

Technical Service Bulletin



01 "Oil Level Sensor Oil Change Necessary" message appears - Instructions for reading oil level in 2.0 TDI vehicles

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Model(s)	Year	VIN Range	Vehicle-Specific Equipment
A3	2015	All	TDI clean diesel

Condition

- The message "Oil level sens.: oil change necessary. Please contact Service" briefly appears in the information panel when the vehicle is started (Figure 1).
- The yellow oil level sensor remains illuminated in the information panel after the message disappears (Figure 2).
- The MIL is not illuminated and no DTCs related to the oil level sensor are stored.

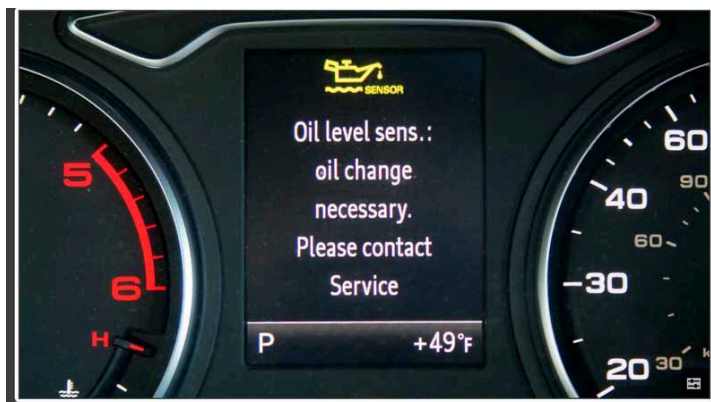


Figure 1. Message briefly appears when car is started.



Figure 2. Yellow oil level sensor remains illuminated.

Technical Background

This condition occurs when the oil level is overfilled.

Production Solution

Not applicable. Vehicle is operating as designed.

Service

If the vehicle was recently serviced or if the oil level was recently topped-off, correct the oil level and the message should disappear. If the oil level was not recently adjusted, verify that the level is correct and perform an oil change if necessary.



Tip: The Gen III EA288 2.0 TDI engine has a revised dipstick to accommodate biodiesel use. Use the following information and the image at right (Figure 3) to read the oil level:

- **Level a:** This is the oil minimum level. Oil must be added to reach level c.
- **Level b:** This is normal operating range. Oil can be added to reach level c.
- **Level c:** This is the oil refill maximum fill level and it is the target level for oil refills. Do not add oil beyond this level.
- **Level d:** This is the oil expansion region. Do not add any oil. It is possible for the oil level to rise above level c due to oil dilution, especially during heavy stop and go driving or during use of biodiesel. This is normal engine operation.
- **Level e:** This is the overfill zone. Do not fill oil to this level. Oil above this level causes the message to appear in the information panel and must be corrected. Do not replace engine oil level sensor if the warning message appears in the information panel and the oil level has reached or exceeded level e.

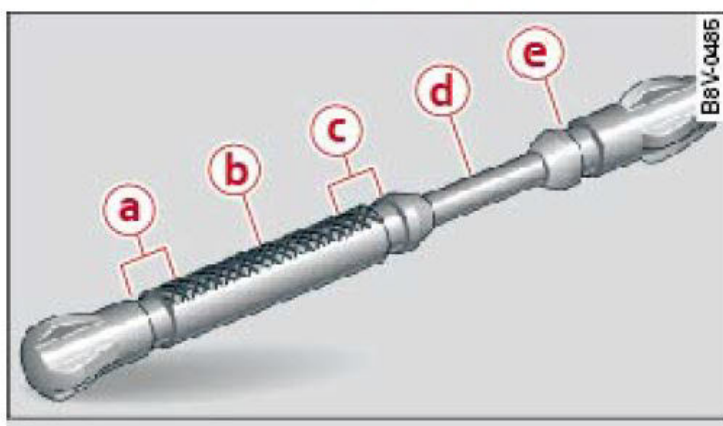


Figure 3. Revised dipstick for the Gen III EA288 2.0 TDI engine.

Warranty

This TSB is informational only and not applicable to any Audi warranty.

Additional Information

All parts and service references provided in this TSB (2040260) are subject to change and/or removal. Always check with your Parts Department and service manuals for the latest information.