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TC-BOLT-KIT

Torque Converter Bolt Kit [Automatic Vanagon]

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Working through the access hole at the front of the engine block can be tricky and frustrating. We recommend doing steps (1) and (2) below BEFORE the transaxle is mated to the engine.

- 1) Chase threads in torque converter with an 8mm x 1.25 bottoming tap.
- 2) Clean and inspect threads carefully—do not use a torque converter with questionable threads.
- 3) Clean and degrease bolts thoroughly with carb cleaner, or similar. Dry completely.
- 4) Install two of the bolts hand-tight, no thread locker.
- 5) Install the third bolt with thread locking compound, and torque to 25 ft/lbs. DO NOT trust your “feel”: Use a torque wrench!
- 6) Remove and install the other two bolts one at a time, and repeat #5 above.



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