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U.S. Department of Transportation
Ms. Kathleen DeMeter,
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Re: 2003 Audi A6 3.0L Quattro
VIN # WAULT64B93N

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

I am the CEO of SCI Engineering, a NYC- based Engineering firm. We specialize on DOT / highway, bridge traffic and ITS projects. We have worked over 100s of projects and presently we are working on 10 projects for NYS DOT.

My 2003 Audi A6 3.0L Quattro was leased to service my DOT projects. I chose the Audi A6 based solely on the Audi's stellar reputation for superior safety and performance. However, I have experienced significant safety and tire problems with the low profile tires that are OEM on my car--Pirelli P6 Four Season (P235/45, R17, 94 V M+S) tires.

Please refer to my letter dated 12/23/2004 addressed to Audi America, cc'd to your office.

In the past two years on FOUR separate occasions, I have been forced to replace four failed tires because of the tire's sidewall failure. After the above incidents, exact replacement (Pirelli) tires were purchased (at @\$ 150.00) each. The cars (and tires) were never abused or mishandled, no pot holes or going over the curb. What is happening is when we touch the curb while parking, the side walls are so thin and low profile simply fail and puncture and the side walls can not be fixed .This has occurred four times in the last two years or so and I have only 22500 miles on the car to date.

I am concerned that it has happened again and again and will happen again on highways.

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This situation is UNACCEPTABLE from a safety point of view and I find it difficult to rely on this car.

.In addition I can not afford to spend \$150 every time the tire fails.

I am not the only one who has experienced this problem. Other Audi owners have confirmed that low profile/ weak sidewalls are a well-documented problem with the subject Pirelli P6 Four Seasons tires—especially on heavier cars like the A6 since Audi offered these tires as OEM.

To sum up here are two problems. One, it is a very poor design by Pirelli. If the tires can not withstand normal driving and parking, let us dump them. It is a poor choice by Audi to select the subject Pirelli Tires as OEM and hence Audi is responsible for this problem.

Based on the above, I am requesting you to investigate and consider Audi to recall and replace all the tires with proven safe ones

I have used and currently using other cars including Lexus for more than 35 years with no such problem whatsoever. -

Please feel free to contact me directly at my office at [REDACTED] if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your review and consideration.

Sincerely,

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