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December 12, 2006

Dear Mr. Maddox:

I write with regard to the ongoing NHTSA recall 06V403 regarding the ignition switches of 1996 Audi A4 vehicles. (see attached)

I am the owner of a 1996 Audi A6 vehicle (VIN WAUJA84A4TN) which has the exact same problem. It most recently occurred last night when my wife and I were driving and neither the headlamps nor the windshield wipers would operate. We had to pull over to the side of the road to restart the car, which temporarily clears the problem. It has happened a half dozen times in the last few months.

Will the A4 ignition switch recall be extended to the A6 vehicles from the same year? My local dealer will not replace the ignition switch on my A6 as it is not currently covered by the October 20, 2006 recall.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter,

Cc:

Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
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October 20, 2006

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06V-403
(2 pages)

Subject: Notification of Recall
1996-1997 Model Year Audi A4 Ignition Switch

Dear Mr. Smith,

This information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR 573 (2006)).

573.6 (c) (1) **Manufacturer's Name**
AUDI AG

Importer
Volkswagen of America, Inc. (VWoA)

573.6 (c) (2) **Identification of Vehicles**
Make : Audi
Line : A4
Model Years : 1996 - 1997
Month/Year
of Manufacture : October 1995 - August 1997
VIN Numbers : WAU___8D_TA047001 – WAU___8D_TA330854
of Affected : WAU___8D_VA000181 – WAU___8D_VA294397
Vehicles

Other
Identification : None

573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**
An estimated total of 28,594 vehicles are affected by this recall in the United States.

573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect**
All vehicles affected by this recall potentially contain the defect.

- 573.6 (c) (5) **Description of Defect**
As a result of a problem in the production process of the ignition switch the anchor point of the spring may crack. This could potentially cause the return spring force to be insufficient for returning the ignition key to the running position after starting the engine. This condition causes electrical accessories such as windshield wipers and headlights to become inoperative.
- 573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**
Audi recently completed an investigation resulting from Customer complaints received by Audi AG and Audi of America.

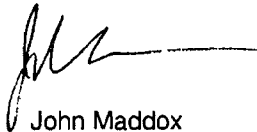
Date of determination: October 13, 2006
- 573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**
VWoA plans to notify all owners of affected vehicles and will instruct these owners to arrange an appointment with an authorized Audi dealer. The dealer will install a new ignition switch with an optimized anchor point at no cost to customers. This action supersedes the remedial program under recall 00V317000 for the same subject vehicles.

Mailing dates are anticipated as follows:

Dealers: On or about November 20, 2006

Owners: On or about November 27, 2006
- 573.6 (c) (10) **Submission of Communications**
A representative copy of all bulletins and other communications sent to dealers will be submitted within five (5) days of dealer notification.
- 573.6 (c) (11) **Proposed Owner Letter**
A draft of the customer communications will be submitted more than five (5) days prior to owner notification for review.
- 573.6 (c) (12) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**
VWoA has assigned the code "JS" to this recall.

Sincerely,



John Maddox
Product Compliance Officer
Volkswagen of America



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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

October 25, 2006

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NVS-215
06V-403

Subject: IGNITION SWITCH

Dear MR. MADDOX:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
AUDI/A4/1996-1997

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-403

Mfg's Report Date: October 20, 2006

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: IGNITION: SWITCH

Potential Number of Units Affected: 28,594

Summary:

ON CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLES, AS A RESULT OF A PROBLEM IN THE PRODUCTION PROCESS OF THE IGNITION SWITCH, THE ANCHOR POINT OF THE SPRING MAY CRACK. THIS COULD POTENTIALLY CAUSE THE RETURN SPRING FORCE TO BE INSUFFICIENT FOR RETURNING THE IGNITION KEY TO THE RUNNING POSITION AFTER STARTING THE ENGINE.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION CAUSES ELECTRICAL ACCESSORIES SUCH AS WINDSHIELD WIPERS AND HEADLIGHTS TO BECOME INOPERATIVE INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A NEW IGNITION SWITCH WITH AN OPTIMIZED ANCHOR POINT FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 27, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT AUDI AT 1-800-822-2834. NOTE: THIS RECALL SUPERSEDES THE REMEDY PROGRAM UNDER A PREVIOUS RECALL (PLEASE SEE 00V317).

Notes:

AUDI RECALL NO. JS. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

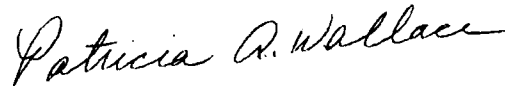
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin on November 27, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before January 30, 2007.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@dot.gov or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



for George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement