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06V-403
(2 pages)

Subject: Notification of Recall
1996-1997 Model Year Audi A4 Ignition Switch

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 : A4
Model Years : 1996 - 1997
Month/Year of Manufacture : October 1995 - August 1997
VIN Numbers of Affected Vehicles : WAU__ _8D_TA047001 – WAU__ _8D_TA330854
WAU__ _8D_VA000181 – WAU__ _8D_VA294397
Other Identification : None

573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**
An estimated total of 28,594 vehicles are affected by this recall in the United States.

573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect**
All vehicles affected by this recall potentially contain the defect.

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

As a result of a problem in the production process of the ignition switch the anchor point of the spring may crack. This could potentially cause the return spring force to be insufficient for returning the ignition key to the running position after starting the engine. This condition causes electrical accessories such as windshield wipers and headlights to become inoperative.

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

Audi recently completed an investigation resulting from Customer complaints received by Audi AG and Audi of America.

Date of determination: October 13, 2006

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. The dealer will install a new ignition switch with an optimized anchor point at no cost to customers. This action supersedes the remedial program under recall 00V317000 for the same subject vehicles.

Mailing dates are anticipated as follows:

Dealers: On or about November 20, 2006

Owners: On or about November 27, 2006

573.6 (c) (10) **Submission of Communications**

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

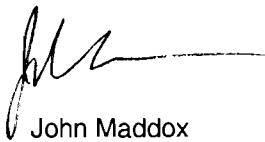
573.6 (c) (11) **Proposed Owner Letter**

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 "JS" to this recall.

Sincerely,



John Maddox
Product Compliance Officer
Volkswagen of America