# **MK6 Traction Control Button Retrofit**

This guide covers how to retrofit the Traction Control OFF button into a MK6 Volkswagen Jetta or Golf. This allows manual control of the traction control system, especially useful for performance driving or winter conditions.

#### What You'll Need:

- Trim removal tools
- T20 Torx driver
- Electrical tape or Tesa tape
- Zip ties
- Wire with terminal (for pin at ABS module)
- Piercing rod (coat hanger or welding wire)
- Silicone spray (optional for grommet feedthrough)
- VCDS or OBDeleven (for post-facelift vehicles)

#### Step 1 - Button Placement

- Remove the trim around the shifter using a trim tool.
- Locate the blank switch panel where the Traction Control button will go.
- Pop out the blank and insert the Traction Control OFF button in its place.
- Connect the button to the included harness. The button gets illumination and power from the 12V socket connector (same trim area).

#### Step 2 - Routing the Signal Wire

- Move to the passenger footwell. Locate the large grommet behind the carpet (near the center console/fusebox).
- Use a piercing rod to poke a hole through the grommet.
- Tape your signal wire to the rod and feed it through to the engine bay.
- Use silicone spray if needed to ease it through.
- Once through, pull enough slack into the bay and tape down excess wire inside.

## Step 3 - Connecting to ABS Module

- Locate the ABS module on the passenger side firewall in the engine bay.
- Slide the purple locking tab to disconnect the main connector.
- Open the back of the ABS connector housing to expose the pin slots.
- Locate Pin #8 remove any rubber plug that may be inserted.
- Insert your pre-terminated signal wire into Pin #8 until it clicks in.
- Close the connector housing, reconnect the ABS plug, and slide the lock tab back in.

## Step 4 – Finishing Up

- Tuck and secure any loose wires with zip ties.
- Reinstall all trim panels.
- Reconnect your battery (if disconnected).
- Test the Traction Control OFF button it should toggle traction control on/off with a warning icon on the cluster.

#### Step 5 - Coding (If Required)

Only required on post-2014 facelift vehicles:

#### **Using VCDS:**

#### **Instruments Module (17):**

- Go to 17 Instruments > Coding > Long Coding Helper
- Navigate to Byte 1, and enable Bit 5 this activates the Traction Control OFF button function in the cluster.

### ABS Module (03):

- Go to 03 ABS Brakes > Coding > Long Coding Helper
- Navigate to Byte 29, and enable Bit 0 this allows the ABS system to recognize the button signal.

#### **Using OBDeleven:**

- Go to Control Unit 17 (Instruments), find Byte 1 > Bit 5, and enable it.
- Then go to Control Unit 03 (ABS), find **Byte 29 > Bit 0**, and enable that as well.

## **Important Notes:**

- This mod will only work if your car is equipped with ESP (Electronic Stability Program).
- No coding is needed on pre-facelift models with ESP.
- Always disconnect the battery before tapping into electrical systems.

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