

“How-to” change the turn signal / front marker lights on a 2006 or later NB TDI.

My turn signal started blinking at warp speed. New bulb time. The 2006 and later turn signal/marker housing do not have any apparent external fasteners. How do I replace the bulbs?

Tools you will need: Finger. Flashlight (optional). Ground cover to protect your clothes.



Step 1.

You’ll have to get on your back. Lay down on the ground so that you can look up at the back side of the turn signal housing. Use the flashlight if necessary. You will have to extend your arm up, into the area to the rear of the housing in order to feel for a metal “spring-clip”. It is located on the inboard edge of the housing (the edge closest to the center of the car). Push the clip outward (toward the bulbs in the housing), then continue to push the housing out through the hole. (The picture below shows the housing just after I had pushed it out. Finger included to identify the “spring-clip”.)



Step 2.

Pull the housing with the wires clear of the rectangular hole to give yourself some working room. The turn signal bulb has an angled connector, which must be given a gentle “quarter twist” in order to expose the bulb. The front marker connector is just pulled straight out of the housing.



Step 3.

Remove the bulbs and start your search. I live in a small town and the VW dealership is 2 hours drive away (I know, but I really liked the car...).



Neither of these was available at any of the AutoZone or AutoZoneClones. I drove around for the better part of the morning until I found the bulbs at the local BMW/Mercedes Benz dealership. The turn signal bulb was \$16.50. The guy threw in the other one for free!

Step 4.

Reassembly is pretty much just a reverse of the steps...make sure you get the outer end of the housing "hook" inside the hole first.



Step 5.

Drive in safety.

