

We continue our series of web content on what can get stuck on your motor vehicle. After seeing why your fuel flap or hood could get stuck, in this article we'll take a look at why the key is stuck in your Volkswagen Transporter ignition. Specially frustrating, having a stuck ignition cylinder will prevent you from starting and therefore from employing your motor vehicle. We will do everything we can to help you fix this issue as quickly as possible. To achieve this, first, we will describe to you what the ignition of your car is used for, then in a second time, why the ignition barrel of your Volkswagen Transporter is stuck? And, finally, how to unblock the key stuck in your Volkswagen Transporter ignition.



The ignition lock of your Volkswagen Transporter is a security part. Its intent is to secure your car from theft attempts. It is positioned on the steering column of your motor vehicle, created in 1931 by Abram Neiman. Its intent is to prevent your Volkswagen Transporter from starting by blocking the steering and the steering lock if it does not identify your motor vehicle key. It is closely linked to the starter switch which will incorporate the key lock and an electric switch. There is a tendency to confuse the starter switch and the neiman, and when we talk about blocked neiman we often make reference to a key that does not turn or does not turn well in the cylinder of the lock of your motor vehicle.

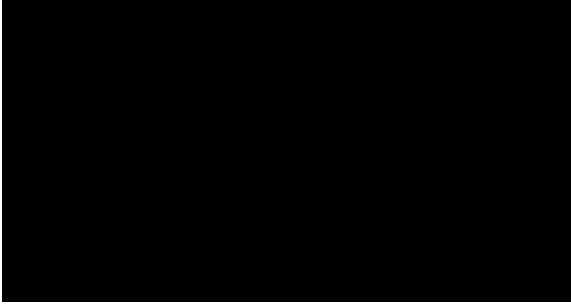
Now it's time to describe to you why the key is stuck in your Volkswagen Transporter ignition cylinder. Now that we've defined what the ignition is, it's time to identify why it's stuck. If it is the steering wheel of your Volkswagen Transporter that is blocked, do not hesitate to browse our article on this subject. A neiman is not a wearing component that you replace frequently but time has an influence on it and it can appear that you have to replace it due to regular wear and tear. Here are the different reasons of a ignition that locks on Volkswagen Transporter :

- Normal wear and tear on the ignition barrel of your Volkswagen Transporter : As we explained above, with time, the elements of the neiman can become seized up, or become loaded with dust or small particles from the outside that will prevent it from working correctly. In such a case, you should feel issue inserting and turning the key before it locks completely.
- A component of the ignition of your Volkswagen Transporter that breaks down: In the same logic, an element of the neiman can fail. As we explained in introduction, when we talk about the neiman we often include, the cylinder, the lock and the starter switch, if one of these parts is defective, the neiman will not let the key turn in the cylinder of the lock
- Someone forced too much on the ignition barrel of your Volkswagen Transporter: At last, last possibility, and it's more or less obvious, if someone forced too much on the neiman in unlocking the steering wheel of your motor vehicle before, he may have twisted internal components and thus damaged the neiman of it.

We now proceed to the solutions available to you for dealing with a key stuck in your Volkswagen Transporter ignition. According to the source of your issue the solutions will not be similar, locate them down below:

- Ignition barrel blocked due to a twisted key: If your key is twisted, it is obvious that your neiman will not unblock. Try gently with a mallet to straighten your key, if you can't do it, use the copy of your key.
- Ignition cylinder If the neiman of your Volkswagen Transporter is clogged due to impurities : Use a WD40 type degreaser and let it work for a few minutes, it should unblock the neiman of your Volkswagen Transporter.
- If your key is stuck in your ignition due to a defective element: If finally it is due to an internal element that your ignition lock is no longer unblocked you will regrettably have to replace the whole block (electronic switch, lock cylinder, neiman), we suggest you to go to a specialist who will as well have to give you a new key to start your Volkswagen Transporter.

To discover more tips on the Volkswagen Transporter, take a look at the Volkswagen Transporter category.



There are a few easy to fix reasons why your Volkswagen Jetta's key might get stuck in the ignition. It's often easy to unstick the key. Whatever you do, don't start trying to rip it out of the ignition. That can cause bigger problems.

This article is written with the assumption that your key is stuck right now, and that you are looking to get it out.

A key getting stuck in your Jetta's ignition is not the most common problem. You can go the whole life of the vehicle and this typically won't happen.



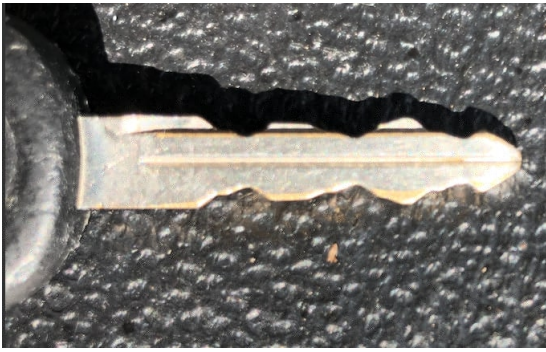
Here are some of the most common reasons why the key would get stuck in the ignition. They are presented somewhat in the order of most likely to least likely to be the cause.

All vehicles equipped with automatic transmissions have a lock that keeps the key from being removed from the ignition while the vehicle is in gear. This prevents your Jetta from "rolling off".

When the vehicle is in any other gear than park will act like neutral and roll away without the parking brake on. Leaving the key stuck in the lock is the manufacturers way of telling you that you need to put it in park before you leave the driver's seat.

A lot of vehicles are equipped with a steering lock. This lock can bind the ignition switch and get the key stuck from time to time. This is particularly true on hills. Manipulating your Jetta's steering wheel can unbind the key.

- Bent– Over time and repeated use, a key can bend. If this is the case, you'll need to get a new one. This issue often happens with cheap duplicated keys. If you do massage the key out, go ahead and throw it away. Take the good key and duplicate it.
- Rusted– A key that is rusted can get stuck in the ignition system easily. It doesn't have to be a lot of rust. Just enough to keep it from moving freely. As with a bent key, just start over. Once something rusts, it comes back a lot easier.
- Debris– If you've used your key to clean something off, or gotten food (or other debris) on it somehow, you'll find that it can pretty easily stick in the ignition lock.
- Worn– If a key has worn past the point of usefulness, it can start failing to pass through the ignition lock. Replacing the key would be ideal. If you have a key that's in better shape, you'd want to use that one to make a duplicate.



If you have no key to duplicate, many manufacturers can use the VIN number to cut you a brand new OEM key. Just be prepared to prove ownership to Volkswagen in some way.

The Jetta's ignition lock cylinder itself can go bad over time. While it would seem like the most likely cause for a key to get stuck in the ignition at first, compared to it being a bad key, this is not nearly as likely.

Replacing them can be tricky. This is best left to a professional, with today's electronic theft prevention mechanisms there can be a lot to this.

If your Volkswagen Jetta's battery doesn't have enough voltage to properly engage the safety mechanisms that leave your key stuck in the ignition can cause the issue.

Here are ways that you can get your Jetta's key free. This is our recommended order to do them in.

Is the battery charged? If the vehicle still starts it should be fine. But, since this requires almost no effort to check, why not start here? Low voltage can keep the ignition lock mechanism from properly functioning.

Give the wheel a wiggle while lightly trying to turn the key out of the ignition. If the steering lock is causing a bind, this will relieve the pressure and get the key out. This is a very common situation when you park on hills, park with the wheels turned all the way in one direction, or if the wheels were turned with the vehicle not moving before the ignition was shut off.

Make sure your Jetta is in park. Even if it is in park, push the shifter up higher toward park while gently turning the key. You don't need to manhandle anything. You're just looking to see if the park lock mechanism is failing. If it is, the key should come right out.

Now that we've tried all of the easier, and likely things that can make a Jetta's key get stuck that aren't the key itself, it's time to go ahead and try to get the key out. You're going to want to use a small amount of lubricant to see if it can help you get the key moving.

If you can still move the key forward, go ahead and do it so that you can get the lubrication spread a little. Don't force it too hard or you'll break it off in the cylinder.

It's time to use a code scanner and see if there are any diagnostic trouble codes that can illuminate the problem.

If your Jetta's key is still stuck after going through all of these steps, it may be time to have a mechanic take a look at the ignition lock and see if it has gone bad. If there's anything that you'll like to