

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

23V-601

Manufacturer Name : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.**Submission Date :** AUG 31, 2023**NHTSA Recall No. :** 23V-601**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 47T9**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Address : 3800 Hamlin Road

Auburn Hills MI 48326

Company phone : 1-800-893-5298

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 7,499

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2021-2021 AUDI S7

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by production records.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because they may be equipped with a European-specification brake fluid reservoir cap.

S7: 109

Production Dates : JAN 12, 2021 - MAR 31, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUPFBF22MN051104 End : WAUPFBF21MN080058 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2021-2021 AUDI S6 SEDAN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by production records.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because they may be equipped with a European-specification brake fluid reservoir cap.

S6 SEDAN: 196

Production Dates : JAN 12, 2021 - APR 13, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUDFAF27MN051192 End : WAUDFAF27MN084791 Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2021-2021 AUDI RS7

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by production records.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because they may be equipped with a European-specification brake fluid reservoir cap.

RS7: 299

Production Dates : JAN 11, 2021 - MAR 31, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WUAPCBF28MN906015 End : WUAPCBF21MN909029 Not sequential

Vehicle 4 : 2021-2021 AUDI RS6 AVANT

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by production records.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because they may be equipped with a European-specification brake fluid reservoir cap.

RS6 AVANT: 376

Production Dates : JAN 12, 2021 - APR 01, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WUA1CBF24MN906017 End : WUA1CBF24MN909144 Not sequential

Vehicle 5 : 2019-2021 AUDI A7

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by production records.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because they may be equipped with a European-specification brake fluid reservoir cap.

A7: 1,571

Production Dates : JUL 27, 2018 - APR 12, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUV2AF23KN014086 End : WAUTPBF28MN084152 Not sequential

Vehicle 6 : 2019-2021 AUDI A6 SEDAN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by production records.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because they may be equipped with a European-specification brake fluid reservoir cap.

A6 SEDAN: 4681

Production Dates : AUG 07, 2018 - APR 08, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUM2AF25KN014098 End : WAUM2BF28MN082629 Not sequential

Vehicle 7 : 2021-2021 AUDI A6 ALLROAD

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by production records.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because they may be equipped with a European-specification brake fluid reservoir cap.

A6 ALLROAD: 267

Production Dates : JAN 12, 2021 - APR 14, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAU92BF25MN050968 End : WAU92BF29MN084802 Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : A small number of affected vehicles may be equipped with a European-specification brake fluid reservoir cap instead of the one required for the United States market. If the incorrect cap is present, it makes the vehicle noncompliant with 49 CFR § 571.135 - Standard No. 135; Light vehicle brake systems.

FMVSS 1 : 135 - Light vehicle brake systems

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the incorrect cap is present and the owner does not understand the markings, it is possible that the incorrect fluid could be used in the reservoir. Incorrect fluid can make the brake system perform improperly, causing the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning none
that can Occur :

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Brake fluid cap

Component Description : Brake fluid cap

Component Part Number : 5Q0 611 349 A

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : AUDI AG

Address : NR

Ingolstadt

Foreign States 85045

Country : Germany

Chronology :

February 13, 2019: The Audi Product Safety Committee receives a report about the issue and the potential non-compliance. Unsold vehicles will be checked and will receive a new brake fluid cap if necessary.

March 6, 2019: Topic presented to Audi Product Safety Committee. The committee decides to conduct a service campaign with customer notification.

March 20, 2019: After discussions with the responsible VWGoA colleagues from the United States market, the Audi Product Safety committee decides to file a petition for inconsequential noncompliance.

April 22, 2021: In vehicle production one vehicle is found that was built for the North-American market but was equipped with the brake fluid cap used for all other markets. Immediate investigation regarding root cause and affected vehicle scope commenced.

May 18, 2021: The responsible department determines that it cannot be ruled out that additional vehicles produced for North America have received a brake fluid cap with piktograms instead of verbal instructions. Vehicles still in the factory and in the ports were checked and approximately 0.8% did not have the US specific brake fluid cap.

May - July 2021: Review of production data and determination of potentially affected vehicles.

July 19, 2021: The Audi Product Safety Committee determines that a non-compliance exists in the affected vehicles. Audi believes that there is no risk to vehicle motor safety and will file a petition for inconsequentiality (49 CFR part 556).

August 18, 2023: NHTSA informs VWGoA that they have denied the two petitions for inconsequential noncompliance.

Unrepaired vehicles that were previously reported under recall codes 4708 and 47R2 are being moved into the following new code: 47T9

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The brake fluid reservoir cap will be checked and, if necessary, replaced.

Audi will not offer a reimbursement plan under this recall, as the affected vehicles would be covered under the new vehicle warranty.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The recall remedy component has the part number 5Q0 611 349 A and can be distinguished from the recalled component with the part number 5Q0 611 349 B, because it fulfills the requirements of FMVSS 135.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : A new monitoring and approval process was already introduced to avoid similar incidents. In addition, in CW 36 / 2021 a camera-based monitoring tool was implemented.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealers/Owners: On or before October 17, 2023

Planned Dealer Notification Date : OCT 17, 2023 - OCT 17, 2023

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 17, 2023 - OCT 17, 2023

* NR - Not Reported