

GATEWAY500 AUDI Q7 Install Review

Dension Gateway 500 for Audi MMI – Supplied by maxxcount.de
Installed into Audi Q7, 3.0tdi Sline

Tools required

T20 Torx driver. – Glove box removal
Audi radio removal keys (1 pair)
Pair of pliers – Close electrical connectors
Screwdriver – Fix iPod Clips etc
Hole cutter – Hole through glovebox for cables

Parts required

1 Pair of scotch electrical connectors
Some tape

Time required

Approximately 1 hour

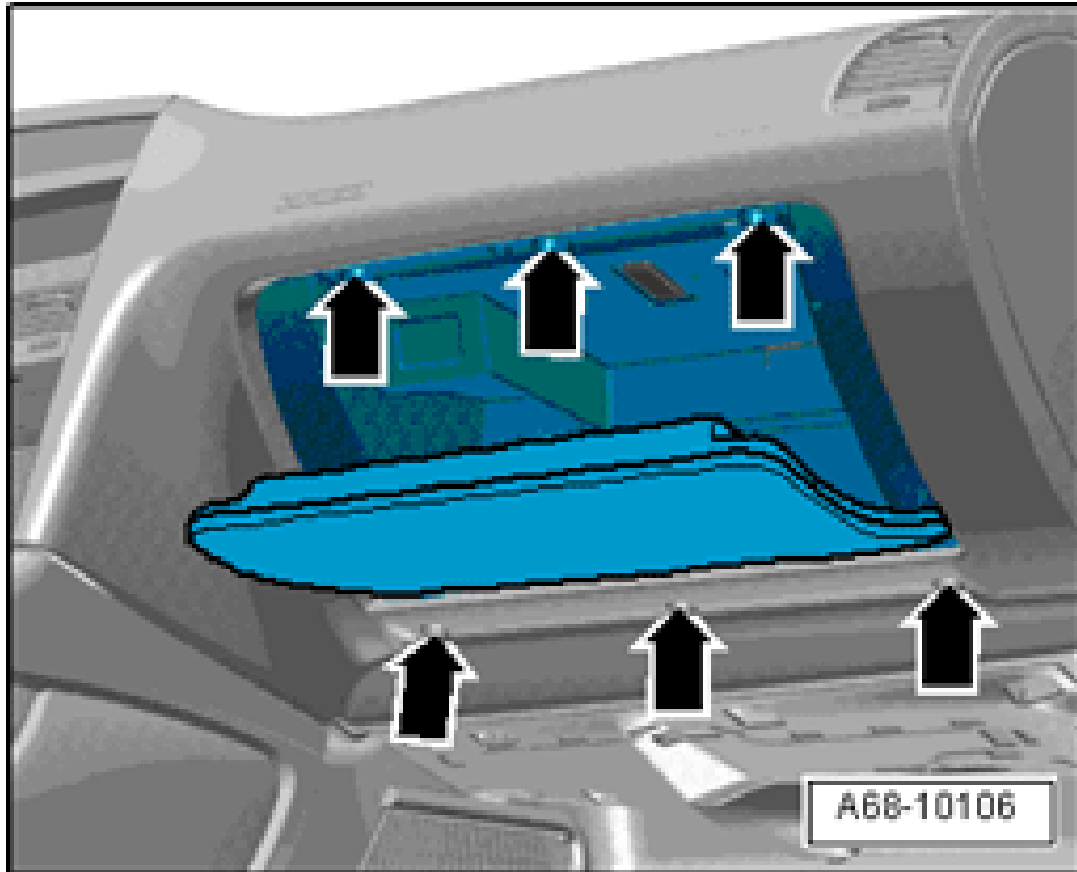
Skills Required

Basic DIY

First remove the CD changer using the removal keys. The changer will pull past the air vents above, although does require quite a bit of force.



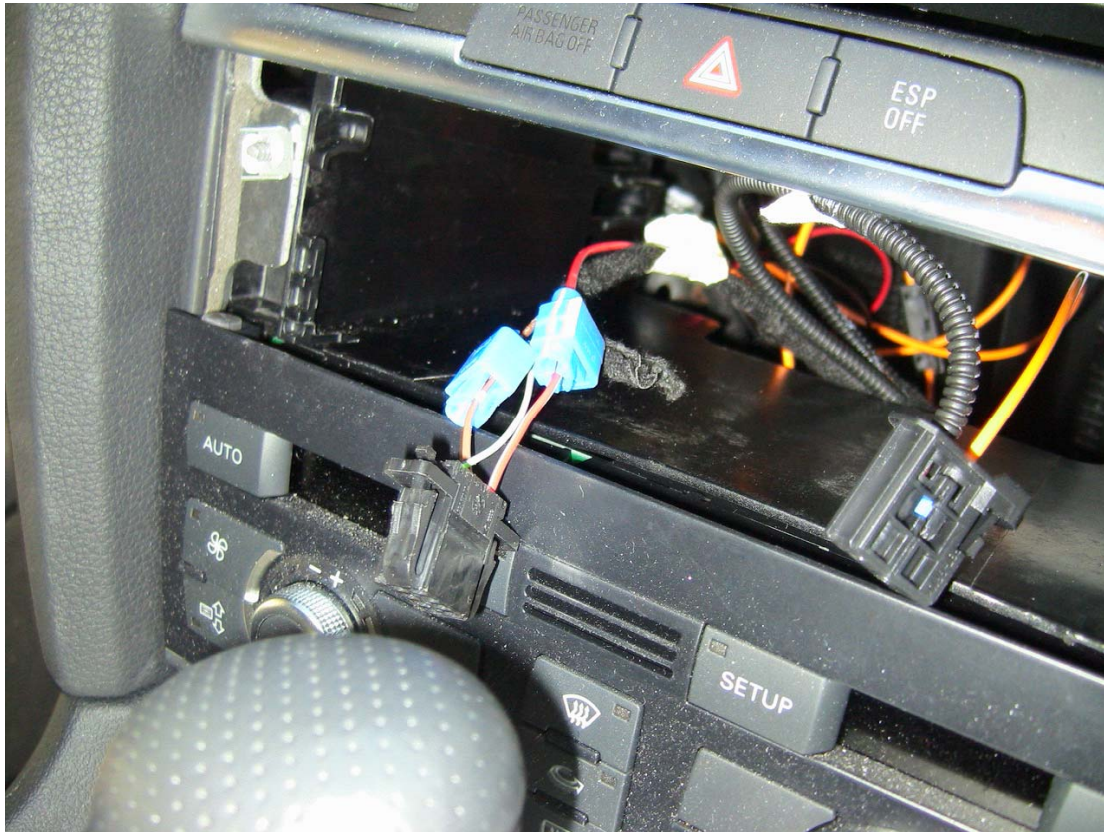
Next remove the glovebox. This is attached by 6 T20 bolts



There are electrical connectors to the light, the glove box release motor, one I don't remember and the airbag switch. If you disconnect the airbag switch you will trip the airbag fault light on the instrument panel. This will require a reset at a dealer unless you have VAG-COM or similar. It should not be necessary to disconnect this switch as there is plenty of cable so you can rest the glove box on the floor

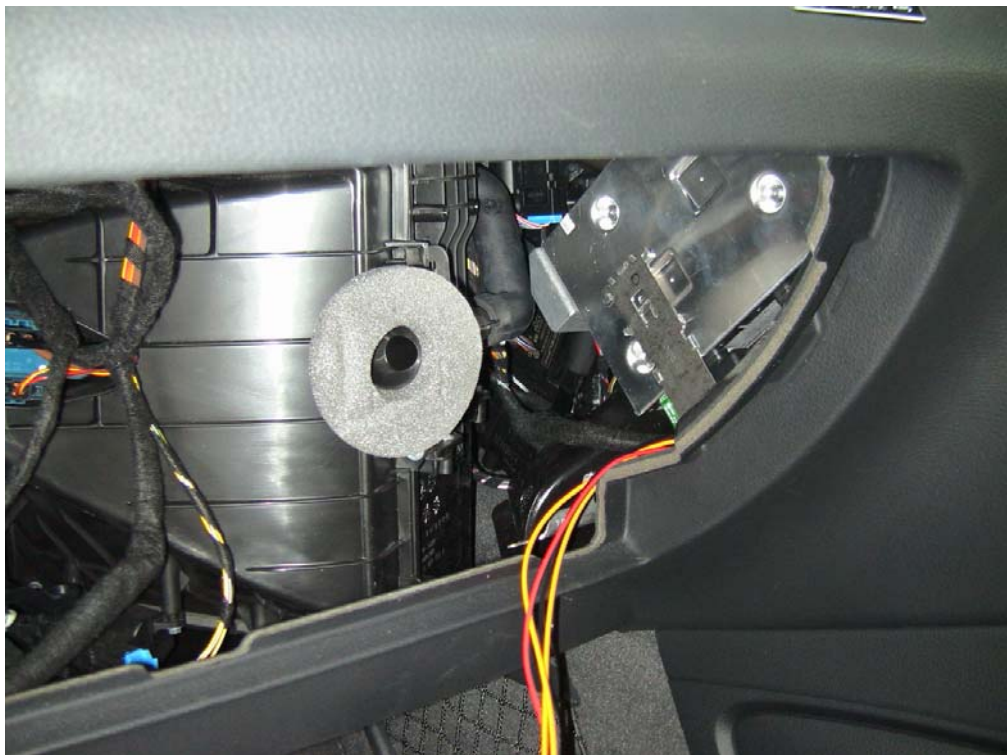


I picked up power from the CD changer using the scotch connectors.



You follow the instructions from Dension to break into the MOST fibre. This is simply a case of disconnecting one of the fibres from the CD connector (remove the blue plastic pin then the fibre pulls out) then push in the fibre from the Gateway. The other fibre from the gateway connects to the fibre pulled out from the CD connector using the Dension supplied connector. The only thing to be careful about is that the direction arrows (which way the light is travelling) are observed. The Gateway is not marked with the direction arrows, but the install document shows which fibre is in and which is out. The Audi fibre is marked with the arrows.

The power and fibre is very easily passed through the back of the CD changer opening and into the glovebox space.



I cut a hole through the left side of the glovebox for the three control cables to pass through. The glove box hinge mechanism moves in this area, so I taped the cables flat to give clearance. The Dension supplied grommet makes a tidy job of holding the three cables.



Now I connected all the cables to the Gateway.



I taped the Gateway up so that it would clear the right side of the glovebox.



It should really be screwed, but I didn't know which surfaces I could safely use.

Now the glove box can be refitted



This job really is very simple. If I had to do this again I think it would take about 30 minutes.

When you power up your original CD changer is now discs 7 – 12.

And the Gateway is CD's 1-6.



For me the most interesting menu is CD6:



This allows you to find what you want really easily. In the following screens, I'm looking for Black Dog by Led Zep, from the album Led Zep IV.









I have 30GB of music on my iPod, and I can find the track I want quicker using MMI than I can using my iPod!