2006-2009 Volkswagen Golf - Battery Replacement

2006-2009 Volkswagen Golf | Easy | 20-30 minutes | $140 DIY

TOOLS

10mm wrench or socket with ratchet socket extension bar flathead screwdriver battery terminal brush nitrile gloves safety glasses

PARTS

Correct group-size battery $140.00
Terminal cleaner $8.00
Terminal protectant $7.00

STEPS

1. **Pop the hood and locate the battery - On the Mk5 Golf the battery sits in the engine bay** on the driver's side, partially hidden under a plastic battery shroud - the under-hood fuse box sits right next to it, so don't confuse the two.
2. **Remove the battery shroud - Unclip the plastic battery cover and lift it away so you have** full access to the terminals and the hold-down. Keep the cover and any clips somewhere safe - they're brittle with age and easy to lose.
3. **Disconnect the terminals, negative first - Using a 10mm wrench or socket, loosen the** negative terminal nut first, twist the cable free, and push it aside. Then loosen and remove the positive cable. Always disconnect the negative cable first and reconnect it last.
4. **Undo the base clamp - At the front edge of the battery tray you'll find the hold-down: a** metal clamp hooked over the battery's foot, secured by a single bolt. Undo that bolt with your socket and lift the clamp out.
5. **Lift the battery out - Grip the battery and lift it straight up and out of the tray,** keeping it level. Clear the engine bay edge carefully - the case is heavy and can scratch the fender paint on the way out.
6. **Seat the new battery - Lower the new battery into the tray with the terminals on the** correct sides - double-check against where the cables naturally reach. Hook the hold-down clamp back over the battery's foot and tighten its bolt so the battery can't wander.
7. **Reconnect negative last and start up - Reconnect the positive terminal first and tighten** its nut, then the negative terminal last. Snap the plastic shroud back over the battery and close the hood. Start the engine - if the idle feels rough at first, that's normal; the engine...

TORQUE

Battery hold-down 11 Nm 8 ft-lbs

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