

**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL**

Audi of America, Inc.



<MONTH YEAR>

<CUSTOMER NAME>

<CUSTOMER ADDRESS>

<CUSTOMER CITY STATE ZIPCODE>

**This notice applies to your vehicle:** <MODEL YEAR> <BRAND> <CARLINE>, <VIN>

**NHTSA:** 21V874

**Subject: Safety Recall 74E3 – Passenger Occupant Detection System (PODS)**

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 2017-2020 model year Audi vehicles. Our records show that you are the owner of a vehicle affected by this action.

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**What is the issue?** The affected vehicles are equipped with a passenger occupant detection system (also known as BodySense) in the front passenger seat. On these vehicles, the system is integrated in the seat heating and controls the activation of the front passenger airbag. The seat heating is connected to the BodySense control unit under the front passenger seat via a wire. If the wire has a contact fault, it may cause the passenger occupant detection system (PODS) to detect a malfunction and switch off the passenger airbag even though the seat may be occupied. As designed, a warning light in the instrument panel comes on together with an acoustic warning sound and an error message is displayed in the instrument cluster. The airbag indicator light shows "passenger airbag off".

In the event of a crash, there would be an increased risk of injury to the occupant seated in the front passenger seat if the passenger airbag is switched off/not working.

**What will we do?** To correct this defect, your authorized Audi dealer will replace parts of the PODS in your vehicle. Depending on the seat type, the seat heating mats including the connecting cable or the entire seat cover including the connecting cable will be replaced

This work will take about two hours to complete and will be performed for you free of charge. Please keep in mind that your dealer may need additional time for the preparation of the repair, as well as to accommodate their daily workshop schedule.

**What should you do?** Your authorized Audi dealer can begin repairing vehicles under this recall on **January 21, 2022**.

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Please contact your authorized Audi dealer without delay to schedule this recall repair. For your convenience, you can also visit [www.audiusa.com](http://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**

Should a malfunction occur, vehicle occupants will be alerted of a PODS system problem by illumination of the airbag warning light, an acoustic warning sound, an error message displayed in the instrument cluster and by the status of the Passenger Airbag OFF indicator light. If this happens, customers are advised to contact an authorized Audi dealer without delay to have the vehicle inspected/repaired.

**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.

**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](http://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](http://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