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VW Citi Golf Service and Repair Manual

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INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive service and repair information for the VW Citi Golf, including the Fox model, equipped with 1.3L (1272cc), 1.6L (1595cc), and 1.8L (1781cc) petrol engines. It covers models produced from 1983 to 1997. The content is designed to assist both the professional mechanic and the do-it-yourself enthusiast in performing maintenance, repair, and overhaul procedures.

VW CITI GOLF petrol

1983 to 1997



Haynes **Service and Repair Manual**



Includes **Fault Finding** and **COR Test Check** Sections

This image displays the front cover of the Haynes Service and Repair Manual for the VW Citi Golf, covering models from 1983 to 1997 with petrol engines. The cover features a blue VW Citi Golf with its engine bay exposed, alongside the Haynes logo and the South African flag.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when working on your vehicle. Ensure the vehicle is securely supported on jack stands before working underneath. Disconnect the battery's negative terminal before performing any electrical work. Wear appropriate

personal protective equipment, including safety glasses and gloves. Refer to specific sections for detailed safety precautions related to each procedure.

- Always use proper tools and equipment.
- Ensure adequate ventilation when working with chemicals or engine fumes.
- Be aware of hot engine components and fluids.
- Follow all local regulations regarding fluid disposal.

GENERAL VEHICLE INFORMATION

The VW Citi Golf, a popular compact car in South Africa, is known for its robust design and ease of maintenance. This section provides an overview of the vehicle's main systems and components, including identification numbers and general specifications.

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

The VIN is located on the dashboard, visible through the windshield, and on the driver's side door jamb. It is crucial for identifying your specific vehicle model and year.

ENGINE SYSTEMS

This section covers the 1.3L, 1.6L, and 1.8L petrol engines. It includes procedures for routine maintenance, such as oil changes, spark plug replacement, and air filter inspection, as well as more complex repairs like cylinder head removal and timing belt replacement.

Routine Maintenance

- **Oil and Filter Change:** Recommended every 10,000 km or 6 months.
- **Spark Plug Inspection/Replacement:** Check every 20,000 km, replace as needed.
- **Air Filter Replacement:** Annually or every 15,000 km, more often in dusty conditions.

Engine Overhaul

Detailed instructions for engine removal, disassembly, inspection, reassembly, and installation are provided. Special attention is given to torque specifications and component clearances.

TRANSMISSION AND DRIVELINE

This section details the manual and automatic transmission systems, including clutch replacement, gearbox removal and installation, and driveshaft maintenance. Information on differential and final drive components is also included.

Clutch System

Procedures for inspecting clutch wear, adjusting clutch pedal free play, and replacing the clutch disc, pressure plate, and release bearing.

BRAKING SYSTEM

Covers front disc brakes and rear drum brakes. Includes instructions for pad and shoe replacement, brake fluid bleeding, caliper and wheel cylinder overhaul, and master cylinder service.

Brake Pad Replacement

1. Raise and support the vehicle.
2. Remove the wheel.
3. Remove caliper retaining bolts and slide the caliper off.
4. Remove old brake pads and install new ones.
5. Reassemble in reverse order and bleed brakes if necessary.

SUSPENSION AND STEERING

This section provides guidance on maintaining and repairing the front and rear suspension components, including shock absorbers, springs, control arms, and wheel bearings. Steering system maintenance, such as tie rod end replacement and power steering fluid checks, is also covered.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Detailed wiring diagrams and troubleshooting guides for the vehicle's electrical system are included. Topics range from battery maintenance and alternator testing to starter motor repair and lighting system diagnostics.

Troubleshooting Common Electrical Issues

Electrical Troubleshooting Guide

Symptom	Possible Cause	Action
Headlights dim	Weak battery, faulty alternator	Check battery voltage, test alternator output.
Engine won't crank	Dead battery, faulty starter, wiring issue	Check battery, test starter motor, inspect wiring.

BODYWORK AND INTERIOR

This section covers minor body repairs, rust prevention, and interior component removal and installation. It includes guidance on door panel removal, seat adjustments, and dashboard access.

TROUBLESHOOTING AND FAULT FINDING

This dedicated section provides systematic approaches to diagnosing common vehicle problems. It includes flowcharts and diagnostic trees to help identify the root cause of issues related to engine performance, braking, electrical faults, and more. The manual also includes "COR Test Check Sections" as mentioned on the cover, which are specific diagnostic procedures.

For example, if the engine is misfiring, check spark plugs, ignition leads, fuel pressure, and compression in sequence.

SPECIFICATIONS

This section contains detailed technical specifications for the VW Citi Golf, including engine torque settings, fluid capacities, tire pressures, and electrical component values. Always refer to these specifications when performing repairs or maintenance.

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