

PRE-ALIGNMENT CHECKS

Article Text

1989 Volkswagen Golf

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ARTICLE BEGINNING

Wheel Alignment

PRE-ALIGNMENT INSPECTION PROCEDURES

PRE-ALIGNMENT CHECKS

Before making wheel alignment adjustment, perform the following checks:

- 1) Tires should be equal in size and runout must not be excessive. Tires and wheels should be in balance, and inflated to manufacturer's specifications.
- 2) Wheel bearings must be properly adjusted. Steering linkage and suspension must not have excessive looseness. Check for wear in tie rod ends and ball joints.
- 3) Steering gear box must not have excessive play. Check and adjust to manufacturer's specifications.
- 4) Vehicle must be at curb height with full fuel load and spare tire in vehicle. No extra load should be on vehicle.
- 5) Vehicle must be level with floor and with suspension settled. Jounce front and rear of vehicle several times and allow it to settle to normal curb height.
- 6) If steering wheel is not centered with front wheels in straight-ahead position, correct by shortening one tie rod adjusting sleeve and lengthening opposite sleeve equal amounts.
- 7) Ensure wheel lug nuts are tightened to torque specifications.

END OF ARTICLE