2019-2024 Volkswagen Jetta | Easy | 25-35 minutes | $140 DIY

TOOLS

10mm socket (battery terminals) 13mm socket (hold-down bolt) Ratchet and socket extension Wire brush or battery terminal cleaner Work gloves Safety glasses Rag or shop towels

PARTS

Group-size battery (match your tray)
$140.00

STEPS

1. **Park it, switch everything off, and open the hood - Park on level ground, set the parking** brake, and shut the engine off with the key out. Switch off the headlights, blower, heated seats, and unplug anything from the outlets. Open the hood and secure it before picking up any tools.
2. **Remove the plastic battery box covers - The Jetta’s battery sits under the hood inside a** plastic box with a two-piece cover. Set them aside somewhere safe; the plastic tabs are brittle and snap easily, especially in cold weather.
3. **Disconnect the negative terminal first - Loosen the negative terminal nut with a 10mm** socket, turning counterclockwise just until the clamp loosens - do not remove the nut completely. Twist the cable end gently, lift it off the post, and tuck it where it cannot touch the termin...
4. **Disconnect the positive terminal - Loosen the positive terminal’s 10mm nut the same way** and ease the cable end off with a twisting motion. Move it well clear of the battery and any grounded metal. Note how the positive cable routes over the top of the battery box area - a...
5. **Remove the 13mm hold-down bolt at the front base - The battery is clamped by a hold-down** plate at the front of its base, secured with a 13mm bolt. Set the bolt where it can’t roll away, then rock the battery gently to confirm it’s free.
6. **Lift out the old battery and fit the new one - Set the new one in facing the same** direction, matching the old label’s size and terminal positions, then refit the hold-down plate and tighten the 13mm bolt firmly without overdoing it.
7. **Reconnect positive first, negative last, refit covers, and test - Connect the positive** cable first and tighten its 10mm nut snugly - these terminal nuts need only modest torque, so do not crank them down hard. Reconnect the negative cable last and tighten it the same way, then tug both clamps to verify...

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