

2018-2024 Volkswagen Tiguan | Easy | 1 hour | \$45 DIY

TOOLS

Flathead Screwdriver Phillips Head
Screwdriver Socket Wrench Set 10mm
Socket Jack Stands Trim Removal Tool
Gloves Safety Glasses

PARTS

Reverse Light Bulb W5W-12V-5W \$10.00
Socket Bulb Holder 1K0-945-303-B \$15.00
Tail Light Assembly Gasket 5N0-945-211-A
\$20.00

STEPS

- 1 Verify which bulb failed - On the 2018-2024 Volkswagen Tiguan SEL: have a helper press** the brake pedal (or use a pedal depressor) while you watch the rear lamps. Note whether a side reverse lamp, both sides, or the center high-mount stop lamp (CHMSL) is out. Check t...
- 2 Access the lamp housing - On the 2018-2024 Volkswagen Tiguan SEL: open the hatch/trunk.** Remove the access cover, carpet flap, or housing fasteners for the affected side (or CHMSL cover). Support plastic trim so clips do not break.
- 3 Remove the old bulb or LED board - On the 2018-2024 Volkswagen Tiguan SEL: twist the bulb** socket counterclockwise and pull it out, or unbolt/unclip the LED module if equipped. Pull a bayonet/wedge bulb straight out without twisting the glass hard.
- 4 Install the correct replacement - On the 2018-2024 Volkswagen Tiguan SEL: match the bulb** number (e.g., 7443, 3157) or OEM LED module. Seat the new bulb fully - poor contact causes intermittent brake lights. Avoid touching halogen glass with bare fingers if applicable.
- 5 Reassemble and test - On the 2018-2024 Volkswagen Tiguan SEL: refit the socket/module** until locked, restore covers and fasteners, then test brake lights, tail lights, and turn signals before driving. Confirm the CHMSL works if that was replaced.