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92 Washer solvent level warning on

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Model(s)	Year	VIN Range	Vehicle-Specific Equipment
All	2012 - 2018	All	Not applicable

Condition

REVISION HISTORY		
Revision	Date	Purpose
5	-	Revised <i>Required Parts and Tools</i> (Correction to the item number for the washer solvent)
4	10/12/2016	Revised header (Added model years) Revised <i>Service</i> (Separate procedure for A3 and suggested alternative windshield washer solvent) Revised <i>Warranty</i> (Added A3 SRTs) Revised <i>Required Parts and Tools</i> (Suggested alternative windshield washer solvent)
3	05/01/2015	Revised <i>Warranty</i> (Added MY 2015 A3 Sedan, A3 Cabriolet, and Q3)

The washer solvent level warning is on in the DIS, but the washer solvent level is correct. There is no functional restriction in the windshield washer system.

Technical Background

The sensitivity of the washer solvent level sensor (G33) can be affected by the type, concentration, and the presence of additives in the washer solvent currently in the tank. The operation of the level sensor relies on the composition of the solvent to provide an accurate message on the solvent level. Incorrect concentration and the presence of additives can contaminate the sensor and reduce its sensitivity.

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Production Solution

Not applicable.

Service

If the washer solvent reservoir is full and the low solvent warning is on, proceed as follows:

1. Empty the reservoir and for all vehicles except A3 Sedan and A3 Cabriolet, remove the level sensor. Clean the sensor probes using all-purpose cleaner **D 009 401 04** (Figure 1), then reinstall the level sensor.



Figure 1. D 009 401 04 all-purpose cleaner

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2. For Audi A3 Sedan and A3 Cabriolet where the washer solvent level sensor is not removable the sensor probes can be cleaned by removing the reservoir, removing the filler neck from the reservoir and gaining access to the sensor probes (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Windshield washer level sensor probes as viewed through the tank opening.

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3. Saturate the tip of a cleaning brush with a rigid stem and long enough to reach the probes (approximately 10") with all-purpose cleaner **D 009 401 04**. A humming bird feeder cleaning brush is shown in the illustration but any suitable cleaning brush with a tip constructed of the appropriate material will function well for this purpose (Figure 3).



Figure 3: Applying all-purpose cleaner **D 009 401 04** to the tip of a humming bird feeder cleaning brush.

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4. Thoroughly clean the sensor probes (Figure 4).



Figure 4. Cleaning the sensor probes.

5. Refill the reservoir with the correct type and concentration of solvent. Windshield cleaner concentrate with anti-freeze protection to -70°C (-94°F), prevents washer jet contamination particularly on the “fan” type of washer jet, and is highly effective in removing residues and insects from the windshield.



Figure 5. G 052 164 M2 windshield cleaner concentrate with anti-freeze.

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Note:

Dealers in states such as California which have a restriction on windshield washer solvent VOC content can use Audi Windshield Washer Fluid – 35% pre-mix – (55 gallon) available from the Audi Top Service Supplies & Touch-Up Paint eStore as an alternative. This solvent contains no water repellants and has freeze protection to -22° F.

6. The concentration and freeze point can be checked using the T10007A refractometer (Figure 6).

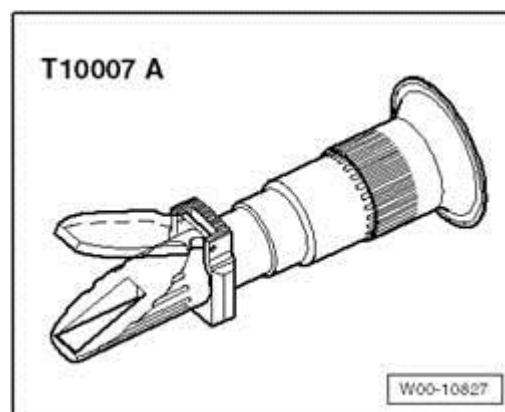


Figure 6. T10007A refractometer

7. Put a drop of washer fluid with the pipette on the glass of the refractometer. When viewing the refractometer, a light-dark border can be clearly recognized. Using the scale to the right (Figure 7), adjust the concentration of the solvent to accommodate the current weather conditions.

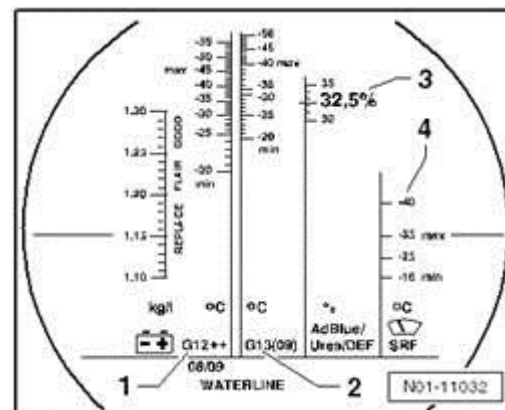


Figure 7. Scale in the view of the T10007A refractometer.

8. Concentration guidelines:

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Freeze protection	Windshield cleaner concentrate with anti-freeze G 052 164 M2	Water
-16 °C (3° F)	1 part	3 parts
-30 °C (-22° F)	1 part	2 parts
-40 °C (-40° F)	1 part	1.5 parts
-70 °C (-94° F)	1 part	0 parts

**Note:**

It is not necessary to replace the windshield washer solvent level sensor when the cause of failure is contaminated sensor probes or incorrect washer solvent solution. Warranty claims for replacement of washer solvent level sensors that are found to not be faulty will not be reimbursed.



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Warranty

Claim Type:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 110 up to 48 Months/50,000 Miles.• G10 for CPO Covered Vehicles – Verify Owner.• If vehicle is outside any warranty, this Technical Service Bulletin is informational only.		
Service Number:	9258		
Damage Code:	0040		
Labor Operations:	Q7 (up to and including MY 2016):		
	Lower Windshield washer reservoir remove + reinstall	9260 1950	70 TU
	Cover (plenum) remove + reinstall	8522 1900	60 TU
	Fluid level sensor remove + reinstall	9258 1950	50 TU
	Clean fluid level sensor and adjust solvent concentration	9258 9999	10 TU
	Q7 (From MY 2017 on):		
	Cover (plenum) remove + reinstall	8522 1900	60 TU
	Fluid level sensor remove + reinstall	9258 1950	50 TU
	Clean fluid level sensor and adjust solvent concentration	9258 9999	10 TU
	Q3:		

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	Front wheel housing liner remove + reinstall	6616 1900	40 TU
	Fluid level sensor remove + reinstall	9258 1950	20 TU
	Clean fluid level sensor and adjust solvent concentration	9258 9999	10 TU
	S3:		
	Noise dampening pan remove + reinstall	1082 1900	40 TU
	Fluid level sensor remove + reinstall	9258 1950	10 TU
	Clean fluid level sensor and adjust solvent concentration	9258 9999	10 TU
	A3 sedan, A3 e-tron, A3 cabriolet:		
	Front wheel housing liner remove + reinstall	6616 1900	50 TU
	Windshield washer reservoir remove + reinstall	9260 1950	70 TU
	Clean fluid level sensor and adjust solvent concentration	9258 9999	10 TU
	TT:		
	Front wheel housing liner remove + reinstall	6616 1900	50 TU

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	Fluid level sensor remove + reinstall	9258 1950	10 TU
	Clean fluid level sensor and adjust solvent concentration	9258 9999	10 TU
	R8 (up to and including MY 2015):		
	Plenum cover remove + reinstall	8522 1900	80 TU
	Fluid level sensor remove + reinstall	9258 1950	30 TU
	Clean fluid level sensor and adjust solvent concentration	9258 9999	10 TU
	R8 (From MY 2017 on):		
	Plenum cover remove + reinstall	8522 1900	100 TU
	Fluid level sensor remove + reinstall	9258 1950	20 TU
	Clean fluid level sensor and adjust solvent concentration	9258 9999	10 TU
	A4 (up to and including MY 2016), A4 avant (up to and including MY 2016), allroad (up to and including MY 2016), A5, A5 cabriolet, A6, A7, A8, Q5 (up to and including MY 2017):		
	Fluid level sensor remove + reinstall	9258 1900	50 TU
	Clean fluid level sensor and adjust solvent concentration	9258 9999	10 TU
	A4 (MY 2017 on), A4 avant (MY 2017 on), allroad (MY 2017 on):		





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	Front wheel housing liner remove and reinstall	66 16 19 00	40 TU
	Fluid level sensor remove + reinstall	9258 1950	20 TU
	Clean fluid level sensor and adjust solvent concentration	9258 9999	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
	Technical diagnosis at dealer's discretion (Refer to Section 2.2.1.2 and Audi Warranty Online for DADP allowance details)		
Claim Comment:	As per TSB #2038151/5		



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.

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Required Parts and Tools

Part Number	Part Description	Quantity
T10007A	Refractometer 	1
G052164M2	Windshield cleaner concentrate with anti-freeze 	1
Item # 121133 / Customer Item # WWFDRUM (Available from the Audi Top Service	Washer solvent alternative for states with VOC restrictions	Shop Supplies

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Supplies & Touch-Up Paint eStore)		
D00940104	All-purpose cleaner 	0.1



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Additional Information

All parts and service references provided in this TSB (2038151) are subject to change and/or removal. Always check with your Parts Department and service manuals for the latest information.

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