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## **Stress-free manoeuvring with your trailer thanks to Trailer Assist**

- **Innovative assistance system takes over steering while reversing with trailers**
- **Precise manoeuvring with joystick control**

Wolfsburg, 16. June 2016 – Summer is garden and holiday time. So there is a lot to transport: from garden waste and building materials, the boat or motorcycle right up to the caravan to take on holiday – high season for every type of trailer. But manoeuvring with a trailer is not easy, especially for the occasional trailer-tower and can be an ordeal even for veterans. Because often the trailer does not respond as you would expect. The assistance system "Trailer Assist" ensures that difficult reversing manoeuvres succeed without the usual stress. This optional, easy to use assistance system takes the pressure off those who are travelling with trailers and trying to manoeuvre in confusing DIY-store car parks, small campsites or twisty harbour streets.

Volkswagen is currently offering its customers this practical innovation in the Passat, the new Tiguan and Touran. "Trailer Assist" saves time and your nerves, because the system is so easy to operate: if a challenging parking or other manoeuvre is on the agenda, the system is activated by pressing a key. Using the mirror adjusting knob as a kind of "joystick", the driver can continuously specify the vehicle's desired direction of travel. The system now automatically controls the electromechanical power steering while the driver only slows or accelerates.

Using the reversing camera, the bending angle of the trailer drawbar is determined and calculated according to the steering angle – irrespective of the trailer model. So, complicated manoeuvres become child's play. Anyone drawing trailers can quickly learn to appreciate this innovative helper.

Designing complex technical systems so that they are easy for the customer to handle and to assist them in everyday life – that is an important goal of all developments at Volkswagen.

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