

# Technical Service Bulletin



## 61 Blistering in paint on carbon composite panels

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Model(s)	Year	VIN Range	Vehicle-Specific Equipment
R8 Spyder	2012	All	Not Applicable

## Condition

REVISION HISTORY		
Revision	Date	Purpose
2	-	Revised <i>Warranty</i> (Claim codes)
1	6/12/2013	Initial publication

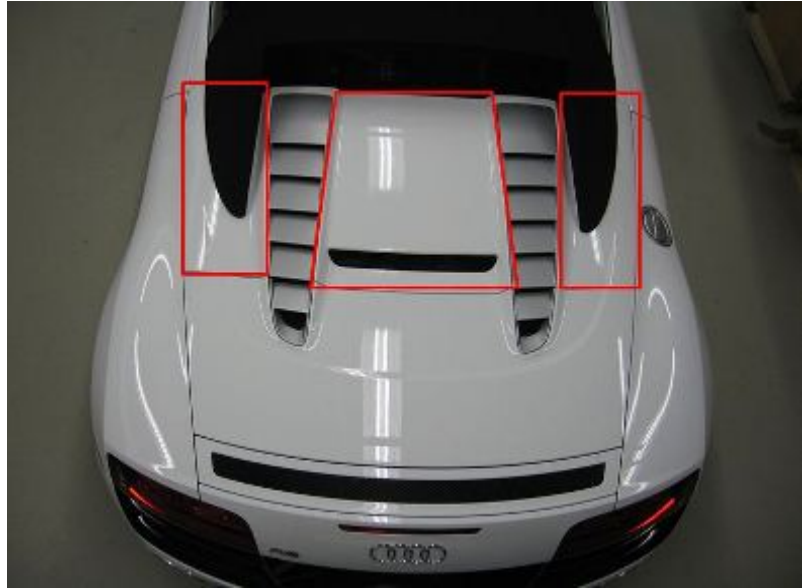
The painted surface of certain carbon composite constructed exterior body panels exhibit a 'blistering' condition (Figure 1).



**Figure 1.** Paint blistering condition.

The following three panels are affected:

- Convertible top compartment cover (Figure 2)



**Figure 2.** Areas of the cover that are affected.

- Upper rear quarter panel - right (Figure 3)



**Figure 3.** Area of right rear quarter panel affected.

- Upper rear quarter panel - left (Figure 4)



**Figure 4.** Area of left rear quarter panel affected.

## Technical Background

Due to a malfunction during the resin injection process in the manufacture of these panels, the painted surface of the panel may blister under certain environmental circumstances.

## Production Solution

The manufacturing process for carbon composite panels has been improved.

## Service

Should the blistering condition described in this TSB be discovered, the vehicle will need to be transported to your Authorized Audi R8 Body Shop as the affected panel must be **replaced**. The panel cannot be refinished as recurrence of this paint condition is likely if an affected panel is refinished.



### Note:

The panels specified in this TSB are to be replaced *only* in cases where the 'blistering' condition is exhibited. All replaced body panels will be requested for return for analysis. Panel replacements for any other paint condition will be subject to review. The repair for any other paint issue should be approached using Warranty Policies and Procedures guidelines.

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## Warranty

<b>Claim Type:</b>	150		
<b>Service Number:</b>	6190 (if the convertible top compartment cover is replaced) 5355 (if one or both rear quarter panels are replaced)		
<b>Damage Code:</b>	<b><u>For 6190:</u></b> Damage Code: 0067 Removed Part: 032 Damage Location: 032		
	<b><u>For 5355:</u></b> Damage Code: 0071 Removed Part: 170 Damage Location: 170		
<b>Labor Operations:</b>	Please refer to Audi Warranty Policies and Procedures Section 4.44 "Paint" for authorization and documentation requirements prior to repair.		
<b>Diagnostic Time:</b>	GFF	No allowance	0 TU
	Road test prior to service procedure	No allowance	0 TU
	Road test after service procedure	No allowance	0 TU
	Technical diagnosis at dealer's discretion (Refer to Section 2.2.1.2 and Audi Warranty Online for DADP allowance details)		
<b>Claim Comment:</b>	As per TSB #2033516/2		

All warranty claims submitted for payment must be in accordance with the *Audi Warranty Policies and Procedures Manual*. Claims are subject to review or audit by Audi Warranty.

## Required Parts and Tools

Part Number	Part Description	Quantity
427825300A GRU	Cover for top stowage box, primed	1
-and / or-		
427809605 GRU	Side panel, left, primed	1
-and / or-		
427809606 GRU	Side panel, right, primed	1

## Additional Information

All parts and service references provided in this TSB are subject to change and/or removal. Always check with your Parts Department and service manuals for the latest information.