



Skoda Fabia (6Y) Model year: from 1999

Air conditioning causes noises

If, in the case of the above-mentioned vehicles, “buzzing noises” occur when the air conditioning is in operation, the cause could well be the expansion valve, rather than the compressor. The noises occur only under certain operating conditions (engine at operational temperature, compressor performance approx. 30%, evaporator temperature approx. 10 °C). The intensity of the noise depends directly on engine speed. Even if it is thought that the “buzzing noises” are caused by the compressor, the cause may be system-related. It does not necessarily mean that there is a fault. The problem can often be rectified by replacing the expansion valve. The vehicle manufacturer offers a modified valve with the identification number 6Q 820 679A. Before replacing the compressor, the refrigerant filling level and the valve should be checked and, if necessary, replaced. *Behr Hella Service* also offers a suitable expansion valve, part no. 8UW 351 234-161, for these vehicles.

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