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Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your vehicle.

1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Volkswagen family. This owner's manual contains important information regarding the operation, safety, and maintenance of your 2014 Volkswagen Golf. Please read this manual carefully and familiarize yourself with your vehicle's features and functions. Keeping this manual in your vehicle will ensure it is always available for reference.

For additional information or assistance, please refer to the official Volkswagen website or contact an authorized Volkswagen dealer.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Your safety and the safety of your passengers are paramount. Always adhere to the following safety guidelines:

- **Seat Belts:** Always wear your seat belt and ensure all passengers are properly buckled.
- **Airbags:** Never place objects over airbag deployment areas. Children should always be secured in appropriate child restraint systems in the rear seats.
- **Driving Conditions:** Adjust your driving to suit road, weather, and traffic conditions.
- **Vehicle Operation:** Do not operate the vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- **Maintenance:** Regular maintenance is crucial for safe vehicle operation.

3. GETTING STARTED

3.1. Keys and Doors

- **Ignition Key:** Used to start the engine and lock/unlock doors.
- **Remote Control Key:** Press the lock button to lock all doors and the trunk. Press the unlock button to unlock.
- **Child Safety Locks:** Located on the rear doors, these prevent the doors from being opened from the inside.

3.2. Seats and Mirrors

- **Seat Adjustment:** Adjust the seat position for optimal driving comfort and control. Ensure the seat is locked in place before driving.
- **Head Restraints:** Adjust head restraints so the top is level with the top of your head to reduce the risk of injury in a

collision.

- **Exterior Mirrors:** Adjust using the control knob on the driver's door.
- **Interior Rearview Mirror:** Adjust manually for a clear view of the rear.

4. OPERATING YOUR GOLF

4.1. Starting and Stopping the Engine

1. Ensure the gear selector is in Park (P) or Neutral (N) for automatic transmissions, or the clutch pedal is fully depressed for manual transmissions.
2. Insert the key into the ignition and turn it to the 'ON' position.
3. Turn the key further to the 'START' position until the engine starts, then release.
4. To stop the engine, turn the key to the 'OFF' position.

4.2. Driving

- **Automatic Transmission:** Select 'D' for normal driving. Use 'R' for reverse, 'P' for park, and 'N' for neutral.
- **Manual Transmission:** Use the clutch pedal and gear lever to select appropriate gears.
- **Braking:** Apply steady pressure to the brake pedal. For emergency braking, apply maximum pressure.
- **Parking Brake:** Engage the parking brake when parking the vehicle.

5. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Regular maintenance is essential for the longevity and safe operation of your Volkswagen Golf.

5.1. Service Schedule

Refer to your vehicle's service schedule booklet for recommended maintenance intervals. Adhere to these schedules for oil changes, filter replacements, and inspections.

5.2. Fluid Checks

- **Engine Oil:** Check oil level regularly using the dipstick. Add oil if necessary, ensuring it meets Volkswagen specifications.
- **Coolant:** Check coolant level when the engine is cold. Maintain between MIN and MAX marks.
- **Brake Fluid:** Check level periodically. If low, consult a qualified technician.
- **Windshield Washer Fluid:** Keep reservoir filled for clear visibility.

5.3. Tire Care

- **Tire Pressure:** Check tire pressure monthly, including the spare. Refer to the label on the driver's side door jamb for correct pressures.
- **Tire Rotation:** Rotate tires according to the recommended schedule to ensure even wear.
- **Tread Depth:** Replace tires when tread depth reaches the minimum legal limit.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues and warning lights you might encounter.

6.1. Warning Lights

- **Oil Pressure Warning:** Stop the vehicle immediately and check oil level. If the light persists, do not drive and seek

professional assistance.

- **Brake System Warning:** Indicates a fault in the brake system. Drive with extreme caution or do not drive at all, and seek immediate service.
- **Check Engine Light:** Indicates an issue with the engine or emissions system. Have the vehicle inspected by a qualified technician.
- **Battery Warning:** Indicates a problem with the charging system. Have it checked promptly.

6.2. Common Issues

- **Engine Not Starting:** Check battery terminals, ensure sufficient fuel, and verify the gear selector is in Park or Neutral.
- **Flat Tire:** Refer to the spare tire and jack instructions in your vehicle for replacement.
- **Overheating:** Pull over safely, turn off the engine, and allow it to cool. Do not open the radiator cap when hot.

7. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications may vary based on trim level and region. Consult your vehicle's specific documentation for precise details.

Category	Specification (Example)
Engine Type	1.8L TSI 4-cylinder (varies by model)
Fuel Tank Capacity	Approx. 14.5 US gallons (55 liters)
Overall Length	Approx. 165.4 inches (4201 mm)
Curb Weight	Approx. 2,855 lbs (1295 kg)
Tire Size	Varies by trim (e.g., 195/65 R15, 205/55 R16)

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

8.1. Warranty Information

Your 2014 Volkswagen Golf is covered by a limited warranty. Please refer to your separate Warranty & Maintenance booklet for detailed information on coverage, terms, and conditions. Keep this document safe as proof of purchase and for future reference.

8.2. Customer Support

For any questions, service needs, or technical assistance, please contact your authorized Volkswagen dealer. You can also find more information and support resources on the official Volkswagen website: www.vw.com.

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