

SEAT Lip Retrofit

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I have received several emails about the SEAT lip spoiler on my car in the pic from this thread: <http://forums.vwvortex.com/zerothread?id=830862> By request I am posting my results and method of mounting it to my B4. In the pic it is in place but not fastened well.

Last weekend I finished the installation. I took the bumper off again and took it in the bedroom for some further surgery. You guessed it, wife was out of town. 🤖 I took some pics to give you an idea how I mounted it. First of all, here are a few pics comparing the original and the SEAT part. Notice the difference in the corner curvature.







Almost none of the mounting tabs matched up, so most of them had to be cut off as you can see.



The bumper cover has a bunch of raised tabs that support the original piece. The ones along the front interfered with the air ducts of the lip and had to be shaved off. The two staple-shaped things are where they were cut off.



Here is how the corner wants to fit... not really well.



I started at the wheelwell end and used that mounting tab and put a screw thru it to hold it in. See the shiny screw in the black tab in the first pic below? I then put a few more screws thru where it needed to bend to match the bumper cover. You can see that I cut out a piece of plastic in the corner to help it to bend. It didn't help as much as I thought it would. I used trim screws saved from parting out another Passat. Don't throw the screws away!! I dip into that hardware reserve regularly.



The front part stayed in place fairly well, but could be pulled out, so I carved out some clearance with a pocket knife and ran several screws along the middle. There are precious

few places where you can find a plastic tab to run the screw into. Thankfully this plastic cuts easily. Sorry this pic is blurry the screw is at the red arrow.



Once you've mounted both sides you'll see that they don't meet properly in the middle, since they're both under stress from the curvature problem. The first pic shows the problem. The second pic shows a screw I tried to put in to hold the seam straight, but it just laughed at me. Yesterday I put 3 rivets along that seam while my wife held it straight. 🙏 Hopefully that will hold it.



So it's on now and looks pretty good. I read about the horrors of fitting this piece and decided to give it a try anyway. It lived up to the billing. I would not recommend the SEAT lip spoiler to any B4 owner who's not pretty resourceful and completely determined to make it work. I probably have 8-10 hours invested, including removing the bumper twice. By the way, be very careful when removing that bumper. The cover scratches **very easily**. Little tiny white scratches show up on black big time.

