

# Technical Service Bulletin



## 87 Faint noise heard in cabin from air conditioning circuit

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Model(s)	Year	VIN Range	Vehicle-Specific Equipment
A6, A7	2012 - 2015	All	2.0L or 3.0L gas engine

## Condition

A faint, high-pitched “whine” or high frequency buzzing noise is heard in the cabin when the air conditioning is set to “Low” and the fan speed is no higher than 2. The audio system must be off and there should be no other noises in the cabin, otherwise the noise may not be heard.

## Technical Background

This noise can be created due to an anomaly in the acoustic characteristic in the refrigerant circuit under these specific settings (air conditioning set to “Low” and fan speed no higher than 2). There is no technical fault with the air conditioning system and no functional issue with the climate control system.

## Production Solution

Not applicable. The refrigerant circuit architecture in the A6 and A7 models to which this bulletin applies is no longer in production.

## Service

The noise symptom must be readily duplicated before any repair is performed. It is a good idea to ask the customer to duplicate the noise symptom for the technician to ensure that the repair resolves the customer's specific complaint.

If the noise cannot be duplicated, do not perform any repair to the vehicle. If the noise can be duplicated consistently, proceed as follows:

1. Perform a complete recovery and flush of the air conditioning refrigerant circuit (Figure 1 and Figure 2).
2. Remove the air conditioning compressor, empty the compressor of the PAG oil completely, then reinstall it to the vehicle. The compressor does not need to be replaced.



**Note:**

It is imperative that the compressor mounting bolt centering sleeves be reinstalled with the compressor (Figure 3). Failure to reinstall these sleeves will result in compressor failure (as well as possible engine and/or ancillary component damage) in a short period of time. If any sleeves were misplaced during the removal and reinstallation process, new sleeves should be ordered and installed on the compressor housing before reassembly. Compressor or consequential component damage resulting from a failure to install the centering sleeves will not be accepted under warranty.



Figure 1. A/C flushing unit.

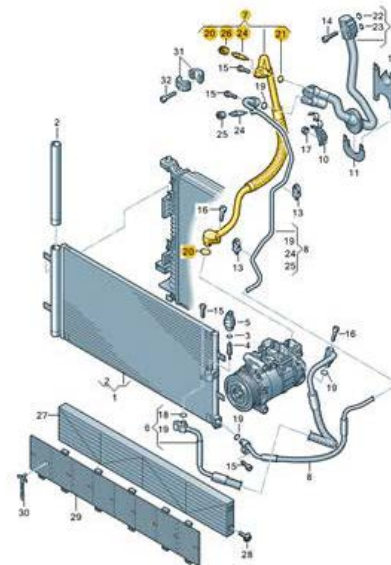


Figure 2. Flushing fitting set.



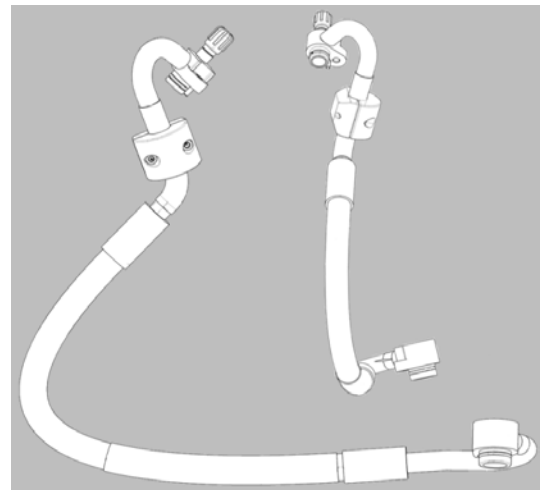
**Figure 3.** Mounting bolt centering sleeves on the air conditioning compressor housing.

3. Replace the low side refrigerant line that connects the air conditioning compressor suction port to the hybrid refrigerant line to the expansion valve (Figure 4). Be certain to use new O-rings at these and all refrigerant circuit joints that are disconnected.



**Figure 4.** Low side line to be replaced.

4. Install the balance weight (part number 4G0513621A) to the line in the position shown in the illustration (Figure 5).



**Figure 5.** Balance weight position on low side line.

5. Recharge the refrigerant circuit with the specified volume. Replace the PAG oil completely with new PAG oil at the specified volume. Do not reuse the original oil extracted during the system flush. Use only the Denso PAG oil (part number G 052300A2) (Figure 6). Do not use a substitute.



**Figure 6.** Denso PAG oil.

6. No additional air conditioning components need to be replaced. Recheck the air conditioning system under the same settings used to duplicate the noise symptom and confirm that the noise issue is resolved.

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## Warranty

<b>Claim Type:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 110 up to 48/50</li> <li>• G10 for CPO covered vehicles – verify owner</li> <li>• If vehicle is outside any warranty, this Technical Service Bulletin is informational only.</li> </ul>		
<b>Service Number:</b>	8745		
<b>Damage Code:</b>	0020		
<b>Labor Operations:</b>	Refrigerant drain+fill	8703 1700	60 TU
	Compressor remove+reinstall (for 3.0 liter A6 or A7)	8734 1908	160 TU
	Compressor remove+reinstall (for 2.0 liter A6)	8734 1913	70 TU
	Receiver-drier insert remove+reinstall (for A6)	8755 5500	40 TU
	Receiver-drier insert remove+reinstall (for A7)	8755 5500	30 TU
	Cover (plenum) remove+reinstall	8522 1900	20 TU
	Expansion valve remove+reinstall (Includes compressor/evaporator line remove and reinstall)	8770 1950	110 TU
	Air conditioner clean	8701 2950	110 TU
<b>Diagnostic Time:</b>	GFF	No allowance	0 TU
	Road test prior to service procedure	0121 0002	10 TU
	Road test after service procedure	0121 0004	10 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 #2044717/1		

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
ROB134APF	 <p>Robinair A/C Service Unit</p>	1
VAS 6338/1	 <p>Refrigerant Circuits Adapter Set</p>	1
4G0260707X Use appropriate part number for the hose according to the VIN in ETKA	Air conditioner hose (Compressor to hybrid line)	1

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4G0513621A		1
G 052300A2		0.5

## Additional Information

All parts and service references provided in this TSB (2044717) are subject to change and/or removal. Always check with your Parts Department and service manuals for the latest information.