



How to change engine  
thermostat on **OPEL**  
**Vectra B Estate (J96)** –  
replacement guide

## SIMILAR VIDEO TUTORIAL



This video shows the replacement procedure of a similar car part on another vehicle

### **Important!**

This replacement procedure can be used for:

OPEL Vectra B Estate (J96) 1.6 i (X 16 SZR), OPEL Vectra B Estate (J96) 1.6 i (16 LZ2)

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

This tutorial was created based on the replacement procedure for a similar car part on: OPEL Corsa B Hatchback (S93) 1.4 i (F08, F68, M68)

REPLACEMENT: ENGINE THERMOSTAT – OPEL  
VECTRA B ESTATE (J96). TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- All-purpose cleaning spray
- Torque wrench
- Torx bit E10
- Ratchet wrench
- Clip removal tool
- Clic-R collar pliers
- Seal scraper
- Funnel
- Fluid container
- Fender cover

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Replacement: engine thermostat – OPEL Vectra B Estate (J96). AUTODOC recommends:

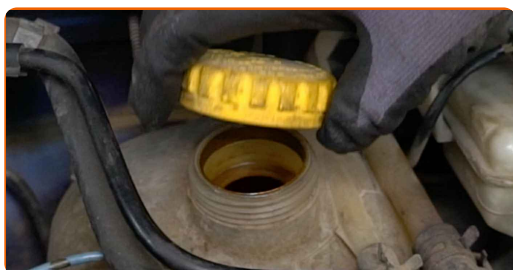
- Check the condition of the coolant every time you replace the thermostat. Change the coolant if necessary.
- Please note: all work on the car – OPEL Vectra B Estate (J96) – should be done with the engine switched off.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

**CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

1 Open the bonnet.

2 Use a fender protection cover to prevent damaging paintwork and plastic parts of the car.

3 Unscrew the coolant reservoir cap.



4 Raise the car.

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- If you are using a jack, make sure it rests on a flat surface without any unevenness.
- Be sure to additionally secure the car with jack stands.

5 Clean the lower coolant pipe mounting seat. Use all-purpose cleaning spray.



6 Prepare a container for fluids.



7 Loosen the coolant hose clamp. Use clic-R collar pliers.



8 Detach the coolant hose.



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- Caution! Coolant may leak out of the coolant lines and thermostat housing.

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Drain the coolant from the engine.



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- Wear gloves to prevent contact with hot liquid.

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Attach the coolant hose.



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Secure the coolant hose clamp. Use clic-R collar pliers.



12 Lower the car.

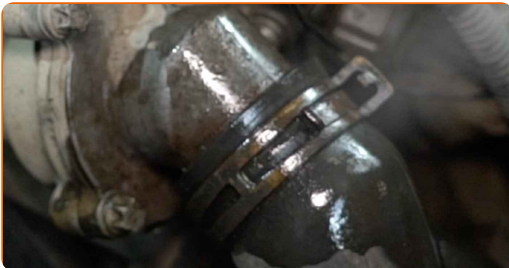
13 Remove the clip on the air filter intake hose. Use a clip removal tool.



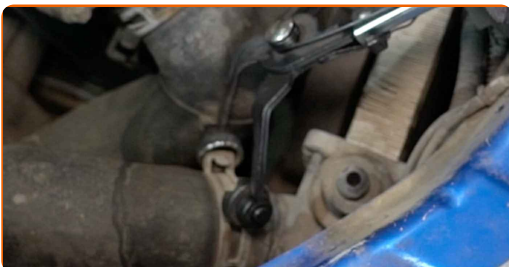
14 Disconnect the air intake pipe from the air filter housing.



15 Clean the coolant hose connections. Use all-purpose cleaning spray.



16 Loosen the clamps of the coolant hoses. Use clic-R collar pliers.



17 Detach the coolant hose.



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18 Cover the radiator hose to prevent dirt or foreign objects from entering the system.



19 Clean the thermostat housing. Use a wire brush. Use all-purpose cleaning spray.





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Unscrew the thermostat housing fasteners. Use Torx E10. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Remove the thermostat housing together with the thermostat.



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Cover the mounting seat of the thermostat housing with a microfibre cloth to prevent dirt and foreign objects from entering the system.



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Remove the rubber strip.



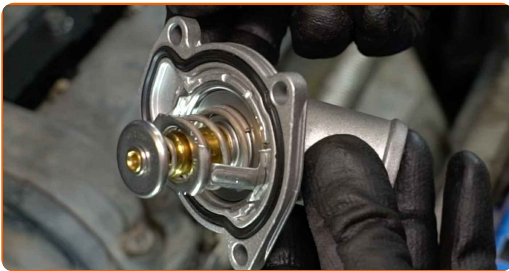
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Clean the mounting seats of the thermostat housing. Use all-purpose cleaning spray. Use a seal scraper.



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Install the new thermostat housing together with the thermostat.



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Install the rubber strip.

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Tighten the thermostat housing fasteners. Use Torx T10. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 6 Nm torque.



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Attach the coolant hose.



**29** Fasten the clamps of the coolant hoses. Use clic-R collar pliers.



**30** Clean the coolant hose connections. Use all-purpose cleaning spray.

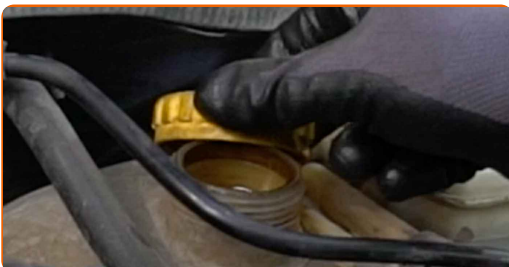
**31** Connect the air intake pipe to the air filter housing.



**32** Attach the clip on the air filter intake hose.



**33** Remove the coolant reservoir cap.



34 Insert the funnel.



35 Pour coolant in the coolant reservoir.

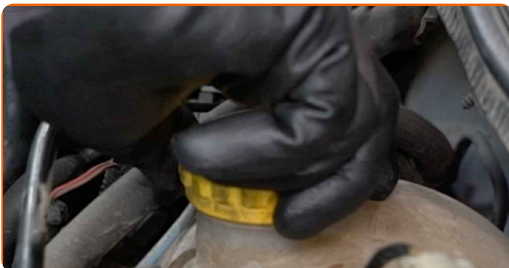


Replacement: engine thermostat – OPEL Vectra B Estate (J96). Professionals recommend:

- Only use the coolant recommended by the manufacturer.
- The coolant level should be at the MAX mark.
- Wait until the air goes out of the system.

36 Install the coolant reservoir cap.

37 Screw on the coolant reservoir cap.



**38** Run the engine for a few minutes. This should be done in order to remove residual air from the cooling system and to check if the components are operating correctly.

**39** Shut off the engine.

**40** Check the coolant level. If necessary, top up to the required level.



**41** Remove the fender protection cover.

**42** Close the hood.

**WELL DONE!** 

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