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66 Paint flakes off radiator grille or license plate holder

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Model(s)	Year	VIN Range	Vehicle-Specific Equipment
A4, A5, A5 cabriolet, S5 cabriolet, Q5	2013 - 2016	All	Not Applicable

Condition

REVISION HISTORY		
Revision	Date	Purpose
7	-	Revised header data (Added A5/S5 Cabriolet)
6	10/18/2016	Revised <i>Warranty</i> (Updated Claim Type)
5	08/02/2016	Revised header data (Added model years) Revised <i>Warranty</i> (Added time for license plate trim replacement on vehicles with parking aid sensor)

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



Figure 1. Example of flaked-off paint.

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. The painting application has been improved as the supplier is now using a new paint facility. The improved components that have been produced were installed on vehicles being built around May 1, 2015.



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Service

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

Warranty

Claim Type:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 110 up to 48 Months/50,000 Miles. • If vehicle is outside any warranty, this Technical Service Bulletin is informational only. 		
Service Number:	Use one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6683 (For license plate trim only) • 6605 (For radiator grille only OR both radiator grille <u>and</u> license plate) 		
Damage Code:	0030		
Labor Operations:	License plate trim replacement only:		
	For A4/S4, allroad:		
	License plate trim remove + reinstall (without parking aid sensor)	6683 1900	20 TU
	License plate trim remove + reinstall (with parking aid sensor)	6683 1999	30 TU
	For A5/S5, A5/S5 Cabriolet:		
	License plate trim remove + reinstall (without parking aid sensor)	6683 9999	20 TU
	License plate trim remove + reinstall (with parking aid sensor)	6683 1999	30 TU



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For Q5, SQ5:		
License plate trim remove + reinstall (without parking aid sensor)	6683 1901	20 TU
License plate trim remove + reinstall (with parking aid sensor)	6683 1999	30 TU
Radiator grille only OR both radiator grille <u>and</u> license plate:		
For A4/S4, A5/S5, A5/S5 Cabriolet:		
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 lights adjusted (if necessary)	9464 1650	10 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
	For SQ5:		
	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
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 #2038652/7		

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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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.

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