

AUDI DEALER COMMUNICATION

Repair Available - Safety Recall 13i5 / Engine Connecting Rod

This notice is for:

- ✓ Dealer Principal
- ✓ Service Manager
- Warranty Administrator

- ✓ General Manager
- ✓ Parts Manager
- Coming Advisor
- √ Technicians

✓ Sales Managers

October 21, 2022

Issue:

Date:

Deviations in the mechanical production process of the connecting rods may have caused an increased particle occurrence in the engine oil circuit, which may lead to extensive wear and play and result in damage to the connecting rod bearings. A connecting rod bearing with continuously rising bearing play leads to excessive engine noise.

If the excessive engine noise and engine warning light is ignored and the vehicle continues to be driven, this condition may result in engine failure, potentially causing a loss of motive power while driving, and in rare cases a loss of engine oil, which may pose a risk of a vehicle fire.

Precautions:

If the recall condition is present in the vehicle, the driver may notice excessive engine noise and the Malfunction Indicator Light (MIL) may illuminate in the instrument panel. If this happens, customers are advised to contact an authorized Audi dealer without delay to have the vehicle diagnosed/repaired.

Repair:

- REPAIR AVAILABLE October 21, 2022 Inspect and, if necessary, replace the engine
- At this time, any vehicle needing an engine replacement will need to be grounded until engines become available. See the campaign circular for complete information.
- See ELSA/ServiceNet for complete repair & claiming instructions
- Check daily campaign open inventory report or OMD for affected vehicles in inventory
- Repair every affected inventory vehicle before delivery to consumers.

Parts Department:

Please refer to the campaign circular for further details.

Affected Vehicles

Country	Beginning Model Year	Ending Model Year	Vehicle	Vehicle Count
USA	2021	2023	Q5	42,689
USA	2021	2023	Q5 SPORTBACK	5,964
CAN	2021	2023	Q5	7,030
CAN	2021	2023	Q5 SPORTBACK	1,372

^{*}Counts reflect overall population; some vehicles may have already been repaired. Check Campaigns/Actions screen in Elsa <u>on the day of repair</u> to verify that a VIN qualifies for repair under this action. Elsa is the <u>only</u> valid campaign inquiry & verification source.

Ensure all dealership personnel are aware of this notice so they are able to address customer questions. Contact Warranty if you require additional assistance. Direct press inquiries to Audi Public Relations.

Audi Customer Protection 13i5 DLR LAUNCH

Notes:

- Schedule owner repairs immediately
- Owner mailing November 2022

IMPORTANT REMINDER: 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.

<u>Pre-Owned Vehicles in Dealer Inventory:</u> 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.

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