

# Volkswagen of America, Inc.



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**Subject: Notification of Recall Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573  
1998 - 2004 Audi A8, S8, allroad quattro**

Dear Mr. Weinstein,

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 (2004) of the Code of Federal Regulations, Volkswagen of America, Inc. hereby submits the following information.

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

AUDI AG

**Importer**

Volkswagen of America, Inc.

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

**Make:** Audi  
**Line:** A8, S8, allroad quattro  
**Model Year:** 1998 - 2004

**VIN Ranges:**

WAU___4B_WN 028644	-	WAU___4B_WN 192286
WAU___4B_XN 000251	-	WAU___4B_XN 142340
WAU___4B_YN 000158	-	WAU___4B_YN 138397
WAU___4B_1N 001750	-	WAU___4B_1N 166784
WAU___4B_2N 005022	-	WAU___4B_2N 152647
WAU___4B_3N 000563	-	WAU___4B_3N 118247
WAU___4B_4N 000388	-	WAU___4B_4N 077484
WA1___4B_2N 026096	-	WA1___4B_2N 152660
WA1___4B_3N 000602	-	WA1___4B_3N 118020
WA1___4B_4N 000265	-	WA1___4B_4N 077254
WUA___4B_3N 903941	-	WUA___4B_3N 905812

**Date of Production:** August 14, 1997 - February 12, 2004

**Other identification:** None

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

A total of 172,866 vehicles are affected by this recall in the U.S.A.

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

All affected vehicles could potentially be subject to this defect.

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

Volkswagen has concluded that physical contact of the left driver's side crash element with the headlight switch wiring harness could eventually result in an electrical short. Even though such an electrical short is not very likely, it could result, in a worst-case scenario, in a fire originating in the left dashboard area.

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

Volkswagen identified the potential for this electrical short during the preparation of our response to EA03-025.

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

Not applicable

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

Volkswagen plans to notify all owners of affected vehicles and will instruct these owners to arrange with an authorized Audi dealer to have a protective covering installed on the subject crash element. In addition, the subject wiring harness as well as the felt protector on the left side of the dashboard carrier will be checked, and replaced if necessary. Volkswagen will notify customers and dealers in or about July 2004.

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

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

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

A proposed owner notification letter will be timely submitted.

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

Volkswagen 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