# 2015-2018 Volkswagen Jetta - Door Lock Actuator



**2015-2018 Volkswagen Jetta | Moderate | 2-3 hours | $55 DIY**

**TOOLS**

Ratchet wrench Torque wrench Painter's tape Electronic spray Flat blade screwdriver Pry/trim tool T20 & T30 Torx bits 10mm Socket Flathead screwdriver Jack stands

**PARTS**

Front Driver Side Door Lock Actuator BDA81467 $54.95
Front Passenger Side Door Lock Actuator 5K1837016J $54.95
Front Driver Side Door Lock Module $74.95
Front Passenger Side Door Lock Module BDA81468 $74.95

## STEPS

1. **Disconnect the battery and protect the door - Disconnect the vehicle's battery before** working on electrical components. Diagnose first: on the 2015-2018 Jetta (Mk6/Mk7), a failing actuator usually buzzes or grinds when you hit the lock button, works intermittently, or fails from the f...
2. **Remove the door panel - Remove the door panel on the Volkswagen Jetta. Lift the panel up** off the window ledge. Unplug the window-switch and speaker connectors, unhook the inner handle cable, and lay the panel face-down on a blanket.
3. **Access and unplug the lock actuator - Carefully peel back the foam vapor barrier - on the** Jetta it must go back exactly as it came, or you will get wind noise and water leaks. Behind it sits the door latch assembly with the lock actuator. Unplug the actuator's electrical con...
4. **Remove the old actuator - Disconnect the lock rods and the Bowden cable from the** actuator, releasing each clip in its proper direction - the cable ends have small plastic retainers that break if forced the wrong way. Maneuver the old unit out through the door's a...
5. **Install the new actuator and reconnect rods - Reconnect the Bowden cable and lock rods in** their exact original positions, confirming each clip snaps fully home; a half-seated cable clip is the classic cause of an inner handle that does not open the door. Reconnect the actuator's elect...
6. **Reassemble the door and test lock functions - Reseal the foam/vapor barrier fully - press** it back into place all around so there are no gaps for wind noise or water. Cycle it a dozen times; intermittent actuator faults often need several cycles to reveal themselves. Rehook the inner...

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