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Subject: **Notification of Recall**
1996-2003 MY Audi A8 with 5-Speed Automatic Transmission
Automatic Transmission Locking Cable Modification

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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

Line : A8

Model Years : 1996-2003

Month/Year
of Manufacture : July 19, 1995 – August 14, 2002

VIN Numbers : WAU___4D_TN001280 - WAU___4D__3N002826
Of Affected Vehicles

Other Identification : Vehicles equipped with a 5-speed automatic transmission

573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**
Approximately 13,900 vehicles are affected by this recall in the United States.

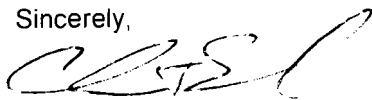
573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing the Defect**
VWGoA is unable to estimate the percentage of vehicles in the United States that are subject to this defect.

- 573.6 (c) (5) **Description of Defect**
The affected vehicles equipped with a 5-speed automatic transmission have a locking cable that may move out of position over time. With the locking cable out of position, the shifter can be moved out of the PARK position even if the ignition key is not in the ignition lock. This could allow the vehicle to roll, causing a crash without warning.
- 573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**
In-house analysis of subject vehicles.
Date of determination: July 28, 2008
- 573.6 (c) (7) **Noncompliance Test Result**
Not applicable
- 573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**
Audi will modify the automatic transmission locking cable by installing an adjusting piece that will secure the locking cable in place. This work will be performed at no cost to customers.

Pending parts availability, mailing dates are anticipated as follows:

Dealers: on or before September 8, 2008
Owners: on or before September 12, 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 owner's letter will be submitted to the agency for review and approval.
- 573.6 (c) (11) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**
VWGoA has assigned the code 37D5/J2 to this recall.

Sincerely,



Christopher T. Sandvig
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Service and Quality