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# Self-Study Programme 266

# 2.8 ltr. TDI Engine with Common Rail Injection

Design and Function



# **Common Rail Injection System**



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ecological awareness and economic efficiency.

But these requirements are becoming more and more important due to the constantly growing number of diesel vehicles.

Mechanically regulated injection systems used in the past no longer meet the full requirements for low consumption, lower exhaust emissions and smooth engine running.

Now there are additional requirements such as very high injection pressures, exact injection cycles and high-precision dosing of the injected fuel. These requirements are met by the common rail injection system which has now been fitted to the 2.8 ltr. TDI engine in the VW LT2.

This Self-Study Programme describes the system and the necessary changes to the basic engine.



This Self-Study Programme explains the design and function of new developments! The contents are not updated.

Please always refer to the relevant Service Literature for all inspection, adjustment and repair instructions.

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# Introduction

The 2.8 ltr. turbodiesel engine with distributor injection pump (engine codes AGK/ATA) has now been fitted with a modern common rail injection system. This has required several changes and modifications to the engine. The engine is referred to by engine code AUH.





People wearing a pacemaker should not bend over the engine compartment when the engine is running since the injection valves are clocked at a rate of 100 Hz.

# Technical data

Engine code	AUH
Туре	Four-cylinder inline diesel engine with turbocharger
Displacement	2798 сс
Maximum power output	116 kW (158 bhp) at 3500 rpm
Bore	93 mm
Stroke	103 mm
Compression ratio	18.5 : 1
Maximum torque	331 Nm at 1800 to 3000 rpm
Engine management system	Direct injection from common rail injection system with Bosch high- pressure pump CP 3.3
Charge-air system	Variable turbine geometry with charge air cooling
Fuel	Diesel at least 49 CN or RME (Rape seed Methyl Ester = biodiesel)
Exhaust emission standard	EU 3





# **Engine mechanicals**

# Modifications compared with 2.8 ltr. TDI engine (AGK/ATA)

Fitting the engine with a common rail injection system has entailed the following modifications and adaptations to the previous engine.

Here is an overview of the main modifications:



Fuel distribution via common rail



Variable turbine geometry



Optimised belt drive



Intermediate flange between intake manifold and cylinder head



Adapted timing gear train with modified gears



High-pressure pump for the common rail injection system

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Hydraulic pump and vacuum pump in common unit

# Gear train drive

The camshaft is driven by the crankshaft via gear trains.

The coolant pump, common rail system highpressure pump and tandem pump (hydraulic pump and vacuum pump) are also driven via gear trains. All gear wheels are provided with 3° helical gearing.

This causes a definite reduction in axial forces compared with the preceding engine (15° helical gearing).





Cylinder 1 is located on the power output side as this is also the timing side of the engine.

## Gear backlash adjustment

Gear backlash in the camshaft intermediate gear is adjustable.

Backlash on all other gears can only be checked.





If backlash needs to be checked, first check the backlash between the intermediate gear (for camshaft drive) and the intermediate camshaft gear.

Then check the backlash between the intermediate camshaft gear and the camshaft sprocket.

To adjust, first slacken the bolt on the adjustment bearing (do not remove!).

Then adjust the backlash by moving the adjustment bearing lever (see arrow) to the side.

After adjustment, tighten the bolt of the adjustment bearing again.



The precise work sequence and the values for checking and adjusting the backlash are in the Workshop Manual.

# Tandem pump

The toothed belt and timing gear trains are becoming ever more complex due to the continuous increase in the number of engine auxiliary components. This is why the vacuum pump and the power steering hydraulic pump were integrated in a single unit on the 2.8 ltr. engine with common rail injection system.



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The vacuum pump and the power steering hydraulic pump are housed in a common housing.

This unit bolted to an intermediate gear of the gear train is referred to as the tandem pump.

The two pumps are driven by a common drive shaft which is driven by the engine toothed belt.

## Power steering hydraulic pump

The hydraulic pump for supplying oil under pressure to the power steering lies in the front of the tandem pump (directly after the drive gear). Power steering hydraulic pump



## Design

The pump consists of a rotary piston with ten moving slides.

The rotary piston is attached to the pump drive shaft.

It rotates together with the slides in a pressure chamber.

In the front part of the pump casing are supply and discharge holes which are joined to the corresponding connections by galleries.

## Function

Oil flows through a supply hole to the pump interior and reaches the rotary piston via galleries.

As a result of their movement, the slides form externally pressure-tight chambers. These chambers change their size as they rotate.

As the volume of a chamber increases, a vacuum forms in the chamber and oil is drawn in. The oil then flows to the pressure side.

There the chamber volume decreases due to the shape of the pump. This builds up pressure inside the chamber. After reaching the discharge holes the oil under pressure exits the chamber and flows in the direction of the pressure connection. 266\_043



#### Vacuum pump

The rear part of the tandem pump is the vacuum pump.

It generates the vacuum for the brake servo and engine control.

#### Design

The vacuum pump comprises an offset rotor and a blade. The blade is made of plastic and is mounted in a movable bearing.

The pump shaft is lubricated by the engine oil circuit via a pressure oil connection.

# Vacuum pump

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#### Function

The turning motion of the rotor and the pushing movement of the blade create two chambers of different volume.

When one chamber increases in size, its volume becomes larger - the space is filled with air.

As the rotor continues to move, the chamber is closed off by the blade and the space becomes smaller again. The intake air is compressed in this way.

The air is expelled through a valve into the crankcase. At the same time, a new chamber is formed around the vacuum connection.

Lubricating oil that is no longer required is blown out together with the air into the crankcase.

# Intermediate flange

To create the necessary construction space for the high-pressure fuel rail of the common rail injection system, an intermediate flange must be mounted between the cylinder head and the intake manifold.

The intermediate flange and the intake manifold are joined to the cylinder head by common bolts.

On the engine side, the intermediate flange is sealed by locking fluid (Loctite 5182); on the intake manifold side it is sealed by a gasket.



# **Belt drive**

Another further development is used on the engine's belt drive.

The large number of auxiliary components requires a reliable belt drive. For this reason the previous hydraulic belt tensioner has been replaced by a new slipperhead spring tensioner.

This system achieves an optimisation of the belt drive regarding reliability and service life.



# Variable turbocharger

Another innovation on the 2.8 ltr. TDI engine with common rail injection system is the new exhaust gas turbocharger with variable turbine geometry.

The advantage of an exhaust gas turbocharger with variable turbine geometry is mainly that it generates an optimum charge pressure across the entire rev range and achieves therefore better combustion. In addition the exhaust gas pressure in the upper rev range is lower and better power is achievable in the lower rev range.

Due to these advantages the engine produces lower exhaust gas and fuel consumption figures than its predecessor.

The variable guide vanes arranged in a ring around the turbine wheel constantly guide the full exhaust gas flow across the turbine wheel. The adjustable guide vanes can change the direction and velocity of the gas flow. The guide vanes are adjusted by a vacuum box with a control linkage.

The vacuum box is controlled by charge pressure control solenoid valve N75.



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SSP 190 "The variable turbocharger" explains the design and function.



# General

The common rail injection system is a high-pressure injection system for diesel engines. It is normally referred to as a common rail injection system.

The term "Common Rail" means a common high-pressure fuel rail for all injectors.

Pressure generation and fuel injection are separate in the common rail injection system.

A separate high-pressure pump generates the high pressure required for injection. The pressure is stored in an accumulator and is delivered to the injectors via short injection lines.

The advantages of the common rail injection system are:

- the injection pressure is almost freely selectable from the map
- the high injection pressure range at low engine speeds and in part-throttle range
- the flexible start of fuel injection with pre- and main injection cycles



# **Fuel system**

The fuel delivery system is divided into two parts:

- the low-pressure part comprising the fuel pump in the fuel tank, the compensating fuel reservoir, the fuel filter and the gear pump and ...
- the high-pressure part comprising the high-pressure pump, the highpressure fuel rail, the injectors and the pressure limiting valve.



In the low-pressure part, fuel is conveyed by the fuel pump and the gear pump from the fuel tank via the compensating fuel reservoir to the high-pressure pump. This is where the high pressure is generated for the fuel injection process and stored in the highpressure fuel rail.

The fuel flows from the high-pressure fuel rail to the injectors which then inject the fuel into the combustion chambers.



# Fuel delivery system

# Fuel pump G6

The fuel pump is located in the fuel tank. It operates as a pre-supply pump and supplies sufficient fuel in all operating conditions to the gear pump integrated in the high-pressure pump.

## Function

When the ignition is switched on, the fuel pump is activated by the diesel direct injection system control unit via the fuel pump relay.

The pump runs for about 3 seconds and builds up a preliminary pressure.

As soon as the engine is running, the pump continuously supplies fuel to the low-pressure part.

The fuel pump draws in fuel from the fuel tank via a filter.

The conveyed fuel is divided in the pump lid.

Part of the fuel runs in the supply line to the gear pump, the other part goes to drive the suction-jet pump.

The suction-jet pump extracts the fuel from the fuel tank and conveys it to the fuel pump reservoir.



reservoir

## **Compensating fuel reservoir**

The fuel conveyed by the fuel pump is pumped to the compensating fuel reservoir. From there it runs to the gear pump.

The compensating fuel reservoir ensures that the fuel pressure upstream of the gear pump remains almost constant in any operating condition.



# **Function**

The fuel conveyed by the fuel pump is pumped to the compensating fuel reservoir.

From there it runs to the gear pump.

In order to compensate for pressure fluctuations, the compensating fuel reservoir receives excess fuel from the fuel return line via a T-piece. In the T-piece, fuel flowing back from the engine mixes with fuel from the return line of the compensating fuel reservoir.

This cools the fuel flowing back to the fuel tank.



fuel pump

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#### Fuel filter with electric heater

The fuel filter is equipped with an electric heater.

The heater is switched on by the fuel filter heater relay. It heats up the fuel in the supply line.

This prevents the fuel filter from becoming clogged by crystallising paraffin crystals at low ambient temperatures.



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# **Electrical circuit**



## Legend:

J686 -Fuel filter heater relay Z57 -Fuel filter heater

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#### Gear pump

The gear pump is a purely mechanical presupply pump.

It increases the fuel pressure provided by the fuel pump G6 to ensure supply of the high-pressure pump with fuel in all operating conditions.

The gear pump is located directly on the highpressure pump.

Both pumps are driven by a common shaft.





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Gear pump

High-pressure pump

#### Design

Two gears rotating in opposite directions are located in the gear pump housing. One gear is driven by the input shaft.

#### Function

When the gears rotate, fuel is entrained between the gear trains and is conveyed along the pump inner walls to the pressure side. From there, the fuel continues to the

high-pressure pump housing.

The engaging teeth of the two gears prevent fuel from flowing back.



# **High-pressure part**

#### High-pressure pump

Its function is to generate the fuel pressure required for injection at high pressure. The high pressure is produced by three pump pistons arranged in a star at an angle of 120°.

The high-pressure pump is bolted to the gear train intermediate flange and is driven by the crankshaft via intermediate gears.

The gear pump and the fuel pressure regulating valve are also located on the high-pressure pump.





## Function

The high-pressure pump input shaft has an eccentric cam.

It is driven by the input shaft and moves the pump piston of the three pump elements up and down via the lifting plate.



Suction stroke

The downwards movement of the pump piston causes the compression chamber to increase in volume. This lowers the fuel pressure inside the compression chamber.

Pressure from the gear pump can then convey fuel into the compression chamber via the inlet valve.

# Delivery stroke

When the pump piston starts its upwards movement, pressure rises in the compression chamber. This pushes the disc in the inlet valve down and closes the compression chamber. The piston moving upwards continues to build up pressure.

When the fuel pressure in the compression chamber exceeds the pressure in the high-pressure part, the outlet valve opens and the fuel flows to the high-pressure part.



#### Fuel flow in the high-pressure pump

Fuel first arrives over the supply line to the pump interior.

There it is guided by galleries to the gear pump.

From the pressure side of the gear pump, fuel is conveyed to the fuel pressure regulating valve.

Depending on the electrical actuation of the solenoid (duty cycle), part of the fuel is sent to the pump elements. The other part is lead off to the return line. The fuel pressure for high-pressure injection is generated in the pump element.

The pump element outlet valve opens and the fuel escapes in the direction of the high-pressure connection.

Fuel runs from the high-pressure connection to the high-pressure rail via a pressure line.



## High-pressure fuel rail

The high-pressure fuel rail is a pipe made of forged steel.

Its function is to store the fuel under high pressure before it is injected into the cylinders. Due to its large volume, it also compensates for pressure fluctuations which occur as a result of pumping action by the high-pressure pump and injection processes.

# Design

The high-pressure fuel rail includes the connection for the fuel supply of the highpressure pump, the connections to the injectors, the return line to the fuel tank, the pressure limiting valve and the fuel pressure sender.

# Function

The fuel in the high-pressure fuel rail is subjected to a constant high pressure.

If fuel is taken from the high-pressure fuel rail for injection, the pressure in the high-pressure fuel rail remains almost constant due to its large storage volume.

It also compensates for pressure fluctuations which occur as a result of the pulsating supply by the high-pressure pump to the high-pressure fuel rail.

