

Compliance Recall

Code: 45J7



Subject	TPMS Software																				
Release Date	November 09, 2022																				
Affected Vehicles	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Country</th> <th>Beginning Model Year</th> <th>Ending Model Year</th> <th>Vehicle</th> <th>Vehicle Count</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>USA</td> <td>2019</td> <td>2019</td> <td>A3 CABRIOLET</td> <td>859</td> </tr> <tr> <td>USA</td> <td>2019</td> <td>2020</td> <td>A3 SEDAN</td> <td>6,506</td> </tr> <tr> <td>USA</td> <td>2019</td> <td>2019</td> <td>Q3</td> <td>5,816</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Campaign status must show "open." ✓ 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. 	Country	Beginning Model Year	Ending Model Year	Vehicle	Vehicle Count	USA	2019	2019	A3 CABRIOLET	859	USA	2019	2020	A3 SEDAN	6,506	USA	2019	2019	Q3	5,816
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Corrective Action	Update the TPMS software.																				
Code Visibility	On or about November 09, 2022, the campaign code will be applied to affected vehicles.																				
Owner Notification	Owner notification will take place in November 2022. Owner letter examples are included in this bulletin for your reference.																				
Additional Information	<p>Please alert everyone in your dealership about this action, including Sales, Service, Parts and Accounting personnel. Contact Warranty if you have any questions.</p> <p>IMPORTANT REMINDER ON VEHICLES AFFECTED BY SAFETY & COMPLIANCE RECALLS</p> <p><u>New Vehicles in Dealer Inventory:</u> 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.</p> <p><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.</p> <p>Dealers must ensure that every affected inventory vehicle has this campaign completed <u>before</u> delivery to consumers.</p>																				

Claim Entry Instructions

The labor times listed here may differ from the labor operations and labor times listed in ELSA.

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.

Service Number	45J7		
Damage Code	0099		
Parts Vendor Code	002		
Claim Type	Sold vehicle: 7 10 Unsold vehicle: 7 90		
Causal Indicator	Mark labor as causal		
Vehicle Wash/Loaner	Do not claim wash/loaner under this action		
Criteria I.D.	01		
	LABOR		
	Labor Op	Time Units	Description
	2706 89 50	10	Connect battery charger
	4545 25 99	Time stated on diagnostic protocol	Update ABS control module software

Customer Letter Example (USA)

<MONTH YEAR>

<CUSTOMER NAME>

<CUSTOMER ADDRESS>

<CUSTOMER CITY STATE ZIPCODE>

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

NHTSA: 22V815

Subject: Compliance Recall 45J7 – Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) Software

Dear Audi Owner,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Audi has decided that certain 2019-2020 model year Audi vehicles fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. FMVSS No, 138 "Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems. Our records show that you are the owner of a vehicle affected by this action.

- What is the issue?** In a test environment, in rare cases, the tire pressure monitoring system may not detect an air pressure loss in the time specified in the NHTSA FMVSS No, 138 "Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems" test procedure if it occurs simultaneously at the same rate in all four tires. A sudden loss of pressure in all four tires at the same time that goes undetected as required by regulations increases the risk of a crash.
- What will we do?** To correct this noncompliance, your authorized Audi dealer will update the TPMS software in your vehicle. This work will take about an hour 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?** 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

Required Tools



Battery Tester/Charger capable of **minimum 90 Amp** continuous supply



Diagnostic Tester
-VAS6150X/VAS6160X-
(or equivalent)

Repair Instruction

Section A - Check for Previous Repair

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

EXAMPLE

Campaign/Action	Start	Designation
← 3	2015-11-10	W-SERV_ACT -
	2018-12-13	RECALL -
	2017-05-16	A-RECALL -

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.

CRITICAL REPAIR STEP

STOP STOP!

If multiple software update Campaign/Actions are open, they must be performed in order of the Start date <arrow 3>. The oldest should be performed first.

- **All Safety Recalls must be completed prior to completing this campaign.**

Proceed to Section B

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.
- Diagnosis and repair of pre-existing conditions in the vehicle are not covered under this action.

Section B – ABS Control Module Software Update

NOTE

Prior to launching the VAS Diagnostic Tester and starting an update, ensure the following conditions are met;

- ✓ **The ODIS software is completely up to date.**
 - Refer to the “Alerts” section on ServiceNet home page for the current ODIS version.
- ✓ **The battery charger is connected to the vehicle battery and remains connected for the duration of the software update.**
 - Battery voltage must remain above 12.5 volts for the duration of the software update. Failure to do so may cause the update to fail, which could result in damage to the control module. Control modules damaged by insufficient voltage will not be covered.
- ✓ **The screen saver and power saving settings are off.**
 - Failure to do so may result in the tester entering power save mode during the software update, which could result in damage to the control module.
- ✓ **The VAS Diagnostic Tester is plugged in using the supplied power adapters.**
 - Under no circumstances should the tester be used on battery power alone during the software update. Failure to do so may result in the tester powering off during the update, which could result in damage to the control module.
- ✓ **Flash process through “Audi Flashing” not Guided Fault Finding (GFF).**
 - DO NOT USE Guided Fault Finding (GFF) to perform this flash. Using GFF will cause the flash to take longer. Requests for additional time will not be considered.
- ✓ **The VAS Diagnostics Interface MUST ONLY be connected to the tester with a USB cable.**
 - Performing a software update using a Bluetooth or WiFi connection increases the risk of losing connection during the update, which could result in damage to the control module. It also greatly increases the time required to perform the update. Requests for additional time or parts will be denied if the GFF log shows the update was performed using Bluetooth or WiFi.

NOTE

- All campaign software updates must be completed during a single, standalone ODIS Diagnostic Session. You must fully complete this campaign and send all logs before beginning any other campaigns or operations.
- If there are any ODIS “Hot-Fix” patches installed, they must be removed from the scan tool before beginning this operation. ODIS “Hot-Fix” patches may affect the update process.

 **WARNING**

Radiator Fan(s) may cycle ON high speed during the Update Process! There is a serious risk that personal injury may result if contact is made with spinning fan blades. Keep hands and all objects away from Radiator Fan(s) during Update Process!

 **TIP**

To Update-Programming using SVM, review and follow instructions in Technical Bulletin 2011732: *Software Version Management (SVM) Operating Instructions*.

The SVM Process must be completed in its entirety so the database receives the update confirmation response. A warranty claim may not be reimbursed if there is no confirmation response to support the claim.

- Open the hood.
- Access the battery charging posts.
- Switch the ignition on.
- Apply the parking brake.
- Switch off all consumers (headlights, heated seats, climate control, etc.).
- Connect the VAS6150X/VAS6160X Diagnostic Tester to the vehicle.
- Start the ODIS program.
- Attach a Battery Tester/Charger **capable of minimum 90 Amp** continuous supply.

 **NOTE**

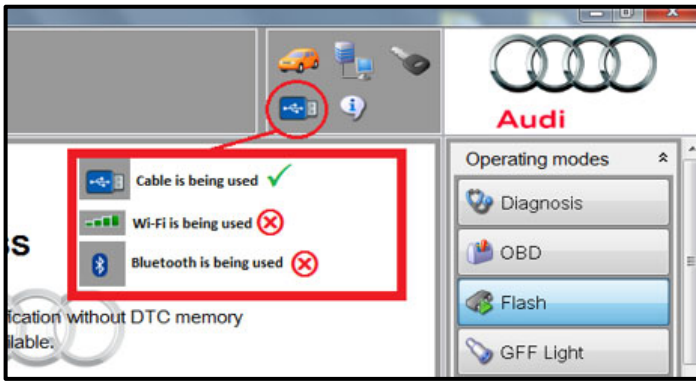
Vehicles with Battery Monitoring Control Module -J367- and/or an EFB Battery:

When connecting the charger to the battery, connect the positive cable to the positive terminal of the battery and connect the negative cable to the grounding lug on the chassis. **DO NOT** connect the ground cable directly to negative terminal of the battery.

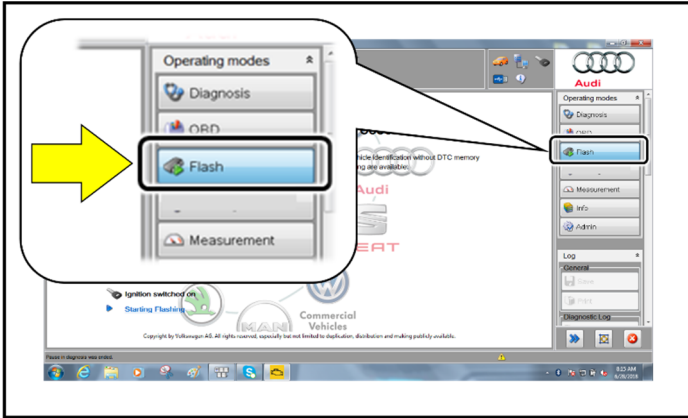
- Turn the hazards on.

 **CAUTION**

The procedure may cancel itself if the hazard warning lights are not switched on. The hazard warning lights prevent the system from switching to bus sleep mode during the update.

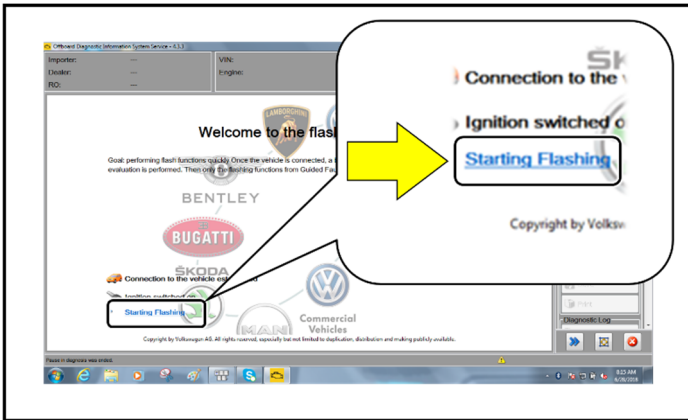


- Confirm that scan tool is communicating with the diagnostic head by USB cable.
 - If the Bluetooth or WiFi symbol is shown, then disconnect the diagnostic head from the vehicle and reconnect the USB cable to the diagnostic head and then reattach to the vehicle.

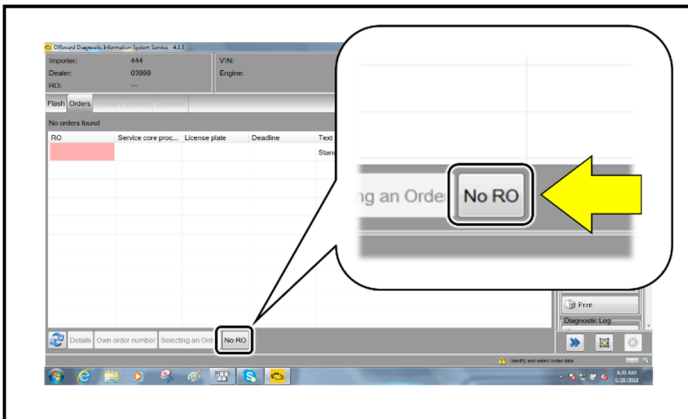


- From the home screen of the scan tool highlight “Flash” <1>.
- Follow the on-screen prompts.

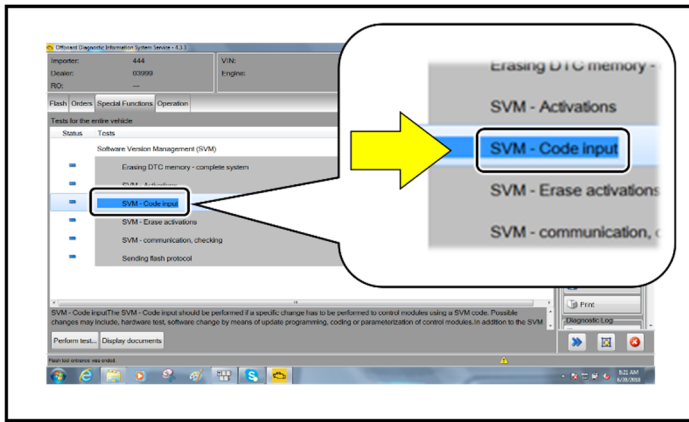
NOTE
 Operating mode “Flash” must be used. Performing this update using “Diagnosis” (Guided Fault Finding) could result in non-payment of the claim.



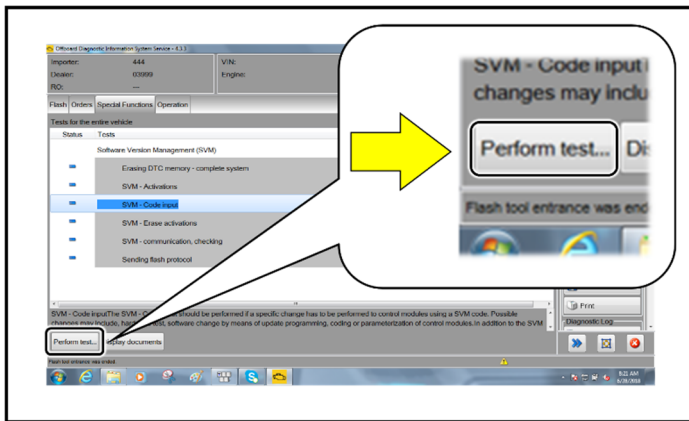
- Select “Starting Flashing” and follow the on-screen prompts.



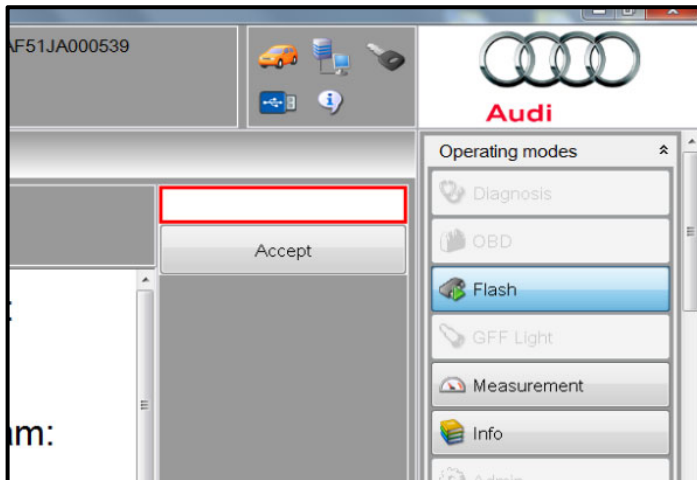
- Select “No RO”.



- Highlight “SVM – Code Input”.



- Select “Perform test”.



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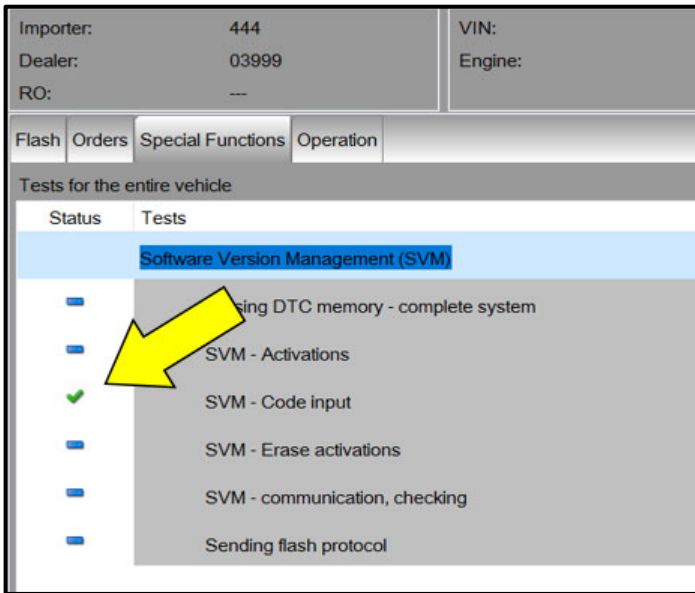
Using Bluetooth or WiFi for this action is PROHIBITED!

Damage caused to electronic components (e.g. ECM, TCM, etc.) during the SVM update process is not covered.

- Enter the corrective action code (SVM code) as listed below.

SVM code
45i3A540

- Select “Accept”.
- Follow the on-screen prompts.

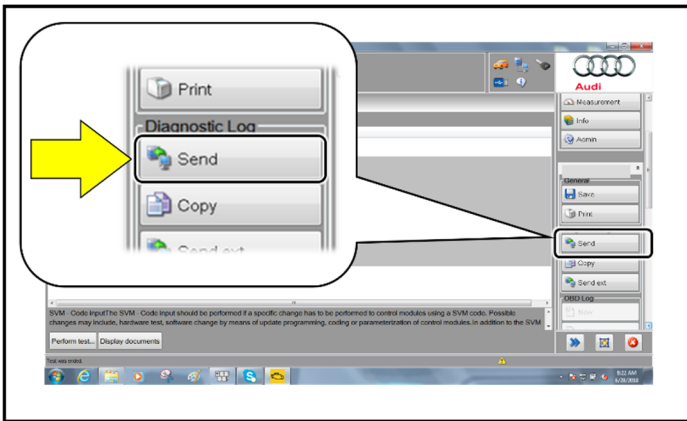


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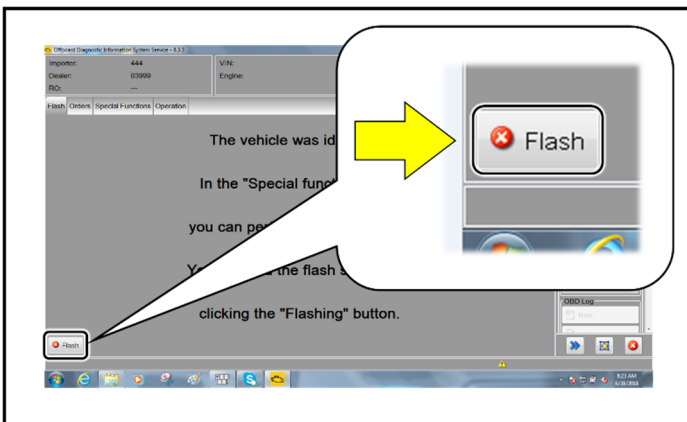
STOP! STOP!

This extra ignition cycle step must be followed, otherwise faults stored during the update may not be cleared upon exiting the Flash program.

- After receiving confirmation that the update completed successfully (green check mark) <arrow>, the ignition must be turned off for 60 seconds and then turned back on.



- After receiving confirmation that the flash completed successfully, select "Send" to send the diagnostic protocol online.
- Follow the on-screen prompts.



- Click "Flash" to exit the flash session.
- **Proceed to Section C.**

TIP

Various event memory entries may be generated after the flashing procedure on some vehicles. Put the vehicle in a corresponding bus sleep mode after performing the update in order to clear the faults.

To put the vehicle in bus sleep mode, disconnect the diagnostic tester, remove the key from the vehicle and lock the vehicle with the remote for 5 minutes.

Section C – Campaign Stamp

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

SAGA Code: _____
Technician: _____
Date: _____

Item#: AUD4927ENG

OR

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

Code de SAGA: _____
Technicien: _____
Date: _____

Item # AUD4927FRE

- Once the campaign has been completed, the technician should stamp the repair order.
- Stamps are available for ordering through the Compliance Label Ordering Portal (item# AUD4927ENG or AUD4927FRE).