

## Applications:

Audi and VW 2.0L TSI engines CAED and CAEB

## Coverage:

2008 – 2014  
Audi A3, A4 and A5

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VW CC, EOS, GTI, Jetta, Passat and Tiguan w/ 2.0L TSI non SULEV engines (45 U.S. states and Canada)

## SERVICING WATER PUMP FAILURES

**The problem:** Pump has high failure rate.

Audi and VW 2.0L TSI engines CAED and CAEB engines run very hot. The thermostat starts to open at 203 °F and does not fully open until it reaches 221 °F. Additionally, the design of this pump is external and connected to a “Duroplastic” thermostat assembly housing, which is bolted onto the engine. The pump is driven by a small balance shaft belt, which in turn is cooled by the fins of the water pump belt drive gear.

Excessive heat is one of the major contributors of this pump’s high failure rate. The other contributors are contamination and replacement pump installation problems.

**Troubleshooting telltales:** Look for coolant leaks

Coolant loss is not easy to trace. It can most likely be found at the thermostat housing of the assembly. Typically, the housing is cracked around the bolt mounting holes (hard to detect visually) or out near the top gasket that seals the thermostat housing against the block.

Note: The OE part is only sold as an assembly with the thermostat housing.

### Probable causes:

- Leakage caused by failing gaskets used to seal pump to engine or thermostat housing around the mounting bolts.
- Leakage caused by incorrect torque specs used during assembly.
- Leakage caused by thermostat misalignment.
- Gasket swelling originates from a cam girdle oil leak, which ultimately leaks past the manifold onto the pump.
- Incorrect balance shaft belt tension on the water pump creates excessive stress on the bearing, leading to premature pump failure.  
Note: Proper torque of the bolt on the balance shaft belt should set the tension.
- Antifreeze issues – with engines that run very hot, using the wrong or contaminated antifreeze, or an incorrect mixture can lead to premature water pump failure.

Rein Automotive  
Water pump kit P/N  
WPL0016 includes  
pump, thermostat  
assembly, temperature  
switch, balance shaft  
belt, o-rings and  
mounting hardware.

