

## **Installation Instructions – Lower Grill Update – 2008 Facelift**

### **VW Phaeton**



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## Overview

This article is intended to provide a step-by-step installation guide for enthusiasts wanting to update their lower Phaeton grills to the 2008 European specification.

## Notes

- This procedure CANNOT be undone, so please read this entire DIY before beginning. If you don't feel comfortable doing the work yourself, print this article and take the vehicle and parts to a professional.
- Total installation time should be roughly 90 minutes.
- Photos included below were taken during installation on two different vehicles. Our apologies for any inconsistencies.

## Parts Required for Installation

- [Grill Set – 2008 Facelift](#)

## Tools Needed:

- Dremel® or hack saw
- Phillips screwdriver
- Regular screwdriver, long
- Double-sided adhesive tape

## Installation

### Phase One: Fog Grill Removal

- 1.1.** Using your Phillips screwdriver, locate the securing screw at the outside edge of the lower fog lamp grill. Remove and set aside to use later.



- 1.2.** There are two securing tabs along the inner edge of the lower grill. If you look from the center of the vehicle toward the outside, you can see the two tabs and can release them with a long screwdriver. Using a trim tool (or your hand), gently pull outward while prying with the screwdriver until the tabs come loose. If you are not able to release the tabs directly, this may require some enthusiasm, so be steady and gradually increase pressure until the tabs release.



**1.3.** The last step to remove the lower grill is to release a final clip. Prying gently toward yourself, the last clip (located behind the grill just to the right of the hand in this photo) will either release or break and the grill will be loose. If you look through the grill from the corner of the vehicle toward the center, you can see (and release) it with a screwdriver.



**1.3.** Take the grill to a clean work area for the next phase.

## **Phase Two: Fog Grill Modification**

**2.1.** Before you modify the fog lamp opening, you'll need to remove the actual grill section. There are six different clips, which all remove easily. Set the grill aside to be installed later.



**2.2.** As shown below, this step cannot be undone. Using a Dremel or hack saw, cut off the fog lamp surround near the outer edge of the grill, as indicated. The outer portion (around the lamp) can be discarded.



**2.3.** Taking the new chrome grill section, overlay it on the remaining portion of the fog lamp grill. There should be a slight gap where the pointed "horn" overlaps the large painted portion of the grill. Reattach the black section of the grill and ensure that the outer mounting hole of the chrome accent lines up with the grill opening.



**2.4.** Once you have eyeballed the alignment, remove the chrome trim and apply a strip of doublesided tape to the rear of the trim and gently apply it to the painted fog lamp cover.



**2.5.** When the chrome overlay is applied, reattach the grill backing by snapping in the tabs that you removed earlier. You should get this when you are done.



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## Phase Three: Fog Grill Installation

**3.1.** Installation is the reverse of removal. Take care that the tabs all snap in appropriately and then secure the outer end with the Phillips screw you removed in 1.1 above.

## Phase Four: Center Grill Installation

**4.1.** The center grill strip will install easily with double-sided 3M-type tape and requires no modification to the vehicle.

**4.2.** Test-fit the strip to determine orientation and spacing, then remove and take to a clean work area and make a note of the upper surface (when installed).

**4.3.** Cutting several lengths of double-sided tape, apply them near the upper edge of the strip at regular intervals.



**4.4.** Returning to the vehicle, carefully center and align the strip, then press firmly into place.

**4.5.** That's it! Step back and enjoy your handiwork!

## Phase Five: Review Your Work *Before...*



## *After...*

