



The  air recirculation mode should be used only to prevent fumes from entering the vehicle, such as in a tunnel, or to warm or cool the interior quickly once the engine has reached operating temperature.


Use the air recirculation mode for short periods only. A lack of fresh air can contribute to driver fatigue.

When driving slowly without much natural air circulation, set the fan to a low speed to prevent fogging, with the air conditioning on or off. This helps circulate the air in the vehicle and more quickly vents moisture to the outside.

In the manual system, airflow may be blended among the windshield, instrument panel, and floor outlets by positioning the airflow distribution knob between symbols as desired.

Rear Defogging

To defog the rear window, press the  button. A light indicates that the button is depressed. During the winter months, remember to always remove heavy snow or ice from the window before driving. The rear window defogger is not designed for melting snow.

You must turn off the rear window defogger when the rear window is clear. Press the  button to turn it off. The light in the button will turn off. By turning off the rear defogger when the windows are clear, you'll save electricity, which also reduces fuel consumption.

For further information on any of these topics, please consult your Owner's Manual.

Understanding Your Vehicle's Ventilation System



Manual System



Climatronic System

Drivers wanted! 

The ventilation system in your Volkswagen combines both heating and cooling capabilities for maximum comfort and good visibility in any season. But it's important for you to thoroughly familiarize yourself with the operation of the ventilation system to ensure clear visibility, with windows free of frost, fog and condensation.


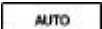
Outside Condensation

High humidity and cool glass temperatures may lead to condensation buildup on the outside of the windshield. To eliminate this, turn the air conditioning system on and adjust the temperature control to a warm setting. Adding heat to the windshield will speed up the defogging action. Please note that the addition of cool or cold air will delay the defogging action, and in some cases the condition may worsen.





Inside Defogging

Foggy windows are a safety concern and result from humidity inside the vehicle condensing on the cool window glass. You can use the features of your ventilation system to minimize fog on the inside of your windows. If the controls are set incorrectly, the fog may not be removed, and may get worse.




To eliminate fog on the inside of the windows, several things must happen. First, the incoming air must be dehumidified (moisture must be removed). Second, the dehumidified air must be directed at the windows. And third, if the fog is heavy, adding heat to the air will speed up the defogging action.

In order for incoming air to be dehumidified, the refrigeration compressor of the AC system must be running. In the manual system, select a fan speed and depress the  button. A light indicates that the button is depressed. In the Climatronic system, press the  button.





The compressor works as long as the outside temperature is higher than 40° F (5° C). Below that temperature, the compressor is disabled. This is normal operation.


Next, direct airflow to the windshield. In the manual system, select the defog mode by turning the airflow distribution knob to the  symbol and turn the fan speed knob to the desired fan speed. In the Climatronic system, press the  button, and, if desired, press the fan  button to increase fan speed or  to decrease fan speed.

Third, adjust the temperature. On the manual system, turn the temperature knob toward the red dot at the end of the scale. On the Climatronic system, use the red temperature button to increase the temperature setting.

Finally, be sure the  button is not depressed on either system. You don't want to recirculate the moist air inside the vehicle. Instead, you want it to vent to the outside. In the manual system, the  button pops out automatically in the defog mode. In the Climatronic system, be sure the  symbol is not showing in the display.

Ventilation Tips

In the Climatronic system, pressing the  button turns off the AC compressor. The compressor is turned on automatically by pressing the ,  or  button.

Note: The  recirculation mode can be selected only when the AC compressor is enabled. Recirculation cannot be selected when the ECON button is pressed, or when the outside temperature is below 40° F (5° C).