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Subject: Notification of Recall
2006-2007 Model Year Audi A8
Airbag Control Module Software Update

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 : A8
Model Years : 2006 - 2007
Month/Year
of Manufacture : June 2005 – June 2006
VIN Numbers : WAU___4E_6N003536 - WAU___4E_7N002540
of Affected
Vehicles

Other
Identification : None

573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**
An estimated total of 5,902 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**
Audi has determined that in cases where a weak battery exists, it is possible that a low voltage condition could cause the airbag control unit to improperly set a fault code. If this occurs, the passenger side frontal airbag will become deactivated; however, both the airbag warning light in the instrument cluster as well as the "PASSENGER AIR BAG OFF" telltale in the center of the instrument panel will illuminate and provide visual warning to the driver. The passenger side frontal airbag would not deploy in the case of a frontal crash.
- 573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**
Customer complaints received by Audi of America led to an investigation.

Date of determination: November 10, 2006
- 573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**
The dealer will update the airbag control module with new software.
- 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.

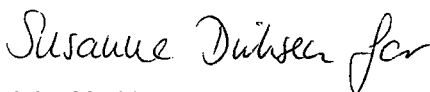
Mailing dates are anticipated as follows:

Dealers: On or about November 30, 2006

Owners: On or about December 05, 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 "JR" to this recall.

Sincerely,



John Maddox
Product Compliance Officer
Volkswagen of America