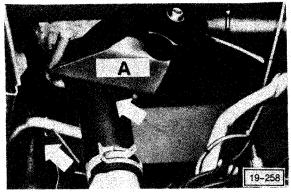


Fig. 2 Coolant system, draining (when removing engine

 pinch coolant hoses with hose clamp (A-local supply) (arrows) before removing

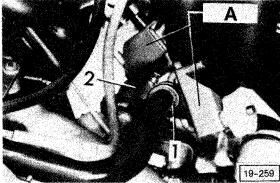
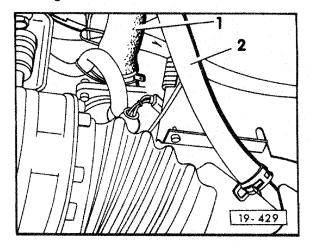


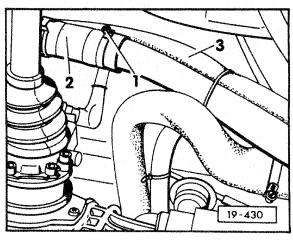
Fig. 3 Coolant system, draining

- in case that coolant hoses 1 and 2 for heat exchanger have to be removed, pinch hoses with hose clamp (A-local supply)

Draining - From 1986



- close hose 1 from radiator to thermostat with hose clamp
- close hose 2 from heat exchanger to coolant pipe with hose clamp



- loosen hose clamp 1, close hose 2 from radiator to distribution piece with hose clamp
- close hose 3 from heat exchanger to distribution piece with hose clamp
- drain coolant at drain plugs (Fig. 1)
- open coolant expansion tank cap

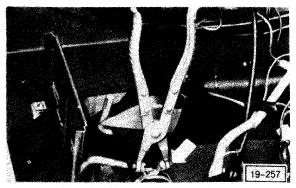


Fig. 4 Hose spring clamp, removing/installing

 use universal pliers or hose clamp pliers to remove or install clamp (arrow)

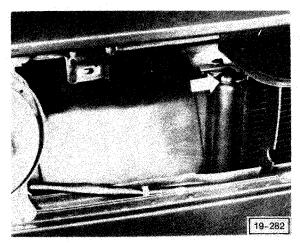


Fig. 5 Cooling system, filling

- set heater control to maximum
- open control valve for auxiliary heater under rear seat
- remove radiator grille
- raise vehicle approx. 40 cm (15 3/4 in.) at front under cross-member with floor jack and wooden support or equivalent
- open bleeder screw (arrow) on radiator

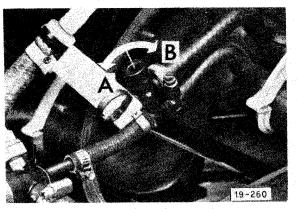


Fig. 6 Cooling system, filling

- open bleeder valve in engine compartment
 - A = open
 - $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{closed}$

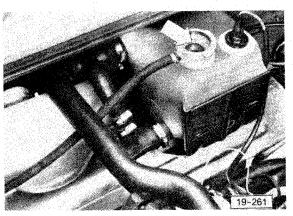
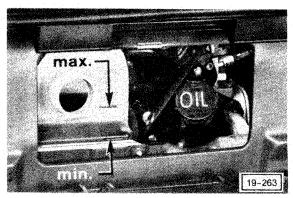


Fig. 7 Cooling system, filling

- fill coolant until expansion tank is full (approx. 4-5 ltr/4.25-5.3 US qt)
- start engine
- at approx. 2000 rpm, top up tank until coolant flows from bleeder screw on radiator (bubble free)
- add coolant until tank is full and close tank with cap
- turn ignition off and start engine again after approx. 20 seconds
- at about 2000 rpm open cap of expansion tank
- close bleeder screw on radiator when coolant flows out
- add coolant if necessary and close expansion tank
- close bleeder valve in engine compartment
- switch engine off
- top up refill tank with coolant

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Cooling system, filling

- fill refill tank up to max. mark (arrow)

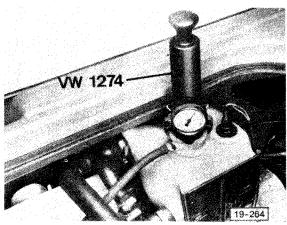


Fig. 9 Cooling system, checking for leaks

- attach tester in place of pressure cap
 - Stant tester St-255 A, AC-PCT3 or equivalent
- apply pressure of approx. 1 bar (14.5 psi)
 - if pressure remains constant, system is OK
 - if pressure drops, look for leaks and eliminate

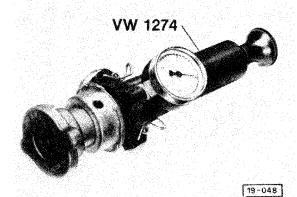


Fig. 10 Expansion tank cap, checking

- attach cap on tester
 - Stant tester ST-255 A, AC-PCT-3 or equivalent
- apply pressure of 0.9 to 1.15 bar (13–17 psi)
 - if pressure relief valve opens within this range, cap is **OK**

Cap has 3 important functions:

- it opens at pressure of 0.9-1.15 bar (13-17 psi) allowing flow to expansion tank
- it opens at a vacuum of 0.02-0.1 bar (0.3-1.45 psi) allowing flow from expansion tank
- it seals radiator neck
 Only item 1 can be checked with tester.
 If it is suspected that items 2 and 3 are not in order, replace cap

Coolant mixture ratio

· coolant capacity 17.5 ltr (18.4 US qt)

Note

Cooling system is filled at factory with mixture of water and antifreeze/corrosion protective solution.

Coolant mixture should be used all year.
When replacing coolant only use ethylene glycol based antifreeze (phosphate-free).
Due to higher boiling point, coolant is an aid to operating on full load, particularly in warm climates

| Outside Temperature | Antifreeze | Water |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| – 25 °C (– 13 °F) | 7.0 ltr (7.4 US qt) | 10.5 ltr (11 US qt) |
| -35°C (-30°F) | 8.75 ltr (9.2 US qt) | 8.75 ltr (9.2 US qt) |

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Expansion tank cap, checking Coolant mixture ratio

Water-cooled