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Mr. Daniel Smith
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Subject: **Notification of Recall**
**2001 - 2004 Model Year Audi A6 quattro® vehicles equipped with 2.7L,
2.8L, or 3.0L engines**
**2001 - 2005 Model Year Audi allroad quattro® vehicles equipped with
2.7L or 4.2L engines**
Nipple of Rollover Valve

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 (2008)).

573.6 (c) (1) **Manufacturer's Name**
AUDI AG

Importer
Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (VWGoA)

573.6 (c) (2) **Identification of Vehicles**
Make : Audi
Lines : A6, allroad
Model Years : 2001 - 2005
Month/Year
of Manufacture : June 2, 2001 - June 1, 2005

VINs of Affected Vehicles : WAU__ _4B_1N157331 -
WAU__ _4B_4N104386
WA1__ _4B_2N026098 -
WA1__ _4B_5N027457

Other Identification : A6 quattro® equipped with 2.7L, 2.8L, or 3.0L engines
allroad quattro® equipped with 2.7L or 4.2L engines

- 573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**
Approximately 68,240 vehicles are affected by this recall in the United States.
- 573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect**
VWGoA 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**
The aging of the plastic material in the fuel tank rollover valve – combined with bending stress from the aluminum ventilation line to the rollover valve nipple – may lead to cracking of the nipple. If this happens, a fuel leak may result. A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source could lead to a vehicle fire.
- 573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**
Conclusions from tests and simulations run in the course of preparing responses to NHTSA's information requests (IR).
Date of determination: April 3, 2008
- 573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**
VWGoA plans to notify all owners of affected vehicles and will instruct these owners to arrange an appointment with an authorized Audi dealer. To prevent or repair cracking at the nipple, dealers will reinforce the nipple on the rollover valve on the affected vehicles at no cost to customers.
Pending parts availability, mailing dates are anticipated as follows:
Dealers: on or before May 27, 2008
Owners: on or before May 30, 2008
- 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.

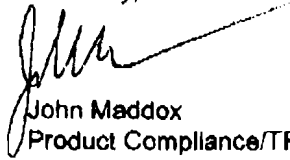
573.6 (c) (10) **Proposed Owner Letter**

A draft of the customer communications will be submitted more than five (5) days prior to owner notification for review.

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

VWGoA has not yet assigned the code for this recall.

Sincerely,



John Maddox
Product Compliance/TREAD Officer
Service and Quality