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Technical Bulletin

Subject: **Oil Drain Plug, Cleaning Threads Before Installing After Draining Oil**

Group: **17**

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Model(s): **All**

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Condition

Engine oil leak after changing engine oil.

May be caused by contaminants on threads of oil drain plug or oil pan (if both are not cleaned prior to installing and tightening the oil drain plug to the proper torque).

Service

After draining engine oil:

- Clean any contaminants from both the oil drain plug and oil pan drain hole threads.
- Inspect drain plug seal for damage. If damaged replace seal or drain plug as necessary.
- Install oil drain plug, tighten to proper specification:

Model	Engine code	Drain Plug Torque
All except as listed below	All except as listed below	30 Nm (22ft. lb.)
Jetta, GTI	2.8L (AFP)	20 Nm (15ft. lb.)
EuroVan	2.4L (AAB, ACV) 2.5L (ACU)	50 Nm (37 ft. lb.)

CAUTION!

Do not exceed the specified torque. A higher torque may damage the oil pan or bend the sealing washer which can lead to leaks at the drain plug.

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Engine oil, filling

All engines:

Note:

To prevent overfilling, add approx. 1/2 qt. less than capacity, start engine, let run until engine operating temperature is approx. 60°C (140°F), switch ignition off, wait approx. 3 minutes, check dipstick, fill to dipstick full mark (may be more or less than 1/2 qt. depending on engine)