

## Removing and installing tailgate

### Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Torque wrench -V.A.G 1331-

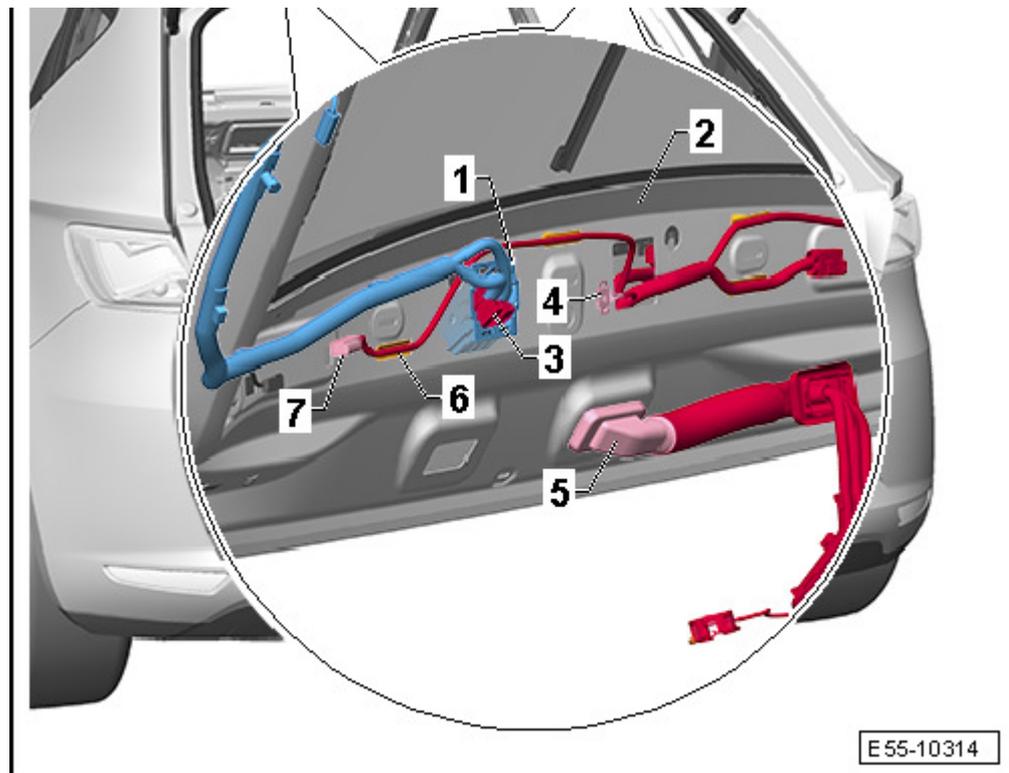


- ◆ Adjustment gauges -3371-

#### Removal:

- With the tailgate closed, remove the middle brake light in the tailgate → Electrical System; Rep. gr.94; High position brake light; install and remove high position brake light.
- Open the tailgate.
- Remove upper tailgate trim → General body repairs, interior; Rep. gr.70; Luggage compartment trim; Removing and installing upper tailgate trim.
- Remove lower tailgate trim → General body repairs, interior; Rep. gr.70; Luggage compartment trim; Removing and installing lower tailgate trim.
- Clip out the bellows -5- on the side of the tailgate (one on each side).





- Clip out the coupling sleeve from the connector -1- from the tailgate -2-.
- Clip out the connector from the mount -1- as an assembly -3-.
- Undo connector -3- and remove the wiring harness along with the bellows that is fixed to the body.
- Remove the fixing screws from the earth terminal -4-.
- Disconnect the plug connector -7- from the aerial filter (one on each side).
- Release the clips -5- from the tailgate and remove the wiring harness from the flap (one on each side).
  
- Remove the gas struts -4- → **Chapter**.
- With the assistance of a second mechanic, screw out the bolts -3- of the hinges -2- and remove the rear lid -1-.



#### Note

*To protect the components removed against damage, cover the resting surface with soft material.*

#### Installation

Fit in reverse order from removal, remembering the following:

- With the assistance of a second mechanic, fit the tailgate onto the hinges and tighten the nuts by hand.



#### Caution

**Before closing the tailgate, check that the unlocking components are operating.**

- Adjust the tailgate → [Chapter](#)

#### Tightening torques

- ♦ → [Chapter „Exploded view - tailgate“](#)

