

**FAULT FINDING FOR AUTO-CHECK SYSTEM**

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

**Note:** When running through display check for the Auto-check system, yellow and red lights should come on. If not, check the relevant bulbs.

**Fault displays – 1st priority**  
 (red lights)

**Fault remedy – see page**


Coolant temperature too high/  
coolant level too low

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Engine oil pressure  
too low

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Brake and hydraulic  
system defective

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**Fault displays – 2nd priority**  
 (yellow lights)


all functions tested OK

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Windscreen washer fluid  
reservoir empty

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Bulb failure:  
dipped headlights/tail lights

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Brake pads worn

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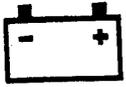


Brake lights defective

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Fault displays – 2nd priority  
(yellow lights)

fault remedy – see page

Battery voltage  
too high/too low

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Fuel tank empty

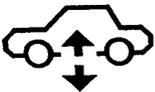
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Airbag\*

Traction control  
system (ASR)\*

Engine malfunctions\*



Gas suspension damping\*

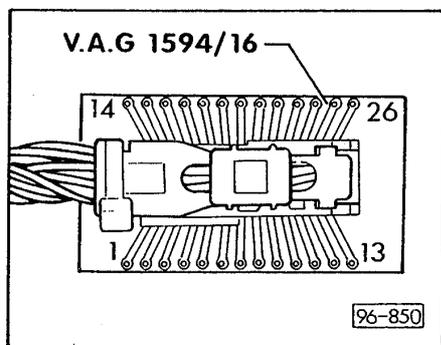
\* not functional on 88 model year vehicles, will be discontinued from 89 model year

**Notes:**

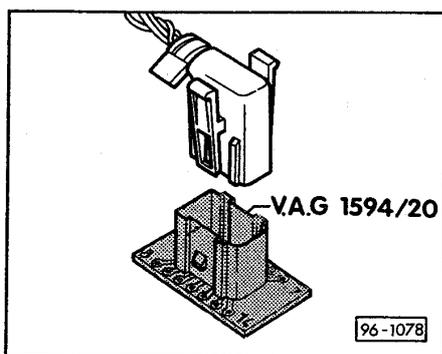
- The specified values given refer to readings obtained by multimeter V.A.G 1526.
- Use auxiliary test set V.A.G 1594 when testing at 26-pin connectors and 14-pin connector.
- If all specified values are obtained, the control unit (printed circuit board with cover) or the display unit for the auto-check system is defective and must be renewed.

**Test conditions:**

- Check coding OK (see page 2/4)
- Fuses 26 and 14 intact
- Battery condition OK
- All connectors disconnected from dash panel insert
- When fault finding always test at 26-pin connector with test adapter V.A.G 1594/16 connected and at 14-pin connector with test adapter V.A.G 1594/20 connected.



- ◀ Test adapter V.A.G 1594/16 attached to 26-pin connector (brown or black)



- ◀ Test adapter V.A.G 1594/20 connected to 14-pin connector (black)

**Attention:**

The functionally essential speed signal can be suppressed by faults in other systems. See Fault finding programme No. 12

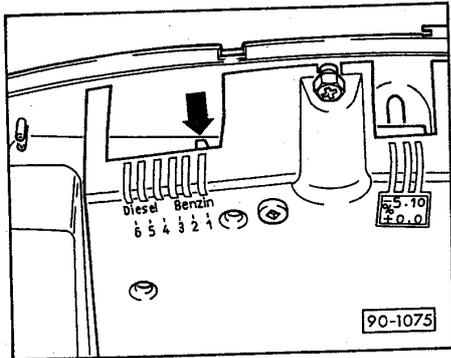
## CODING

on 4-cylinder engines:

Contact 24 of brown 26-pin connector on dash panel insert not used

on 5-cylinder engines:

Contact 24 of brown 26-pin connector on dash panel insert connected to earth



◀ 6-position switch on dash panel insert

- Position 1: German-speaking countries /petrol
- Position 2: USA/petrol
- Position 3: all other countries  
(not German-speaking countries  
or USA) /petrol
- Position 4: German-speaking countries /diesel
- Position 5: USA /diesel
- Position 6: all other countries  
(not German-speaking countries  
or USA) /diesel

Check coding:

Press check button on dash panel insert and switch on ignition. The relevant code appears in the display unit of the auto-check system:

First number: number of cylinders  
Second number: switch position (1-6)

e.g.: 51 = 5 cylinder engine, German-speaking country, petrol

## FAULT FINDING CHART

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Test measurement at	Additional steps	Specified reading	Remedy
two 26-pin connectors and at 14-pin connector	Switch on ignition	12 volts	- If specified reading is not obtained, repair break in wiring using current flow diagram
Power supply Connect voltmeter to contact 11 and contact 26 of black 26-pin connector	Switch on side lights	12 volts	- If specified reading is not obtained, repair break in wiring using current flow diagram
Display unit lighting Connect voltmeter to contact 15 and contact 10 of black 26-pin connector	Fill up fluid	$\infty$ ohm	- If specified reading is not obtained, disconnect connector from warning contact for windscreen washer fluid or headlight washer system
Warning contact for windscreen washer fluid and headlight washer system			- Repeat measurement
Connect ohmmeter to contact 11 of 14-pin connector and to contact 11 of brown 26-pin connector			- If specified reading is still not obtained, repair short to earth using current flow diagram.
			- If specified reading is obtained, renew warning contact for windscreen washer fluid or headlight washer system.

Test measurement at	Additional steps	Specified reading	Remedy
two 26-pin connectors and at 14-pin connector			
Check warning contacts for brake fluid level and hydraulic fluid level	Fill reservoir up to max. mark	∞ ohm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If specified reading is not obtained, disconnect connectors from warning contacts for brake and hydraulic fluid levels and from warning switch for hydraulic brake servo</li> <li>- Repeat measurement</li> </ul>
Connect ohmmeter to contact 11 and contact 3 of brown 26-pin connector	Run engine briefly and switch off ignition		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If specified reading is still not obtained, repair short to earth using current flow diagram</li> <li>- Bridge over wiring at disconnected connectors</li> <li>- Specified reading: approx. 0 ohm</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If specified reading is not obtained, repair break in wiring using current flow diagram</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If specified reading is obtained, renew defective warning contacts</li> </ul>

Test measurement at	Additional steps	Specified reading	Remedy
two 26-pin connectors and at 14-pin connector	Warning switch for hydraulic brake servo	$\infty$ ohm	- If specified reading is not obtained, repair short to earth
Connect ohmmeter to contact 10 of 14-pin connector and contact 11 of brown 26-pin connector	Disconnect connector from warning switch	0 ohm	- If specified reading is not obtained, repair break in wiring using current flow diagram
	Bridge over connector using auxiliary lead	0 ohm	- If specified reading is not obtained, renew warning switch for hydraulic brake servo
	Reconnect connector to warning switch for hydraulic brake servo - depress brake pedal approx. 20 times		

Test measurement at two 26-pin connectors and at 14-pin connector	Additional steps	Specified reading	Remedy
Coolant temperature warning switch or electronic thermo switch and switch for display "coolant level too low"		∞ ohm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If specified reading is not obtained, disconnect connector from switch for display "coolant level too low"</li> </ul>
Connect ohmmeter to contact 4 and contact 11 of brown 26-pin connector			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Repeat measurement</li> <li>- If specified reading is obtained, renew defective switch for display "coolant level too low".</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If specified reading is still not obtained, disconnect connector for coolant temperature warning switch or electronic thermo switch</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Repeat measurement</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If specified reading is obtained, renew coolant temperature warning switch or electronic thermo switch</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If specified reading is not obtained, repair short to earth using current flow diagram</li> </ul>

	Additional steps	Specified reading	Remedy
Test measurement at two 26-pin connectors and at 14-pin connector  Fuel gauge Connect ohmmeter to contact 3 and contact 26 of black 26-pin connector		Tank full approx. 40 ohm Tank empty approx. 283 ohm Depending on level of fuel in tank: 35-300 ohm	- If specified reading is not obtained, repair break in wiring using current flow diagram
Brake monitor (brake pad wear)		0 ohm	- If specified reading is not obtained, repair break in wiring using current flow diagram; otherwise brake pads are worn
Connect ohmmeter to contact 10 and contact 11 of brown 26-pin connector			

Test measurement at two 26-pin connectors and at 14-pin connector	Additional steps	Specified reading	Remedy
Oil pressure switch 0.3 bar		0 ohm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If specified reading is not obtained, disconnect wiring from oil pressure switch and connect to earth</li> <li>- Repeat measurement</li> <li>- Specified reading: 0 ohm</li> </ul>
Connect ohmmeter to contact 6 and contact 11 of brown 26-pin connector	Switch on ignition and run engine	$\infty$ ohm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If specified reading is not obtained, repair break in wiring using current flow diagram</li> <li>- If specified reading is obtained when measurement is repeated, renew oil pressure switch</li> <li>- If specified reading is not obtained, disconnect wiring from oil pressure switch</li> <li>- Repeat measurement</li> <li>- Specified reading: <math>\infty</math> ohm</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If specified reading is not obtained, repair short to earth using current flow diagram</li> <li>- If specified reading is obtained when measurement is repeated, renew oil pressure switch</li> </ul>

Test measurement at two 26-pin connectors and at 14-pin connector	Additional steps	Specified reading	Remedy
Oil pressure switch 1.8 bar (1.4 bar with diesel engine)		$\infty$ ohm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If specified reading is not obtained, disconnect wiring from oil pressure switch</li> <li>- Repeat measurement</li> <li>- Specified reading: <math>\infty</math> ohm</li> <li>- If specified reading is not obtained, repair short to earth using current flow diagram</li> </ul>
Connect ohmmeter to contact 12 of 14-pin connector and contact 11 of brown 26-pin connector	Switch on ignition and run engine	0 ohm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If specified reading is obtained when measurement is repeated, renew oil pressure switch</li> <li>- If specified reading is not obtained, disconnect wiring from oil pressure switch and connect to earth</li> <li>- Repeat measurement</li> <li>- Specified reading: 0 ohm</li> <li>- If specified reading is not obtained, repair break in wiring using current flow diagram</li> <li>- If specified reading is obtained when measurement is repeated, renew oil pressure switch</li> </ul>

Test measurement at	Additional steps	Specified reading	Remedy
two 26-pin connectors and at 14-pin connector	Switch on ignition and dipped headlights	less than 1.5 volts	-
Bulb monitoring device, front			-
Dipped headlights			-
Connect voltmeter to contact 1 on 14-pin connector and contact 11 on brown 36-pin connector			-
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Test measurement at	Additional steps	Specified reading	Remedy
two 26-pin connectors and at 14-pin connector			
Bulb monitoring device, rear Brake lights	Switch on ignition and dipped headlights	12 volts	- If specified reading is not obtained, repair break in wiring using current flow diagram
Connect voltmeter to contact 2 on 14-pin connector and contact 11 on brown 26-pin connector	Operate brake pedal	less than 1.5 volt	- If voltage obtained when operating brake pedal is higher than 3.5 volts, renew defective bulb
			- Disconnect black connector from bulb monitoring device, rear and test between contacts 15 and 31 (power supply)
			- Specified reading: 12 volts
			- Repeat measurement
			- If specified reading is still not obtained, renew bulb monitoring device, rear

Test measurement at two 26-pin connectors and at 14-pin connector	Additional steps	Specified reading	Remedy
Rpm signal (on petrol engines)	Switch on ignition and run engine	depending on engine rpm: approx. 2-10 volts	- If specified reading is not obtained, repair break in wiring using current flow diagram
Connect voltmeter to contact 12 and contact 11 on brown 26-pin connector			
Rpm signal (on diesel engines)	Switch on ignition and run engine	depending on engine rpm: up to approx. 7 volts	- If specified reading is not obtained, repair break in wiring using current flow diagram or check alter- nator
Connect voltmeter to contact 12 and contact 11 of brown 26-pin connector			
Glow period signal (on diesel engines)	Switch on ignition and operate glow system	battery voltage during glow period	- If specified reading is not obtained, repair break in wiring using current flow diagram or renew glow plug relay
Connect voltmeter to contact 5 of 14-pin connector and contact 11 of black 26-pin connector			