



# Tech Tips

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## 2012-2013 Passat – Releasing the Rear Seat Backrest from Inside the Vehicle

If you are unable to open the trunk for any reason, the rear seat backrest can be released from inside the vehicle to access the emergency trunk release. First, use the valet key to open the cover plate on the left side of the parcel shelf, as shown in illustration A. Next, insert a key in the slot at the base of the opening and slide the key to the right until rear seat backrest latch releases, as shown in illustration B. This procedure can also be found in the “Practical Tips” section of the vehicle Owner’s Manual.

