

VW MKIV MASS AIRFLOW METER CLEANING DIY

Disclaimer: This is a VERY BASIC DIY on how to clean your MAF (Mass Air Flow Sensor) on the VW MKIV Platform. It assumes you know at least the basics. Don't blame me if this does not work or if it makes it worse... You are doing this AT YOUR OWN RISK.

(1) Make sure the car's ignition is off. If you want to be sure you can disconnect your negative (black) terminal.

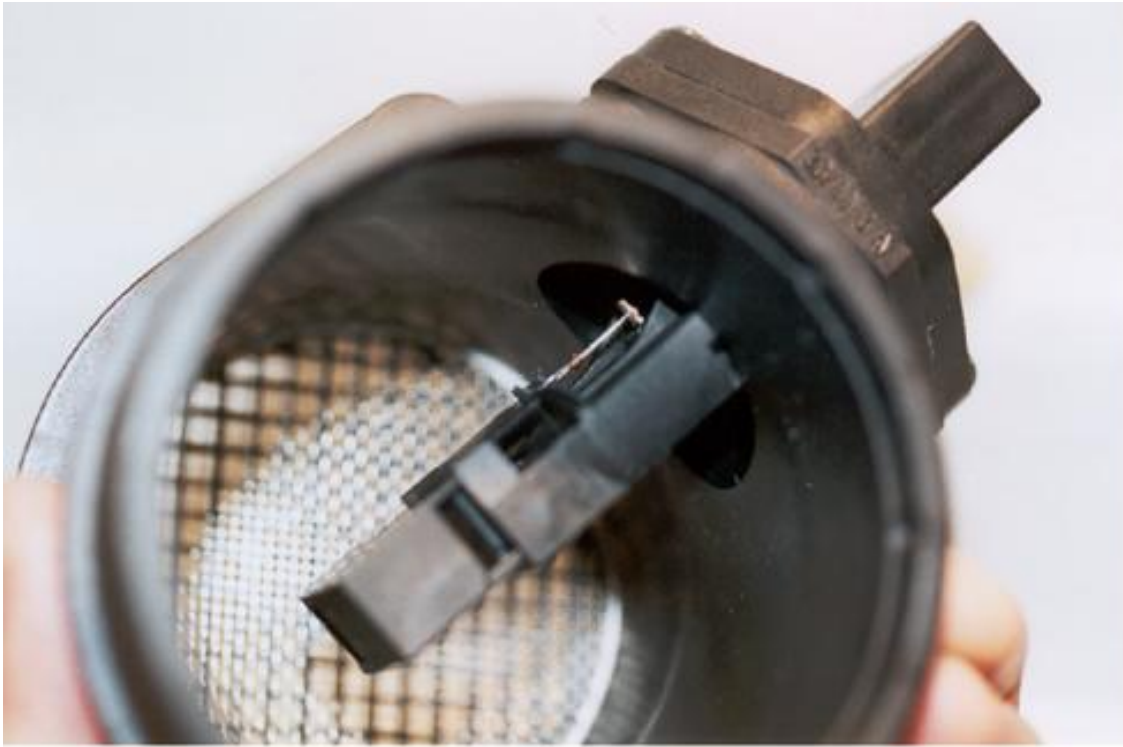
(1) Remove air box lid – 2 screws circled. Note the screws will not come out completely



(2) Disconnect and remove MAF from air box lid – Two torx screws or Philips heads.



(3) Inside view of sensor element.



(4) Put the MAF into a large Zip-lock bag and pour a generous amount of 99% Isopropyl alcohol into the bag. I let mine sit for a couple of minutes. Then close the bag and turn in so that the alcohol runs through the MAF a few times. Do this back and forth motion trying to get the alcohol to hit the sensor element.



(5) Remove the MAF from the bag and let the alcohol drain off. I left mine overnight before re-installing it in the car. It has to be COMPLETELY dry so rather be safe than sorry!



(6) Put everything back the way it came out.

**In stead of using the alcohol, CRC Industries offer a MAF cleaning solution
available at many online automotive part dealers**

http://www.VAGLinks.com/Docs/Misc/CRC_MassAirFlowCleaner_05110.PDF