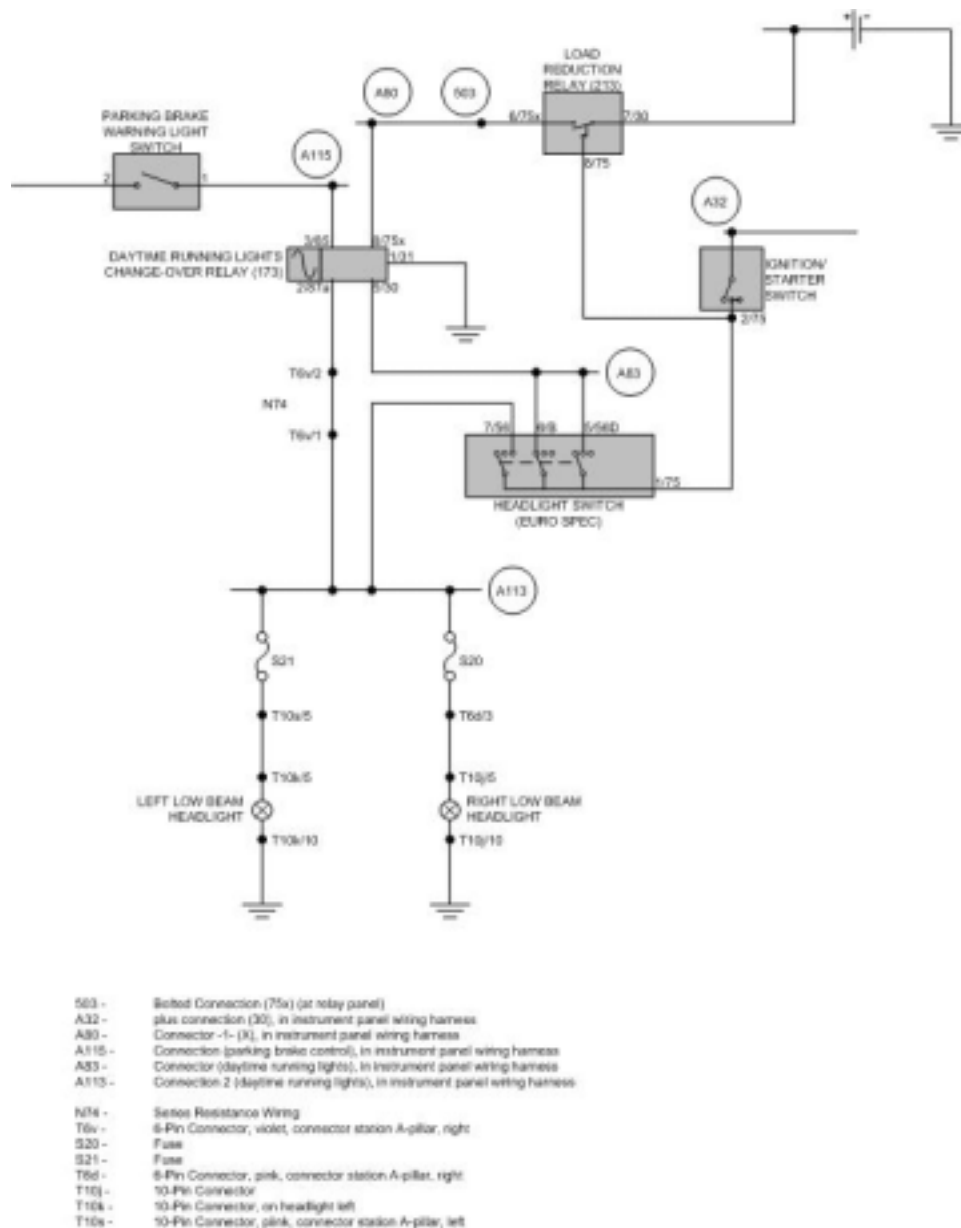


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**A wiring diagram of the headlights for the 2001.5 VW Passat (may or may not apply to other model years).**

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## First method: Pulling out DRL relay 173

The fuse panel with cover. The driver side door has to be open. Remove the fuse panel cover. Start by prying through the notch shown above.

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**The fuse panel.**

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**Look inside behind the fuse panel. You'll see the relay panel and relay 173.**

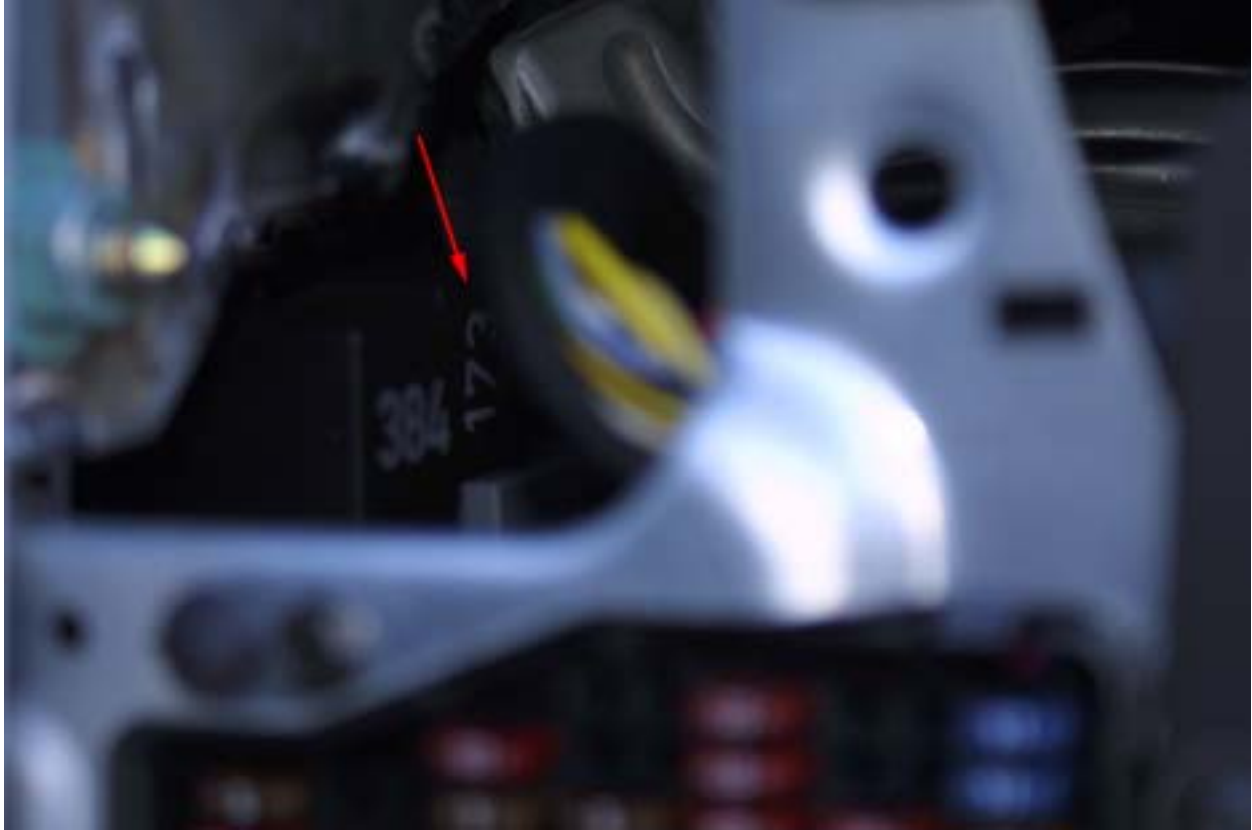
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**A closer look at relay 173 installed. Pull relay 173 out to disable the daytime running lights.**

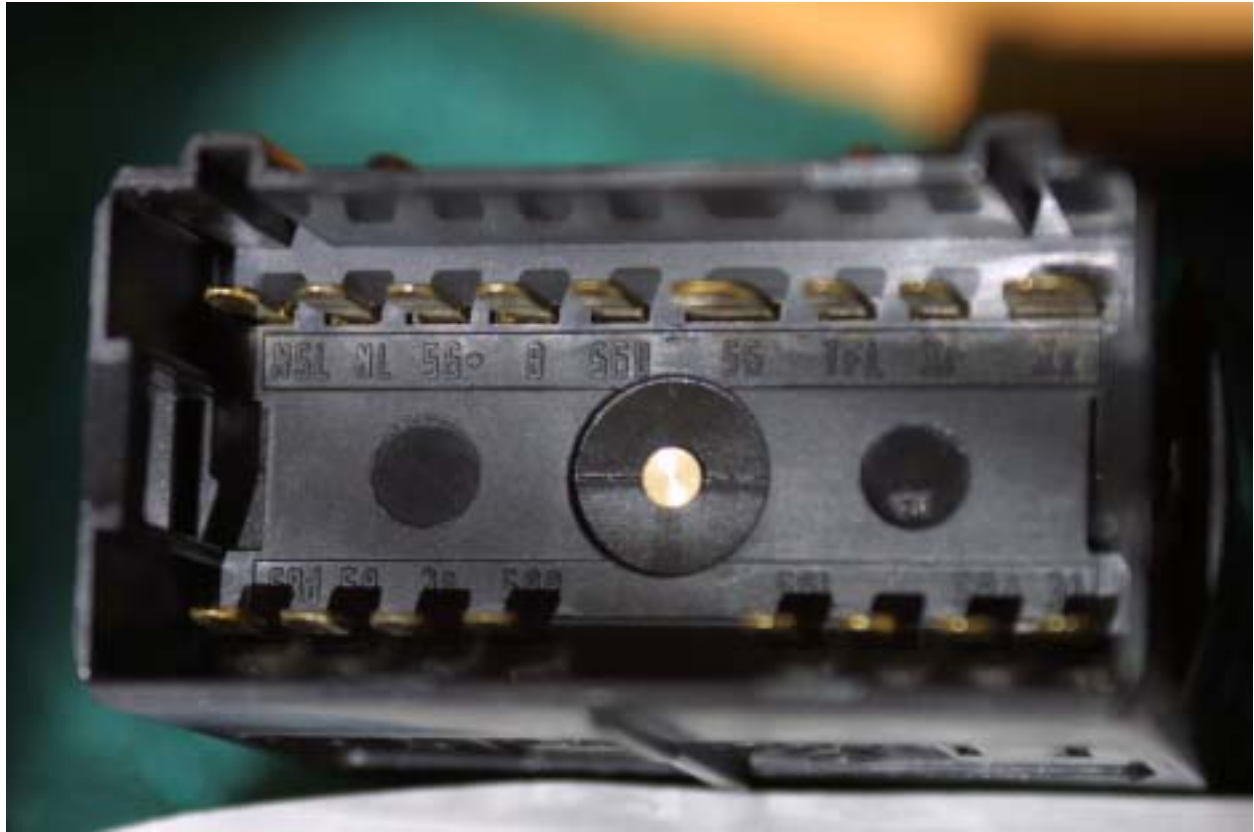
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## Second method: Modifying the light switch

The pin connectors at the back of the light switch.

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The object here is to stop electrical current from traveling through these pins.

- For MY 1998-2001 Passats (B5) tape over, bend, or break pin TFL to disable the DRL when the light switch is in the OFF position.
- For MY 2001.5-2003 Passats (B5.5) tape over, bend, or break pin B to disable the DRL when the light switch is in the OFF position.
- With the Euroswitch you need to tape over, bend, or break pin 56D to disable the DRL when the switch is in the PARKING LIGHTS position.

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