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**Subject: Notification of Recall Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573 (2005)
2003-2004 Audi A4 and S4 Cabriolet with Xenon Headlamps**

Mr. Weinstein,

This information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR 573 (2005)).

573.6 (c) (1) Manufacturer's Name

AUDI AG (produced by Karmann AG, Germany)

Importer

Volkswagen of America, Inc. (VWoA)

573.6 (c) (2) Identification of Vehicles

Make : Audi

Line : A4 Cabriolet, S4 Cabriolet

Model Years : 2003-2004

Month/Year
of Manufacture : January 2002 – February 2004

VIN Numbers of Affected Vehicles : WAU__8H_3K000102 - WAU__8H_3K033985
WAU__8H_4K000102 - WAU__8H_4K021007
WAU__8H_4K900036 - WAU__8H_4K900558

Other Identification : None

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

Approximately 9,965.

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

All affected vehicles could potentially contain this defect.

573.6 (c) (5) Description of Defect

Due to production process fluctuations of the coating of the xenon headlamp reflectors at the supplier, there is a possibility of coating degradation over time. The luminous transmittance of the headlamp may decrease over a period of time, which could negatively affect a driver's field of view.

573.6 (c) (6) Basis for Determination

Consumer complaints received by AUDI AG led to an investigation of the supplier process, which in turn was found to be out of specification.

573.6 (c) (7) Noncompliance Test Result

Not applicable

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 to replace the left and right xenon headlamp reflectors.

573.6 (c) (9) Submission of Communications

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

Notification to the dealers: In or about April 2005.

Notification to the owners: In or about April 2005.

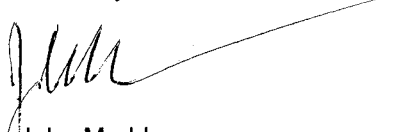
573.6 (c) (10) Proposed Owner Letter

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

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

Volkswagen has assigned the code "JH" to this recall.

Sincerely,



John Maddox
Product Compliance Officer