

Safety Recall

Code: 69N1



REVISION

Subject	TAKATA SDI Driver Frontal Airbag Inflator								
Release Date	March 8, 2017								
Revision Summary	Updated claim entry information and work procedure to include additional part numbers.								
Affected Vehicles	<i>U.S.A. & Canada: Certain 2009-2013 MY Audi vehicles equipped with a Takata SDI driver frontal airbag</i> <i>Check Campaigns/Actions screen in Elsa on the day of repair to verify that a VIN qualifies for repair under this action. Elsa is the <u>only</u> valid campaign inquiry & verification source.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ <i>Campaign status must show "open."</i>✓ <i>If Elsa shows other open action(s), inform your customer so that the work can also be completed at the same time the vehicle is in the workshop for this campaign.</i>								
Takata Recall Priority Groups and Repair Rollout	This recall is being managed according to the requirements mandated by the NHTSA in the Coordinated Remedy Order. Transport Canada is following the same requirements. Vehicles affected by this recall fall into the following priority groups established by the NHTSA as shown below: <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Priority Group</th><th>Sufficient Supply & Interim Remedy Launch Deadlines</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Priority Group 4</td><td>March 31, 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Priority Group 5</td><td>June 30, 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Priority Group 6</td><td>September 30, 2017</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Additional information about the NHTSA priority groups and the Takata recall can be found at www.safercar.gov or www.tc.gc.ca/takata-recalls and www.tc.gc.ca/rappels-takata.</p>	Priority Group	Sufficient Supply & Interim Remedy Launch Deadlines	Priority Group 4	March 31, 2017	Priority Group 5	June 30, 2017	Priority Group 6	September 30, 2017
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Problem Description	Takata has reported that the driver frontal airbag inflator could potentially rupture (due to propellant degradation occurring after long-term exposure to absolute high humidity and temperature cycling) if the vehicle is involved in a crash where the frontal airbags are designed to deploy. In the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material, which may result in serious injury or death to vehicle occupants.								
Corrective Action	Perform an <u>interim</u> repair to replace the driver frontal airbag inflator with a newly manufactured version. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has concluded, based on information it has collected, that the age of the inflator, temperature cycling, and environmental moisture are likely the root cause of rupturing. Therefore, replacing the older inflator with a newer version reduces the safety risk associated with the vehicle until a final remedy is available. All vehicles repaired with this <u>interim</u> remedy will be offered a free-of-charge final remedy at a future date. Customers will be notified again via first-class mail when the final remedy is available.								
Precautions	Owners are advised to have the inflator replaced as soon as possible and not wait for the final remedy. If a vehicle with a recalled Takata airbag inflator is involved in a crash with airbag deployment, the inflator could rupture and send shrapnel toward everyone in the vehicle. People have been killed and seriously injured by this defect. Owners are also advised to inform all other drivers and passengers of an affected vehicle about this important information.								
Critical Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inflator part supply is limited industry-wide and will continue to be so due to supplier capacity constraints and demand from all vehicle manufacturers.								

- **Due to limited industry supply and climate variances the NHTSA has created priority groups to help ensure the highest priority vehicles are remedied first.** These factors are the age of the inflator (with older presenting a greater risk), geographic registered history of the vehicle (with prolonged exposure to high absolute humidity (Zone A) presenting a greater risk), and location of the Takata inflator in the vehicle (driver, passenger or both).
- The NHTSA has created the priority groups based on testing, field experience, and research. Older inflators in vehicles that have experienced prolonged exposure to hot and humid conditions pose a much greater risk of rupturing. Accordingly, NHTSA has ordered manufacturers to replace inflators in older vehicles that are most likely to have been exposed to prolonged hot and humid conditions first.
- Part allocations will be prioritized to ensure availability for customer vehicles that fall within the highest-risk locations for the priority groups.
- Dealers are expected to manage the limited allocations they receive carefully and schedule customers accordingly to ensure that the highest-risk customer vehicles are repaired promptly and without unreasonable delay.
- Due to limited parts supply and focus on highest-risk priority groups, dealers should not expect to keep stock on hand at all times. Rather, dealers should ensure their allocated parts are installed on the priority group vehicles that are released for repair.
- The chart below can be used to help identify which priority group is released for repair. The criteria for each VIN may be found in Elsa in the Campaigns/Actions screen. As new priority groups are released for repair, this will be updated. Please ensure that you are using the latest version of the circular available in Elsa.

Serial number	Campaign/Action	Start	Designation	Repair date	Criterion	Campaign/Action Status
1	69N1	2016-03-11	A-RECALL - REPAIR NOT YET AVAILABLE - Takata Airbag SDI		P4, 01, 2R	Open

		Criteria (Priority Group)		
Criteria	Part Number	P4	P5	P6
01	8R0 898 201	Released	Restricted	Restricted
02	8R0 898 201 A	None	Released	Restricted
03	8F0 898 201	None	Released	Restricted

Released – Perform repair without delay

Restricted – Advise customer that parts are not released for their priority group as defined by NHTSA and may be available by the dates above in the Takata Recall Priority Groups and Repair Rollout section.

- Parts were allocated prior to campaign launch and repair availability for each priority group. You may not have received an allocation if your dealership was projected to not have affected vehicles in your area.
- Future replenishments/allocations will be based on paid SAGA claims for priority groups that have been released for repair with the respective part number. These replenishments/allocations are expected to be sent weekly.
- **All SAGA claims will be stopped** for review to ensure the appropriate priority level.
- Do not call a Parts Specialist to request additional parts. These requests cannot and will not be fulfilled.

Code Visibility

On or about February 02, 2017, affected vehicles were listed on the Inventory Vehicle Open Campaign Action report under My Dealership Reports (found on www.accessaudi.com & OMD Web). A list was not posted for dealers who did not have any affected vehicles.

On or about February 02, 2017, this campaign code showed open on affected vehicles in Elsa.

Owner Notification

Owner notification will take place for vehicles in each priority group by the dates shown in the chart below. Owner letter examples are included in this bulletin for your reference.

Priority Group	Remedy Launch Deadlines
Priority Group 4	March 31, 2017
Priority Group 5	June 30, 2017
Priority Group 6	September 30, 2017

Additional Information

Please alert everyone in your dealership about this action, including Sales, Service, Parts and Accounting personnel. Contact Warranty if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ON VEHICLES AFFECTED BY SAFETY & COMPLIANCE RECALLS

New Vehicles in Dealer Inventory: It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by this notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied. By law, dealers must correct, prior to delivery for sale or lease, any vehicle that fails to comply with an applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard or that contains a defect relating to motor vehicle safety.

Pre-Owned Vehicles in Dealer Inventory: Dealers should not deliver any pre-owned vehicles in their inventory which are involved in a safety or compliance recall until the defect has been remedied.

Dealers must ensure that every affected inventory vehicle has this campaign completed before delivery to consumers.

Claim Entry Instructions

After campaign has been completed, enter claim as soon as possible to help prevent work from being duplicated elsewhere. Attach the Elsa screen print showing action open on the day of repair to the repair order.

If customer refused campaign work:

- ✓ U.S. dealers: Submit the request through Audi Warranty Online under the Campaigns/Update option.
- ✓ Canada dealers: Fax repair order to Warranty at (905) 428-4811.

Service Number	69N1										
Damage Code	0099										
Parts Vendor Code	002										
Claim Type	Sold vehicle: 7 10 Unsold vehicle: 7 90										
Causal Indicator	*Mark airbag inflator as causal part										
Vehicle Wash/Loaner	Do not claim wash/loaner under this action										
Vehicles have more than one criteria. Complete and claim all applicable criteria on <u>one</u> claim.											
Tooling Claiming	One time only (US Dealers Only)										
	Outside Material										
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Criteria I.D.	03, 8F and P5		
	Install new airbag inflator.		
	Labor operation:	6958 5599	85 T.U.
	Quantity	Part Number	Description
	1.00	8F0898201*	Airbag Inflator

Customer Letter Example (USA)

This notice applies to your vehicle: <VIN>

NHTSA: 16V078

**Subject: Safety Recall 69N1 - Takata SDI Driver Frontal Airbag Inflator
Certain 2009-2012 Model Year Audi Vehicles Equipped with a Takata SDI Driver Frontal Airbag**

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 2009-2012 model year Audi vehicles equipped with a Takata SDI driver frontal airbag. Our records show that you are the owner of a vehicle affected by this action.

What is the issue? Takata has reported that the driver frontal airbag inflator could potentially rupture (due to propellant degradation occurring after long-term exposure to absolute high humidity and temperature cycling) if the vehicle is involved in a crash where the frontal airbags are designed to deploy. In the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material, which may result in serious injury or death to vehicle occupants.

What will we do? To address this defect, your authorized Audi dealer will perform an interim repair to replace the driver frontal airbag inflator with a newly manufactured version.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has concluded, based on information it has collected, that the age of the inflator, temperature cycling, and environmental moisture are likely the root cause of rupturing. Therefore, replacing the older inflator with a newer version reduces the safety risk associated with the vehicle until a final remedy is available.

This work will take about an hour to complete and will be performed for you free of charge.

All vehicles repaired with this interim remedy will be offered a free-of-charge final remedy at a future date. We will notify you again via first-class mail when the final remedy is available.

PRECAUTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE

- ***Do not delay in having this recall repair performed.* Make an appointment with your authorized dealer to have the recalled Takata airbag inflator in your vehicle replaced as soon as possible. If a vehicle with a recalled Takata airbag inflator is involved in a crash with airbag deployment, the inflator could rupture and send shrapnel toward everyone in the vehicle. People have been killed and seriously injured by this defect.**
- **If you are not the only driver of this vehicle, please advise all other drivers and passengers of this important information.**

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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,

Audi Customer Protection

Customer Letter Example (CANADA)

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What will we do? To address this defect, your authorized Audi dealer will perform an interim repair to replace the driver frontal airbag inflator with a newly manufactured version.

The United States National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has concluded, based on information it has collected, that the age of the inflator, temperature cycling, and environmental moisture are likely the root cause of rupturing. Therefore, replacing the older inflator with a newer version reduces the safety risk associated with the vehicle until a final remedy is available.

This work will take about an hour to complete and will be performed for you free of charge.

All vehicles repaired with this interim remedy will be offered a free-of-charge final remedy at a future date. We will notify you again via first-class mail when the final remedy is available.

PRECAUTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE

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- **If you are not the only driver of this vehicle, please advise all other drivers and passengers of this important information.**

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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 Relations Monday through Friday from 8AM to 8PM EST at 1-800-822-2834 or via our "Contact Audi Canada" page at www.audi.ca.

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

⚠ WARNING

- Risk of injury. Refer to “Warning and Safety Precautions”, found in **Appendix A** at the end of this document.
- The driver frontal airbag inflator could potentially rupture (due to propellant degradation occurring after long-term exposure to absolute high humidity and temperature cycling. In the event of an inflator rupture, in very rare cases metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material, which may result in serious injury or death.

! NOTE

- Damages resulting from improper repair or failure to follow these work instructions are the dealer’s responsibility and are not eligible for reimbursement under this action.
- This procedure must be read in its entirety prior to performing the repair.
- Due to variations in vehicle equipment and options, the steps/illustrations in this work procedure may not identically match all affected vehicles.

Required Parts

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Model (model code)</u>	<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Part Description</u>
01	1	Q5 (8R)	8R0898201	Airbag Inflator Kit Without Vibration Damper
02	1		8R0898201A	Airbag Inflator Kit With Vibration Damper
03	1	A5 Cabriolet (8F)	8F0898201	Airbag Inflator Kit With Vibration Damper

! NOTE

All inflator kits include inflator, inflator nuts, horn ring bolts, and return instructions.

Required Safety Equipment



- Ear Protection (locally sourced).



- Face Shield (locally sourced).

Required Tools



- ESD Worksurface - VAS 6613



- Bar Code Scanner – VAS6161/1



- Airbag Support - T10568



- VAS6150D - Diagnostic Tester (or equivalent)



- VAG1410 – Torque Wrench (or equivalent)

Required Work Environment

WARNING

Risk of injury.

It is critical that a clean, uncongested work environment is utilized during the inflator replacement procedure. Extra tools, debris, etc... in the blast area of an airbag impose a danger in the event an airbag were to deploy. Ensure there are no loose components in the blast area of the airbag.

NOTE

The work area must be in the vicinity of the scan tool and the vehicle in order to properly complete this procedure.



- Workbench that will support a vice.
- Work surface free of unnecessary tools, equipment and debris.

Repair Instruction

Section A - Check for Previous Repair

Applicable criteria ID(s)	Campaign/Action Status
01 ← 2	Open ← 1

EXAMPLE

- Enter the VIN in Elsa and proceed to the “Campaign/Action” screen.

TIP

On the date of repair, print this screen and keep a copy with the repair order.

- Confirm the Campaign/Action is open <arrow 1>. If the status is closed, no further work is required.
- Note the Applicable Criteria ID <arrow 2> for use in determining the correct work to be done and corresponding parts associated.

Proceed to Section B

Section B – Inflator Identification (all vehicles)

⚠ WARNING

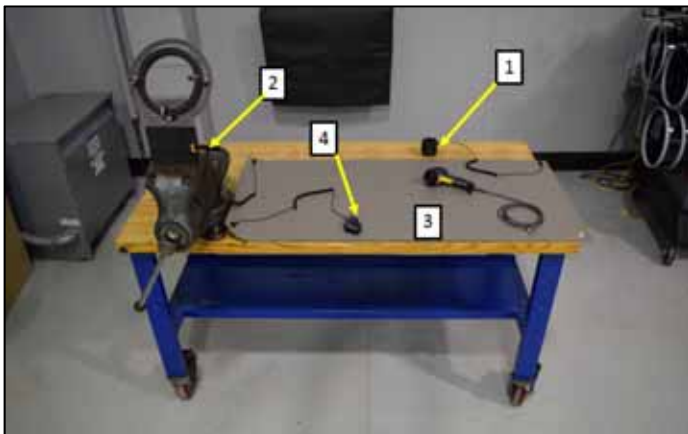
Risk of injury.

- People in the immediate vicinity of the workplace must be protected from possible noise and projectiles.
- Pyrotechnic components can trigger unintentionally.
- In the event of unintentional deployment:
 - Single-stage generators: allow airbag to cool down completely. Wait at least 10 minutes before handling.
 - Two-stage generators: wait for second airbag ignition. Allow airbag to cool down completely. Wait at least 10 minutes before handling.

- Use the QR code or the link to view a video detailing the repair process prior to performing the repair.



<https://audi-academy.kzoplatform.com/player/medium/811705205740540937>



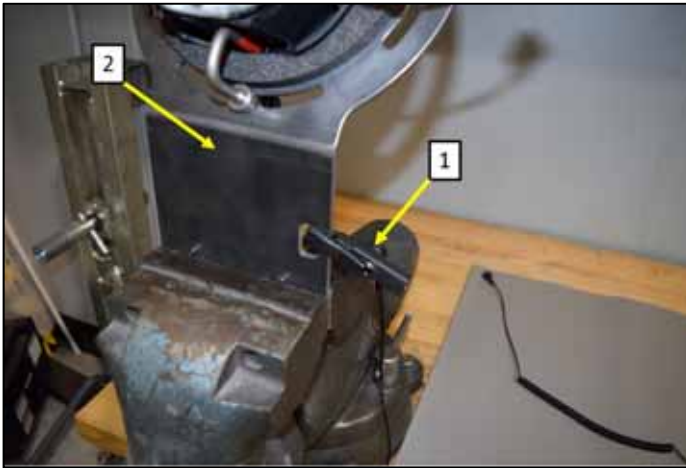
⚠ NOTE

- Prior to beginning work, all parts and tools are to be placed on the ESD table mat.
- The workstation must be in the vicinity of the vehicle.

- Assemble ESD workplace -VAS 6613- <1, 2, 3, and 4>.
- Plug ESD workplace into a wall socket using plug <1>.

⚠ NOTE

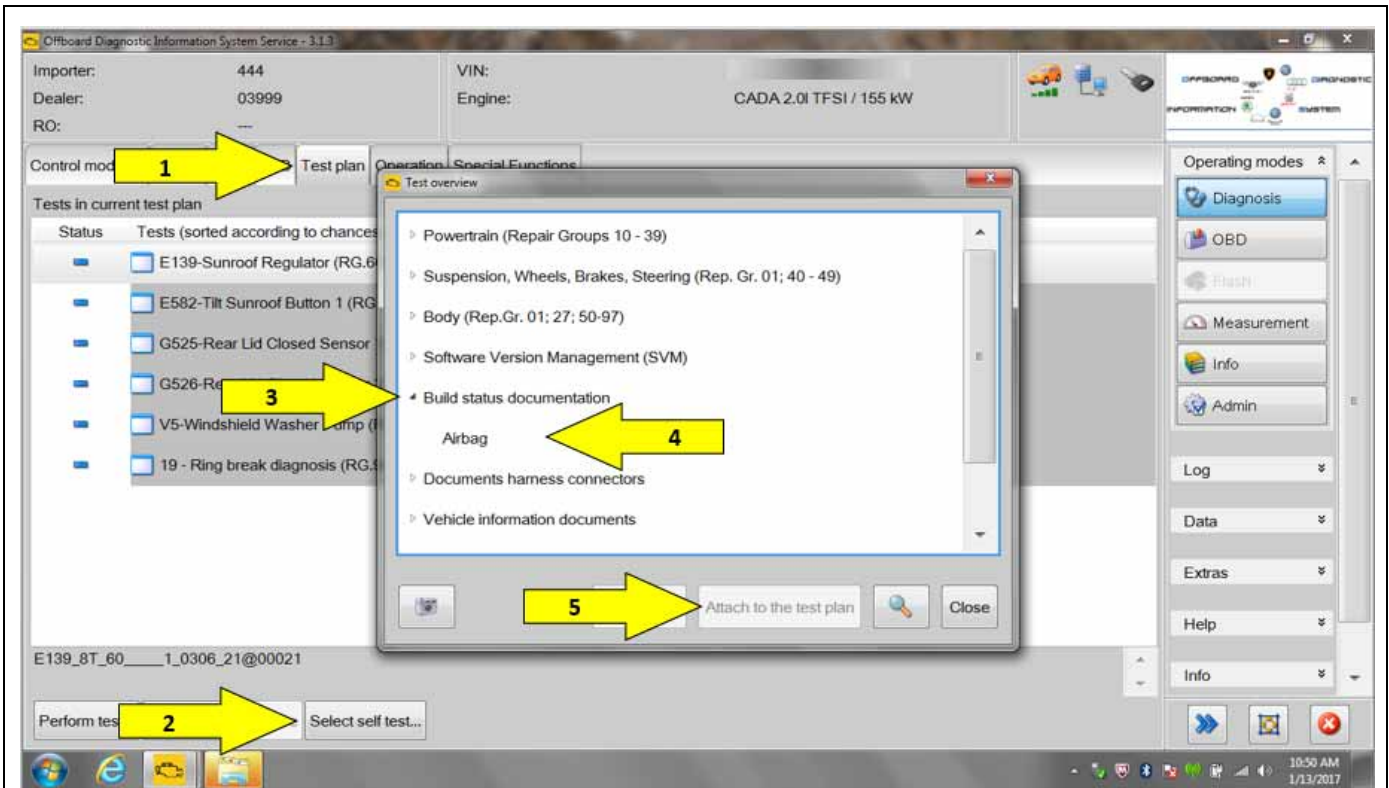
The wall socket or extension cord must have a sufficient ground.



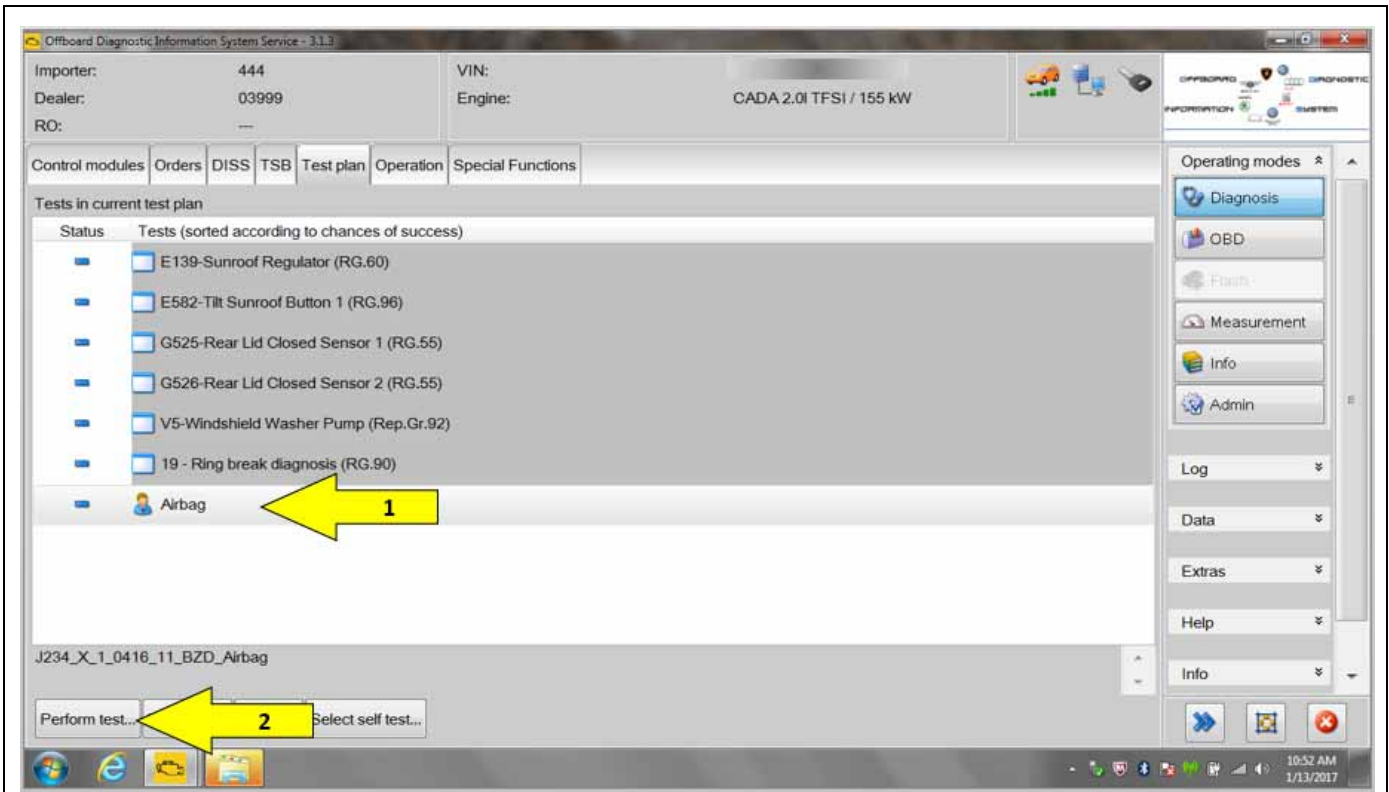
- Clamp Airbag Support T10568 <2> into the vice.
- Connect crocodile clip <1> to airbag support <2> and ESD workplace -VAS 6613-.



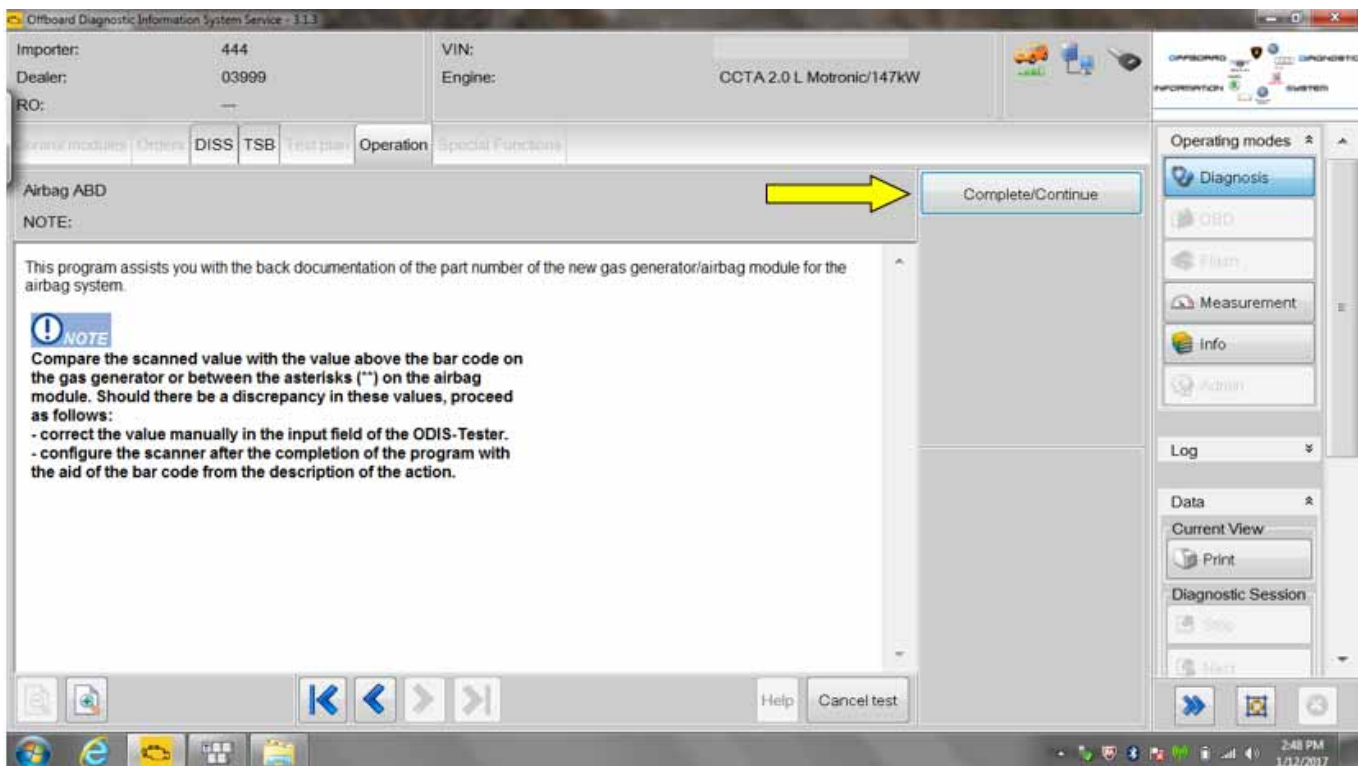
- Ensure ODIS is updated to the latest version.
- Connect vehicle diagnostic tester to the vehicle.
- Select Start Diagnosis function and identify vehicle.
- After identification of control units, Guided Fault Finding is started automatically.
- Follow the instructions on screen.



- Select the “Test plan” tab <1>.
- Select “Select self test...” <2>.
- Open the “Build status documentation” dropdown <3>.
- Highlight “Airbag” <4>.
- Select “Attach to the test plan <5>.



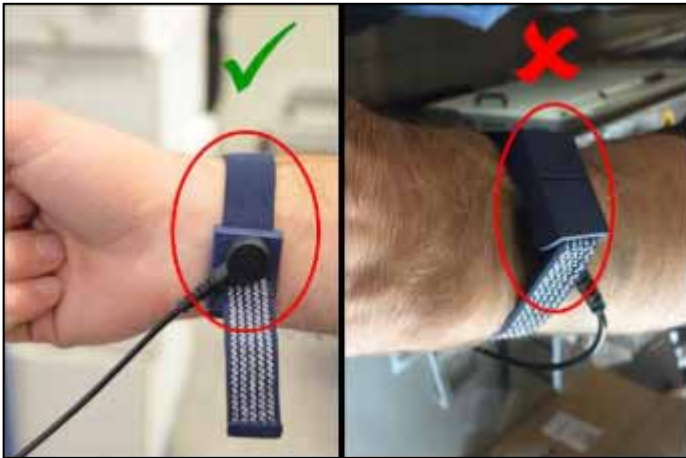
- Highlight the “Airbag” test plan <1>.
- Select “Perform test...” <2>.



- Scanning the bar code during this test plan step calibrates the scanner to avoid error messages.
- Scanning the calibrating bar code may not have to be done every time. Only when the scanner requires calibration. You will know if the scanner needs calibrating if the scanner does not scan the inflator's bar code.
- If the inflator bar code cannot be scanned, then print out the barcode shown below and scan the printout.



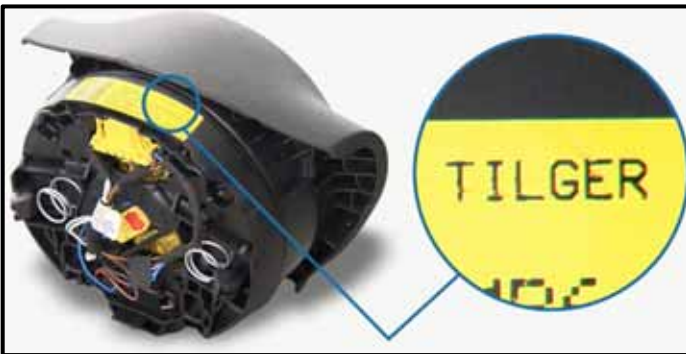
- After calibrating the scanner, select **“Complete/Continue”**



- Put the wrist strap from the ESD workplace on your wrist.

⚠ CAUTION

The white dots on the wrist strap must be against the skin.



! NOTE

- There are two types of inflator. One version is “with vibration absorption” and one is “without vibration absorption”.
- Airbags with vibration absorption may be identified by the word “TILGER” on the label found on the airbag.

! NOTE

In the event an airbag had previously been replaced, the replacement airbag may have an inflator WITH the vibration absorber. If this situation is encountered, the inflator WITH vibration absorption **MUST** be installed:

- Repackage the previously scanned inflator and return to the parts department.
- Acquire the correct inflator from the parts department.
- Scan the new inflator using the GFF test plan.
- Install the new inflator, following the **“Inflator versions WITH vibration absorption”** instructions.



- Place the new inflator on the ESD mat.
- Scan the bar code of the new inflator at a distance of about 15 cm.

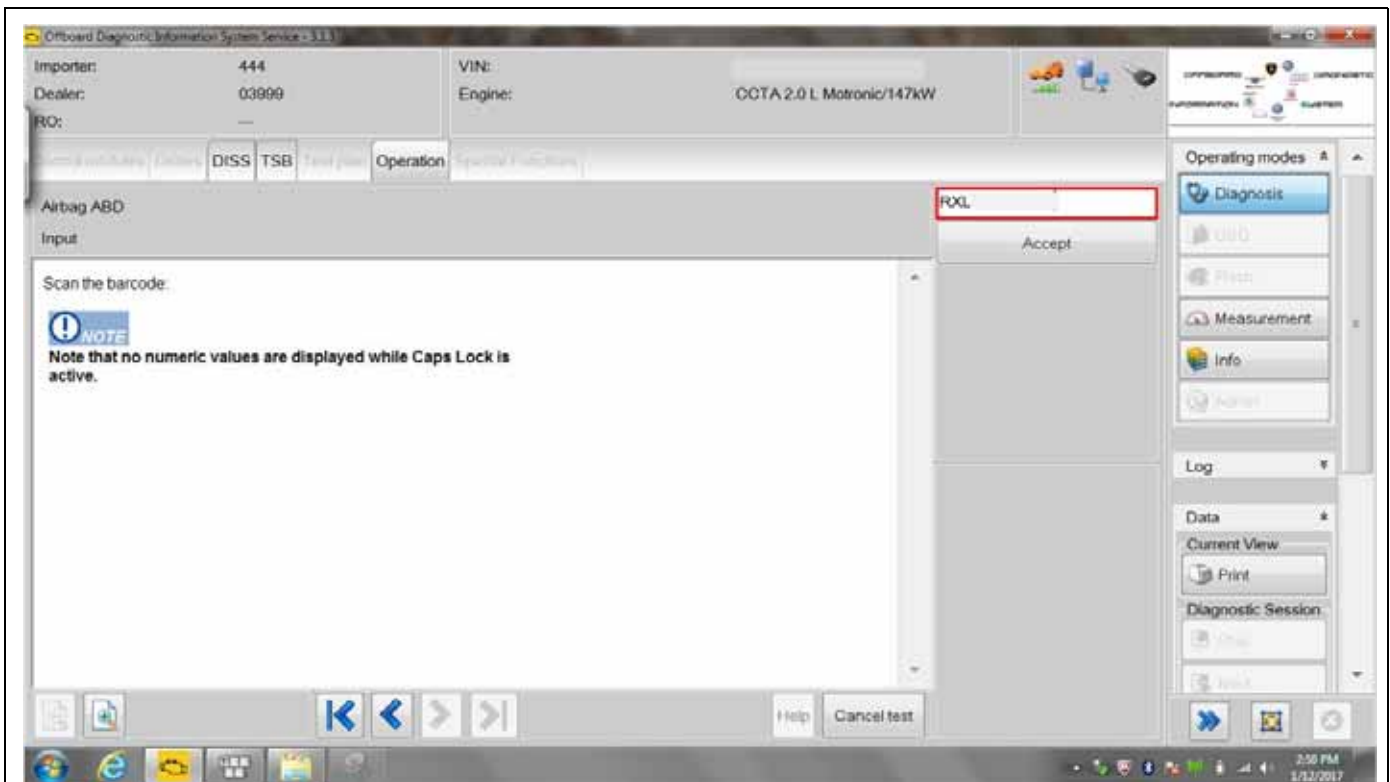
⚠ CAUTION

Ensure the correct inflator is scanned and installed into the vehicle.

Crit.	Model (model code)	Part Number
01	Q5 (8R)	8R0898201
02		8R0898201A
03	A5 Cabriolet (8F)	8F0898201

! NOTE

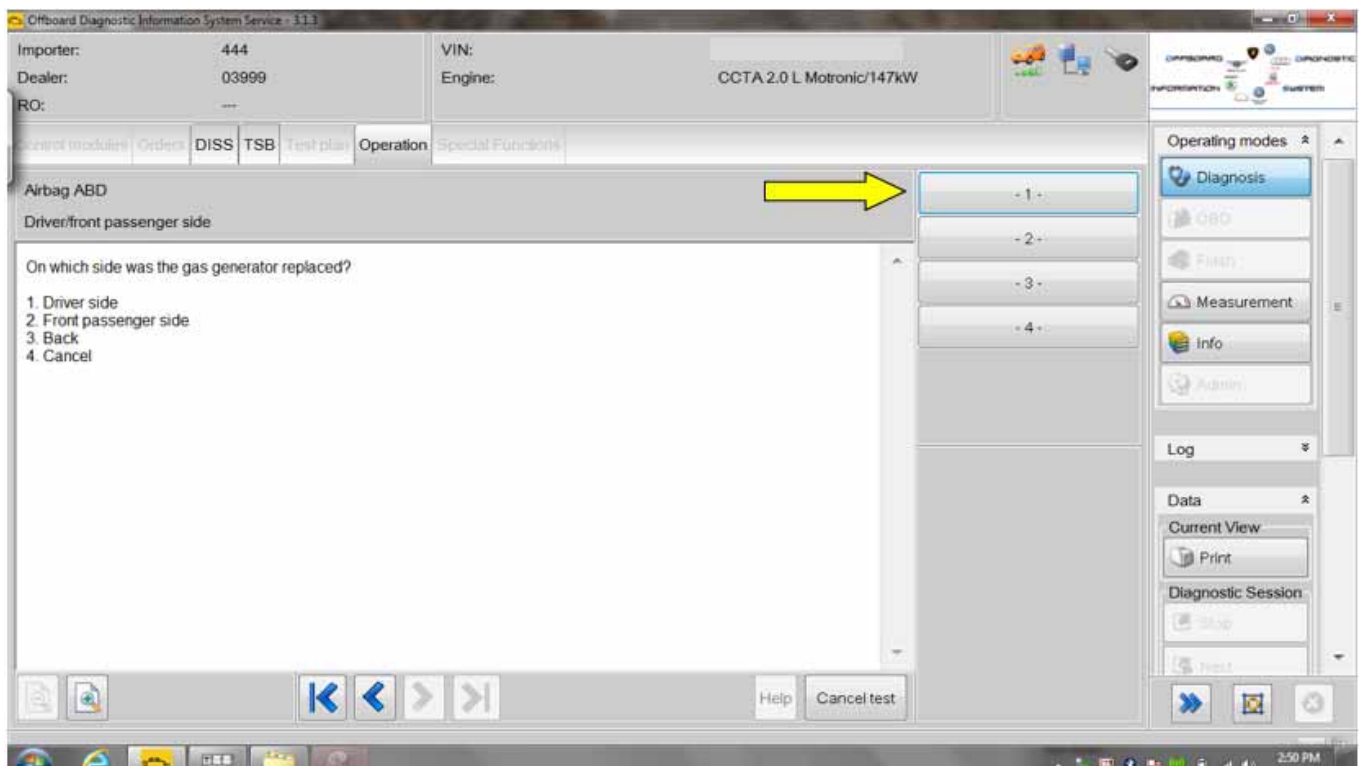
The photo is for reference only. The inflator that is installed may be either a single stage or dual stage inflator.



- Once the new inflator has been successfully scanned, press **“Accept”**

! NOTE

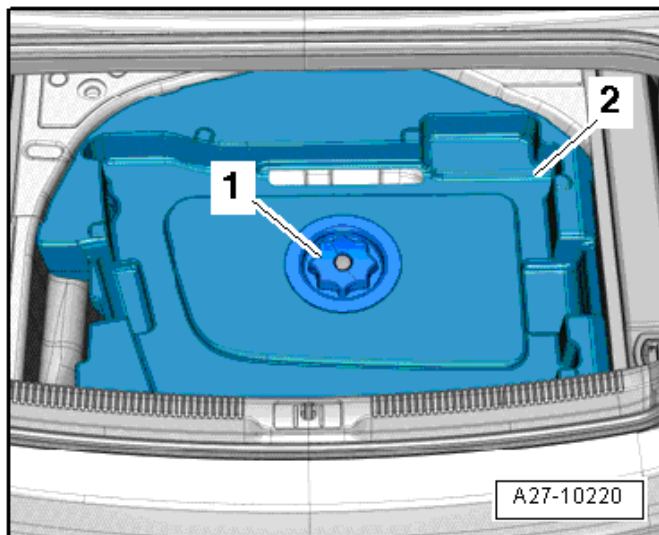
- Compare the scanned value with the value shown above the bar code on the new inflator.
- If there is a discrepancy, manually enter the value from the new inflator in the input field.
- If no value appears, recalibrate the scanner.



- Select option 1 indicating that the Driver side inflator was replaced.
- After selecting option 1, a valid GeKo ID will need to be entered in order to upload the new inflator identification.

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Section C – Battery Disconnect



A5 Cabrio Procedure

⚠ WARNING

Accident risk. When working on pyrotechnic components (such as airbags and belt tensioners), the battery must be disconnected with the ignition switched **ON**.

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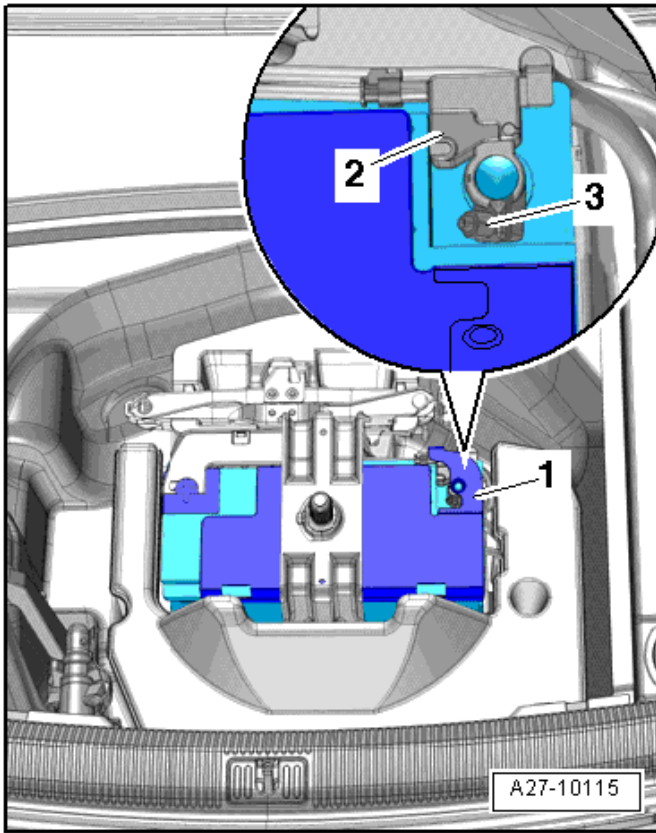
Before disconnecting the battery, it is recommended to record the customer's radio presets so they can be restored before returning vehicle to the customer.

- Turn **ON** the ignition.
- Move the driver seat to the most rearward position.
- Fully recline driver seat.

⚠ CAUTION

Reclining the driver seat before disconnecting the battery allows for additional safety in the event Terminal 15 power is not restored when reconnecting the battery at the end of the repair.

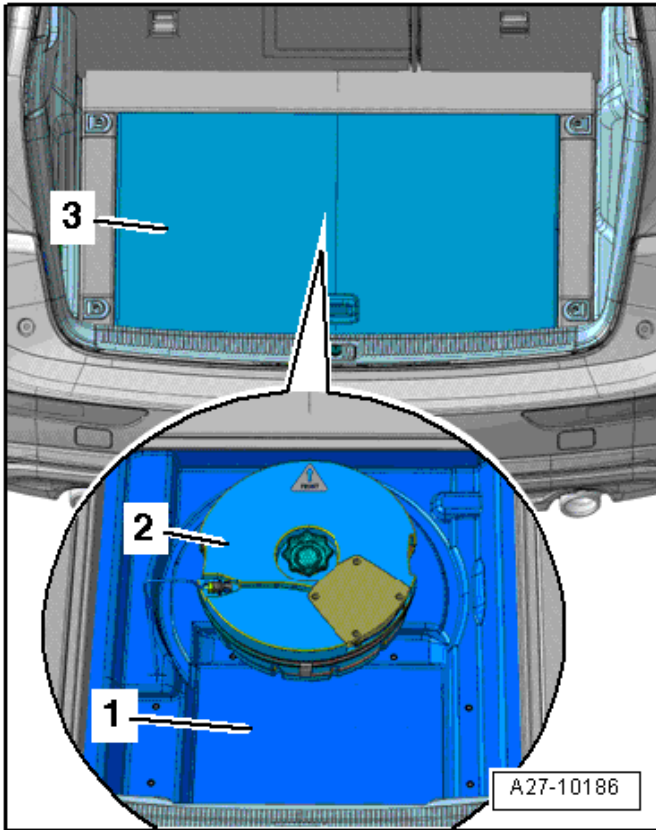
- Lift the luggage compartment floor and engage it on the body.
- Remove the wind deflector from its mount.
- Remove the nut <1> and remove the wind deflector mount <2>.



- Open the cover <1> over the battery negative terminal.
- Make sure the ignition is turned **ON**.
- Loosen the nut <3>.
- Remove and isolate the battery ground cable terminal <2> from the battery terminal.

Continue to Section D.

Q5 Procedure



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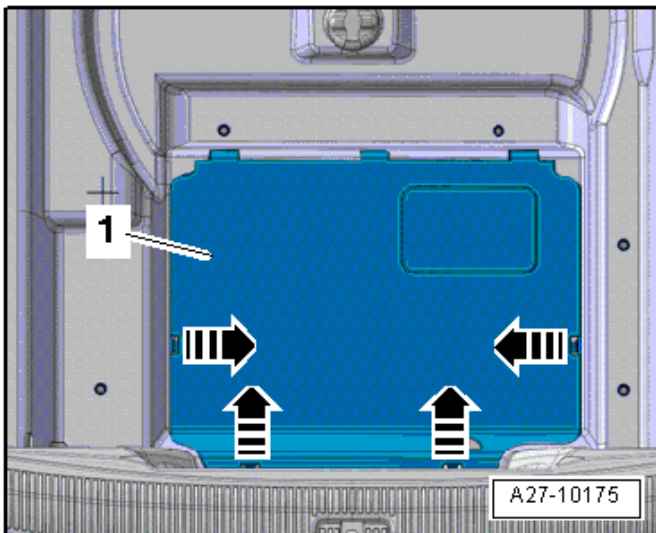
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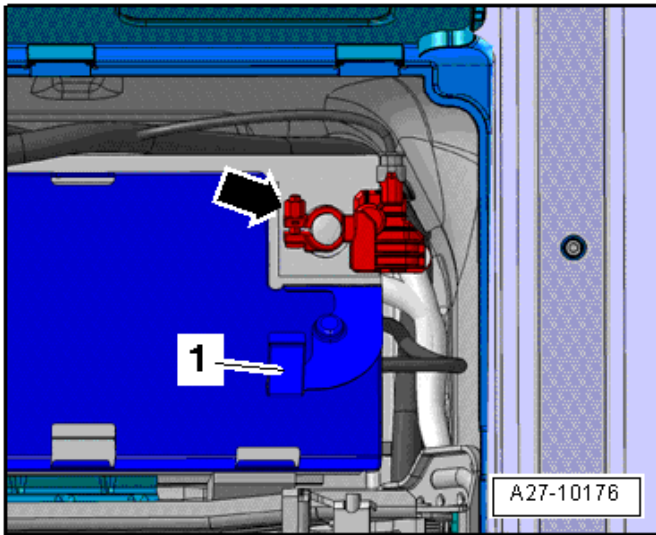
- Remove the luggage compartment floor covering <3>.
- Remove the dirt tray, if applicable.
- If equipped, remove the subwoofer <2>.
- Fold back the carpet <1> over the cover.

! NOTE

The cover is available with varying numbers of retaining clips.

- Unlock the retaining tabs -arrows- and open the cover <1>.



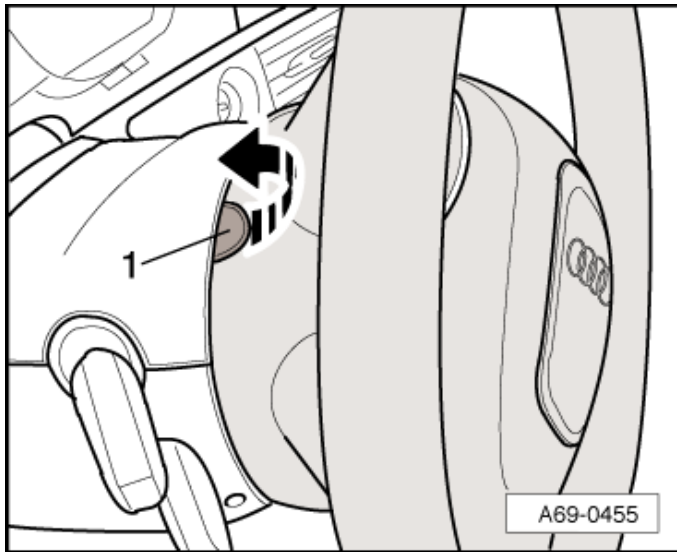


- Open the cover <1> over the battery negative terminal.
- Make sure the ignition is turned **ON**.
- Loosen the nut <arrow>.
- Remove and isolate the battery ground cable terminal from the battery pole.

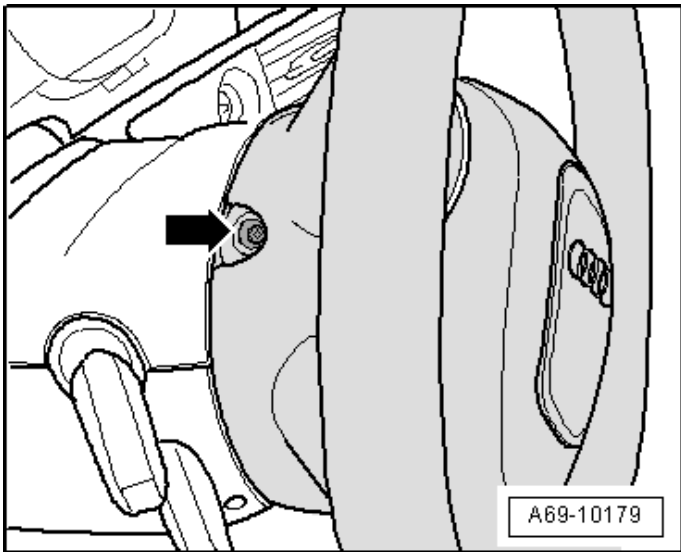
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Section D – Airbag Removal

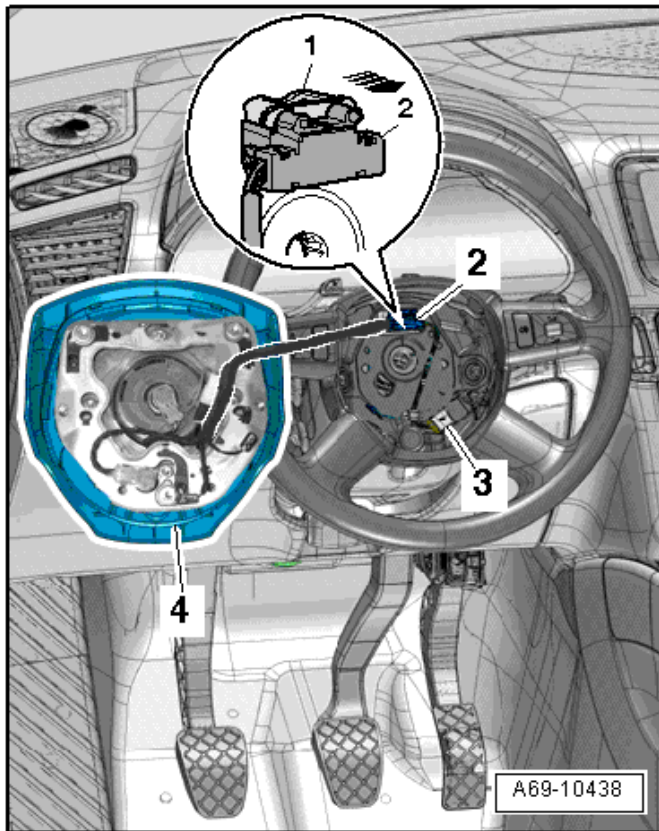
Bolted Airbag Version



- Adjust the steering column as far down as possible.
- Turn the steering wheel so the cap <1> on the rear side of it faces upward. This is approximately the 12:00 position.
- Pry the cap off <arrow>.



- Remove the driver airbag bolt <arrow>.
- Turn the steering wheel 180° and repeat the procedure on the opposite side.



⚠ WARNING

Before handling pyrotechnic components (for example, disconnecting the connector), the person handling it must “discharge static electricity”. This can be done by touching the door striker, for example.

- Bring the steering wheel back into the center (wheels are straight).
- Remove the driver airbag from the steering wheel slightly.
- Pull connector lock <1> as far as stop <arrow>. This releases the electrical connector <2> and it can be removed.
- Versions with Multi-function and Tiptronic steering wheel: Disconnect the connector <3>.
- Remove the airbag <4>.

⚠ WARNING

Set the airbag down so the logo on the impact cushion faces upward.

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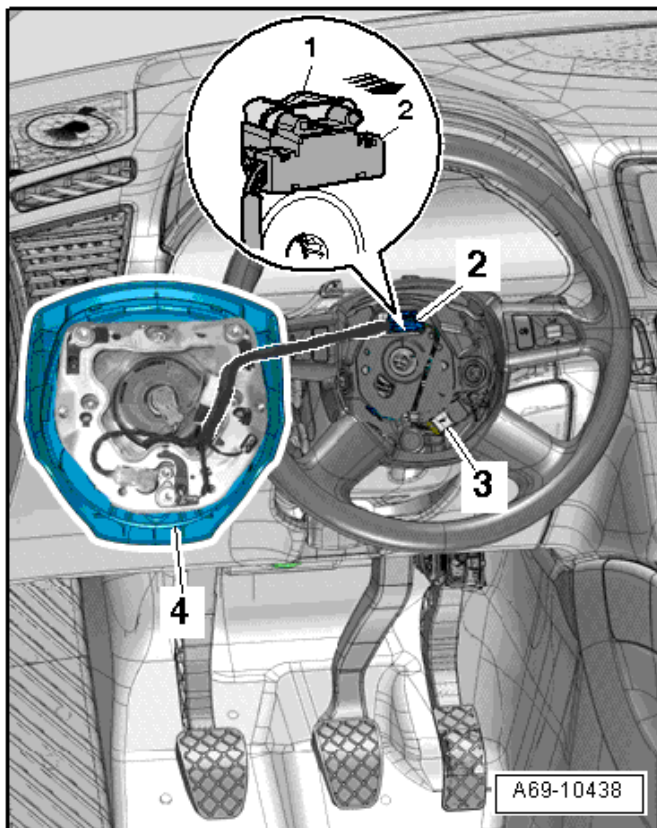
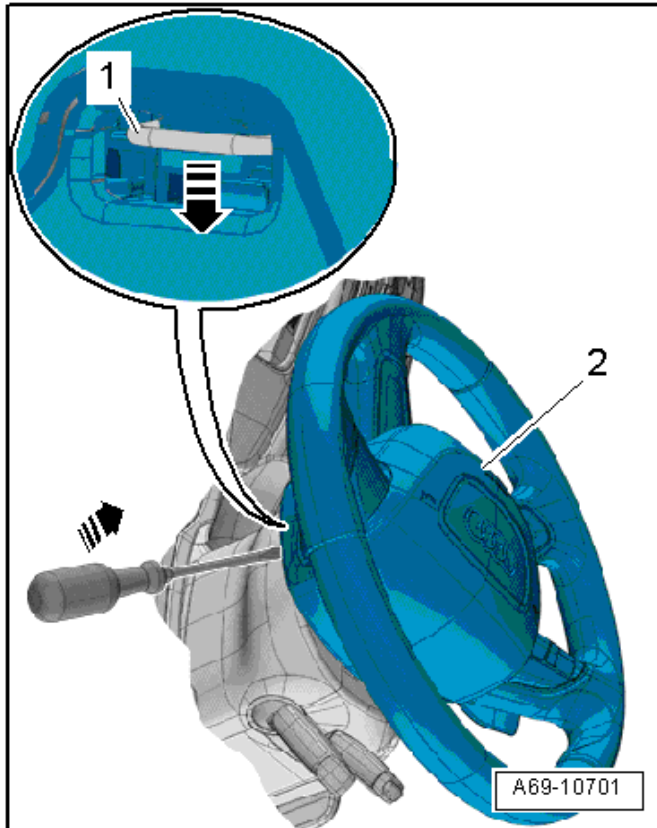
Attached Airbag Version

- Adjust the steering column as far down as possible.
- Turn the steering wheel so the opening on the rear side of it faces upward. This is approximately the 12:00 position.
- Release the locking bracket <1> in the direction of the arrow using a T25 TORX screwdriver, approximately 100 mm long.

NOTE

Electrical wires can be damaged with a flat-head screwdriver. Damage to the wiring is not covered under this action.

- Turn the steering wheel 180° and repeat the procedure on the opposite side.



WARNING

Before handling pyrotechnic components (for example, disconnecting the connector), the person handling it must “discharge static electricity”. This can be done by touching the door striker, for example.

- Bring the steering wheel back into the center (wheels are straight).
- Remove the driver airbag from the steering wheel slightly.
- Pull connector lock <1> as far as stop <arrow>. This releases the electrical connector <2> and it can be removed.
- Versions with Multi-function and Tiptronic steering wheel: Disconnect the connector <3>.
- Remove the airbag <4>.

WARNING

Set the airbag down so the logo on the impact cushion faces upward.

Continue to Section E

Section E – Inflator Replacement

⚠ WARNING

Risk of injury.

- People in the immediate vicinity of the workplace must be protected from possible noise and projectiles.
- Pyrotechnic components can trigger unintentionally.
- In the event of unintentional deployment:
 - Single-stage generators: allow airbag to cool down completely. Wait at least 10 minutes before handling.
 - Two-stage generators: wait for second airbag ignition. Allow airbag to cool down completely. Wait at least 10 minutes before handling.

⚠ WARNING

Risk of injury.

It is critical that a clean, uncongested work environment is utilized during the inflator replacement procedure. Extra tools, debris, etc... in the blast area of an airbag impose a danger in the event an airbag were to deploy. Ensure there are no loose components in the blast area of the airbag.



ⓘ NOTE

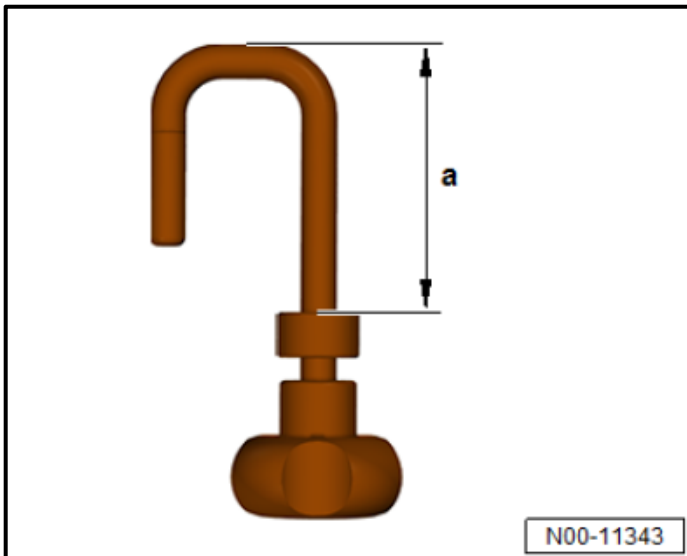
- Prior to beginning work, all parts and tools are to be placed on the ESD table mat.
- The workstation must be in the vicinity of the vehicle.



- Put the wrist strap from the ESD workplace on your wrist.

⚠ CAUTION

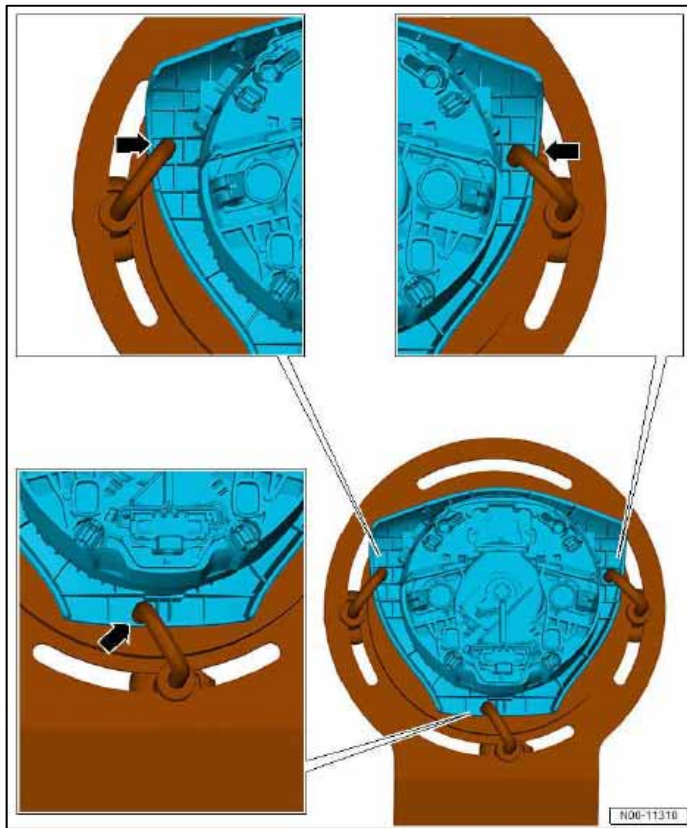
The white dots on the wrist strap must be against the skin.



! NOTE

Tighten mounting by hand to prevent damage.

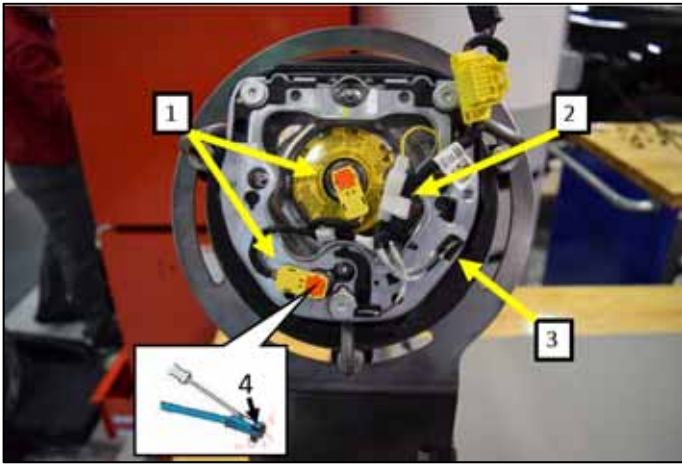
- Adjust three knurled nuts of securing hooks to <dimension a> 50mm.



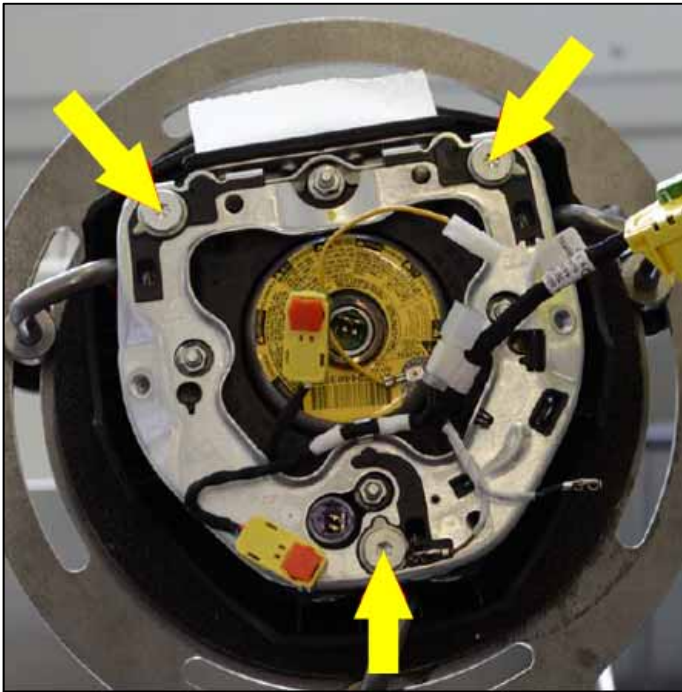
- Clamp airbag centrally in airbag support. There are securing points on the sides <arrows>, parallel opposite each other and below.

! NOTE

The clamps must be placed in the positions shown <arrows> to prevent damage to the airbag. Damage to the airbag is not covered under this action.



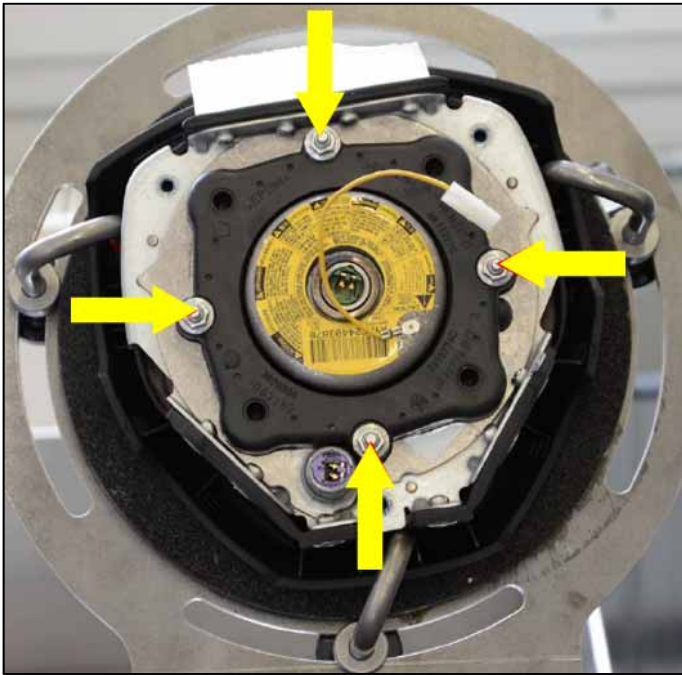
- Disconnect connector <1> using a small flat bladed screwdriver to disengage connector lock <4>.
- Disconnect connectors <2 and 3>.



- Remove and discard the three horn ring bolts <arrows>.
- Remove the horn ring.

⚠ CAUTION

When removing the horn ring, take care that the springs are not lost as they are not available separately. Replacement of the airbag is required if a spring is lost and is not covered under this action.



- Remove and discard the four nuts <arrows>.

NOTE

Inflator with vibration absorption shown. The photo is for reference only.

- Remove the inflator and place in the original packaging.

NOTE

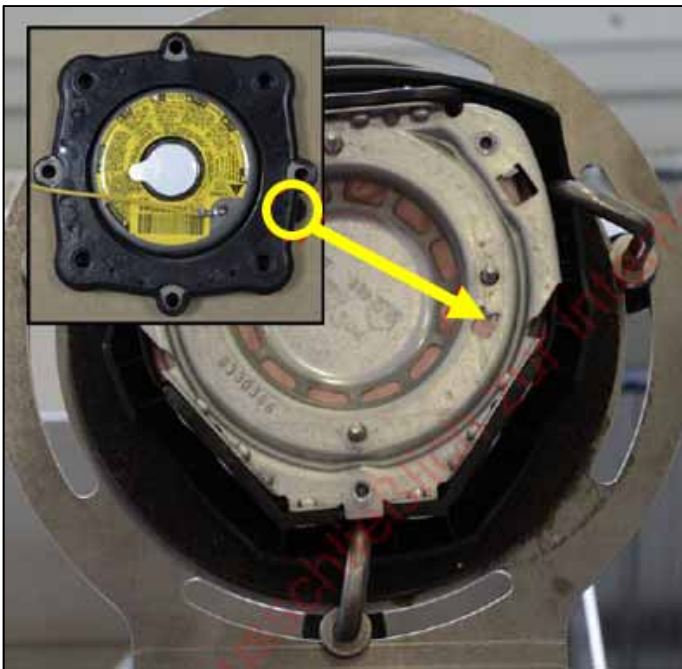
Inflator return instructions are included with the new inflator.

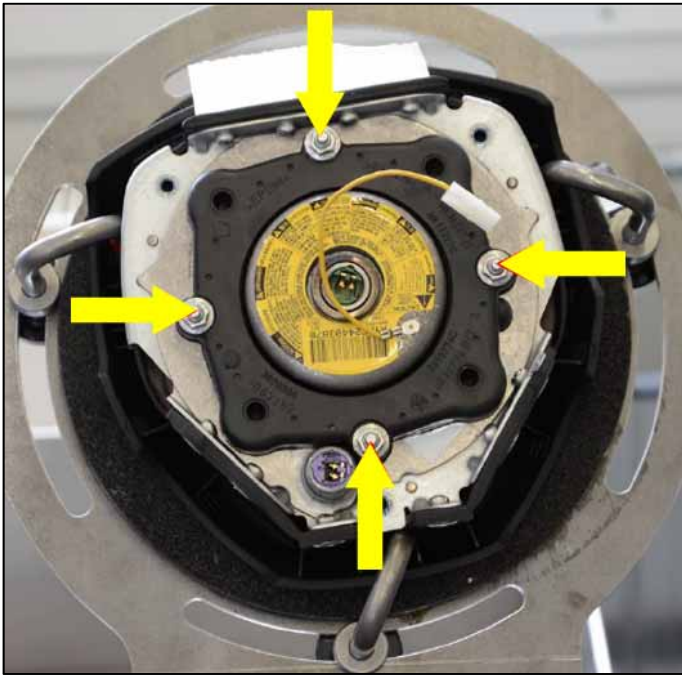
Inflator versions WITH vibration absorption (Criteria 02, 03):

- Install the new inflator onto the studs.

Part Number	Part Description
8R0898201A	Inflator Kit – Criteria 02
8F0898201	Inflator Kit – Criteria 03

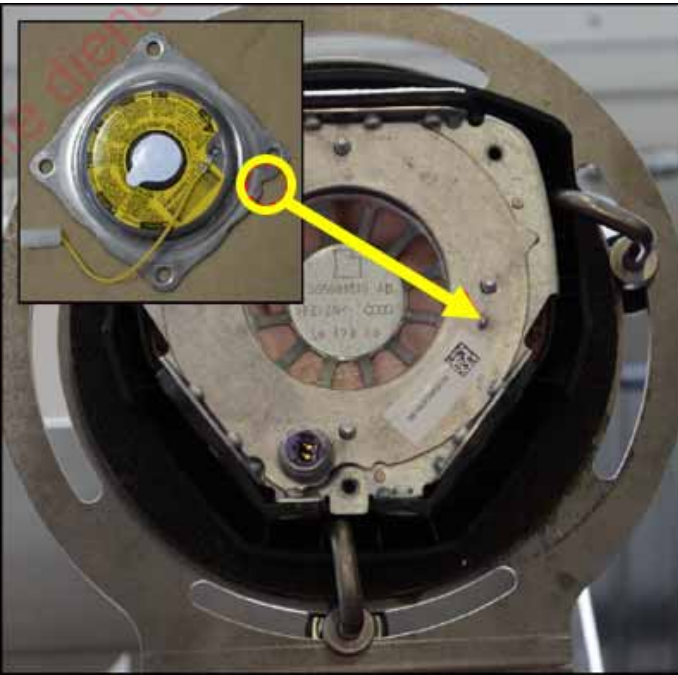
- Ensure the recess on the inflator lines up properly with the tab on the airbag <arrow>.





- Install the new inflator and torque nuts <arrows> to 4.5 Nm.

Inflator versions WITHOUT vibration absorption (Criteria 01):



- Install the new inflator onto the studs.

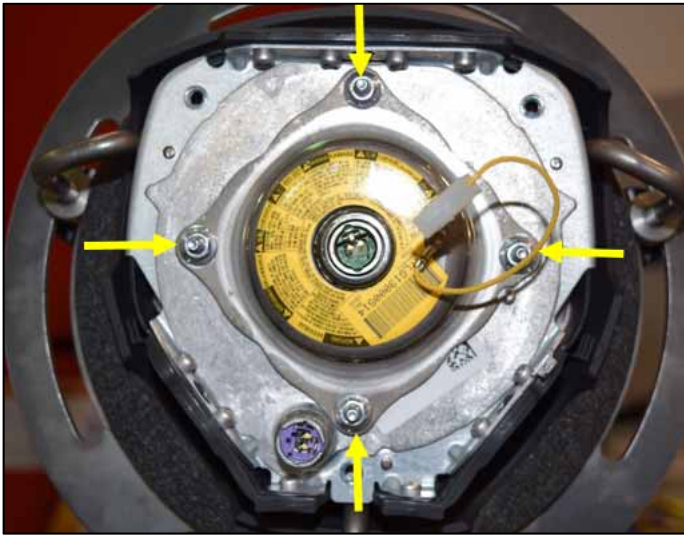
Part Number	Part Description
8R0898201	Inflator Kit – Criteria 01

- Ensure the recess on the inflator lines up properly with the tab on the airbag <arrow>.

NOTE

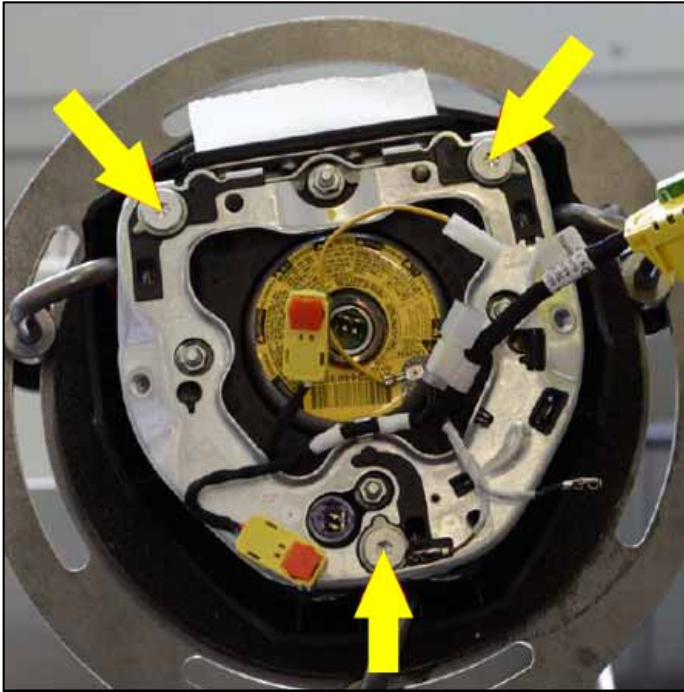
In the event an airbag had previously been replaced, the replacement airbag may have an inflator WITH the vibration absorber. If this situation is encountered, the inflator WITH vibration absorption (part # 8R0898201A) MUST be installed:

- Repackage the previously scanned inflator and return to the parts department.
- Acquire the correct inflator (part # 8R0898201A) from the parts department.
- Scan the new inflator using the GFF test plan.
- Install the new inflator, following the **“Inflator versions WITH vibration absorption (Criteria 02, 03)”** instructions.

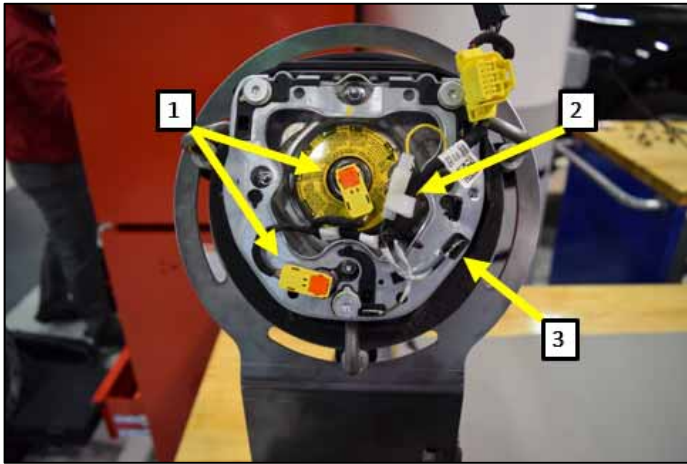


- Install the new inflator nuts <arrows> and torque to 4.5 Nm.

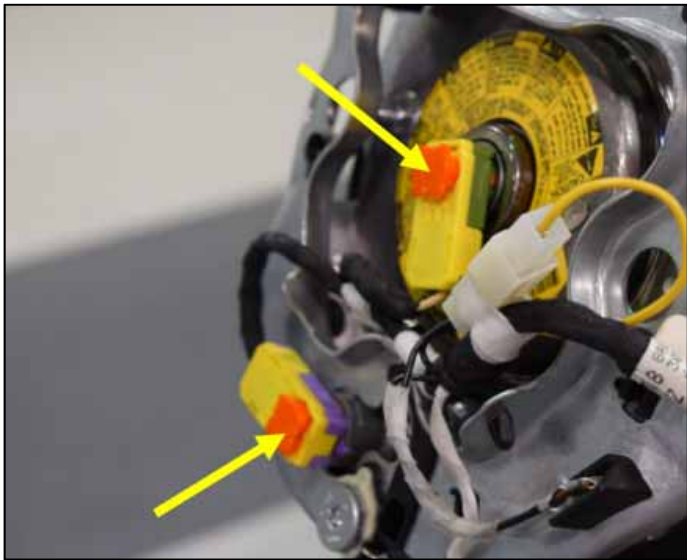
CONTINUED FOR ALL INFLATOR VERSIONS:



- Install the horn ring and tighten the bolts <arrows> to 6 Nm.



- Install connectors <1, 2 and 3>.



NOTE

Ensure the connector locks <arrows> are fully opened as shown when installing the connectors.

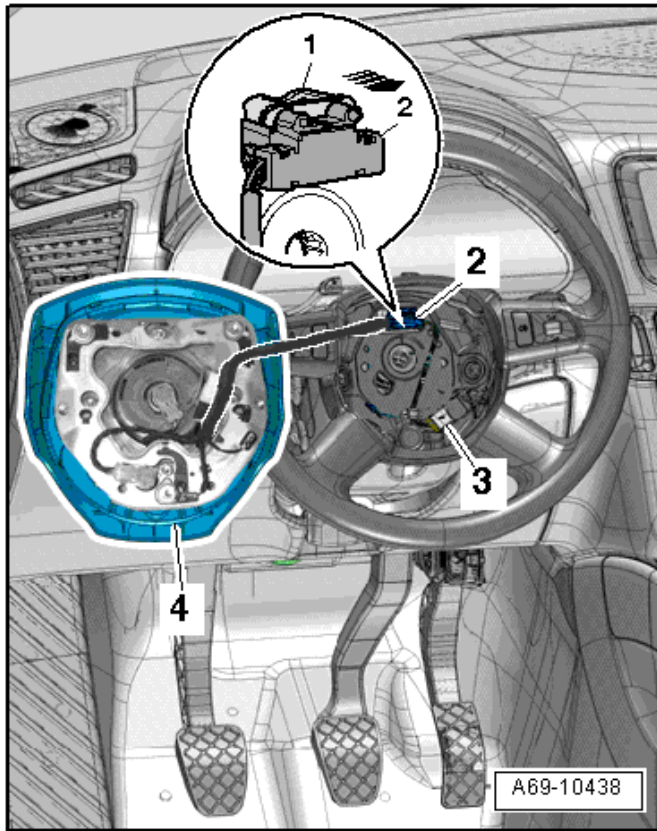


- Engage the connector locks.
- Ensure all wire connections are secure and the airbag harness is routed correctly.

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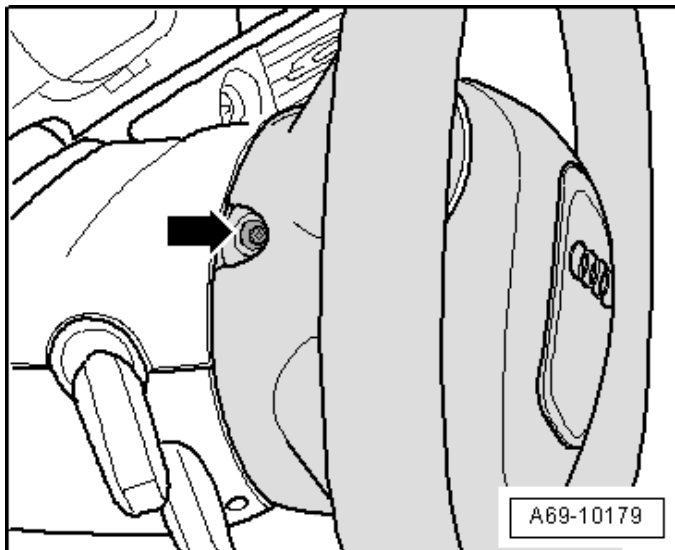
Section F – Airbag Installation

Bolted Airbag Version



⚠ WARNING

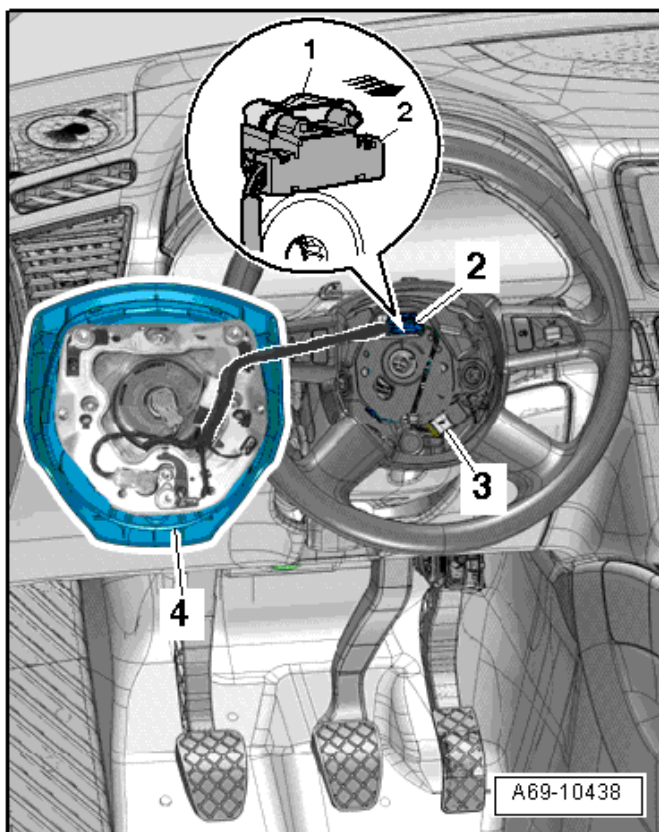
- The battery must be disconnected before installing the airbag back into the vehicle.
- Before handling pyrotechnic components (for example, disconnecting the connector), the person handling it must “discharge static electricity”. This can be done by touching the door striker, for example.
- Connect the spiral spring electrical connector <2> with the airbag connector coupling on the coil connector with slip ring.
- Versions with Multi-function and Tiptronic steering wheel: Install the connector -3-.



- Position the driver airbag in the steering wheel.
- Install the 2 bolts -arrow- for securing the driver airbag approximately 2 turns.
- Press horn about 3 times to achieve even gap dimension
- Torque the bolts <arrow> to 7 Nm.
- Install the bolt cover caps.

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Attached Airbag Version

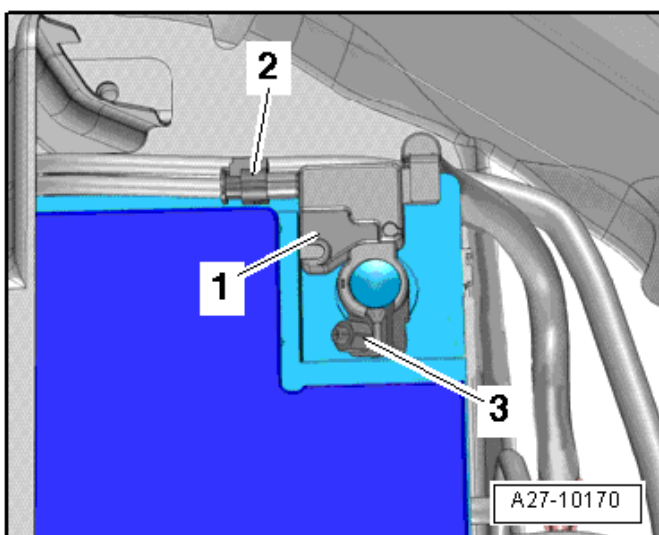


⚠ WARNING

- The battery must be disconnected before installing the airbag back into the vehicle.
- Before handling pyrotechnic components (for example, disconnecting the connector), the person handling it must “discharge static electricity”. This can be done by touching the door striker, for example.
- Connect the spiral spring electrical connector <2> with the airbag connector coupling on the coil connector with slip ring.
- Press in harness connector to secure in the pockets on the steering wheel.
- Position driver airbag in the steering wheel and press on it until it audibly engages.

Continue to Section G.

Section G – Battery Reconnect



A5 Cabrio Procedure

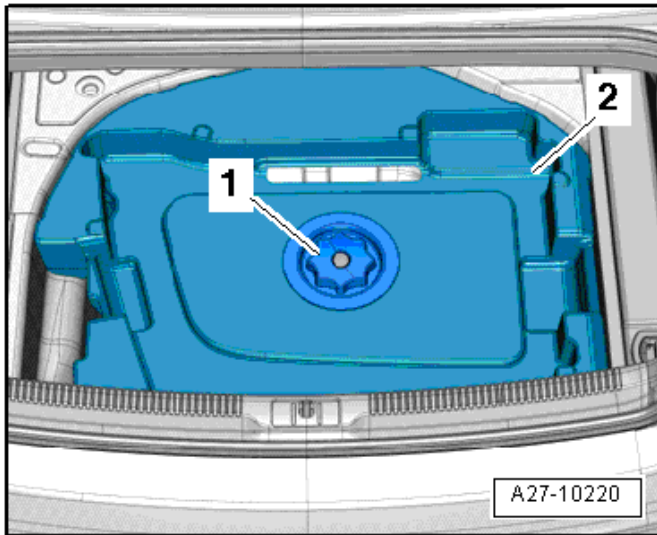
⚠ WARNING

Ignition must be ON when connecting battery. If pyrotechnic components (e.g. airbag, belt tensioner) are not repaired correctly, they may deploy unintentionally after connecting battery. There must not be anyone inside the vehicle when connecting the battery.

- Disconnect the connector <2> from the Battery Monitoring Control Module -J367- <1>.
- Connect the battery ground cable terminal by hand to the battery negative terminal.
- Torque the nut <3> to 6 Nm.
- Reconnect the connector to the Battery Monitoring Control Module -J367-.
- Install the battery terminal cover.

ⓘ NOTE

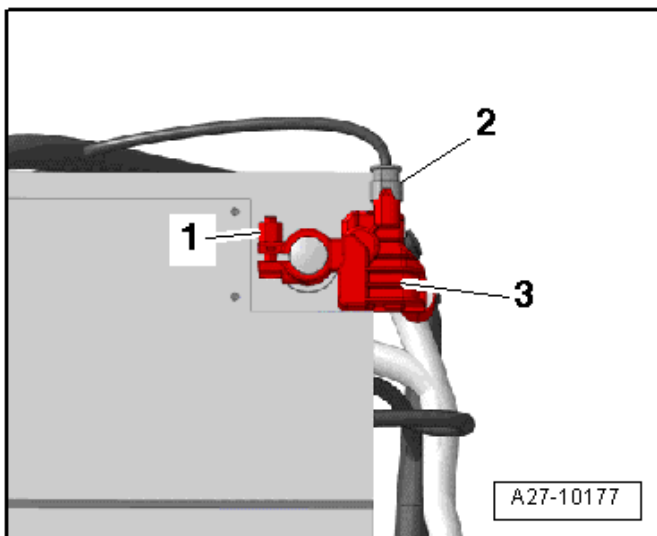
After connecting the power supply, the ABS warning lamp may only go out after the vehicle has been driven a few yards.



- Install the wind deflector mount <2>.
- Install the nut <1>.
- Install the luggage compartment floor.
- Cycle the ignition off and back on.
- Store previously recorded radio presets (if necessary).
- Set clock to local time.
- Activate the power window regulator one-touch up/down function.
- Check the DTC memories of all the control units and erase under-voltage faults if necessary.

Repair is complete, proceed to Section H.

Q5 Procedure



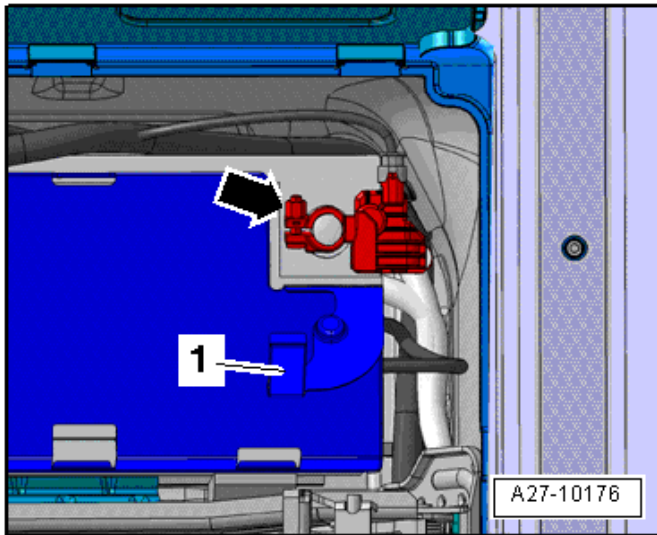
⚠ WARNING

- Ignition must be **ON** when connecting battery. If pyrotechnic components (e.g. airbag, belt tensioner) are not repaired correctly, they may deploy unintentionally after connecting battery. There must not be anyone inside the vehicle when connecting the battery.
- If the ignition is not switched on after reconnecting the battery (the indicator lamps in the instrument cluster do not illuminate), the ignition (key/button) may only be switched on while sitting in the driver's seat in the rearmost position.

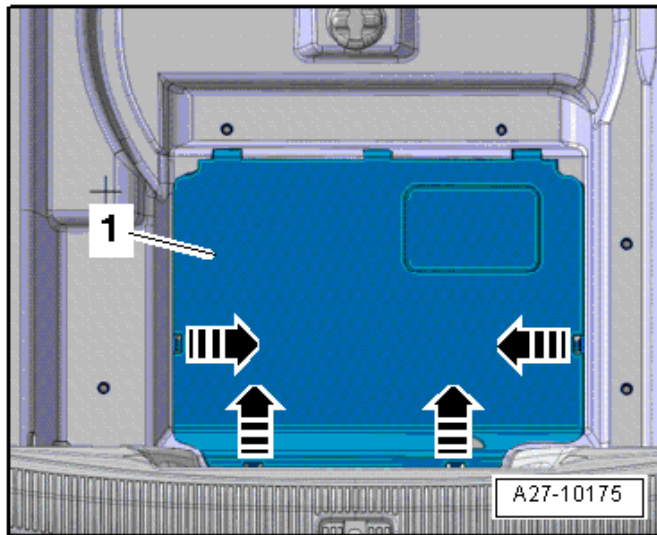
- Disconnect the connector <2> from the Battery Monitoring Control Module -J367- <3>.
- Connect the battery ground cable terminal by hand to the battery negative terminal.
- Torque the nut <1> to 5 Nm.
- Reconnect the connector to the Battery Monitoring Control Module -J367-.

! NOTE

After connecting the power supply, the ABS warning lamp may only go out after the vehicle has been driven a few yards.



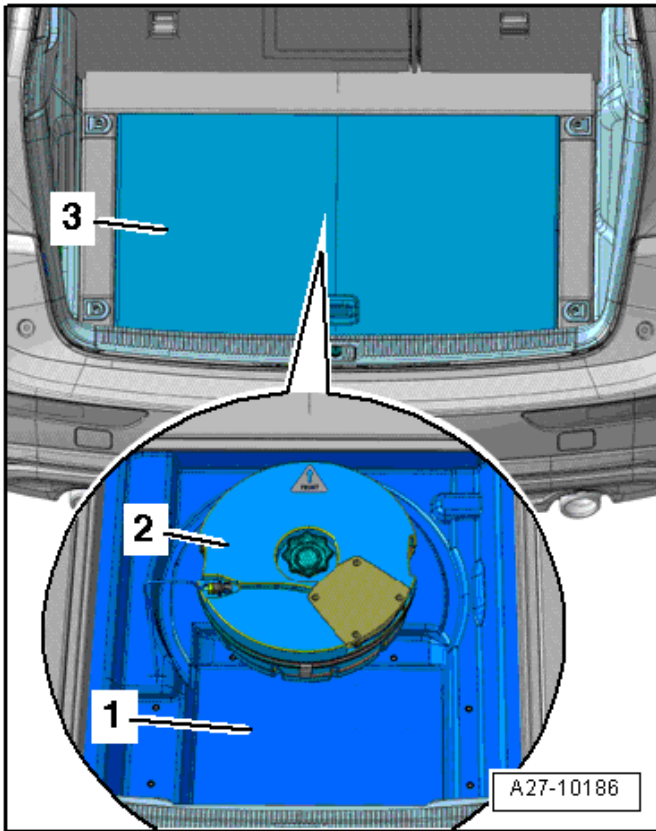
- Install battery terminal cover <1>.



NOTE

The cover is available with varying numbers of retaining clips.

- Install cover <1>.



- Install the carpet <1> over the battery cover.
- If equipped, install the subwoofer <2>.
- Install the dirt tray, if applicable.
- Install the luggage compartment floor covering <3>.
- Cycle the ignition off and back on.
- Store previously recorded radio presets (if necessary).
- Set clock to local time.
- Activate the power window regulator one-touch up/down function.
- Check the DTC memories of all the control units and erase under-voltage faults if necessary.

Proceed to Section H.

Section H – Campaign Completion Stamp

I certify that this campaign
has been performed in strict
accordance with the applicable
Audi repair procedure.

SAGA Code: _____

Technician: _____

Date: _____

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-OR-

Je certifie que cette
campagne de rappel a été
exécutée suivant les strictes
directives de réparation
d'Audi

Code de SAGA: _____

Technicien: _____

Date: _____

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- Once the campaign has been completed, the technician should stamp the repair order.
- Stamps are available for ordering through the Compliance Label Ordering Portal.

Repair is Complete, Proceed to Appendix B
(Mandatory Takata Inflator Return Process).

Appendix A – Warning and Safety Precautions

WARNING

General Safety Precautions when Working with Pyrotechnic Components:

- Pyrotechnic components always contain propellant that generates a gas during combustion. In some components, there is also a supply of pressurized gas to ensure this gas is generated
- This pressurized gas is stored under high pressure in a compressed gas container. Pyrotechnic components are triggered by electrical/mechanical igniters.
- Only trained personnel should perform testing, assembly and servicing work. Airbags do not have a replacement interval.
- Never check with test lamps, voltmeter or ohmmeters.
- Only check pyrotechnic components when they are installed in the vehicle using vehicle diagnosis, testing and information systems approved by the manufacturer.
- When working on pyrotechnic components and the airbag control module, disconnect the battery ground strap while the ignition is switched on. Then cover the negative terminal.
- Wait 10 seconds after disconnecting the battery.
- The ignition must be SWITCHED ON when connecting the battery. There should not be anyone inside the vehicle when doing this.
- Exception: vehicles with batteries in the passenger compartment. In this case, stay outside the range of the airbags and seat belts.
- Wash your hands after touching ignited pyrotechnic components from the restraint system.
- Do not open or repair pyrotechnic components. Use only new components to reduce the risk of injury.
- Do not install pyrotechnic components that have fallen onto a hard surface or show signs of damage.
- Discharge static electricity before handling pyrotechnic components, for example before disconnecting the electrical connector. This can be done by touching grounded metal objects such as the door striker pin.
- Install pyrotechnic components immediately after removing them from their transport packaging. If you must stop working, store the pyrotechnic component in its original transport packaging.
- Do not leave pyrotechnic components lying in the open unattended.
- Do not treat pyrotechnic components with grease, cleaning solutions or similar products.
- Do not expose pyrotechnic components to temperatures above 100 °C, even for brief periods of time.
- People in the immediate vicinity of the workplace must be protected from possible noise and projectiles.
- Pyrotechnic components can trigger unintentionally.
- In the event of deployment:
 - Single-stage inflators: allow airbag to cool down completely. Wait at least 10 minutes before handling.
- Two-stage inflators: wait for second airbag ignition. Allow airbag to cool down completely. Wait at least 10 minutes before handling.

Appendix B – Mandatory Inflator Return Process

- Properly store (retain) removed parts in accordance with all state/province, local requirements.
- Questions regarding the return process should be directed to the contacts listed on the included return instructions.
- Additional instructions are located in the attachments in Elsa and ServiceNet.