2006-2009 Volkswagen Golf | Moderate | 45-75 minutes | $10 DIY

TOOLS

Tire-pressure gauge and air compressor or pump Floor jack, rated jack stands, and wheel chocks Lug wrench and calibrated torque wrench

PARTS

Valve-stem caps or replacement TPMS service parts only if inspection requires them
$10.00

STEPS

1. **Check cold pressures against the door-jamb sticker - Check cold - parked 3+ hours or** driven under a mile. Read the door-jamb sticker (also inside the fuel flap on these VWs) and set each tire for your load condition, not the sidewall maximum.
2. **Inspect tread and choose the rotation pattern - Inspect for uneven wear, cuts, bulges,** nails; wear bars sit at 2/32 in. FWD: forward cross - fronts straight back, rears cross to opposite fronts. Directional tires (sidewall arrow): same-side front-to-back only. R32/4Motion AWD: X-patte...
3. **Rotate the tires safely - Park flat, brake set, chock grounded wheels. Crack lug bolts on** the ground, jack on factory pinch-weld or subframe points onto stands - never under a jack-only car. Swap to the step-2 positions, hand-start every bolt, star-tighten to the...
4. **Let the TPMS settle after the rotation - US Golfs use direct TPMS with no driver reset -** the glove-box SET button is a Euro-market feature. Just drive normally; the system finds the sensors and the light clears on its own, though it can take some miles.
5. **Road test and recheck - Road test city and highway: TPMS light off, steering normal, no** new vibration. Next morning recheck all four cold pressures. Recheck lug bolts after 50-100 miles. Repeat pressure checks monthly; rotate every 5,000-7,500 miles per the m...

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