



Tech Tips

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2012 – 2013 Passat – Possible Damage to DRL Bulb Filament upon Hood Closure

When closing the engine hood following any service or inspection, make sure that the hood is at a distance no greater than 12 inches before allowing the hood to drop closed, as per the vehicle owner guide.

Under certain conditions (speed, force, temperature, time) the Day Time Running Light (DRL) bulb can be subjected to premature failure. Excessive shock is generated from closing the hood caused by allowing it to drop from too great of a distance, which could result in premature failure of the DRL bulb filament.

Tip: 12" may be approximately waist height (assuming an average height). When closing the hood above the waist, please lower it before dropping it ensuring 12" are not exceeded.

