

Technical Service Bulletin

66 Paint flakes off radiator grille or license plate holder

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Model(s)	Year	VIN Range	Vehicle-Specific Equipment
A4, A5, Q5	2013 - 2015	All	Not Applicable

Condition

REVISION HISTORY					
Revision Date Purpose		Purpose			
3	-	Revised Warranty (Updated Service Number and Labor Operations)			
2	10/17/2014	Revised Warranty (Updated Service Number)			
1	10/9/2014	Initial publication			

The paint is flaking off of the radiator grille or front license plate holder (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Example of flaked-off paint.

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Technical Background

The surfaces of these components were too smooth (due to high-gloss polishing tools), which led to weak adhesion of the paint during production. Only components with color index T94 are affected.

Production Solution

Polishing tools have been modified to create a rougher surface for better paint adhesion.

Service

Replace the components according to the instructions in Elsa at *Repair Manual* >> *Body* >> *Body* >> *Body* Exterior >> 66 Exterior Equipment >> Radiator Grille/Front Trim.

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Warranty

Claim Type:	Use applicable claim type. If vehicle is outside any warranty, this Technical Service Bulleting is informational only.				
Service Number:	Use one of the following: • 6683 (For license plate trim only) • 6605 (For radiator grille only OR both radiator grille and license plate)				
Damage Code:	0030				
Labor Operations:	License plate trim replacement only:				
	For A4, allroad:				
	License plate trim replacement	6683 1900	20 TU		
	For A5:		_		
	License plate trim replacement	6683 1999	20 TU		
	For Q5, SQ5:	<u>, </u>			
	License plate trim replacement	6683 1901	20 TU		
	Radiator grille only OR both radiator grille and licen	se plate:			
	For A4, A5:				
	Radiator grille remove + reinstall (without parking aid sensor)	6605 1950	20 TU		
	Radiator grille remove + reinstall (with parking aid sensor)	6605 1951	30 TU		
	Front bumper cover remove + reinstall	6329 1900	70 TU		
	License plate trim replacement (if needed)	6683 1999	10 TU		
	For allroad:				
	Radiator grille remove + reinstall	6605 1952	40 TU		
	Front bumper cover remove + reinstall	6329 1910	70 TU		
	Fog light adjusted (if necessary)	9464 1600	20 TU		
	License plate trim replacement (if needed)	6683 1999	10 TU		



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	For Q5:		
	Radiator grille remove + reinstall (without parking aid sensor)	6605 1950	40 TU
	Radiator grille remove + reinstall (with parking aid sensor)	6605 1951	50 TU
	Front bumper cover remove + reinstall	6329 1900	90 TU
	License plate trim replacement (if needed)	6683 1999	10 TU
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	Radiator grille remove + reinstall	6605 1956	20 TU
	Front bumper cover remove + reinstall	6329 1900	90 TU
	License plate trim replacement (if needed)	6683 1999	10 TU
Diagnostic Time:	GFF	No allowance	0 TU
	Road test prior to service procedure	No allowance	0 TU
	Road test after service procedure	No allowance	0 TU
	DADP allowance	details)	
Claim Comment:	As per TSB #2038652/3		

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.

Additional Information

All parts and service references provided in this TSB (2038652) are subject to change and/or removal. Always check with your Parts Department and service manuals for the latest information.