2009-2016 Audi A4 B8/B8.5 - Headlight Bulb

2009-2016 Audi A4 | Easy | 20-40 minutes | $15 DIY

TOOLS

T30 Torx driver or bit Flat-head screwdriver Needle-nose pliers Nitrile gloves or a clean cloth

PARTS

H7 Halogen Headlight Bulb H7-55W $15.00
H7 LED Headlight Bulb H7-LED $50.00
H7 Xenon HID Headlight Bulb H7-HID $100.00

STEPS

1. **Make sure your A4 has the halogen headlights - The 2009-2016 A4 (B8/B8.5) came with** either halogen projectors or the xenon option with auto-leveling. Park on level ground, switch everything off, let the engine cool, and pop the hood.
2. **Expose the top of the headlight housing - Start by prying up the thin trim strip that** sits above the grille - a flat screwdriver under its edge pops it loose - which reveals the two T30 Torx screws along the top of the headlight housing.
3. **Slide the housing forward and unplug it - Remove those, then support the headlight with** one hand and pull it straight forward a few inches until it slides free of its rails. Rest the housing face-down on a towel so the lens cannot get scratched.
4. **Open the rear cover and unlock the bulb holder - Take a mental picture of the tab** positions, because the new bulb has to seat in exactly the same orientation.
5. **Fit the new bulb without touching the glass - Handle the replacement only by its plastic** base - the oil from your fingers leaves a film that becomes a hot spot and burns the bulb out early. If you slip, wipe the glass with rubbing alcohol before installing. Line the holder’s tabs up...
6. **Refit the plug and housing and clip the trim - Push the main electrical connector on** until its locking tab clicks. Slide the headlight back onto its rails, reinstall the four T30 screws snugly (do not overtighten the plastic), and clip the grille trim strip back into place.
7. **Test the lights and check the beam - Turn the ignition on and switch the headlights on.** Confirm the low beam and the high beam both fire, and check the instrument cluster for any headlight-defect warning.

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