

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

Audi of America, Inc.



<MONTH YEAR>

<CUSTOMER NAME>

<CUSTOMER ADDRESS>

<CUSTOMER CITY STATE ZIPCODE>

This notice applies to your vehicle: <VIN>

NHTSA: 16V648

**Subject: Safety Recall 48M5 – Steering Rack
2017 Model Year Audi Q7**

Dear Audi Owner,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Audi has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain MY 2017 Audi Q7 vehicles. Our records show that you are the owner of a vehicle affected by this action.

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What is the issue? Silicone gel used to protect a circuit board within the steering rack control unit does not harden according to factory specifications. Because of this, the circuit board is not protected against particles that may enter the area, and can lead to a short circuit and loss of power steering assist. If a vehicle experiences a loss of power steering assist, extra steering effort will be required at lower speeds, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

What will we do? To help correct this defect, your authorized Audi dealer will replace the steering rack in affected vehicles. This work will take about three hours to complete and will be performed for you free of charge.

What should you do? Please contact your authorized Audi dealer without delay to schedule this recall repair. For your convenience, you can also visit www.audiusa.com and click on the “Find a Dealer” link to locate a dealer near you and schedule this service.

Precautions you should take If a power steering indicator light or message appears in the instrument panel, and if the vehicle experiences a loss of power steering assist, immediately contact an authorized Audi dealer to have the vehicle inspected. Refer to the owner’s manual for information on vehicle indicator lights and messages.

Lease vehicles and address changes If you are the lessor and registered owner of the vehicle identified in this action, the law requires you to forward this letter immediately via first-class mail to the lessee within ten (10) days of receipt. If you have changed your address or sold the vehicle, please fill out the enclosed prepaid Owner Reply card and mail it to us so we can update our records.

Reimbursement of Expenses If you have previously paid for repairs relating to the condition described in this letter, the enclosed form explains how to request reimbursement. We would be pleased to review your reimbursement request.

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Can we assist you further?

If your authorized Audi dealer fails or is unable to complete this work free of charge within a reasonable time, please contact Audi Customer Experience at 1-800-253-2834 or via our "Contact Us" page at www.audiusa.com.

Checking your vehicle for open Recalls and Service Campaigns

To check your vehicle's eligibility for repair under this or any other recall/service campaign, please visit the **Recall/Service Campaign Lookup** tool at www.audiusa.com and enter your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

If you still cannot obtain satisfaction, you may file a complaint with: The Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this matter may cause; however we are taking this action to help ensure your safety and continued satisfaction with your vehicle. Thank you for your continued loyalty!

Sincerely,

Audi Customer Protection