

## VW Rabbit basic Shifter Adjustment

**Text & photo in this column below is from the Bentley manual Section 8 – Pg. 9**

**This column is my rewrite experiment(s) & photo(s)**

**NOTE:** – The text below is purposely very close to the “look” in the Bentley manual... including small text... but I colored **RED**, bold-faced and underlined the sentence that I misinterpreted!

**Note:** In my first rewrite (below) I have simply spaced out, centered each sentence, increased the size of the text and added the “”(s) around their bold text “a”... and made the “a” a little large so it stands out more... and repeated the difficult the sentence in **RED** again!

Move the gearshift lever so that the stop finger is as far as possible away from the stop plate surface on the lever plate and housing. (The gearshift lever will be away from the driver’s seat, aligned with the gate for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> gears). In this position, dimension a, given in Fig. 3-8, should be 20 mm (25/32 in.) on vehicles with four-speed transmissions or 15 mm (19/32 in.) on vehicles with five-speed transmissions. If dimension a is incorrect, loosen the shift rod clamp. Then slightly rotate the shift rod on the selector lever selector lever until dimension a is correct. Retorque the nut on the clamp to 20 Nm (15 ft.lb.)

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**ADJUSTMENT SETTING:**

**For 4-spd transaxles, dimension “a” ( in Fig. 3-8 ) should be 20 mm (25/32 in.).  
For 5-spd transxles, dimension “a” (in Fig. 3-8 ) should be or 15 mm (19/32 in.)**

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**NEXT** I’ll try add new/improved photo(s) and rewrite both the above and re-edit my blow-up graphic I sent you before... and “dove-tail” both the graphic and text so they fit together very clearly... this **AFTER** I finish getting my truck shifting smoothly at ALL temperatures!

**Oh yes...** Let me know IF you have any suggestions for this effort which I’ll be glad to do for you... FREE gratis!