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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

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Subject: **Notification of Recall**
2003 Model Year Volkswagen Passat with 1.8L Turbo or 2.8L V6 Engine,
2003 Model Year Audi A4 with 1.8L Turbo or 3.0L Engine, and
2003 Model Year Audi A6 with 3.0L Engine
Fuel Pump

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**
Volkswagen AG
AUDI AG

Importer
Volkswagen of America, Inc. (VWoA)

573.6 (c) (2) **Identification of Vehicles**
Make : Volkswagen; Audi
Line : Volkswagen Passat; Audi A4, Audi A6
Model Years : 2003
Month/Year of Manufacture : September 2002 – March 2003
VIN Numbers of Affected Vehicles : Volkswagen Passat:
WVW__ _3B_3_149975 – WVW__ _3B_3_432806
Audi A4:
WAU__ _4B_3N018382 – WAU__ _4B_3N098715
Audi A6:
WAU__ _8E_3A166675 – WAU__ _8E_3A356965
Other Identification : 2.8L V6, 1.8L Turbo, or 3.0L engine

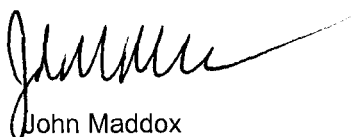
- 573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**
Approximately 47,000 Volkswagen Passat vehicles, 20,000 Audi A4, and 7,000 Audi A6 vehicles are affected by this recall in the United States.
- 573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect**
VWoA is unable to estimate the percentage of vehicles in the United States that are subject to this defect.
- 573.6 (c) (5) **Description of Defect**
In the period between September 2002 and March 2003, a sub-supplier experienced an unknown change in the material composition of the carbon-brush set used in the electrical motor in the fuel pump. Recent analysis has shown that this change can lead to increased wear of the carbon-brush sets, which in turn can lead to an inoperative fuel pump and, ultimately, stoppage of fuel supply to the engine. If this condition occurs, the vehicle can still be controlled by the foundation brakes and steering, and can be stopped in a controlled manner.
- 573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**
Manufacturer's customer complaints and internal investigation.

Date of determination January 13, 2006.
- 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 dealer. The dealers will install a new fuel pump with improved carbon brush sets at no cost to customers.

Pending parts availability, mailing dates are anticipated as follows:

Dealers: On or about March 30, 2006
Owners: On or about March 31, 2006
- 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**
Draft owner's letter will be submitted within five (5) days of owner notification.
- 573.6 (c) (11) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**
VWoA has assigned the codes "M7" for Volkswagen Passat and "JL" for Audi A4, and Audi A6 to this recall.

Sincerely,



John Maddox
Product Compliance Officer