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December 19, 2003

Mr. Kenneth N. Weinstein
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Notification of Recall Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573
2004 AUDI TT 3.2 with Direct Shift Gearbox

Dear Mr. Weinstein,

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Volkswagen of America, Inc. ("VWoA") hereby submits the following information about a recall that will be conducted within our Audi Brand.

573.6 (c) (1) **Manufacturer Name**

AUDI AG

Importer

Volkswagen of America, Inc. (VWoA)

573.6 (c) (2) **Identification of Vehicles**

Make:	Audi
Line:	Audi TT 3.2 with Direct Shift Gearbox
Model Year:	2004
VIN Ranges:	TRU_ _ _8N_41007026 – TRU_ _ _8N_41014072
Date of Production:	July 2003 – October 2003
Other Identification:	None

573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**

A total of 145 vehicles are affected by this recall.

573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect**

All affected vehicles could be subject to this defect.

573.6 (c) (5) **Description of Defect**

During the production of the gearbox in the Volkswagen plant in Kassel, Germany, a seam at the clutch was not welded to specifications. This could lead to degraded performance of the clutch inside the gearbox after an indefinite period of use. The clutch could lose its ability to provide input torque to the transmission without prior warning, which could allow the vehicle to roll.

573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**

The in-house supplier in Kassel, Germany informed Audi AG of this defect. Based upon this information, AUDI AG decided on December 15, 2003 to recall the subject vehicles.

573.6 (c) (7) **Noncompliance Test Result**

Not applicable

573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**

We plan to notify all owners of affected vehicles of the defect and will instruct these owners to arrange with an authorized Audi dealer to have the clutch replaced. It is estimated that this campaign will begin on February 10, 2004.

573.6 (c) (9) **Submission of Communications**

A representative copy of all bulletins and other communications sent to dealers and owners will be submitted within five (5) days of dealer/owner notification.

573.6 (c) (10) **Proposed Owner Letter**

A proposed owner notification letter will be submitted to you approximately within the next four (4) weeks for your review.

573.6 (c) (11) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**

Audi has not yet assigned a recall code to this campaign. We will notify you of the code when it is assigned.

Sincerely,

John Maddox
Compliance Officer