



2016 Golf
Quick-Start Guide



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The information within this guide must be used in conjunction with the information in the Volkswagen Owner's Manual. Refer to your vehicle's Owner's Manual for all information and warnings. By using this guide, you acknowledge that you are aware of and have read the warnings and information provided in the Owner's Manual on the topics in this guide and will use this information to augment that material.

Driver Controls

1. Driver Information Display

When the ignition is switched on, you can display trip computer information and control a variety of vehicle functions using the multifunction steering wheel.

2. Climate Control

Your vehicle is equipped with either a manual or automatic climate control system.

3. Infotainment

Hard keys and touchscreen buttons that control the various infotainment functions, including radio, media selections, phone operation, car functions, and the optional navigation system.

4. Start/Stop Engine

Start and turn off the engine on vehicles equipped with the keyless access push-button start and stop system.

5. Steering Wheel Left Side Controls

Buttons for operating the cruise control system. Increases or decreases volume settings for radio, navigation system notifications, or phone calls.

6. Steering Wheel Right Side Controls

The buttons on the right side of the multifunction steering wheel are used to access functions in the instrument cluster.

Talk Button: Activates the voice recognition system.

Phone Button: Displays the Phone main menu or can be used to accept phone calls.

OK Button: Used to select settings for features in the instrument cluster display.

Menu Buttons: Used to navigate through the instrument cluster main menus:

Vertical Arrow Buttons: Push to navigate inside a specific menu.

Horizontal Arrow Buttons: Push to change radio stations, scroll through radio presets, or select the next or previous media track.

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Introduction to your Golf

Manual Climate Control

Cool the interior

1. Turn the temperature to **MAX A/C**.
2. Turn the fan speed to **6**.
3. The  light will come on automatically.
4. Turn the vent dial to the  setting.
5. After reaching the desired temperature, turn the fan speed down to a lower setting and turn off recirculation.



Text **CLIMATE1-16** to **38981** to watch the Automatic Climate Control video.

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Heat the interior

1. Turn the temperature dial to **HI**.
2. Turn the fan speed to **4**.
3. Turn the vent dial to the  setting.

Defrost the windshield

1. Turn the temperature dial to **HI**.
2. Turn the fan speed to **4**.
3. Turn the vent dial to the  setting.

Note: Manual climate control is available on certain trim lines.

Climatronic® Automatic Climate Control

To cool or heat the interior

1. Turn the driver side temperature dial to 72° or desired temperature.
2. Press the **AUTO** button if not already illuminated.
 - **AUTO** is activated and, like a thermostat, the system will maintain the temperature.

In extreme heat, press the **MAX A/C** button. When a comfortable temperature has been reached, push the **AUTO** button again. (To exit out of Auto function, simply manually adjust the fan speed.)

Defrost the windshield

- Press the **MAX DEFROST** button.
- When the windshield is clear, push the **AUTO** button to return to your automatic climate control setting.

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Important Safety Instructions and Warnings: Climate Control Systems

- Poor visibility increases the risk of collisions and other accidents that cause serious personal injuries.
- Always make sure all windows are clear of ice, snow, and condensation for good visibility to the front, sides, and rear.
- Maximum heating output and defrosting performance are not possible until the engine has reached operating temperature. Wait until you have good visibility before driving off.
- Never use air recirculation mode over an extended period of time since no fresh air will enter the passenger compartment.
- Always make sure you know how to properly use the climate control system as well as the rear window defroster, which you will need for good visibility.

- Never use air recirculation for long periods of time. When the air conditioner is off and recirculation mode is on, condensation can quickly form on the windows and greatly reduce visibility.
- Always switch off recirculation mode when it is not needed.
- Stale air causes driver fatigue and reduces driver alertness, which can cause accidents, collisions, and serious personal injury.
- Never switch off the fan for a long period of time, and never use air recirculation for a long period of time because no fresh air will enter the passenger compartment.



Climate Control

Intermittent

- From the **OFF** position, move the wiper stalk one click up to activate the intermittent wipers or rain-sensing wipers* (if your vehicle is equipped).
- The switch on top of the stalk varies the time interval between each wipe.
- The farther the switch is moved to the right, the shorter the interval between each wipe will be.

*Rain-sensing wipers can be activated and deactivated within the touchscreen: CAR button > Mirror and wiper settings > Automatic wiper during rain.

Note: Ensure wiper stalk is in OFF position before entering a car wash.



Continuous

- **LOW:** From the **OFF** position, move the wiper stalk up two clicks.
- **HIGH:** From the **OFF** position, move the wiper stalk up three clicks.

Pulsing/quick wipes

- From the **OFF** position, press the wiper stalk down for a single wipe.
- Press and hold the wiper stalk down for two seconds for a continuous wipe.

Wash

Pull the stalk toward you to spray washer fluid. You can also hold it in this position for longer washing.

Turn on the rear wiper

Simply push the lever one click away from you.

- Also, anytime you have the front wipers on and you put the vehicle into reverse, the rear wipers activate automatically.

Rear wash

To clean the rear window, push the lever two clicks away from you to send a spray of washer solvent onto the rear window and to activate the rear wiper. You can also hold it in this position for longer washing.

Service position

With hood closed and ignition off, press and hold the windshield lever down. Wipers will move into service position. Lift wipers by arm from windshield. Before driving, fold wiper arms back onto the windshield. Turn ignition on, and press the wiper lever down briefly. Wipers move back to park position.

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Text [WIPERS1-16](#) to [38981](#) to watch the Windshield Wipers video.

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Important Safety Instructions and Warnings: Windshield Wipers

- Windshield washer fluid without enough frost protection can freeze on the windshield and reduce visibility.
- Use the windshield washer system with enough frost protection for winter temperatures.
- Never use the windshield wipers/washers when it is freezing without first defrosting the windshield. The washer solution may freeze on the windshield and reduce visibility.



Enter a Destination on Your Touchscreen

1. Press the **NAV** button.
2. Press **New destn. (New destination)** on the touchscreen.
3. Begin entering address information, starting with Street number, Street, City.
4. When your address appears, touch the correct address on the screen.
5. Press **Start** to begin route calculation.



Additional Settings

To include alternative routes and make additional navigation customizations, select **Route Options** prior to starting route guidance.

Here you can include three alternative routes. Use Dynamic route to recalculate route guidance when traffic occurs using SiriusXM Traffic as well as avoid types of roads and more.



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Points-of-Interest (POI)

1. Press **NAV** button, then press **POIs** on the touchscreen to select your point of interest.
 - Tap **Other POIs** on the touchscreen to further define your search.
 - Once you have identified your search category, you have three options:
 - a. Select **Store** and tap OK.
 - b. Select **Dial number** to call the POI.
 - c. Select **Start** to begin route guidance.



Note: The navigation SD card must be in one of the Media Box SD card slots.

Views

In the Navigation main menu, press the **View** function button. This gives you a choice to show:

-  a conventional two-dimensional map display.
-  a three-dimensional bird's-eye view.
- Split screen: provides map display along with turn-by-turn directions.

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Important Safety Instructions and Warnings: Navigation & Infotainment

- Driver distraction can cause accidents and serious personal injury. Operating the infotainment system while driving can distract the driver from the traffic.
- Always drive attentively and responsibly.
- Select the volume settings so that the acoustic signals from the outside are still audible (for example, the sirens of emergency rescue vehicles).
- Setting the volume too high can damage your hearing. This also applies to loud volume set for only a short time.
- Sudden volume fluctuations may occur when the audio source is changed or connected.
- Please lower the volume before changing or connecting to an audio source.
- Never let yourself be distracted from the traffic by connecting, inserting, or removing the device while driving, as this can cause accidents.
- Connecting cables of external devices may obstruct the driver.
- Route cables so as not to interfere with the driver.
- Unmounted or improperly mounted external devices can be thrown through the passenger compartment in the event of a sudden driving or braking maneuver or an accident, causing injury.

- Never leave external devices in the doors, on the front windshield, on or near the area marked "AIRBAG" on the steering wheel, instrument panel, seat backs or between these areas and the occupants. External devices can cause serious injury in the event of an accident, especially if the airbags inflate.
- The center armrest can interfere with the driver's elbow movement and thus cause accidents and severe injuries.
- Always keep the armrest closed while driving.
- Injuries can be caused by invisible laser beams if the housing of the CD player is opened.
- Have the CD player repaired only by a specialist.
- Switch off the cell phone at explosion-prone locations.
- Driving recommendations and traffic signs displayed in the navigation system may differ from the actual traffic situation.
- Traffic signs and regulations take precedence over navigation driving recommendations and displays.
- Always adjust your speed and driving style to road, traffic, weather, and visibility conditions.

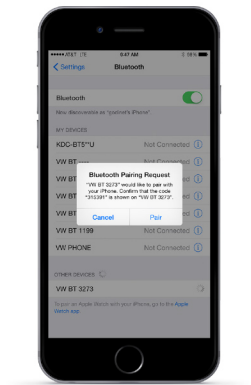


Navigation

Pairing your Compatible Phone

1. First, check your phone’s compatibility at www.vw.com/bluetooth.
2. Start the ignition. Your vehicle’s Bluetooth system will be in “discovery” mode for the next three minutes.
3. From the Bluetooth menu on your phone, search for new devices and select VW BT with the last four digits of your VIN.
4. A connection request will appear on the infotainment display.
5. Press **Connect** on the infotainment display.
6. The infotainment display will then show a PIN.
7. Make sure the same PIN is displayed on your phone, and press **Yes** on the touchscreen. Then press Pair on your phone.

Once the PIN is shown, pairing must be completed within 30 seconds; otherwise, the process will need to be repeated.



Pairing a second compatible phone

A second compatible phone can be paired and active in the system.

1. Select **Setup** on the touchscreen.
 2. Select **Bluetooth** on the touchscreen.
 3. Select Search for devices.
 4. Select **Results** on your touchscreen, then select your device.
 5. Select the device profile option of “Handsfree” or “Bluetooth Audio”.
 6. Make sure the same PIN is displayed on your phone, and press **Yes** on the touchscreen. Then press Pair on your phone.
- Up to four phone profiles can be stored in the system.

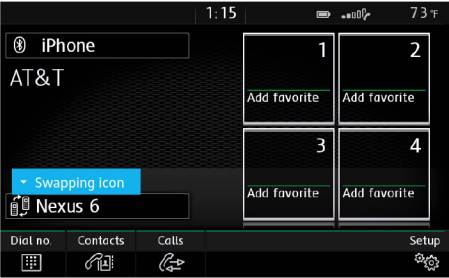
Note: You can have one phone paired and activated to the Bluetooth phone system and another paired for Bluetooth streaming simultaneously. If your phone displays a prompt asking to connect to your vehicle, make sure to enable future automatic connections. This will help to automatically reconnect the compatible paired device to system.

Text **PAIR1-16** to **38981** to watch the Phone Pairing video.

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Switching from a primary to a secondary phone

Press the swapping icon on touchscreen.



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Requires compatible phone/device.

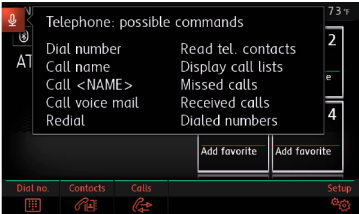
Important Safety Instructions and Warnings: Bluetooth® Pairing

- Talking on the phone and/or operating phone control while driving can distract from traffic and lead to accidents.
- Always drive attentively and responsibly.
- Select volume settings so that acoustic signals from the outside are audible, for example, the sirens of emergency rescue vehicles.
- In areas with no or poor mobile network coverage and possibly in tunnels, garages and subways, phone conversations may be interrupted, and it may be impossible to make phone calls, even emergency calls.
- A cell phone on the seat, instrument panel, or in other places can be thrown around the inside of the vehicle during a sudden braking maneuver, a crash, or other accident and injure vehicle occupants.
- Attach cell phone, additional devices, and telephone accessories such as phone mounts, notepads, portable infotainment systems properly and outside of the inflating range of the airbag during travel or store securely. Using a cell phone or CB radio inside the vehicle without a properly installed and separate outside antenna can be dangerous to your health and that of your passengers because the electromagnetic radiation energy that cell phones and CB radios emit may be above established limits. This also applies if the outside antenna is not installed properly.
- Maintain a distance of at least 20 centimeters between the antennas of the cell phone and an active medical implant, for example a pacemaker, since mobile phones can negatively influence the functioning of active medical implants.
- Do not carry operationally ready cell phone in direct vicinity or directly over an active medical implant, for example, in the chest pocket.
- Immediately switch off cell phone if you suspect interference with an active medical implant or other medical device.
- An open armrest can interfere with the driver’s elbow movement and thus cause accidents and severe injuries.
- Always keep the armrest closed while driving.



Call by Name

1. Short press the **TALK** button on the multifunction steering wheel.
2. After the chime say, “Call”, followed by the name of the person you want to call. For example, “Call Mike Brown”.
3. The system will confirm “Do you want to call Mike Brown?” and respond, “Contact is being dialed”.



Voice Recognition tips

- The name must be said exactly as it is stored in the directory. If the name is not recognized, ensure you are saying it as it is stored in the directory.
- If multiple numbers are stored per name, you may use the shortcut “Call Mike Brown at work”, or the system may ask you to choose (e.g., work, mobile, home, etc.).

Help

1. From the Phone menu, press the **TALK** button on the multifunction steering wheel, and a selection of possible voice commands appears.
2. Say, “Help”, then follow the prompts.
3. You can say, “Help” after any prompt for the system to give you additional available options (e.g., call history, read telephone contacts, or settings).



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Answer an incoming call



The Bluetooth system will interrupt your car stereo with a ringtone. Press the **PHONE** button on the multifunction steering wheel to answer the call, or you may select on the touchscreen.

Switch to privacy mode

To switch a Bluetooth call to your mobile phone, which would prevent passengers from overhearing the conversation:

1. Use the right/left arrow buttons on the steering wheel to access the telephone menu in the Multifunction Display (MFD).
2. Press the up or down button until “Private” appears in the display.
3. To select, press the **OK** button on the multifunction steering wheel.



End call

1. Press the red phone icon on the touchscreen.
 - Or use the **MENU** button on the steering wheel to access the telephone menu in the MFD.
2. Press the up or down button until “End” appears in the display.
3. Press the **OK** button on the multifunction steering wheel.

Volume settings



To adjust the volume of the Bluetooth system while in a call, press the volume up or volume down switch on the left side of the multifunction steering wheel.



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Note: Voice Recognition available on certain trim lines only.

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Voice Recognition Telephone

App-Connect

App-Connect takes the features and functions of your smartphone and makes them available through the built-in infotainment touchscreen in your Volkswagen.

App-Connect is available on certain infotainment units only. Always pay careful attention to the road, and do not drive while distracted. App-Connect features require compatible device, operating system, and mobile app. Standard text and data usage rates apply. See mobile app provider for terms and privacy. Android Auto is a trademark of Google Inc. Apple CarPlay is a trademark of Apple Inc.

Apple CarPlay™

1. Ensure your phone is unlocked.
2. Plug your Apple iPhone into USB port using a certified lightning connector.
3. A screen appears telling you that a new device has been detected and asking, “Do you want to connect with Apple CarPlay?”
4. Select **Connect** and allow on device.

Features

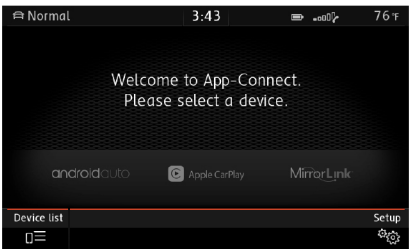
CarPlay features Siri voice control. There are two ways to activate Siri:

- a. Press and hold the voice control button on the steering wheel until you hear the tone, which activates Siri.
- b. Press and hold the **Home** button on the touchscreen to activate Siri.

1. **Home** Button: Two features include:
 - Backward to Apple CarPlay home screen.
 - Long press to activate Siri.
2. **Phone** Button: Siri can help you make calls, return missed calls, and listen to voicemail.
3. **Navigation** Button: Activate Siri to assist with turn-by-turn directions, traffic conditions, and estimated travel time. Say “Navigate to.”
4. **Messages** Button: Siri can send, read, and reply to your text messages for you.

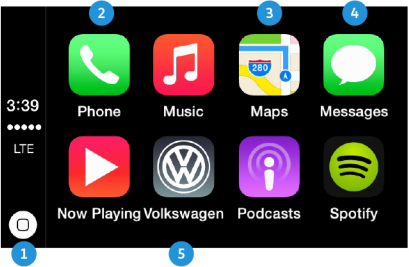
Additional apps available to stream music include Pandora, iHeartRadio, and Spotify.

5. To exit Apple CarPlay, press the Volkswagen logo icon.



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Android Auto™

1. Download Android Auto from Google Play.
2. Press the **MENU** hard key and select App-Connect.
3. Select the Setup icon on the touchscreen > Preferred connection > Select Android Auto.
4. Plug your Android device into the USB port using a certified cable.
5. Select Device list on your touchscreen, and select your device.
6. Select “OK” on your touchscreen for data transfer prompt.
7. Follow instructions on your device to continue setup.
8. Android Auto will appear on the infotainment touchscreen (once all the prompts have been accepted on device).

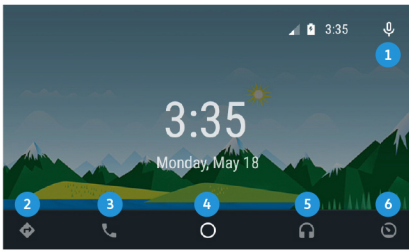
Features

1. **Microphone** Button: Google Voice Control can be activated by a long press, or touchscreen voice commands work with available apps. (Google Voice Control can also be activated with a long press on the voice control button on the steering wheel).
2. **Navigation** Button: Predictive navigation provides turn-by-turn directions, traffic conditions, and estimated travel time. Android Auto can predict where you want to go next based on your calendar and recent destinations.
3. **Phone** Button: Listen and reply to text messages, make calls, or check your voicemail.
4. **Home Screen** Button: Takes you back to the home screen of Android Auto.
5. **Music and Audio** Button: Use your touchscreen to gain access to your favorite artists, songs, and playlists*. Android Auto lets you download audio streaming apps such as Pandora, Spotify, and iHeartRadio.
6. **Vehicle Functions** Button: Return to Volkswagen screen.



Text **ANDROID1-16** to **38981** to watch the Android Auto video.

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*For driver distraction reasons Android Auto does not list all the media on your phone. Use Google voice control instead to access specific albums or artists.
Note: Apple CarPlay is compatible with iPhone 5 or higher running iOS 7.1 or later. Siri must be enabled on device to activate Siri features. Further information is available on siriusguide.com. Android Auto is supported by phones running 5.0 (lollipop) or higher. Further information is available on android.com/auto.

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Important Safety Instructions and Warnings: App-Connect

- Loose or improperly installed mobile devices can be thrown around the passenger compartment during sudden driving or braking maneuvers or a crash and cause serious personal injuries.
- Always mount or stow mobile end devices away properly before driving, making sure that they are outside the operational area of the airbags.
- Applications that are improperly executed can cause damage to the vehicle, accidents, and serious injuries.
- Volkswagen recommends using only applications provided by Volkswagen.
- Protect the mobile end device and its applications from misuse.
- Never change applications.
- Adhere to owner's manual of the mobile end device.
- Using applications while driving can distract from traffic. Driver distraction can cause accidents and serious personal injury.
- Always drive attentively and responsibly.



Infotainment

Warning and Indicator Lights

For additional information on indicator lights, refer to your vehicle's Owner's Manual.

	Central warning light: Read and follow the text messages in the instrument cluster display.	ABS	Anti-lock Breaking System malfunction.	OFF	Passenger front airbag turned off (PASSENGER AIR BAG OFF light).
	Stop! Parking brake engaged.		Central caution light: Read and follow the text messages in the instrument cluster display.		Transmission malfunction.
PARK	Stop! Parking brake engaged.		One or more driving lights burned out. Light malfunction, excluding AFS.		Front Assist switched off (if equipped).
	Stop! Brake fluid level too low or brake system malfunction.		Not enough windshield washer fluid.		Blind Spot Monitor malfunction.
BRAKE	Stop! Brake fluid level too low or brake system malfunction.		Lights up: Engine control malfunction. Flashes: Misfire.		Adaptive cruise control (ACC) currently not available.
	Stop! Engine coolant level too low, engine coolant temperature too high, or engine coolant malfunction.		Lights up: Glow plug preheating for diesel engine start-up. Flashes: Engine control malfunction.		Lane Assist switched on, not active.
	Stop! Engine oil pressure too low.	EPC	Engine control malfunction.		Turn signals, left or right. Emergency flashers switched on.
	Stop! Lights up: Steering system malfunction. Flashes: Electronic steering column lock malfunction.		Engine speed (rpm) limited (if equipped, to help prevent overheating).		Fog lights switched on (if equipped: indicator light on the headlight switch).
	No engine restart possible! Not enough AdBlue® or AdBlue® system malfunction.		Diesel particulate filter clogged.		Lights up: Depress brake pedal! Flashes: The release button in the selector lever is not engaged.
	Driver and/or passenger safety belts not buckled.		Problem with the steering.		Lights up: Cruise control is turned on or is regulating the vehicle speed.
	Alternator malfunction.		Lights up: Tire pressure too low. Flashes: Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) malfunction.	CRUISE	Lights up: Cruise control is turned on or is regulating the vehicle speed.
	Brake or take action to avoid the vehicle ahead! Front Assist Forward Collision Warning (if equipped).		Fuel tank almost empty.		Lane Assist is switched on and active.
	Brake! Depress brake pedal. ACC driver intervention warning.		Fuel filler cap not properly closed.		High beams switched on or headlight flashers in use.
	Lights up: ESC malfunction or ESC switched off by the system, OR: the vehicle battery has been reconnected. Flashes: ESC or ASR is working.		Water in the diesel fuel (diesel engines only).		Service reminder display.
	ASR manually deactivated.		Refill AdBlue® tank or AdBlue® system malfunction.		Charge level of the mobile phone battery. Applies only to models with a factory-installed mobile phone package.
	Airbag and safety belt pretensioner system malfunction.		Lights up: Engine oil level too low. Flashes: Engine oil system malfunction.		Icy road warning. Outside temperature colder than +39 °F (+4 °C)
	ABS malfunction.				Refer to the Owner's Manual.