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06V-198

Supplement

Subject: **Notification of Recall Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573 (2006)**  
**Model Years 1998 - 2000 Audi A6, A6 Avant, S6, and S6 Avant,**  
**Cover for Crossmember**

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**  
AUDI AG

**Importer**  
Volkswagen of America, Inc. (VWoA)

573.6 (c) (2) **Identification of Vehicles**  
Make : Audi  
Line : A6, A6 Avant, S6, and S6 Avant  
Model Years : 1998, 1999, 2000  
Month/Year  
of Manufacture : 08/97 – 05/00  
VIN Numbers : WAU ZZZ 4B Z W N 028644 – WAU ZZZ 4B Z W N 192285  
of Affected : WAU ZZZ 4B Z X N 000251 – WAU ZZZ 4B Z X N 142340  
Vehicles : WAU ZZZ 4B Z Y N 000158 – WAU ZZZ 4B Z Y N 138397  
Other  
Identification : None

573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**  
An estimated total of 70,000 vehicles are affected by this recall in the United States.

573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect**  
Audi 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**  
While performing the repair described in NHTSA Recall 04V-133, if the plastic cover is not installed securely to the driver's side support crossmember, the headlight switch wiring harness could come into contact with the crossmember, possibly leading to an electrical short in the harness, which in rare cases could lead to a fire in the driver's side dashboard area.
- 573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**  
Consumer complaints and field reports.  
Date of determination 05/29/06.
- 573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**  
An additional cover will be installed over the crossmember to protect against the headlight switch wiring harness rubbing against the crossmember. This cover includes a positive retention wire and can only be installed when the lower dash trim panel is removed. (See the attached drawings for additional details)
- 573.6 (c) (10) **Submission of Communications**  
VWoA plans to notify all owners of affected vehicles and will instruct these owners to arrange an appointment with an authorized Audi dealer. The dealers will perform the repair at no cost to customers. Pending parts availability, mailing dates are anticipated as follows:  
  
Dealers: On or about September 30, 2006  
  
Owners: On or about September 30, 2006  
  
A representative copy of all bulletins and other communications sent to dealers will be submitted within five (5) days of dealer notification.
- 573.6 (c) (11) **Proposed Owner Letter**  
A draft of the customer communications will be submitted more than five (5) days prior to owner notification for review.
- 573.6 (c) (12) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**  
VWoA has assigned the code "JN" to this recall.

Sincerely,



John Maddox  
Product Compliance Officer  
Volkswagen of America

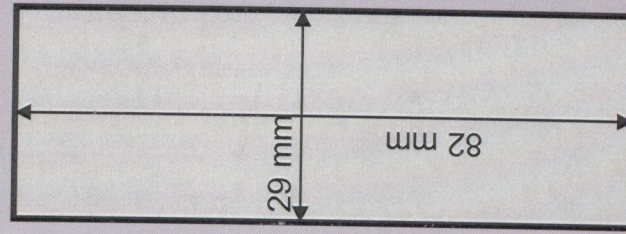


# A6 Dashboard – Recall Repair Solution

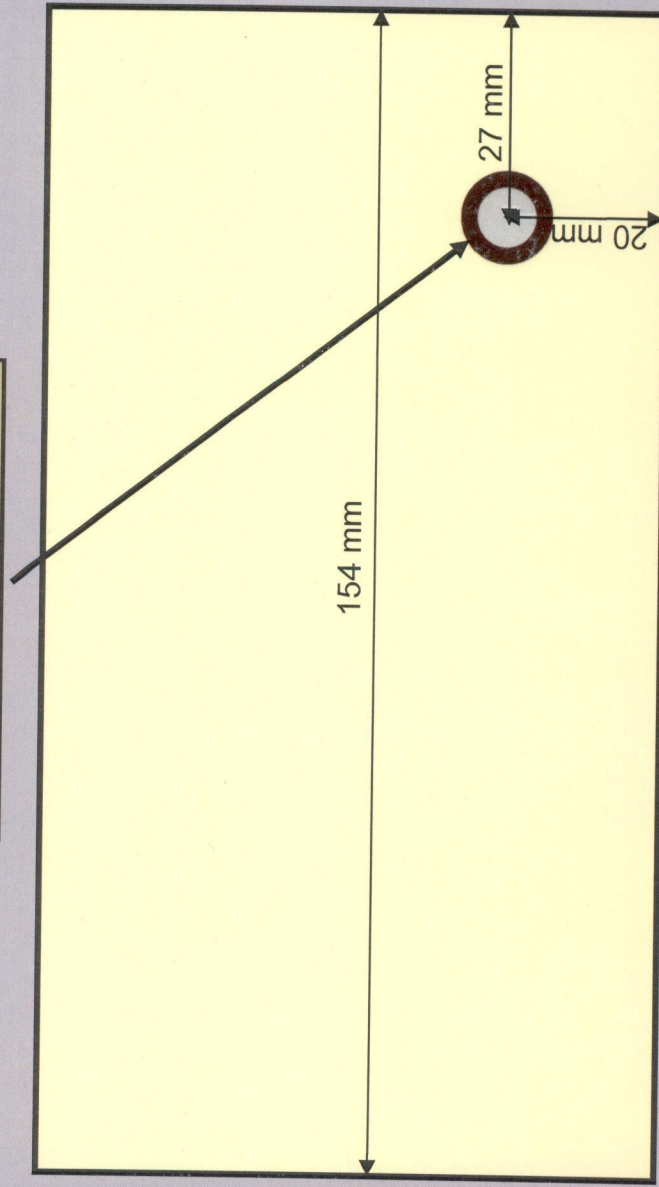


## Dimensional Sketch

Inner  
Dimensions



Diameter = 6mm





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### Illustration

