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APRIL 26, 2011 DATE

Subject: Extension of Voluntary Recall 08V-157 (Code 20L8/JY)
2001-2004 Model Year Audi A6, S6 and RS6 Equipped with a 4.2L Engine
Nipple of Rollover Valve

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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 (2011)). VWGoA is informing the agency of its decision to extend voluntary recall 08V-157 (code 20L8/JY) as follows:

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 : A6, S6 and RS6

Model Years : A6 2001-2004
S6 2002-2003
RS6 2003

Month/Year
of Manufacture : A6/S6 June 19, 2001 – June 08, 2004
RS6 May 13, 2003 – March 9, 2004

VIN Numbers
of Affected Vehicles : A6/S6 WAU___4B_1N158233 – WAU___4B_4N103225
RS6 WUAPV_4B_3N903941 – WUAPV_4B_3N905813

Other Identification : Vehicles equipped with 4.2L engine

573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**
Approximately 5,992 additional 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 aging of the plastic material in the fuel tank rollover valve – combined with bending stress from the 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**
- April 14, 2011: Evaluation of customer complaints began.
 - April 19, 2011: The product safety committee at Audi AG determined that a safety defect existed in certain additional vehicles and decided to include these vehicles in the existing voluntary safety recall campaign 20L8/JY.
- Date of determination: April 19, 2011
- 573.6 (c) (7) **Noncompliance Test Result**
Not applicable
- 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.
- Dealers:** On or before June 2011
Owners: On or before June 2011
- 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 will include the additional vehicles under the existing recall code 20L8/JY.

Sincerely,



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