Volkswagen has used a Haldex clutch for the 4MOTION all-wheel drive since 1998. A new generation of the all-wheel drive clutch is now used by Volkswagen for the first time in the Tiguan.

The new all-wheel drive clutch is controlled electronically. It allows torque to be transmitted to the drive wheels that have traction regardless of slip at other wheels. The distribution of the drive forces to the axles is variable and depends on the driving conditions. The new all-wheel drive clutch in 4MOTION responds rapidly to any driving situation and maintains the best possible traction at all times.
Overview

History

In 1998, 4MOTION drive replaced synchro all-wheel drive at Volkswagen. While the synchro all-wheel drive used a visco clutch, an all-wheel clutch by Haldex was used for the first time in the 4MOTION drive.

With this hydraulic multiplate clutch, the all-wheel drive could be controlled electronically. Apart from slip control, the control module also allowed handling dynamic driving conditions such as curves, speed, and overrun, or load operation.

Function of Haldex Clutches

The first two generations of the Haldex clutch use a rotational speed difference between the front and rear axles to operate. A pump effect is generated using a cam plate, rollers, and two reciprocating pistons working in parallel. This creates oil pressure that compresses the multiplate clutch through a working piston. The drive torque transferred determines the amount of pressure applied.

The pressure on the multiplate disks of the clutch is regulated through:

- Suction valves
- Pressure valves
- Electronic control valve
- Control module
Haldex Generation IV
All-Wheel Drive Clutch

The power transfer through the multiplate pack of the generation IV all-wheel drive clutch is nearly identical to the previous Haldex models. Generating the pressure with an electric pump is a new feature. The torque to be transferred is determined by All Wheel Drive Control Module J492 through the selection of Haldex Clutch Control Valve N373. Speed differences between the front and rear axles are no longer a prerequisite for activating the all-wheel drive clutch.

Technical Features

- Electro-hydraulically controlled multiplate clutch
- Integrated in the rear axle drive
- Simplified hydraulic circuit
- Optimized demand-controlled pump selection

Advantages

- Clutch selection independent from the driving situation
- Rapid torque build-up
- Permanent rear wheel drive capacity
- Unrestricted compatibility with the slip control systems (e.g. ESP, ABS)
Drivetrain

4MOTION Drivetrain System

The front wheels are conventionally driven by the front axle differential. At the same time, the torque is transferred to the propeller shaft by this differential through the angle transmission.

Depending on the degree of engagement of the all-wheel drive clutch, a torque that matches the driving situation is transmitted to the rear axle drive.
Angle Transmission

The angle transmission increases the torque to the propeller shaft by a factor of 1.6. The diameter of the shaft can be smaller for this reason, since it transfers a smaller torque. In the rear axle drive, the torque is reduced again by the same factor of 1.6.

Power Flow

The force is transferred from the spur gear to the propeller shaft by the differential cage of the differential, the hollow shaft with crown wheel, and the pinion.
**Propeller Shaft**

The propeller shaft has two parts. They are linked by a center joint. Flexible disk joints are used to make the connection to the transfer case and the all-wheel drive clutch. A rotational vibration absorber is permanently attached to the rear flexible disk joint and cannot be serviced separately. It reduces the transfer of engine vibrations through the rear axle differential to the body.

**Rear Flexible Disk Joint**

The rear axle transmission and the propeller shaft are balanced during production. For this reason the drivetrain does not require balancing in the vehicle.

**Center Joint**

The center joint is press-fitted and cannot be separated. This results in a compact and light design and the roll bellows is better protected.
Rear Axle Drive

The all-wheel drive clutch is integrated in the rear axle drive.
Function of the All-Wheel Drive Clutch

The all-wheel drive clutch between front and rear axle drives controls the drive torque to the rear axle. Depending on the degree of engagement, the all-wheel drive clutch directs the required drive torque to the rear axle.

All-Wheel Drive Clutch Components

Oil Circuit Components

Accumulator

Oil Filter

Haldex Clutch
Pump V181

Haldex Clutch
Control Valve N373

All Wheel Drive
Control Module J492

Multiplate Pack

Haldex Clutch
Control Valve N373

All Wheel Drive
Control Module J492

Multiplate Clutch

Accumulator

Haldex Clutch
Pump V181
All-Wheel Drive Clutch Details

Overview

The individual all-wheel drive clutch component groups are shown here to provide a better understanding of how they work.

Mechanical Assembly

Electro-Hydraulic Assembly and All Wheel Drive Control Module J492

All Wheel Drive Control Module J492

Haldex Clutch Control Valve N373

Haldex Clutch Pump V181

Accumulator

Oil Filter
All-Wheel Drive Clutch Details

Mechanical Assembly

The following sub-groups belong to the mechanical assembly:

- Multiplate clutch
- Working piston
- Spring plate

The entire assembly creates the frictional connection between front and rear axles. The multiplate pack is compressed when pressure is applied to the working piston. Depending on the contact pressure, a different torque (up to 1770 lbs-ft or 2400 Nm) can be transferred.

Multiplate Clutch

The multiplate clutch consists of the drive hub, the multiplate pack and the clutch cage.

Drive Hub
The drive hub is driven by the propeller shaft via the flange.

Multiplate Pack
The multiplate pack consists of friction plates and steel plates, with one thrust plate in the front and one in the rear.

The friction plates have internal teeth that engage the drive hub. The steel plates engage the clutch cage with external teeth. The number of plates depends on the vehicle type.
All-Wheel Drive Clutch Details

Clutch Cage
The clutch cage is connected with the pinion of the rear axle by a spline, and transfers the drive torque to the rear axle.

Working Piston
The working piston is a cylindrical piston.

Function
When actuating the clutch, the pressure of the working piston is transferred to the multiplate pack via a needle bearing. The working piston does not turn. The multiplate pack, on the other hand, rotates at drive speed.

Spring Plate
The spring plate is located on the oil pressure side of the working piston.

Function
It creates a preload which pushes the working piston in place. This removes the play from the multiplate pack and the needle bearings.
All-Wheel Drive Clutch Details

Electro-Hydraulic Assembly

The electro-hydraulic assembly consists of the Haldex Clutch Pump V181, the oil filter, the accumulator, and the Haldex Clutch Control Valve N373.

Haldex Clutch Pump V181

The Haldex Clutch Pump V181 is a reciprocating piston pump and is installed in the lower section of the all-wheel drive clutch. It generates the oil pressure. The accumulator in the oil circuit is filled regularly. It is requested by the All Wheel Drive Control Module J492 depending on the demand.

Function

The bores of the cylinder housing each contain a piston with a locating pin and a return spring. With the help of an angular ball bearing, the piston and locating pin are moved in stroke fashion when the cylinder housing turns so that oil is drawn in at the bottom and is discharged compressed at the top after 180 degrees of rotation.

Effects of Failure

When the Haldex Clutch Pump V181 fails, oil pressure cannot be generated. Torque is no longer transferred to the rear axle.

Oil Filter

The oil filter is a no-mainenance fleece filter. A check valve is integrated in the oil filter housing which prevents the oil pressure to the Haldex Clutch Pump V181 from dropping.
All-Wheel Drive Clutch Details

Accumulator

The compact design of the accumulator includes three parallel acting springs and is positioned on top of the clutch. It adjusts the oil pressure using spring force and keeps it at 435 psi (30 bar).

System without Pressure:
The springs of the accumulator are relieved.

System with Working Pressure:
The pressure chamber is filled by the pump. The pressure piston is pushed back and the spring is under tension.

If the oil pressure exceeds 435 psi (30 bar), the return channels become accessible, the pressure in the direction of the oil reservoir is reduced, and oil returns to the reservoir.
Haldex Clutch Control Valve N373

Task
The Haldex Clutch Control Valve N373 controls the working pressure that is passed on to the working pistons. Pressure increases in proportion to the electric current applied to the solenoid. Pressure is precisely defined for each current value.
All-Wheel Drive Clutch Details

Function
The Haldex Clutch Pump V181 and the accumulator have built a pressure of 435 psi (30 bar). (1)

Applying an electrical current to the solenoid coil generates a magnetic force the amount of which depends on the current applied. This moves the control piston up, opens the flow, and the working pressure is generated. (2)

When the desired working pressure has been reached, the balance of force described below is established so that the flow is closed and the working pressure maintained. (3)

The working pressure is applied to the working piston and in the control piston regulating chamber. The pressure in the regulating chamber works in the same direction as the return force of the spring and supports it as counteracting force to the magnetic force. A balance of force is achieved.

When the full current is applied, the intake on the bottom remains open and the entire oil pressure generated by Haldex Clutch Pump V181 is used as working pressure.

If the clutch has to be opened, no more current will be applied to the solenoid coil, the control piston returns to its original position, and the pressure is relieved by routing oil to the oil reservoir.

Effects of Failure
If the Haldex Clutch Control Valve N373 fails, the all-wheel function is no longer available.
All-Wheel Drive Clutch Details

All Wheel Drive Control Module J492

Task
All Wheel Drive Control Module J492 regulates the pump operating times and Haldex Clutch Control Valve N373. The amount of pressure is solely determined by the valve position. A temperature sensor is located on the printed circuit board of All Wheel Drive Control Module J492 where its measured values indicate the oil temperature.

All Wheel Drive Control Module J492 is integrated in the CAN data bus drive. This allows precise control of the system with only one sensor. Based on data on the driving situation, the All Wheel Drive Control Module J492 determines the desired pressure so that the amount of all-wheel drive clutch engagement and transfer are adjusted to the situation.

In case of ESP or ABS intervention, ABS Control Module J104 determines the amount of all-wheel drive clutch engagement via All Wheel Drive Control Module J492.

Effects of Failure
Because Haldex Clutch Control Valve N373 can no longer be selected, no more working pressure is generated. The clutch is disengaged and the rear axle is no longer driven.
Oil Circuit

The electro-hydraulic components build up the oil pressure, controlling the contact pressure on the multiplate clutch.

System Without Pressure

The illustration shows the system in the depressurized state. As long as the engine is off and only the ignition is turned on, All Wheel Drive Control Module J492 is selected but no pressure is generated.

The Haldex Clutch Control Valve N373 is opened without current.

Because a small amount of pressure is applied through the spring plate, a speed of 31 mph (50 km/h) and a distance of 31 miles (50 km) may not be exceeded when towing with one axle raised.

A Pressureless System Is Needed in These Situations

Towing

Roll Dynamometer
Controls

Pressure Buildup at Engine Start

When the engine is started, Haldex Clutch Pump V181 is activated. Haldex Clutch Pump V181 is selected as soon as an engine speed of 400 rpm is reached. It delivers oil via the filter to the accumulator until a pressure of 435 psi (30 bar) is reached in the oil circuit. Haldex Clutch Control Valve N373 is closed by All Wheel Drive Control Module J492 so that the working pressure is passed on to the working piston and the multiplate pack is compressed.

Starting
When starting to drive and when accelerating, the entire rear axle drive torque is immediately available.

Driving
In each driving situation, the pressure between pump and valve is kept constant at 435 psi (30 bar) through the accumulator. The working pressure is solely controlled through Haldex Clutch Control Valve N373, which can adjust the contact pressure on the working piston according to the demand.

This working pressure may lie between 0%, such as when braking, and 100%, as when accelerating.

Controlled Working Pressure
Driving Scenarios

Starting or Accelerating
A high drive torque is required at the rear axle. The valve closes completely and the contact pressure can reach its maximum.

Fast Driving
Only a low torque is required at the rear axle. The contact pressure is controlled according to demand (control range).

Braking
No torque is transferred to the rear axle when braking. The valve is opened and the pressure on the working piston is reduced. The clutch is disengaged.

Stopping
The clutch is disengaged as long as the vehicle is being braked. When the vehicle is stopped, the pre-control uses the signal from the accelerator position. When starting to drive, the pressure is built up again and full torque capacity is available.

Parking Maneuvers
Only a low torque is transferred during parking maneuvers. The drivetrain is not under tension. The clutch is controlled according to demand (control range).
Controls

Critical Driving Situations

Driving on Slippery Roads
The working pressure is controlled according to demand.

Signals come from ABS Control Module J104, which detects slippage through the speed sensors and calculates the required traction.

ESP or ABS Intervention
When a wheel slip control system is activated, the amount of clutch engagement is controlled indirectly through the ABS Control Module J104. For example, the clutch may be disengaged entirely for an ABS intervention while it can be engaged for an ESP intervention.

Starting with Slip (On Ice or Snow)
The all-wheel clutch is engaged when both wheels of the front axle spin. The rear axle takes on all of the drive force.

If only one wheel of the front axle spins, the Electronic Differential Lock (EDL) becomes active. The spinning wheel is braked and the drive force of the other wheel is increased. At the same time the all-wheel drive clutch is engaged and a large portion of the drive force is transferred to the rear axle.
System Overview

Sensors

- Engine Speed (RPM) Sensor G28
- Throttle Position (TP) Sensor G79
- ABS Wheel Speed Sensors G44-G47
- Brake Light Switch F
- Electro-Mechanical Parking Brake Control Module J540
- Data Bus On Board Diagnostic Interface J533
- Steering Angle Sensor G85

Actuators

- Engine Control Module (ECM) J623
- Drive CAN Data Bus
- ABS Control Module J104
- All Wheel Drive Control Module J492
- Haldex Clutch Control Valve N373
- Haldex Clutch Pump V181

A sensor cluster is integrated in Electro-Mechanical Parking Brake Control Module J540. It contains the sensors for lateral acceleration, longitudinal acceleration, and yaw rate.
G85  Steering Angle Sensor
J104  ABS Control Module
J492  All Wheel Drive Control Module
J540  Electro-Mechanical Parking Brake Control Module
J623  Engine Control Module
N373  Haldex Clutch Control Valve
S    Fuse
V181  Haldex Clutch Pump

Color Coding
- Positive
- Ground
- CAN Data Bus Line
Testing Individual Components

Individual component tests can be called through function and component selections in Guided Fault Finding.

All Wheel Drive Control Module J492 Self-Diagnostics

All Wheel Drive Control Module J492 has the address word 22 for self-diagnostics.

The all-wheel drive clutch can be replaced separately. Elaborate adjustment activities after replacement are no longer necessary because the pinion is part of the rear axle transmission and is not replaced.

High-performance oil was developed especially for the requirements of the generation VI all-wheel drive clutch.
An on-line Knowledge Assessment (exam) is available for this Self-Study Program.

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