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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 04V-495 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **October 8, 2004**

Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **October 19, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Volkswagen Of America, Inc**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **John Maddox, Product Compliance Officer**

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SUBJECT: 28,300 Audi 1998-1999 A6 passenger vehicles equipped with 2.8L, V6 5-valve engines and automatic transmissions. While driving during extremely low ambient temperatures, the throttle may freeze in an open position due to ice accumulating in the throttle body.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it needs to have a risk added at the end of the "What is the Problem?" paragraph, i.e., **which could result in a crash without warning.**

Please let me know the date when the actual mailing takes place and, as usual, provide this office with final copies of all documents relating to the recall.

As stated in Part 573.6, 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 during October 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call:

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