

Audi A4 2.0 TFSI B9

2016-2024 · 2.0 TFSI EA888 Gen 3 (190 hp) 4-cylinder turbocharged petrol

Est. annual maintenance cost: €900-1,650

Date _____ Mileage _____ Price _____ Seller _____

What matters most: The water pump and thermostat housing is the main concern. Ask whether it has been replaced, and check with Audi whether the 8-year extended warranty still applies to the VIN.

BEFORE THE VIEWING

Recall status (2017-2020 models)

A safety recall affects the passenger airbag sensor on 2017-2020 cars. Contact an Audi dealer with the VIN to confirm this recall and any open service campaigns have been completed.

Service records and gearbox fluid

Ask for full service history. Oil should be changed every 15,000 km with VW 504 00 spec. On S tronic cars, ask if the gearbox fluid has ever been changed (recommended every 60,000 km).

Water pump extended warranty

Audi offered an 8-year extended warranty on the water pump and thermostat housing for many VINs. Call an Audi dealer with the VIN to check coverage before you visit.

AT THE CAR

Tyres and exterior condition

Standard size is 225/50 R17. Check tread depth and look closely at the inner edges of the front tyres. Uneven inner-edge wear can point to worn front control arm bushings, a common issue on this car.

Coolant level and housing

With the engine cold, check the coolant reservoir level and colour (should be pinkish, not brown). Look under the front of the engine for dried coolant residue near the thermostat housing.

Cold-start engine sound

The engine must be fully cold for this check. Listen for a metallic rattling sound in the first few seconds after starting. On 2016-2018 cars, this can point to a worn timing chain tensioner.

Idle vibration (engine mounts)

With the engine warm and idling, feel for vibration through the steering wheel or seat. If you can safely look underneath, check the engine mounts for reddish-brown fluid leaking from the rubber casing.

DURING THE DRIVE

S tronic gearbox shifts (if auto)

Drive through stop-and-go traffic for at least 10 minutes. Feel for jerky shifts between 1st and 2nd gear, hesitation pulling away from standstill, or any clunking on downshifts. Manual cars skip this check.

Steering and suspension feel

Drive slowly over speed bumps and listen for clunking or knocking from the front suspension. On smoother roads, check whether the steering feels vague or wanders. Both can point to worn control arm bushings.

Warm idle behaviour

After 15 minutes of driving, stop and let the engine idle. Roughness or a slight hunting idle when warm can point to carbon buildup on the intake valves or a failing PCV (crankcase ventilation) valve.

NOTES

THIS CAR AT A GLANCE

Petrol mid-size sedan, built 2016-2024. One of the more reliable A4 generations. The water pump housing is the main weak point, but overall a well-understood car.

KNOWN WEAK POINTS

Water pump / thermostat

Plastic housing cracks, 60k-100k km
€800-1,600

Carbon buildup

Intake valves clog, needs walnut blast
€500-1,000

Timing chain tensioner

Cold-start rattle, 2016-2018 only
€1,500-2,500

S tronic mechatronic

Jerky shifts without fluid changes
€1,200-3,500

Front control arm bushings

Clunking over bumps, 80k-130k km
€600-1,500

