2006-2010 Volkswagen Jetta - Oil and Filter Change

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TOOLS

36mm socket 19mm socket Torque wrench
Ratchet and extensions Oil drain pan (7+ quart) Funnel Jack and jack stands
T25 Torx driver

PARTS

5W-40 or 5W-30 full synthetic oil, VW 502.00 approved (6.3 quarts) $42.00
Oil filter cartridge with O-ring
Drain plug washer $1.00

STEPS

1. **Warm up and open the hood - Idle your Volkswagen Jetta’s 2.5L two to three minutes so the** oil warms, then shut it off. Pop the hood, remove the oil filler cap, and lift the dipstick slightly to vent the crankcase. Gather a 36mm socket (filter cap), a 19mm socket (dra...
2. **Loosen the filter cap - The 2.5L’s cartridge filter lives in a black plastic housing on** the front of the engine, between the engine and radiator - reach it from below. Fit the 36mm socket on the cap and crack it loose a turn or two, which lets the oil in the ho...
3. **Drain the oil - Slide the drain pan under the oil pan, crack the 19mm drain plug loose,** and spin it out by hand, keeping inward pressure so it doesn’t drop into the pan. Let all 6.3 quarts drain until the stream becomes an occasional drip. Thread the plug...
4. **Replace the cartridge and O-ring - Now fully unscrew the 36mm filter cap and lift out the** old cartridge element. Drop the new cartridge into the housing as the old one sat.
5. **Reinstall and lower - Thread the filter cap back on by hand, then torque it to 25 Nm -** overtightening cracks the plastic housing, the classic 2.5L mistake. Confirm the drain plug is at 22 ft-lb, then lower the car to level ground - the level only reads corr...
6. **Refill and verify - Set a funnel in the filler neck and pour in 6.3 quarts of** full-synthetic 5W-40. Wait two minutes, then pull the dipstick, wipe it, reseat it fully, and confirm the level sits at the full mark.

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