



VW

Golf 3, Passat 35i (3A)

With anti-theft alarm system

Engine will not start / cuts out

In the case of the above-mentioned vehicles with an anti-theft alarm system, the engine can suddenly cut out when driving and not start again. It is also possible that the engine fails to restart after being switched off. Despite the ignition being switched on, the instrument warning lights do not illuminate. After a short wait the engine may restart and run for a certain time.

The cause of this is often a faulty anti-theft alarm system control unit (see picture). This is in the footwell on the driver's side. If the control unit is disassembled, faulty solder joints or burnt out circuit-board conductors can be seen on the printed circuit board. Solder joints that have been loosened due to vibration can be re-soldered without any problems. In the case of burnt out circuit-board conductors the control unit should be replaced and the wiring should be checked.

Note: Vehicles that have an anti-theft alarm system fitted can be identified by the LED next to the locking button on the driver's door.

