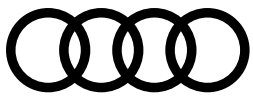




The 2019 Audi A8 Introduction

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The eSelf-Study Program (eSSP) teaches a basic understanding of the design and mode of operation of new models, new automotive components or new technologies.

It is not a repair manual! Figures are given for explanatory purposes only and refer to the data valid at the time of preparation of the SSP.

For further information about maintenance and repair work, always refer to the current technical literature.



Note



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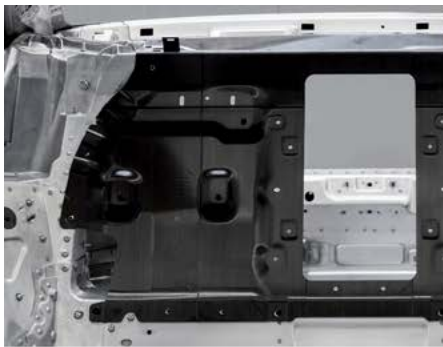
Launched in Europe in 1994, the Audi A8 was the world's first large volume production automobile with a self-supporting aluminum body. Since then, Audi has built approximately one million vehicles with the Audi Space Frame body.

Its successor continues this tradition. The design of the 2019 A8 embodies the fundamental qualities for which Audi is renowned: sports appeal, lightweight construction and quattro all wheel drive.

Stylistically, the new A8 marks the beginning of a new design era for the entire brand. The front end, with its wide, upright single frame grille and fluid muscular body symbolizes sporty elegance, sophistication and progressiveness. The defining design feature of the new A8 is spacious luxury. The interior resembles a lounge of generous proportions. The interior is deliberately minimalist with clearly defined and strictly horizontal architecture.

Audi carries its high quality standards into the digital age with a radically new operating concept. The driver operates the infotainment system by fingertip control on a large display. A second touchscreen display in the center tunnel console is used to access the climate control and comfort functions as well as making text inputs.

The 2019 A8 employs the MHEV (Mild Hybrid Electrical Vehicle) technology based on a newly developed 48 volt electrical system. The 12 volt system of the A8 is a sub-system of the 48 volt system.



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Learning objectives of this eSelf-Study Program:

This eSelf-Study Program describes the design and function of the 2019 Audi A8. When completed, you will be able to answer questions about the following topics:

- > 48 volt electrical system.
- > New suspension features.
- > New power transmission features.
- > New features of the assistance systems.

Overview

Engines

3.0l V6 TFSI engine with twin-scroll turbocharger

- > Maximum power: 335 hp (250 kW)
- > Maximum torque: 369 lb ft (500 Nm)
- > 0-60 5.7 seconds

The 2019 A8 is the first Audi to be offered as a mild hybrid.

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Displays and operation

A new operating and display concept incorporating MMI touch response technology with two touchscreens, a switch panel (optional) and an illuminated button module with tactile and audible feedback, intelligent handwriting entry with whole-word and multifinger recognition.

An Audi virtual cockpit with HD resolution and optional head-up display.

Driver assistance systems

For the first time in an Audi, a central driver assistance control module (zFAS) utilizes the data from various sensors to comprehensively map the area around the vehicle. This map is updated continuously and is used by a number of assistance functions including the newly optional adaptive cruise assist. Adaptive cruise assist combines the three formerly independent systems of adaptive cruise control, Audi active lane assist with "early" corrective steering point, and traffic jam assist. Intersection assist helps the driver in situations where cross-traffic ahead of the vehicle can only be seen late due to impaired visibility.

Suspension

The front and rear axles have a precision five-link construction (dynamic all-wheel-drive steering is optional). The sport differential will be available in the future only for the S8. The adaptive air suspension has hydraulically controlled dampers which are adjustable to four height levels.

A fully active Audi AI active suspension will be available at a later date. It controls each wheel separately and allows a wide range between comfort and sportiness.



Climate control

The climate control system uses R-1234yf as a refrigerant.

In the future, Carbon dioxide (CO₂) will be used as a refrigerant. It is referred to commercially as R744. It contains neither fluorine nor chlorine and is produced in a series of natural processes that reduce the possibility of depleting the earth's ozone layer.

Body

The body of the Audi A8 follows the Audi Space Frame (ASF) principle. It is assembled from aluminum parts – the classic composite of cast nodal joints, extruded profiles and sheet metal. The occupant cell is made from hot-formed steel components, complemented by an ultra-high-strength, torsionally rigid rear bulkhead made from carbon-fiber composite (CFC). A magnesium dome strut completes the lightweight construction concept.



Power transmission

The eight-speed OD5 transmission has been redesigned for the A8.

The rear final drive OG2 is used on the rear axle. The quattro with sport differential drive system with the OD3 final differential will only be used on the S8.

Electrical system

The MHEV technology of Audi is based on the newly developed 48 volt electrical system – it supplies the 12 volt electrical system, which in this case is the electrical subsystem. The 48-volt electrical system is powered by a belt alternator starter (BAS) which is connected to the engine serpentine drive. A lithium-ion battery, positioned safely under the luggage compartment floor, serves as an energy storage device.

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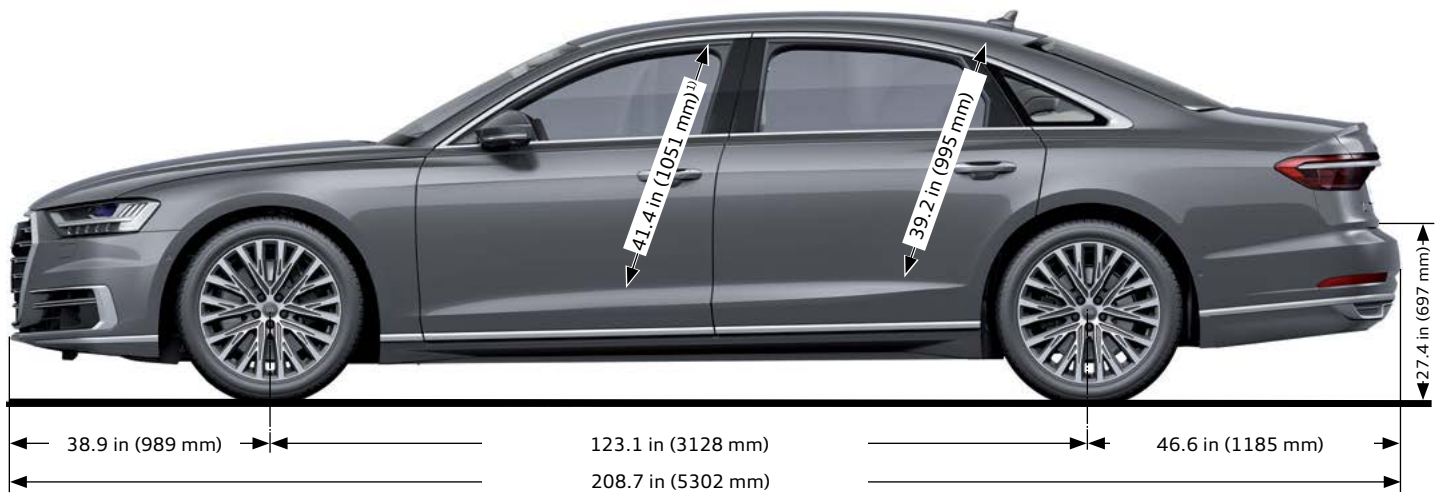
Dimensions



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Exterior dimensions and weights

Length	208.7 in (5302 mm)
Width (not including exterior mirrors)	76.5 in (1945 mm)
Width (including exterior mirrors)	83.8 in (2130 mm)
Height	58.5 in (1473 mm)
Front track width	64.7 in (1644 mm)
Rear track width	64.3 in (1633 mm)
Wheelbase	123.1 in (3128 mm)
Unladen weight	4287.9 lb (1945 kg)

Inner dimensions and other specifications

Front cabin width	62.2 in (1581 mm) ²⁾
Front shoulder width	59.1 in (1502 mm) ³⁾
Rear cabin width	61.1 in (1553 mm) ²⁾
Rear shoulder width	57.5 in (1462 mm) ³⁾
Load sill height	27.4 in (697 mm)
Luggage compartment capacity	17.8 cu ft (505 l)
Drag coefficient c_w	0.27 C_w
Capacity of fuel tank	21.7 gal (82.1 l)

¹⁾ Maximum headroom

²⁾ Elbow room width

³⁾ Shoulder room width

All dimensions refer to the unladen weight of the vehicle.

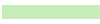








Body

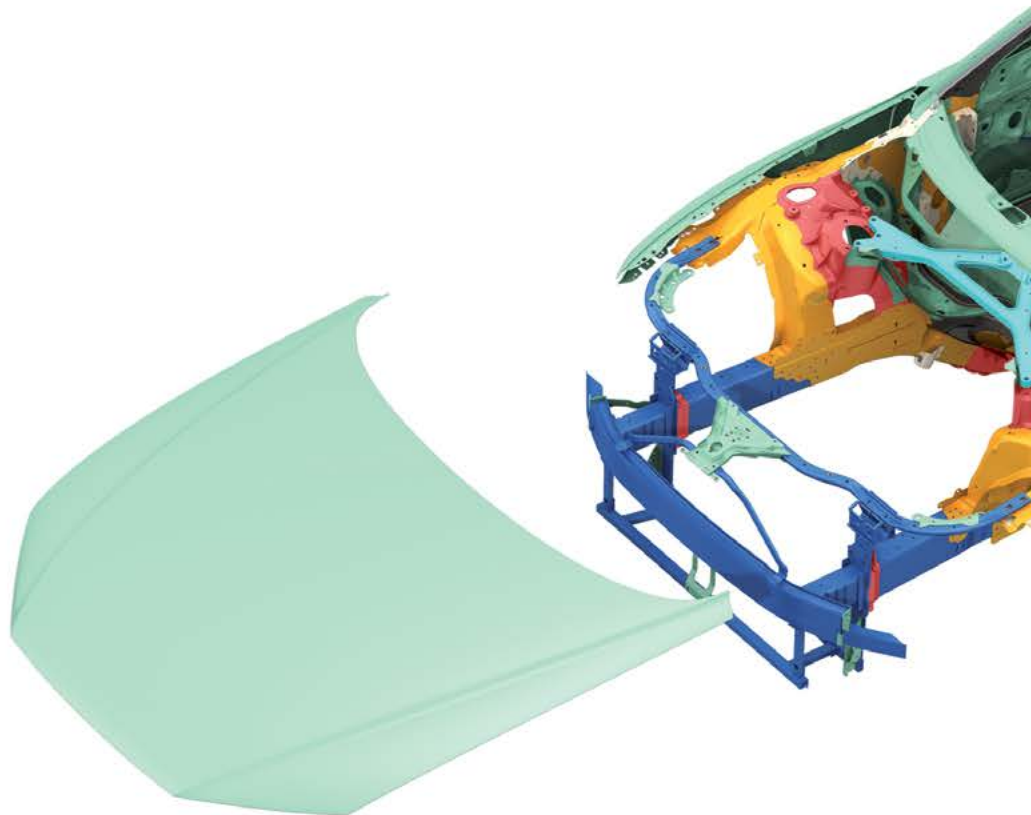
Introduction

The new Audi A8 is based on an advanced ASF body structure. With a mix of aluminum, steel, magnesium and carbon fiber reinforced polymer (CFRP), the load-bearing structure combines four different lightweight materials. However, the largest proportion (58%) is represented by aluminum components which, as cast nodal plates, extruded sections and sheet metal panels, are the characteristic elements of the ASF construction concept.

A rear bulkhead made of carbon fiber saves approximately 50% of the weight compared with its predecessor and helps make the body rigid and strong in addition to being lightweight. The intelligent material mix is completed by a dome strut which is 28% lighter and made of magnesium. Torsional rigidity has been increased 24% compared to the previous A8.

Key:

-  Sheet aluminum
-  Die-cast aluminum
-  Aluminum section
-  Ultra-high-strength steel (hot-stamped)
-  Carbon fiber reinforced polymer (CFRP)
-  Magnesium
-  Advanced high-strength steel
-  High-strength steel
-  Soft steel



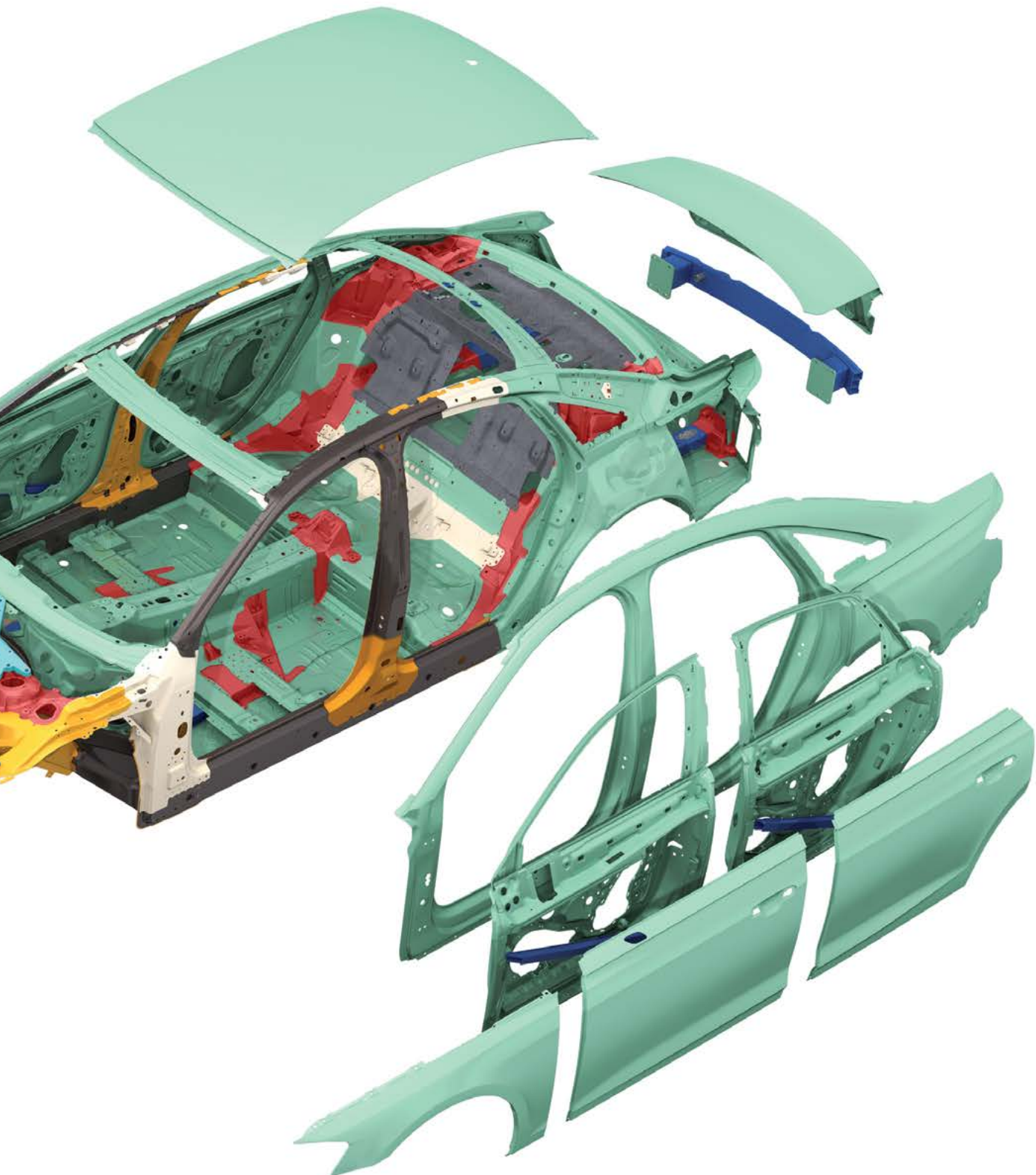
Note

The image shows an Audi A8 with a standard wheelbase. The body of the long-wheelbase version (A8 L) is 5.12 in (130 mm) longer in the area of the 'B' pillar.

Joining techniques

The following connection systems are used when assembling the multi-material body:

- › Resistance spot welds on steel.
- › Resistance spot welds on aluminum.
- › MAG welds.
- › Laser welds on aluminum.
- › MIG welds.
- › Friction element welds.
- › Semi-tubular punch rivets.
- › Pop rivets.
- › Flow drill screws.
- › Clinch connections.
- › Seaming.
- › Bonding.



Safety cell

The occupant cell, also called the safety cell, is made of aluminum and conventional hot-formed steel. The cell is comprised of the lower area of the end wall, the side sills, the B-pillars and the front area of the roof arch.

Some of these sheet metal blanks are produced with different thicknesses (tailored blanks) and are also partially tempered where necessary. This reduces the weight and increases the strength in extremely safety-critical areas.

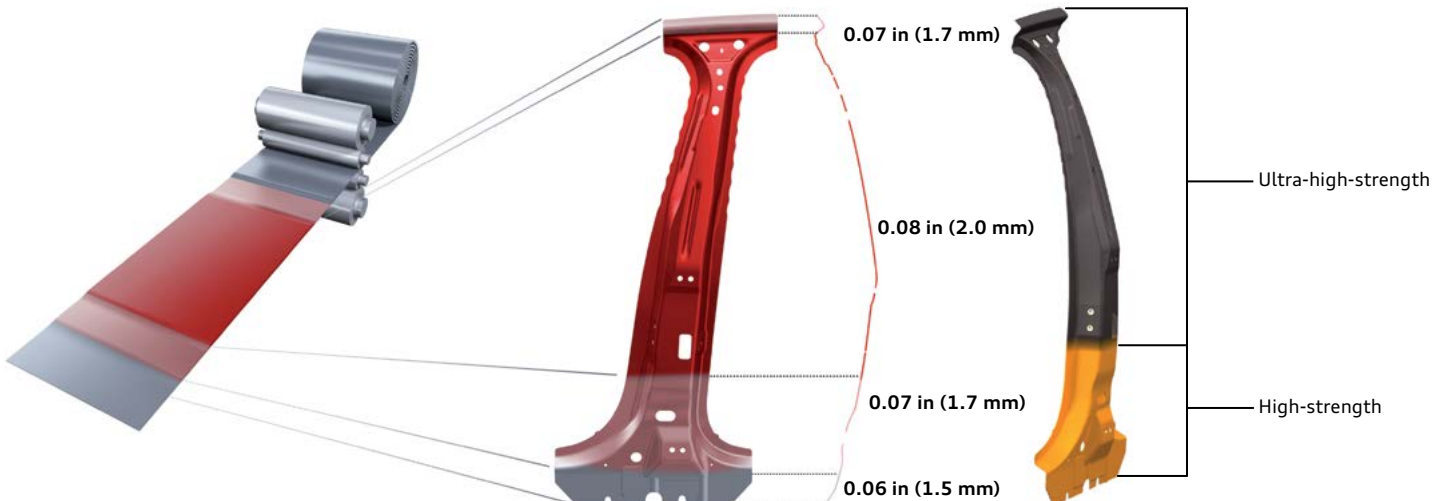


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B-pillars

The B-pillars are specially formed to enhance rigidity and meet crash requirements. They are produced using tailor rolled blank technology. These are flexibly rolled blanks, where variations in sheet-metal thickness are produced by controlled opening and closing of the gap between the rollers. These variations in sheet-metal thickness not only save weight, but also create defined crumple zones which provide protection in the event of a side impact. The sheet metal thicknesses vary between 0.06 and 0.08 in (1.5 and 2.0 mm).

Partial tempering: The individual zones of the B-pillar are cooled in the mold at different rates during hot working, giving them different strength characteristics. During a side impact, the bottom section of the B-pillar deforms in order to absorb energy. However, less deformation takes place in the upper section of the B-pillar (at head height).

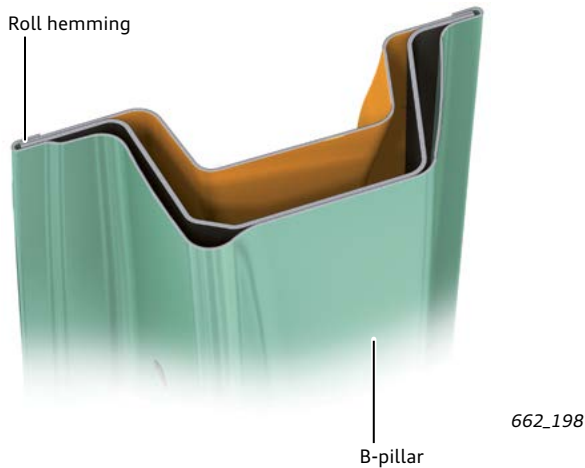


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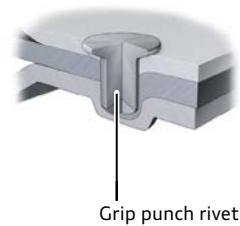
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Roll hemming

Roll hemming is used all around for the entire front and rear door sills. This process increases the door opening area (better ingress and egress for the occupants) and improves the field of vision in the A-pillar area.



Roll hemming is complemented by grip punch riveting which fixes the side wall frame in its position. This is in addition to all around structural bonding. These joining techniques allow the aluminum side wall frame to be mated with the hot-worked, ultra high strength sheet steel of the B-pillar, roof arch and sill with narrow flanges.

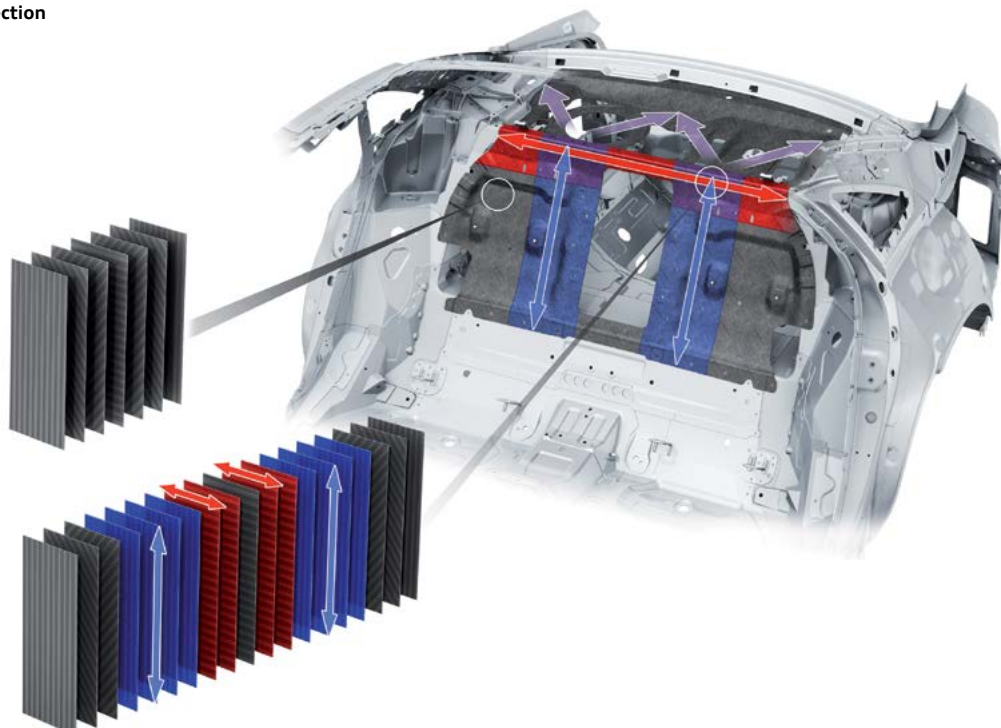


Carbon fiber rear bulkhead

An ultra high strength, torsion-resistant rear bulkhead made of carbon fiber is the largest component of the occupant cell and accounts for 33 per cent of the torsional rigidity of the overall vehicle. To fully absorb the loads in the longitudinal or transverse direction and shear forces, 6 to 19 fiber layers are placed on top of one another for load optimization. These individual fiber layers are composed of 1.96 in (50 mm) wide bands which can be positioned individually at any fiber angle and with a minimum cut to create a finished layer.

The carbon fiber rear bulkhead, which contains all attachment points for components such as the loudspeakers, the rear sunshade, the three-point safety belts and the rear center armrest, is inserted into the body through the rear window cutout during final assembly. It is connected to the body structure using two-component strength adhesive and rivets. The two-component adhesive prevents contact corrosion.

Load application direction



Attachments

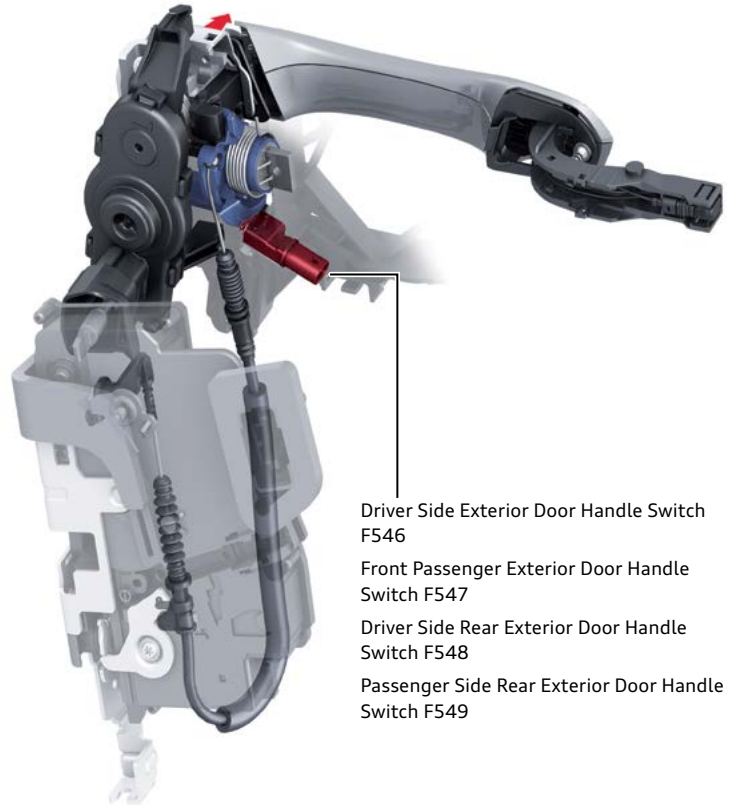
Fully electric door lock

Another new feature of the A8 is the actuation of the door locks. An “e-lock” is used in which an opening signal is transmitted electrically from the door inner handle or door outer handle to the door control module via a microswitch. The door control module in turn controls an electric motor which releases the rotary latch, opening the lock. The microswitch for the door outer handle is located in the support arm. It moves after a few millimeters of pressure on the door handle. The door control module triggers the electric motor in the “e-lock” and the door can be unlocked with very little effort.



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Door handle, support arm and door lock in the rest state.



- Driver Side Exterior Door Handle Switch F546
- Front Passenger Exterior Door Handle Switch F547
- Driver Side Rear Exterior Door Handle Switch F548
- Passenger Side Rear Exterior Door Handle Switch F549

Normal exterior door operation via the microswitch.

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Emergency release mechanism

To open the doors in the event of an electrical malfunction, two Bowden cables are used; one from the interior door handle and one from the exterior door handle.

To open the door from the interior, the interior door handle must be pulled far beyond the normal “e-lock” opening angle.

Opening the door with the exterior door handle can only be done after the lock cylinder or interior door handle have been actuated. The exterior door handle can then be pulled further than the normal actuation angle and with more force.



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Interior door operation via a Bowden cable



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Exterior door operation via a Bowden cable

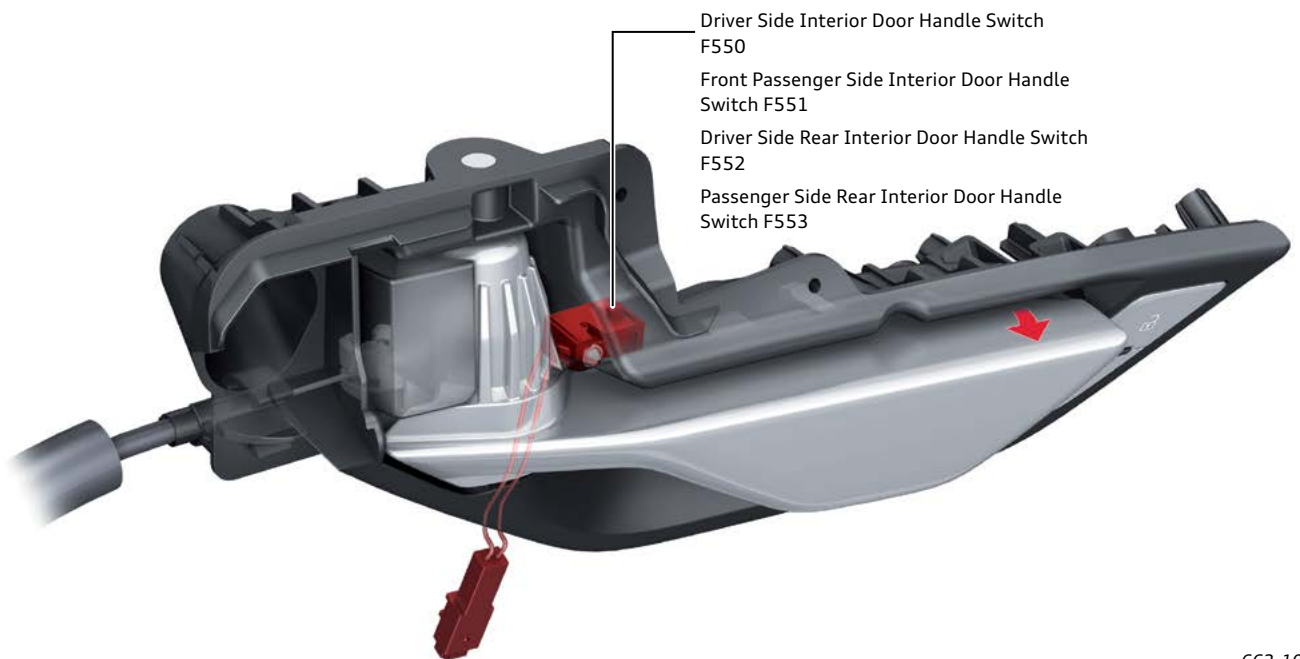
Door opening via the microswitch

The microswitch for opening the door is located in the interior door handle. When the door control module detects the switch being opened, it triggers the servo motor in the door lock.



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Interior door handle in the rest state



Driver Side Interior Door Handle Switch
F550
Front Passenger Side Interior Door Handle
Switch F551
Driver Side Rear Interior Door Handle Switch
F552
Passenger Side Rear Interior Door Handle
Switch F553

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Normal exterior door operation via the microswitch

In certain situations, for example, when another vehicle is detected within the danger zone by the exit warning system, the “e-lock” can delay the opening of the door and issue both a visual and tactile warning for a short period of time.

Power latching

The 2019 A8 can be equipped with an optional power latching system. The drive units for this system are different from previous versions. The Door Closing Aid Motors (V302, V303, V541 and V542) exert a pull via an integrated linear drive which moves the rotary latch in the door lock to the end position.



Note

Before disconnecting the 12 Volt battery, make sure that one door window is open or that the ignition key is not inside the vehicle or in the luggage compartment.



Reference

You can find further information on the electric door lock in eSelf-Study Program [970293, The 2019 Audi A8 Electrics and Electronics.](#)

Interior equipment

Instrument panel

The upper trims for the instrument panel can be ordered with various wood inlays that form the wrap-around – the large arc that runs above the door trim panels as far as the rear. This area contains the air vents which are covered by these trims when not in use. When air from the climate control system flows directly into the interior, the shutters glide away upwards electrically while the air outlets move out towards the driver and the front passenger.

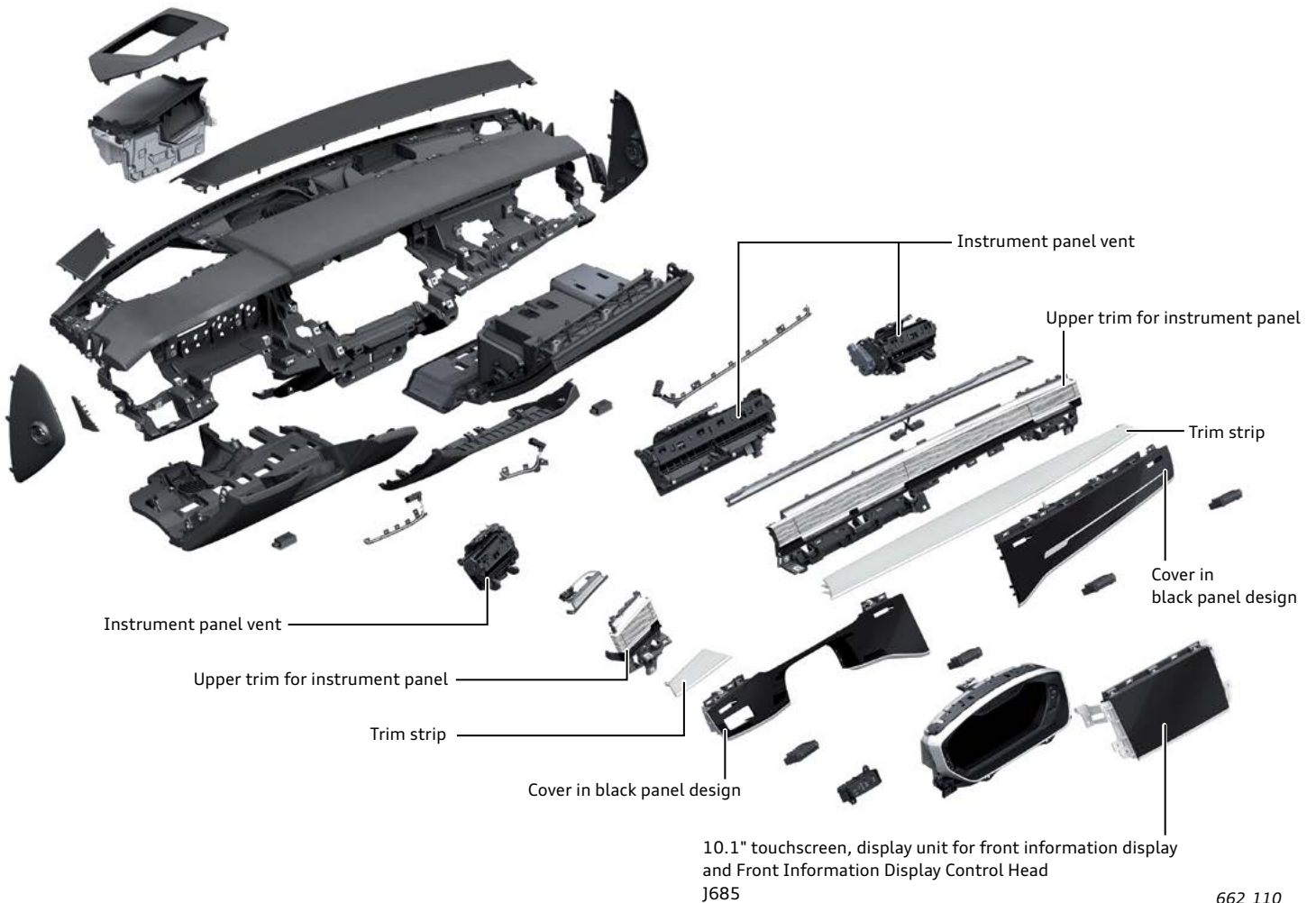


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Design

Situated to the right and left of the central 10.1" touchscreen and around the light switch, covers with the same black panel appearance as the display create an uninterrupted uniform look.

The transition between this level and the level of the air vents is in turn covered on the right and left by a trim strip.



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Front center console:

The black panel appearance of the instrument panel is continued to the center console. The transition is made through a second, 8.6" touchscreen with an operator control module at the bottom.

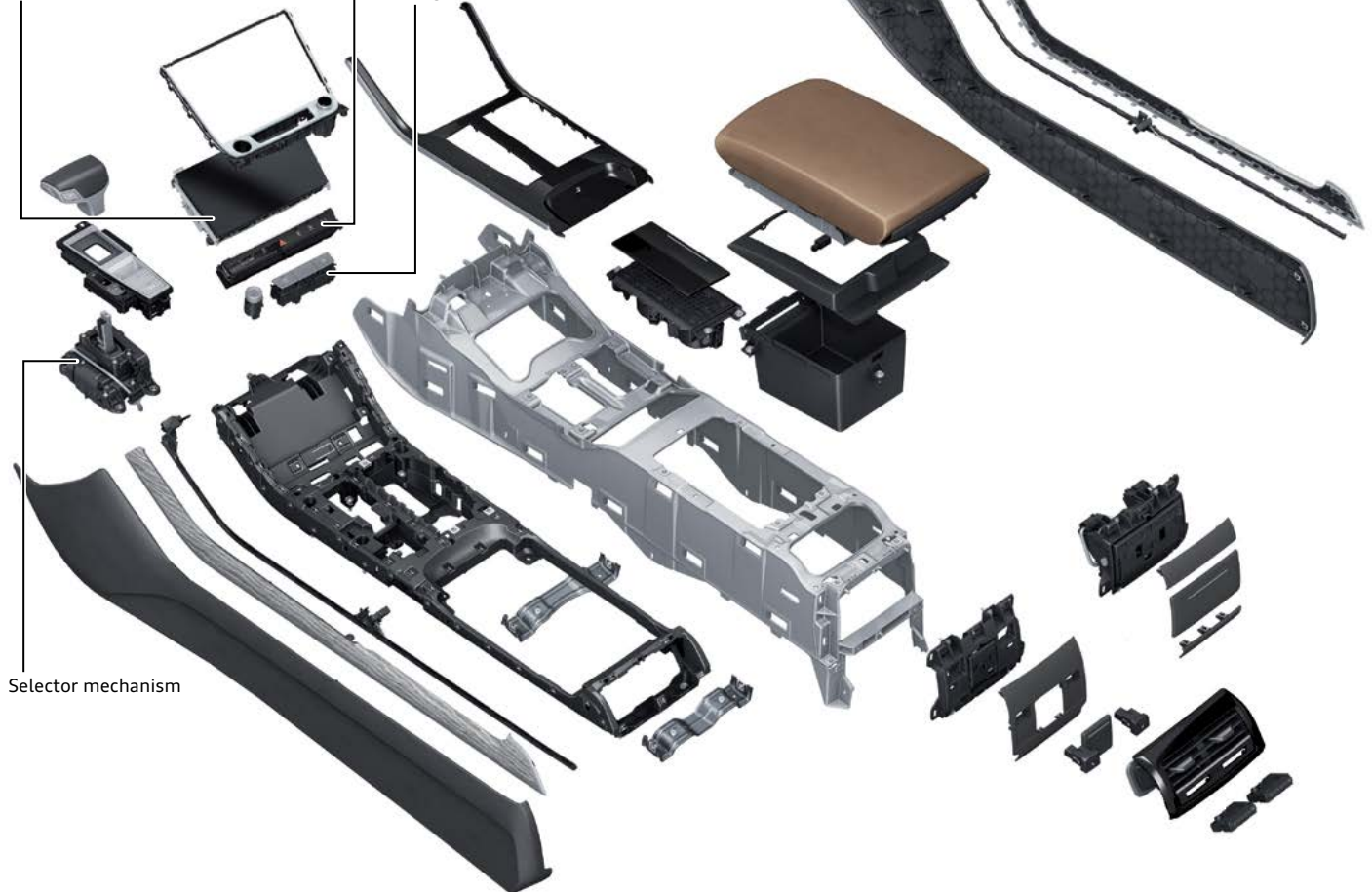


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8.6" touchscreen, display unit 2 for Front Information Display Control Head 2 J1060

Switch Module in Instrument Panel Center EX22

Center Console Switch Module 1 EX23



Selector mechanism

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Rear center console

The standard rear seat configuration of the A8 is a three-seat system. A load-through hatch is also available.

An individual rear seat system without a non-folding, continuous center console is optional. The console can be ordered with USB ports, phone box (with wireless charging) and SD card readers.

Irrespective of whether the long, continuous center console or the folding center armrest is installed in the rear backrest, the A8 can be equipped with the Rear Seat Remote operating concept. The Rear Seat Remote unit with its 5.7" OLED display is similar in size to a smartphone and is housed in the center armrest and can be removed. The Rear Seat Remote can be used to set convenience and infotainment functions in the rear. Another option is heated armrests in the center armrests at the front and rear, and in the doors.

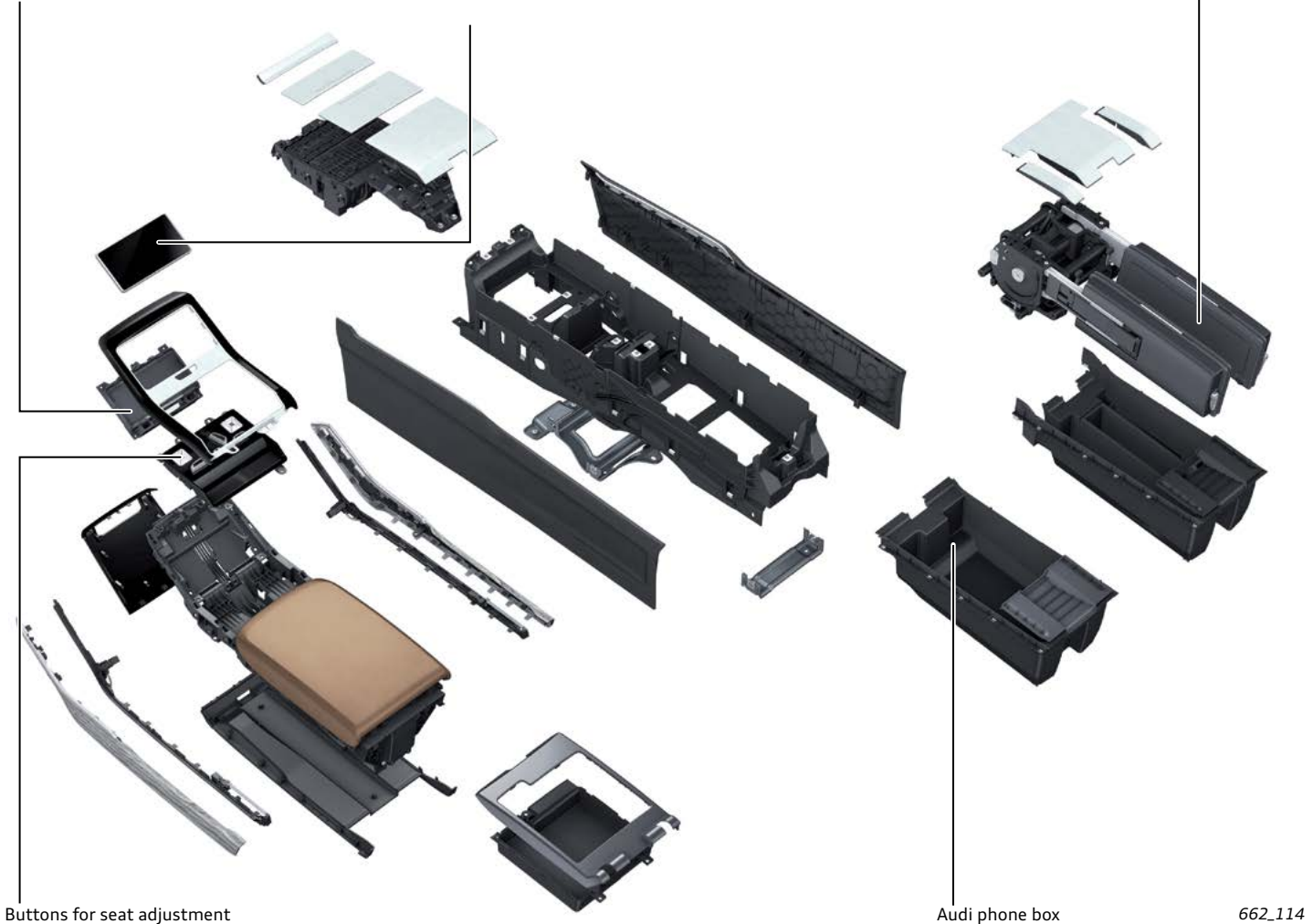


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Mounting and charging cradle for Smart Remote Control

Wireless Control Head 1 E859

Folding tables



Audi phone box

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Reference

You can find further information on the Rear Seat Remote unit in eSelf-Study Programs [990293, The 2019 Audi A8 Infotainment and Audi Connect Systems](#) and [980193, The 2019 Audi A8 Climate Control Systems](#).

Seats

The seats of the 2019 A8 are a new design. The front seats are approximately 8.8 lb (4.0 kg) lighter than in the predecessor model. They are constructed using glass fiber reinforced plastic (GFRP).

Front seats

The front seats are available in several designs. The top version is the comfort individual contour seat (PR no. Q2J). In addition to pneumatic seat and backrest bolster adjustment, it also features optional heating and ventilation, each separately controllable in three stages. The optional massage functions have also been extended.

Every backrest contains 16 small bubble-shaped air pockets. They massage the entire back. For this purpose, there is a choice of seven programs and three levels of intensity. A small compressor for each seat delivers up to 7.25 psi (0.5 bar) pressure.

Individual contour seat (PR no. Q2J)



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Valve Block 2
in Driver Seat
N476



Massage mat



Driver Multi-Contour Seat Compressor
V439

Backrest bolster
adjustment

Valve Block 1 in
Driver Seat
N475

Air cushion for
lumbar support

Seat bolster
adjustment



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Rear seat

With the rear three seat system, the outer seats can be heated as an option. The longitudinal position and the seat and backrest angle can also be adjusted electrically. The lumbar support can then be adjusted pneumatically.

If desired, a massage function is also available with 18 triple air pockets per seat. The individual seat system features the same adjustment options as those in the rear three seat system.

Reclining seat

Reclining rear seats are optional on the 2019 A8 in the Executive package. The rear passengers can move a seat to a reclined position and place their feet on an electrically folding area on the backrest of the special passenger seat. If required, the feet are warmed and massaged there in several stages. Three intensities, two programs and three foot sizes are available.

The entire foot reflex zones are also stimulated. The rear passengers can lean their head on the soft comfort head restraints in the new Kokon leather version whose height here can be adjusted electrically. The reclining seat package features the comfort individual contour seats with ventilation and massage, the long center console with a double folding table, the Rear Seat Remote operating unit, rear seat entertainment and four-zone deluxe climate control.



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Foot massage

Rear Seat Remote

Massage,
back area

Massage,
shoulder area

Roof

Panoramic sunroof

The A8 has a two-piece glass roof. The front glass panel is movable while the rear glass panel is fixed. Since drainage is possible via the front windshield and rear window, no drain hoses are fitted here. A glass cover is securely mounted in front of the movable panel.



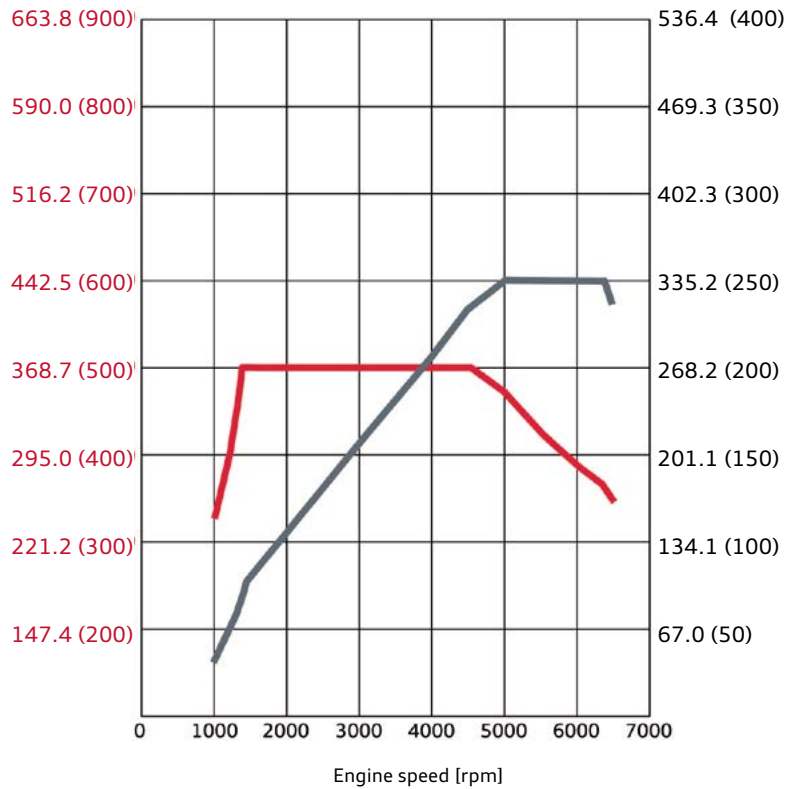
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Engine

Torque/power curve of 3.0l TFSI engine EA839

Engine with code CZSE

- Power output in hp (kW)
- Torque in lb ft (Nm)



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Features	Specifications
Engine code	CZSE
Type	V6 engine with 90° V angle
Displacement	182.7 cu in (2995 cc)
Stroke	3.50 in (89.0 mm)
Bore	3.32 in (84.5 mm)
Number of valves per cylinder	4
Firing order	1-4-3-6-2-5
Compression ratio	11.2 : 1
Power output at rpm	335 hp (250 kW) at 5000 - 6400
Torque at rpm	369 lb ft (500 Nm) 1370 - 450
Fuel type	Premium
Turbocharging	Twin scroll exhaust turbocharger with wastegate
Engine management	Bosch MDG 1
Maximum injection pressure	3625.9 psi (250 bar)
Lambda/knock control	Adaptive lambda control, adaptive knock control
Mixture formation	Direct injection
Exhaust gas treatment	2 close-coupled ceramic catalytic converters Oxygen sensor before and after catalytic converter
Emission standard	LEV3 / Tier3
Concept	Mild hybrid 48V



Reference

For further information about the 3.0L V6 TFSI Engine, please refer to eSelf-Study Program [920173, The Audi 3.0L V6 TFSI EA839 Engine.](#)

Powertrain

3.0l TFSI engine (CZSE) 335 hp



8-speed automatic transmission
OD5
AL552-8Q



Rear axle drive
OG2 - standard differential
HL195.S3 M
PR no.:¹⁾ GH1

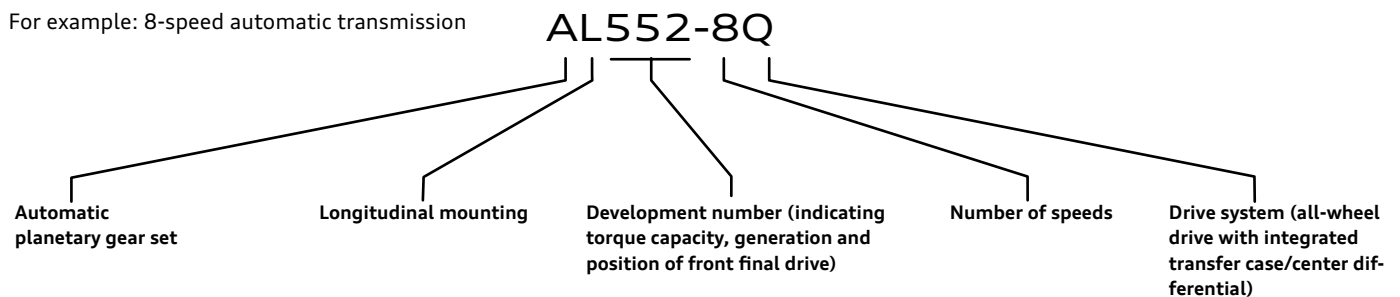


Rear axle drive
OD3 - sport differential
HL195.T2 M
PR no.:²⁾ GH2
(Future) S8 only

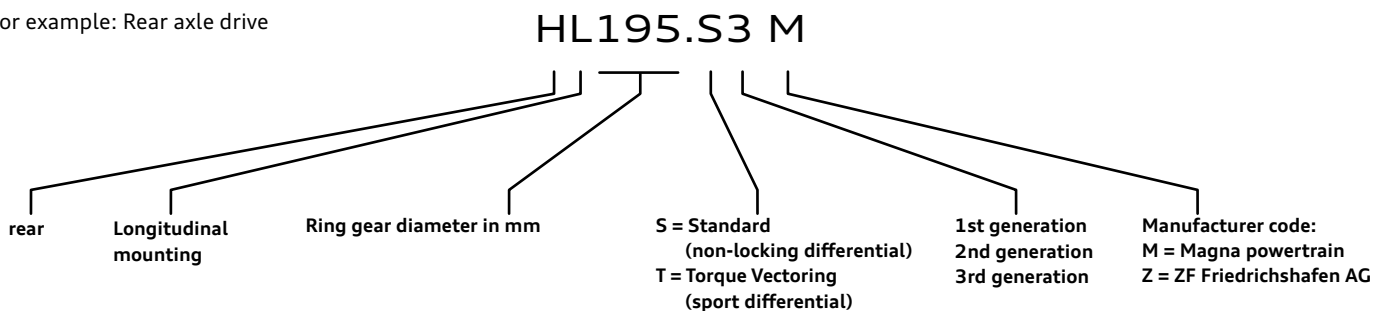


Key to new manufacturer code designation

For example: 8-speed automatic transmission



For example: Rear axle drive



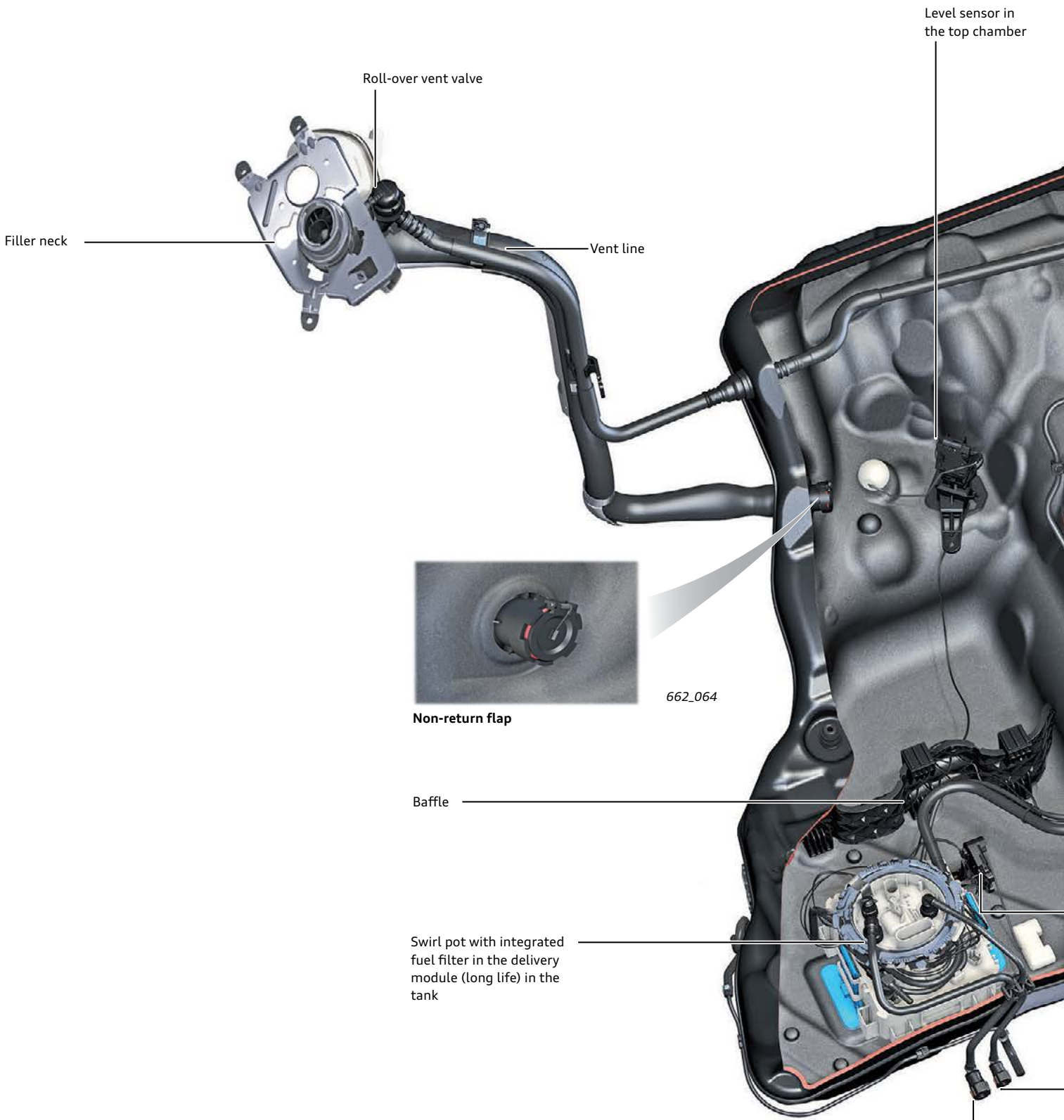
¹⁾ Production number GH1: Real axle differential (non-locking differential)

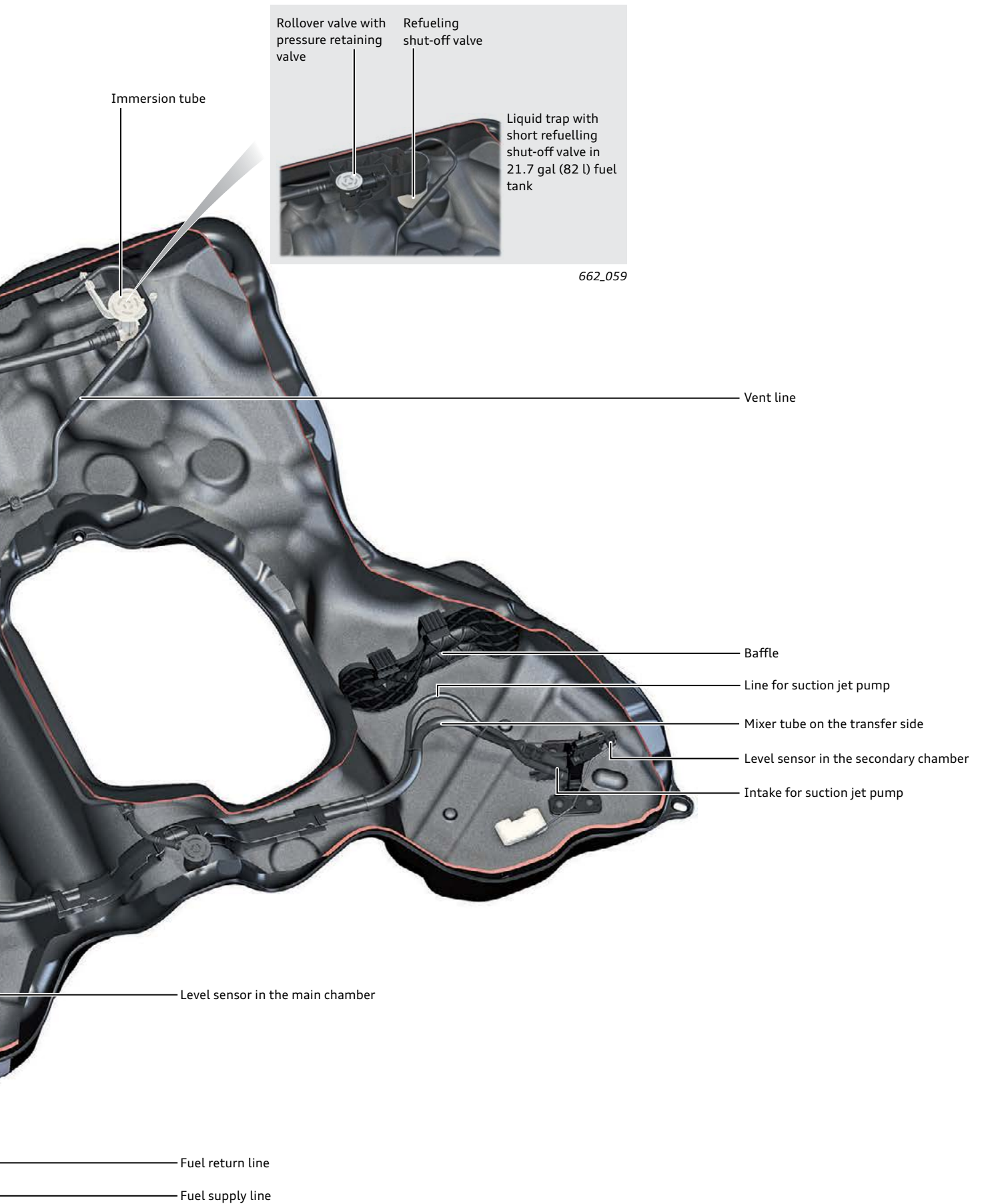
²⁾ Production number GH2: Rear axle differential torque vectoring

Fuel tank

The 2019 A8 has a 21.7 gal (82.1 l) fuel tank. A rollover valve with a pressure retaining valve is installed in the tank and a refueling shut-off valve is installed in the liquid trap.

A rollover valve is installed at the bottom of the tank. The end of the valve line is found at the top in the liquid trap and also on the immersion tube.



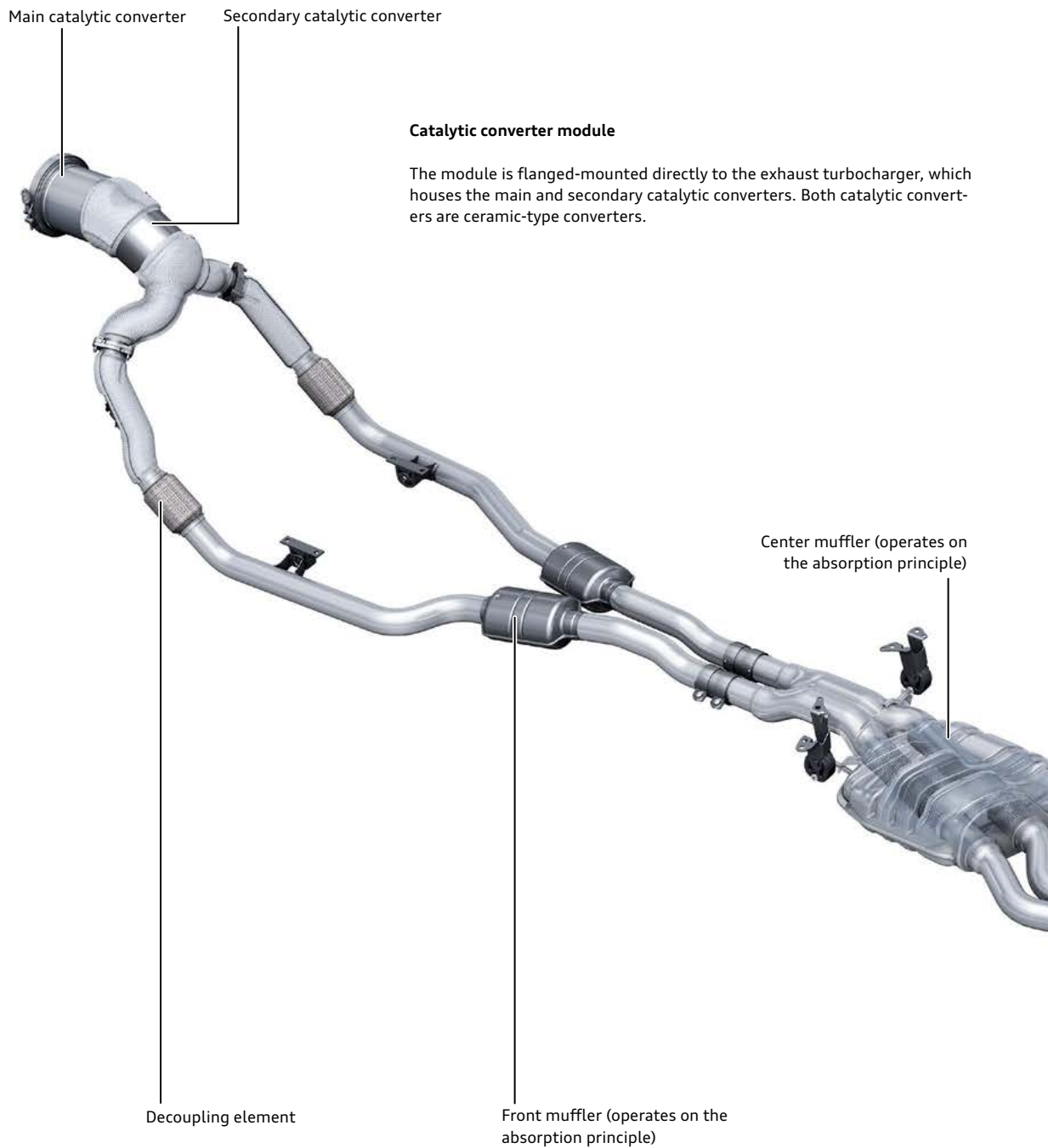


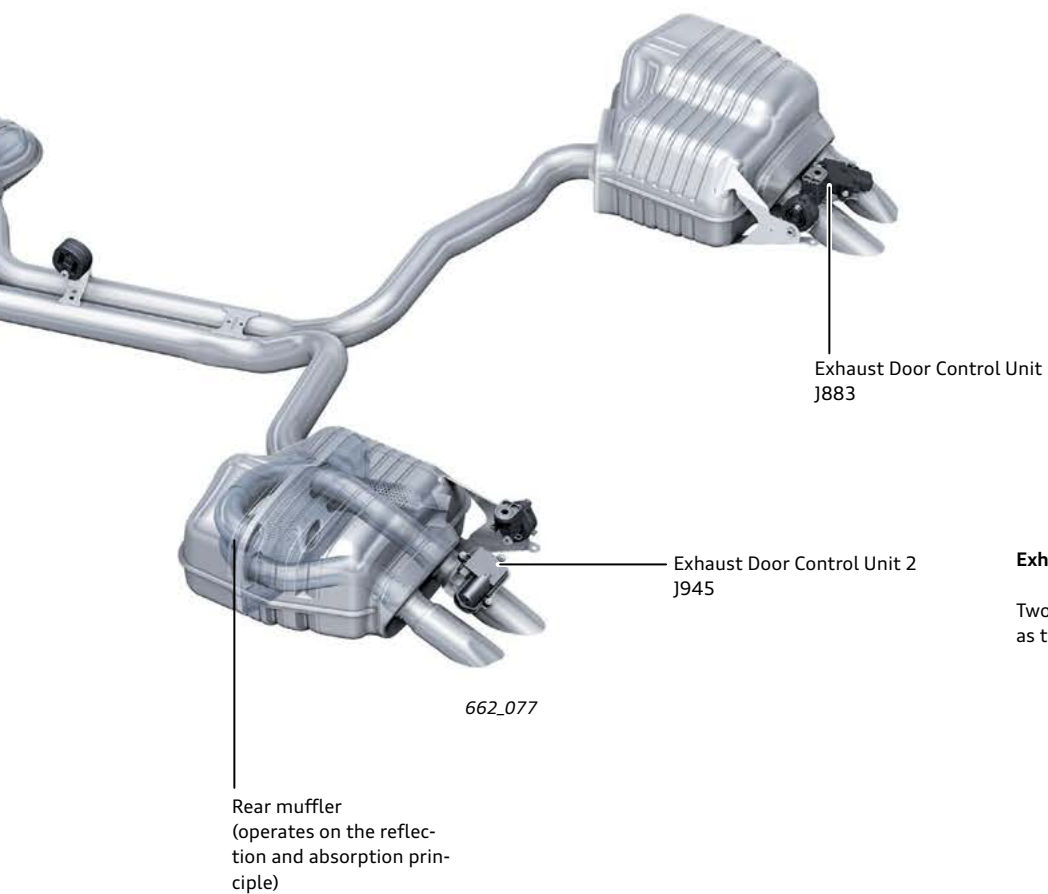
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Exhaust system for the 3.0l TFSI engine

The gas flow paths are very short because the turbocharger module is located in the inner V of the engine.

The catalytic converter is bolted directly to the exhaust turbocharger outlet. This allows the catalytic converter to reach its optimal operating temperature very quickly after a cold start.





Exhaust flaps

Two of the four exhaust outlets can be closed, reducing noise as the vehicle accelerates from a stop.



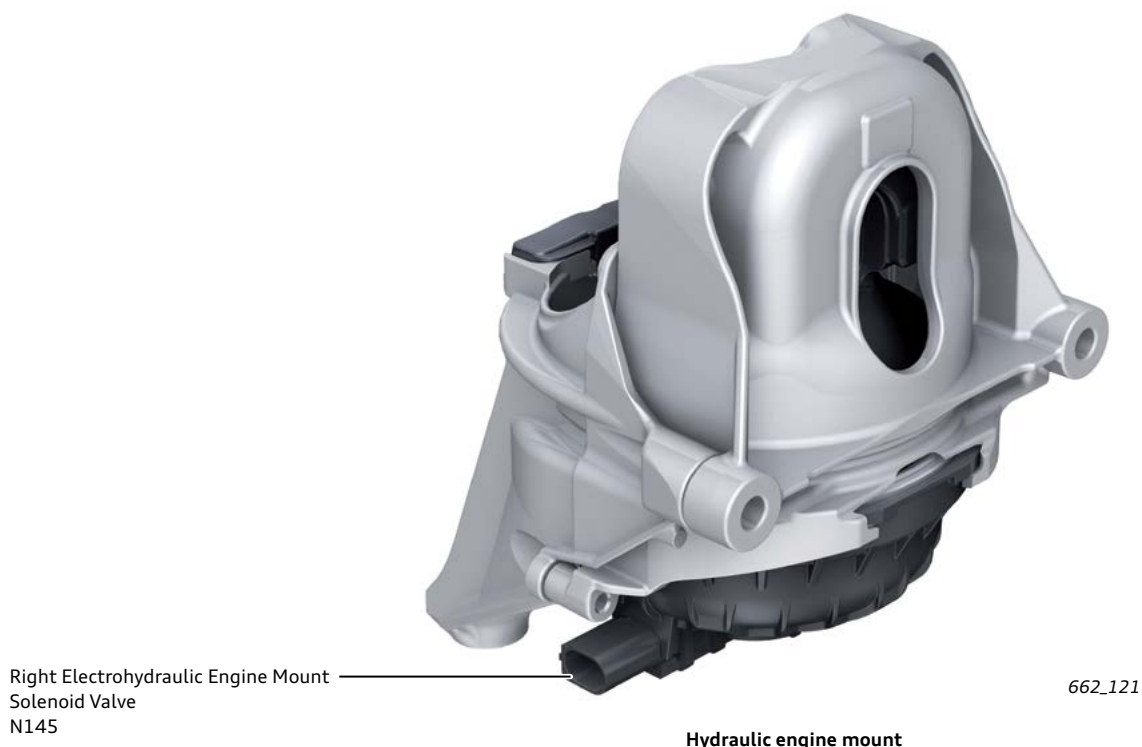
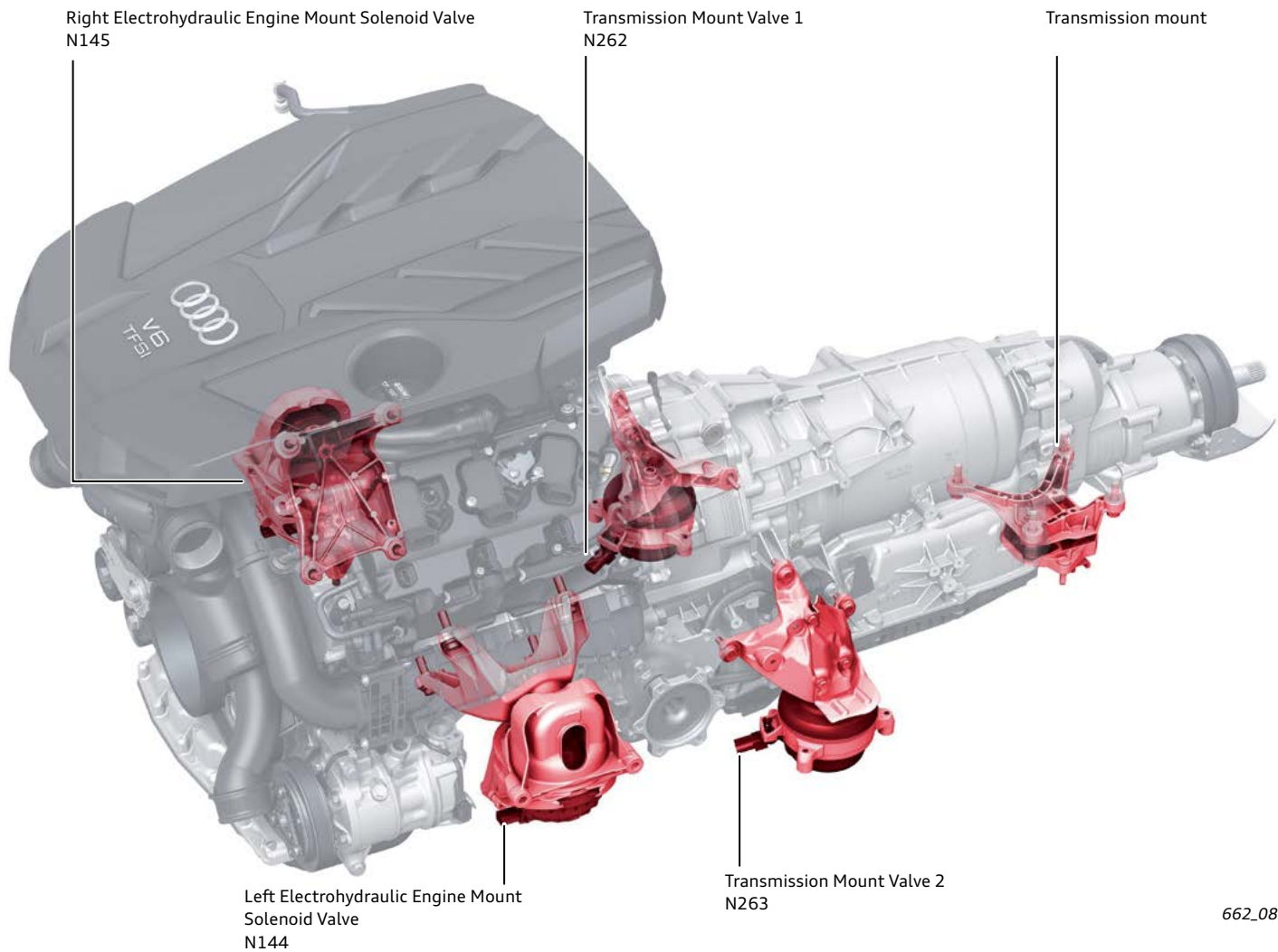
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The exhaust flap is actuated by the exhaust flap control unit via a worm gear. Because this is a "self-locking" gear, it is essential that the servomotor be removed before testing the movement of the flap.

Engine mounts

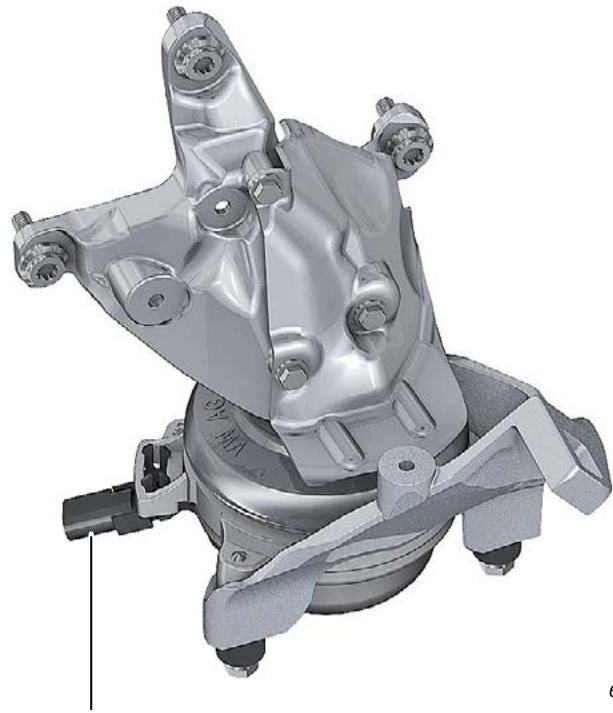
Five-point engine/transmission mounts are installed on the 3.0L TFSI engine. They are hydraulically switchable mounts.

The engine and side transmission mounts have two operating states. They are soft at idle and switch to hard when driving



Hydraulically switchable transmission mounting

The hydraulically switchable transmission mounts, Transmission Mount Valve 1 and 2 (N262, N263) are laterally mounted to the transmission to counteract the torsional vibration of the engine and transmission unit.

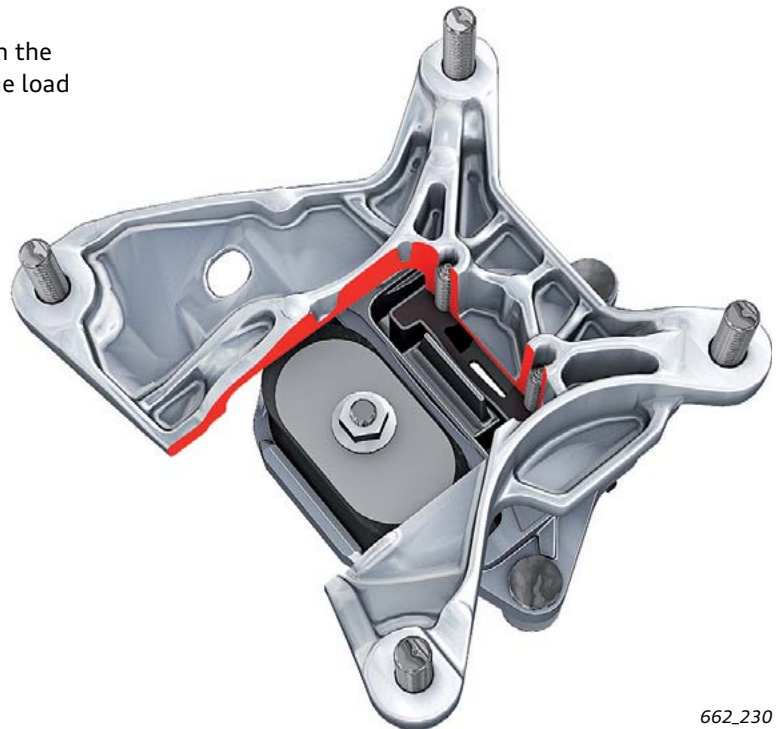


Transmission Mount Valve 2 N263

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Conventional transmission mounting

The conventional transmission mount is installed in the rear section of the transmission and counteracts the load reversal and tilt functions.



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Power transmission

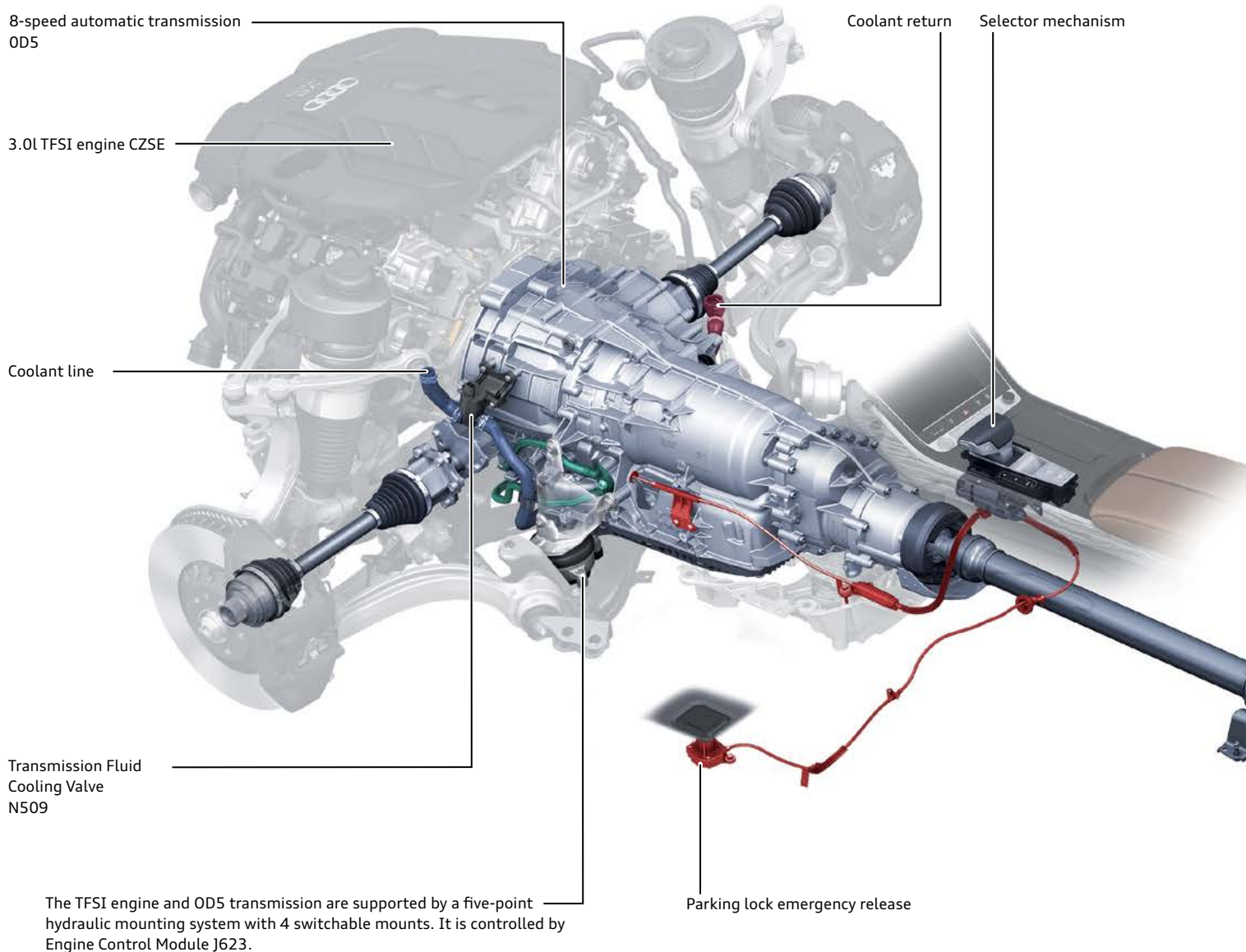
Overview

The 8-speed automatic transmission and drive concept are already in use on 2017 Audi Q7. (eSelf-Study Program [990163, The 2017 Audi Q7 Introduction.](#))

The transmission has now been adapted to the Audi A8 and further enhanced. Refer to [page 30](#) for more information.

The selector mechanism transmits the driver's operating requirements through shift-by-wire technology. Refer to [page 28](#) for more information.

The parking lock emergency release mechanism is similar to the Audi Q7 and has been adapted for the Audi A8. Refer to [page 29](#) for more information.



ATF temperature regulation

ATF temperature regulation is controlled via valve N509 and is explained on [page 35](#).

Rear axle

The rear axle drive is mounted to the sub-frame by a four-point mounting system.

Rear axle drive 0G2

Non-locking differential

Rear axle drive 0D3

Sport differential (optional for S8 only)

Sport differential

The sport differential 0D3 is a further development and a new generation of the sport differential 0BF (2nd generation). In this second generation two control modules are responsible for activating the sport differential.

Drivetrain Control Module J775 sends a signal for the calculated redistribution of torque between the rear wheels to Differential Lock Control Module J187 via the FlexRay bus. The differential lock control module activates the sport differential actuators and initiates the redistribution of torque.

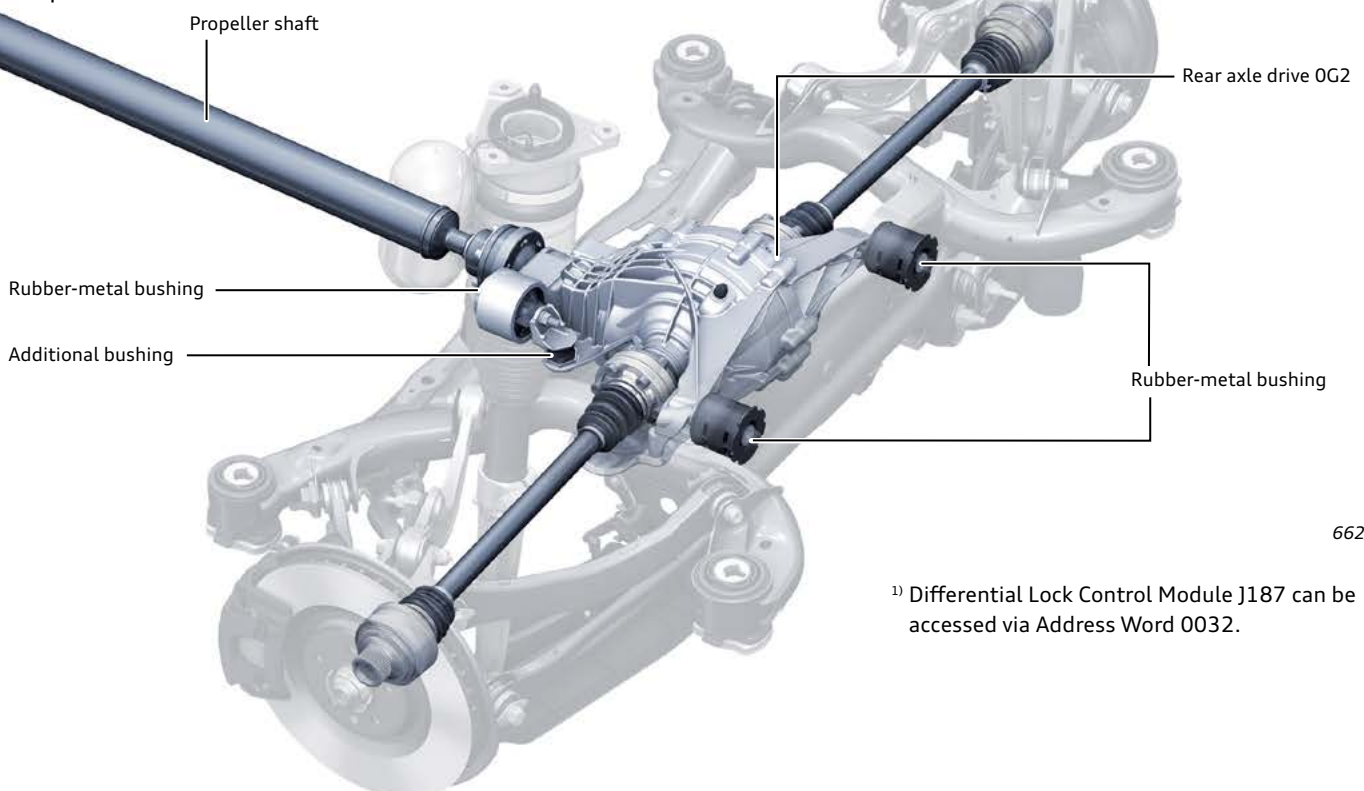
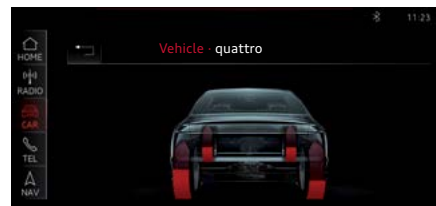
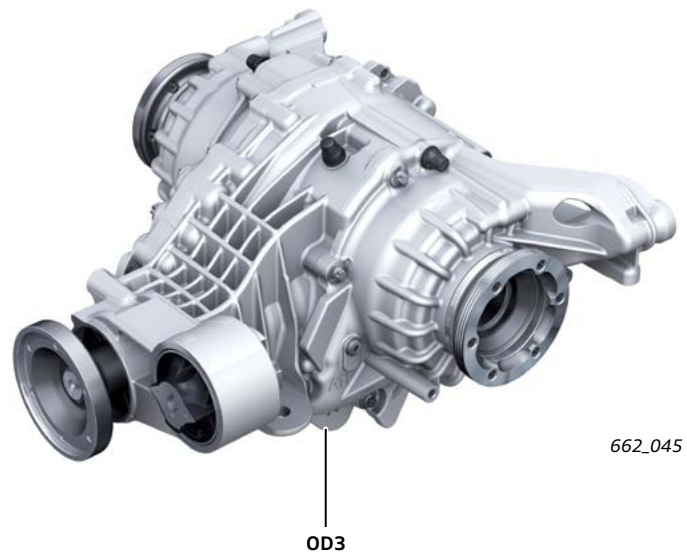
The sport differential set-up can be influenced using the Audi drive select modes. Refer to [page 37](#).

The ATF and the axle oil of the sport differential are not subject to routine maintenance.

For more information about the second generation "quattro with sport differential", refer to eSelf-Study Program [950273, Audi quattro with ultra technology](#).

New: For the first time, the driver can now see a graphic display of the distribution of the drive torque to the individual wheels in the MMI. The menu items "Vehicle" > "Show vehicle" > "quattro" must be selected in the MMI menu. The arrows shown on the wheels show the distribution of drive torque.

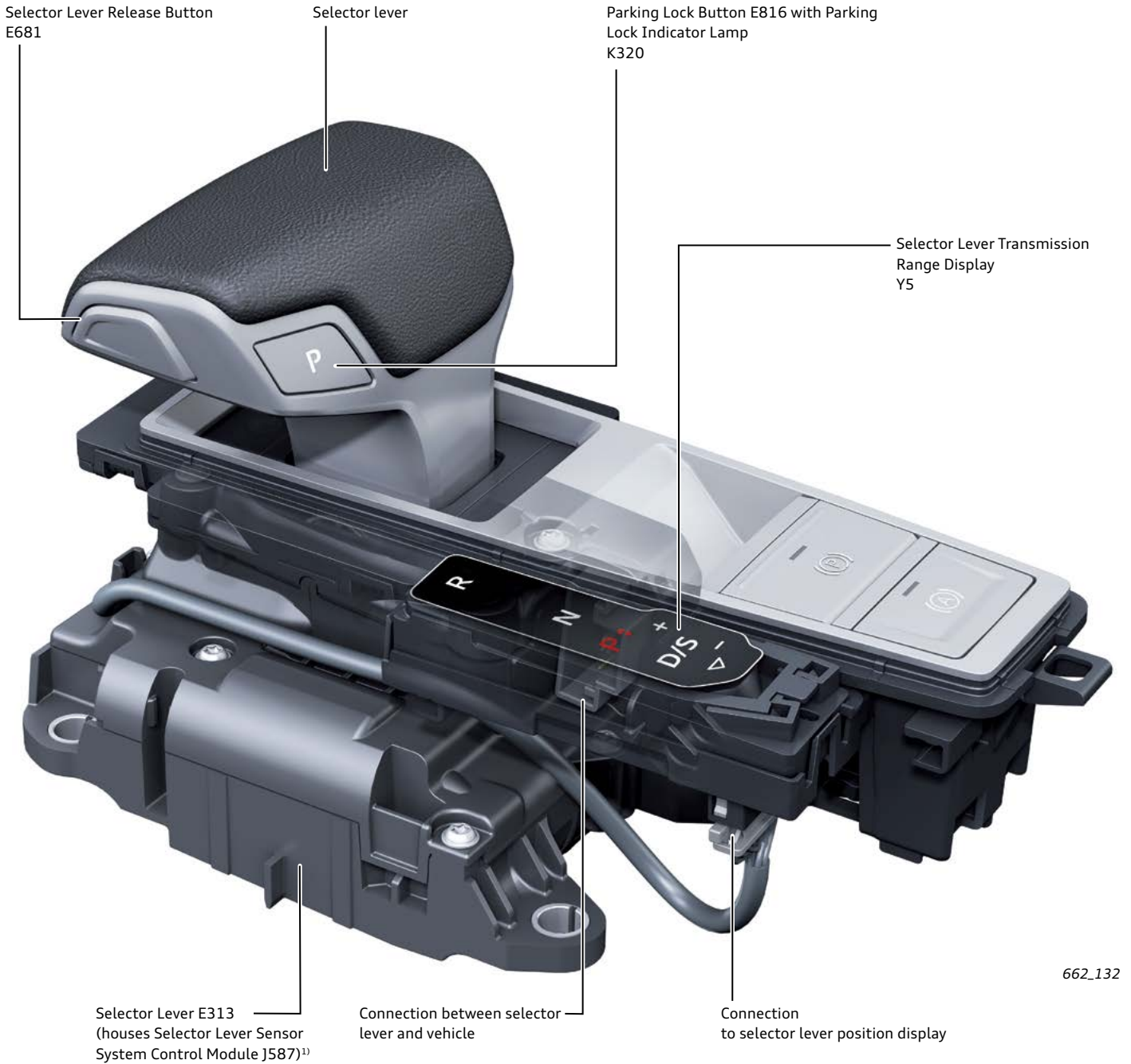
The radial rubber metal bearings, except the additional bearing, must be mounted in a specified installation position described in the workshop manual.



¹⁾ Differential Lock Control Module J187 can be accessed via Address Word 0032.

Automatic transmission selector mechanism

The Audi A8 also now uses the current selector mechanism and operating concept. Only the design has been adapted to the interior of the Audi A8.



¹⁾ J587 communicates over the instrument cluster CAN bus. J533 (gateway) and the FlexRay data bus system are used for communicating with the Transmission Control Module.

Parking lock emergency release

The parking lock emergency release is similar to the 2017 Q7. The actuating mechanism is located under a cover in the driver's footwell.

Emergency-releasing the parking lock (P-OFF position)

- › Remove cover.
- › Insert the socket wrench into the actuating mechanism, position 1.
- › Turn the socket wrench clockwise 140°, position 2, and press down simultaneously, position 3.



When the parking lock emergency release device is actuated, the yellow transmission warning lamp and the drive position indicator N light up in the instrument cluster. The following warning also appears: "Vehicle may roll away! P cannot be selected. Please apply parking brake."

Warning!

Before actuating the emergency release device of the parking lock, the vehicle must be secured to prevent it from rolling away.

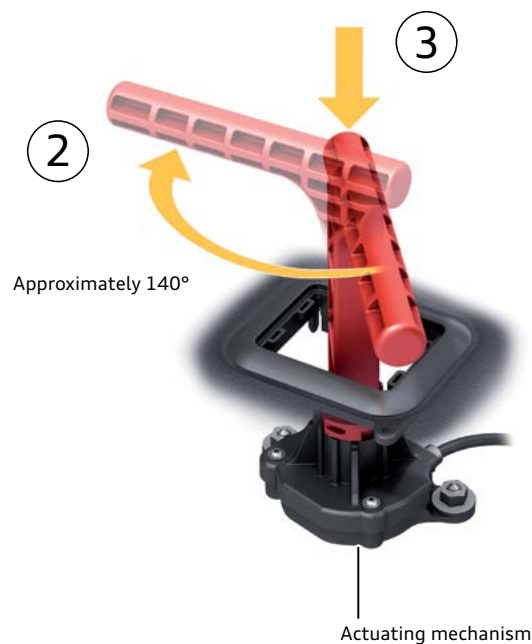
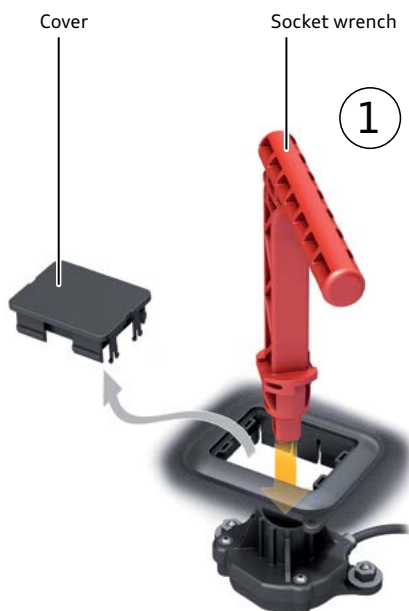
If it is no longer necessary to emergency-release the parking lock, the parking lock must be locked again (P-ON position).

It is necessary to check the emergency release device after assembly work on its component parts.

Locking the parking lock (P-ON position)

Pull the parking lock emergency release device slowly upwards out of the actuating mechanism, position 4. If the device is removed quickly, it could damage the release mechanism.

- › Fit the cover.



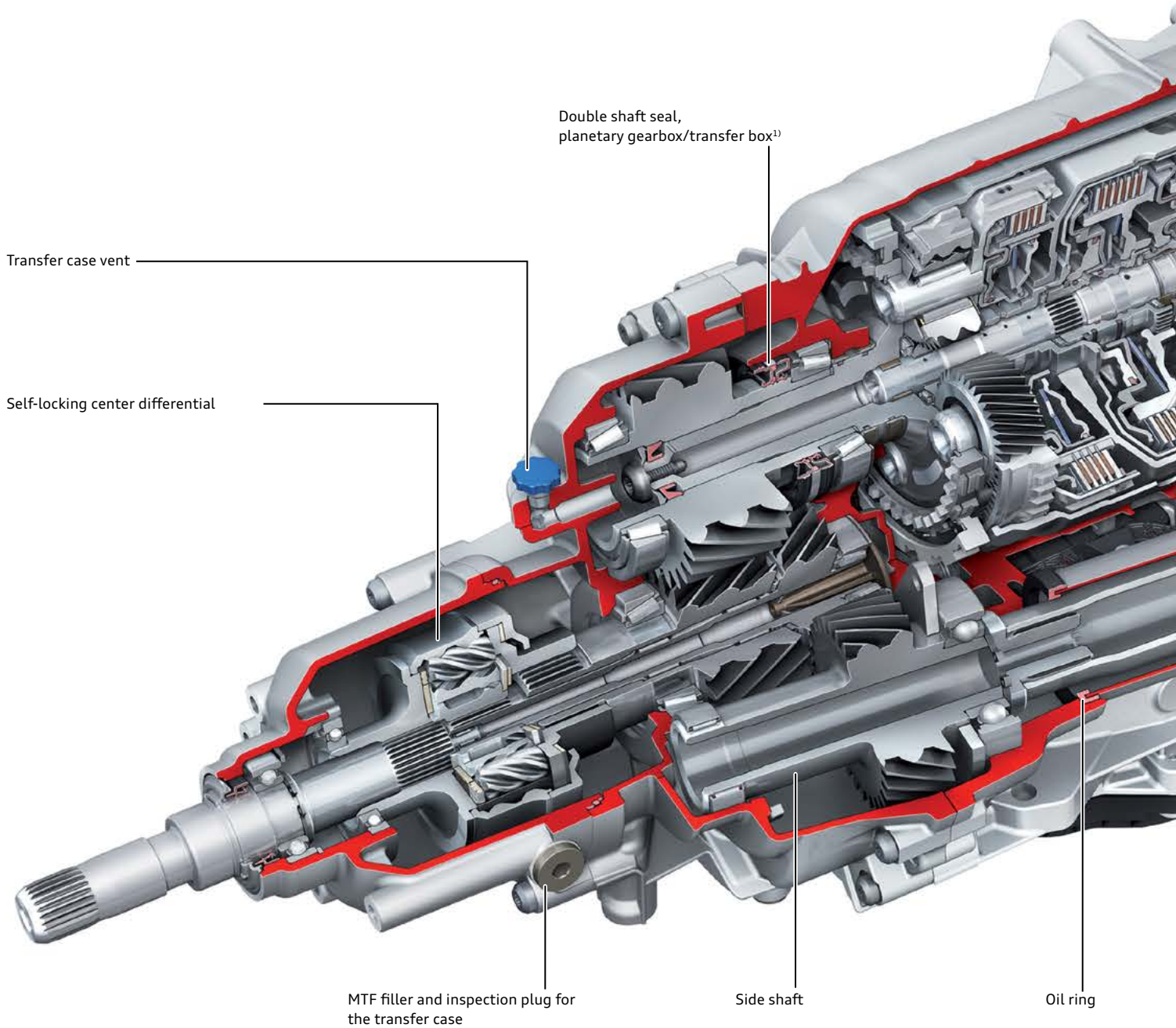
8-speed automatic transmission OD5

The OD5 transmission made its debut in 2017 in the Audi A7. At Audi the OD5 has the internal factory designation AL552-8Q. The manufacturer, ZF-Getriebe GmbH, uses the designation 8HP65A. The OD5 transmission is rated for peak input torque of 516.2 lb ft (700 Nm).

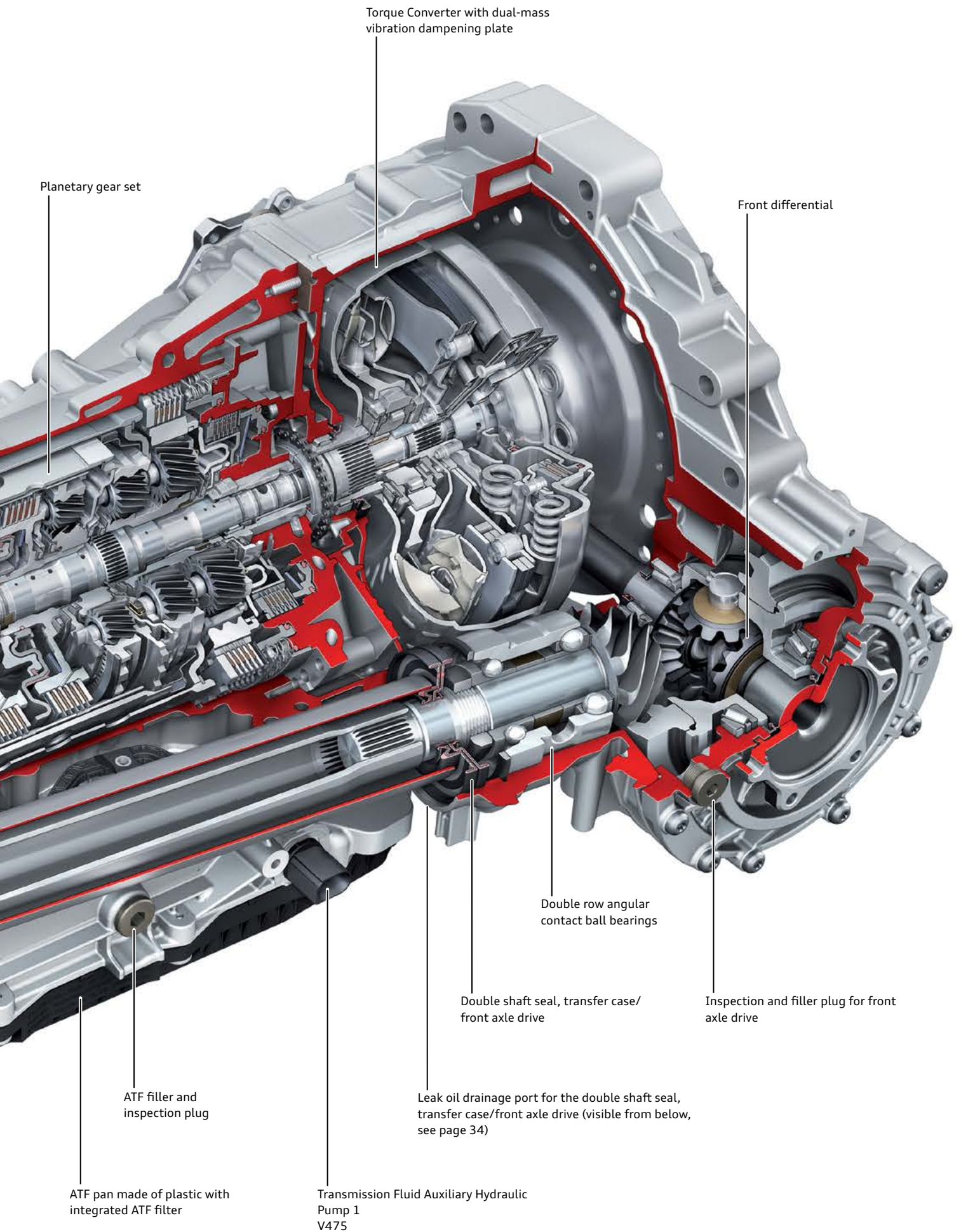
The transmission operating characteristics can be adjusted via Audi drive select. Refer to [page 37](#).

The following aspects of the OD5 transmission as used in the A8 are new:

- > The MTF pump in the transfer case, previously driven by the side shaft, is no longer required.
- > The bearing for the drive pinion of the front drive has been optimized for friction by double row angular contact ball bearings.
- > The front differential is lubricated by a new low-viscosity axle oil.
- > The hydraulic impulse storage system, HIS for short, is replaced by Transmission Fluid Auxiliary Hydraulic Pump 1 V475. The auxiliary hydraulic pump provides a constant supply of ATF, assists the start-stop function and allows the TFSI engine to be shut off under coasting in certain situations.



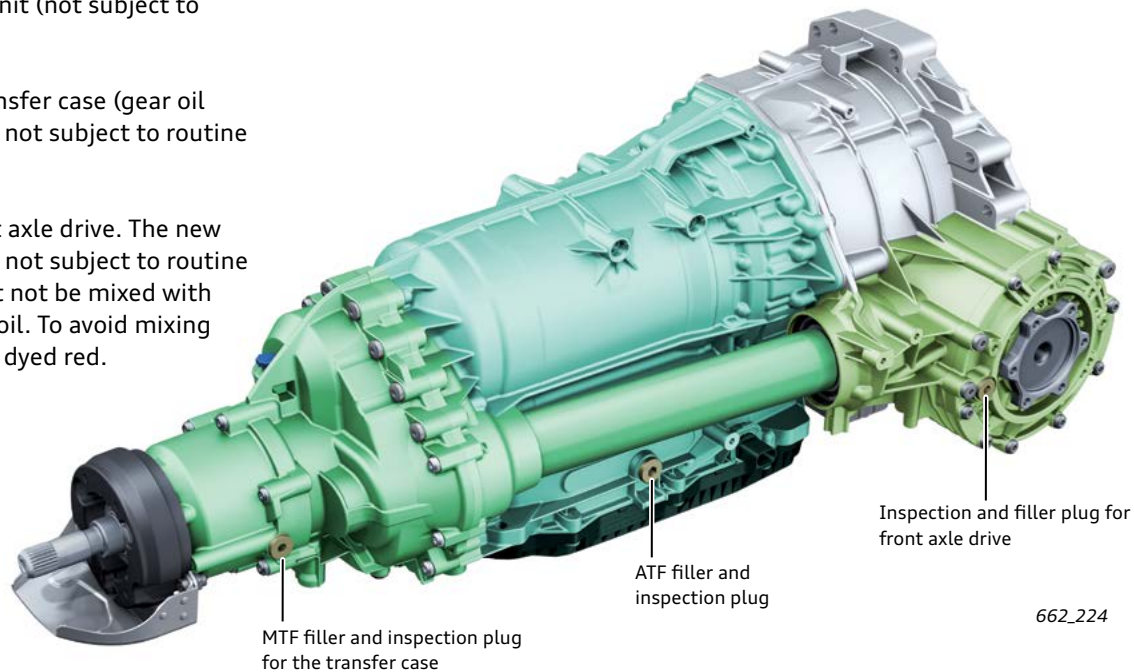
¹⁾ If the double shaft seal between the planetary gearbox/transfer case is leaking, either ATF or MTF will leak from the drainage port. Refer to fig. 662_139, [page 32](#).



ATF and MTF systems

The OD5 transmission has three separate systems containing different types of oil:

- █ ATF system for the planetary gearbox and the hydraulic control unit (not subject to routine maintenance).
- █ MTF supply for the transfer case (gear oil containing STURACO¹⁾, not subject to routine maintenance).
- █ Oil supply for the front axle drive. The new low-viscosity axle oil is not subject to routine maintenance and must not be mixed with non-low viscosity axle oil. To avoid mixing oils, the new axle oil is dyed red.



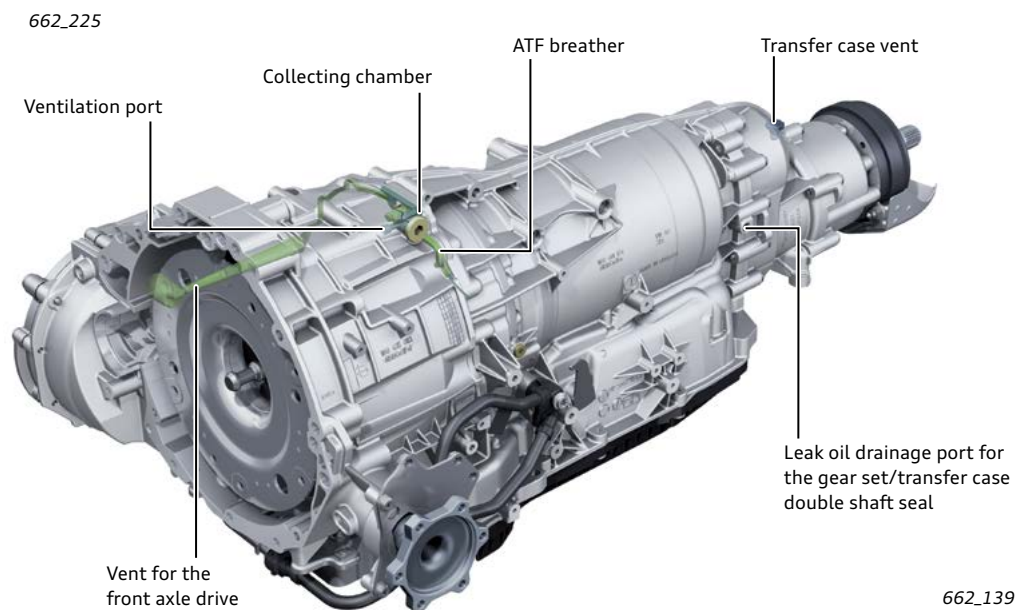
Oil reservoir

In transmissions without an MTF pump, the transfer case is lubricated by the gears running in the MTF sump (oil sump). The oil reservoir is filled with the gear splash oil and serves to distribute the oil.

¹⁾ **STURACO** is an oil additive which protects against excessive stresses in the center differential and thus helps to enhance ride comfort.

Gearbox breather

The front axle drive and the ATF system are ventilated via the collecting chamber. A breather port leads from the collecting chamber into the bell housing. The transfer case is ventilated via a separate ventilation cap. When the transmission is warming up or cooling off, the pressure is equalized via the transmission vents. To allow pressure equalization to take place, the ventilation ports must be open and unobstructed.



Note

During transportation and when moving and/or performing work on the transmission, the axle oil and ATF may mix via the common vent if the transmission is tilted too far. Always follow the instructions given in the repair literature.

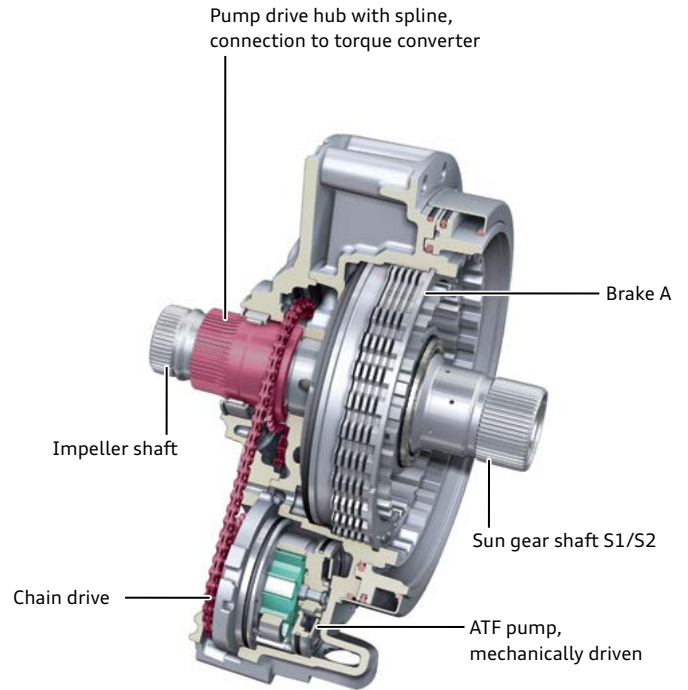
ATF supply and hydraulics

In Mild Hybrid Electric Vehicles (MHEV), the OD5 transmission is supplied ATF by two ATF pumps; one mechanically driven pump on one electric pump. Both pumps draw the ATF from the ATF intake filter.

Transmission Fluid Auxiliary Hydraulic Pump 1 V475 now allows the TFSI engine to be shut off under coasting.

Mechanically driven ATF pump

This ATF pump is identical to the twin stroke vane pump used in the OBK transmission. It is powered by a chain drive via the torque converter of the TFSI engine. When the pump reaches a specified speed of approximately 500 rpm, it provides a reliable supply of ATF with the auxiliary hydraulic pump.



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Transmission Fluid Auxiliary Hydraulic Pump 1 V475

By assisting the mechanically driven ATF pump, V475 provides a reliable supply of ATF for the start-stop functions of the transmission.

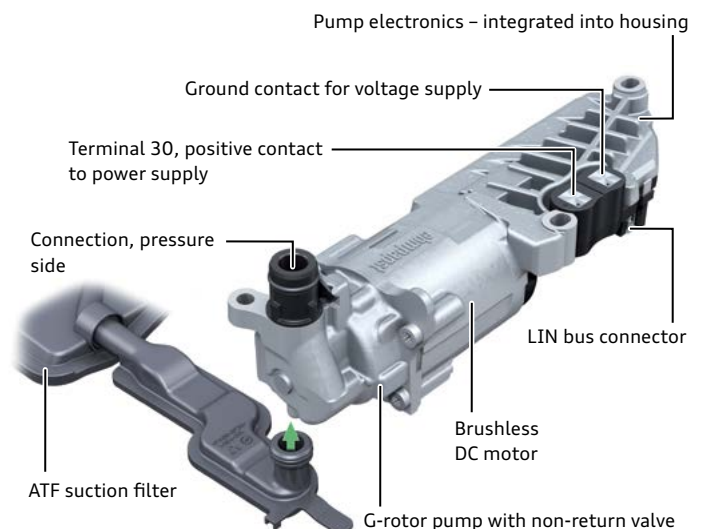
If the auxiliary hydraulic pump is unable to circulate ATF because the overload cut-out has been actuated or a fault has occurred, the start-stop functions are no longer available.



If V475 is faulty, the yellow transmission warning lamp lights up.

V475 operates within an ATF temperature range of 68 - 257 °F (20 -125 °C) and has three output levels. It communicates with Transmission Control Module J217 via a LIN bus.

The auxiliary hydraulic pump provides a reliable and quick supply of ATF. This aids disengagement of the parking lock and allows delay-free start-up. If the mechanically driven ATF pump reaches the required speed and is capable of supplying system pressure by itself, the auxiliary hydraulic pump receives a signal via LIN bus to stop circulating ATF.

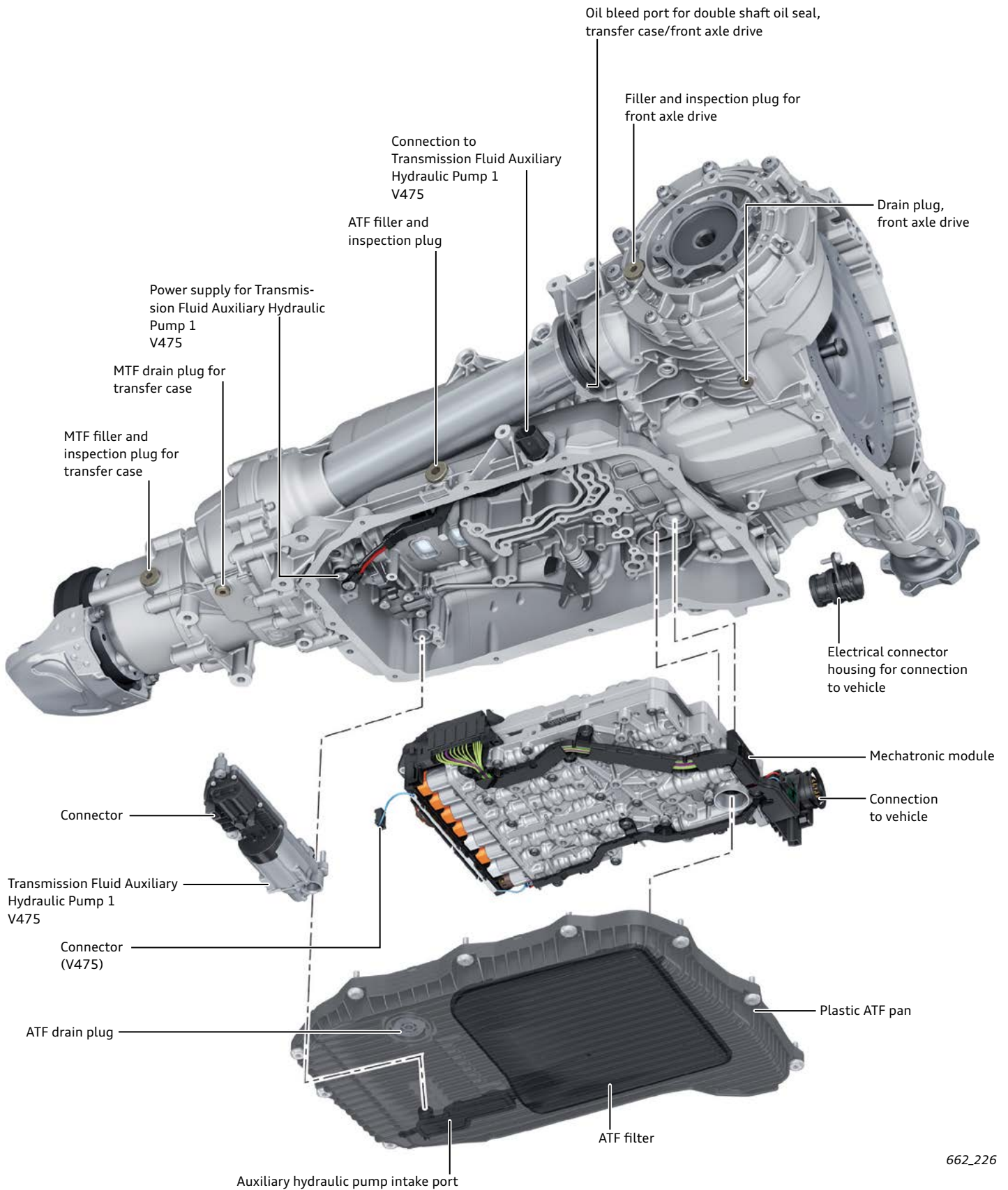


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Mechatronic module

The mechatronic module of the OD5 transmission in the Audi A8 has the factory designation E 26/29 at ZF-Getriebe GmbH.

The sensors, actuators and design configuration of the electrohydraulic parking lock of the OD5 transmission are identical to those of the mechatronic module of the OBK transmission.



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Note

When performing repairs, always protect the mechatronic module against electrostatic discharge.

ATF temperature regulation

The ATF temperature is regulated by a switchable coolant circuit which runs parallel to the large coolant circulation system of the engine. The circuit is opened or closed by Transmission Fluid Cooling Valve N509 via signals from Transmission Control Module J217 based on input from Engine Control Module J623.

Engine warm-up phase (N509 closed)

Valve N509 is energized, and therefore closed, during the engine warm-up phase. The ATF heat exchanger is not flooded with coolant. Since the coolant does not release any heat to the ATF, the engine reaches its operating temperature more quickly.

The thermal management system of the ECM decides when valve N509 is to be opened while Transmission Control Module J217 sends the signal to actuate the valve.

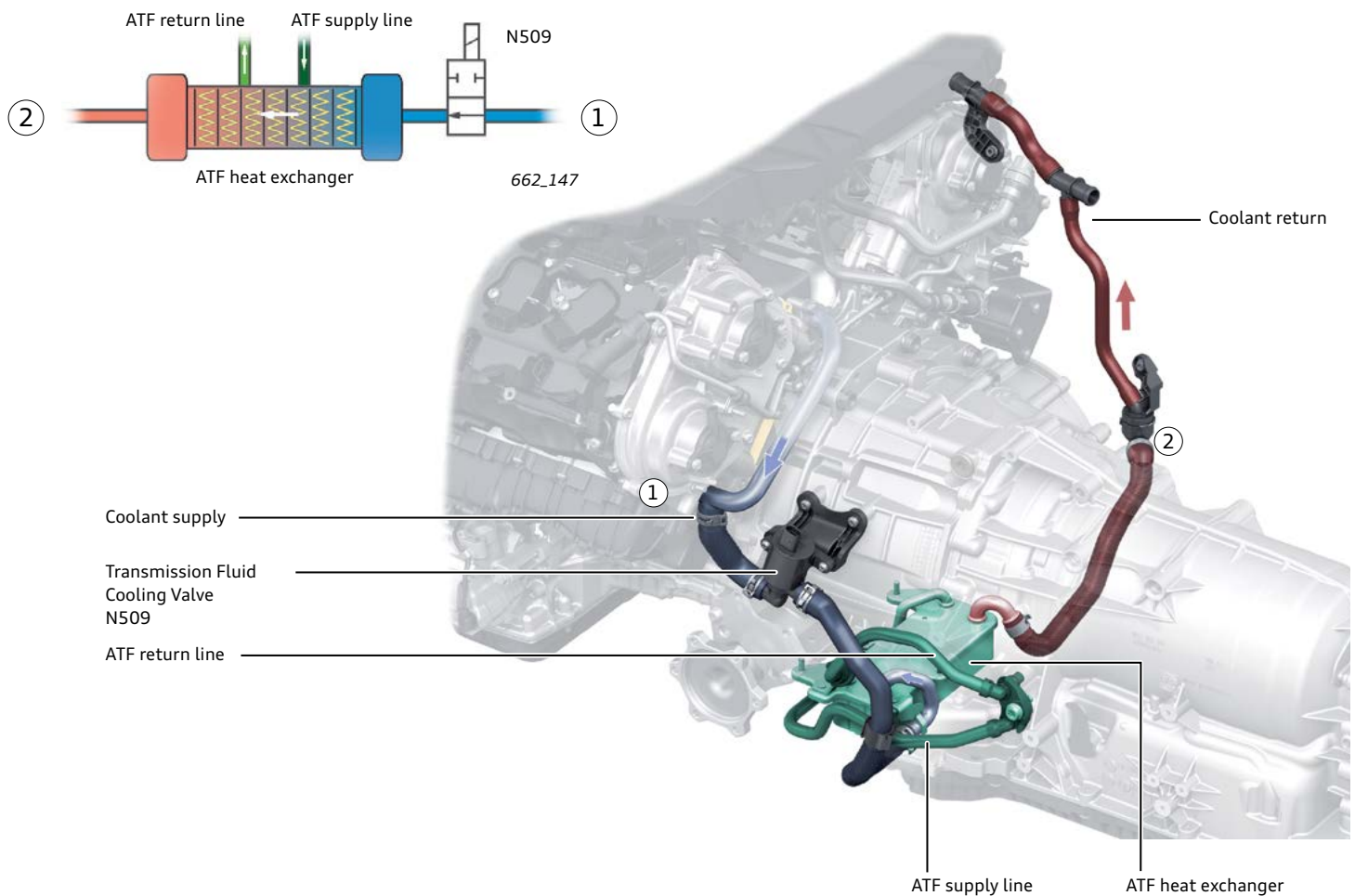
The criteria for opening valve N509 are the ambient temperature, the engine temperature, the ATF temperature, the engine speed and the requested heat demand of the climate control system.

Heating and cooling of the ATF (N509 open)

If the engine has reached its operating temperature and there is sufficient heat for every requirement, valve N509 opens. The ATF heat exchanger is flooded with warm coolant from the large engine coolant circuit. This warms the ATF and reduces its viscosity, which in turn increases the efficiency of the transmission.

The ATF is heated as long as the temperature of the engine coolant exceeds that of the ATF. When the temperature of the ATF exceeds the temperature of the engine coolant, the ATF dissipates its heat to the coolant and is cooled.

N509 can be tested using the VAS Scan Tool.



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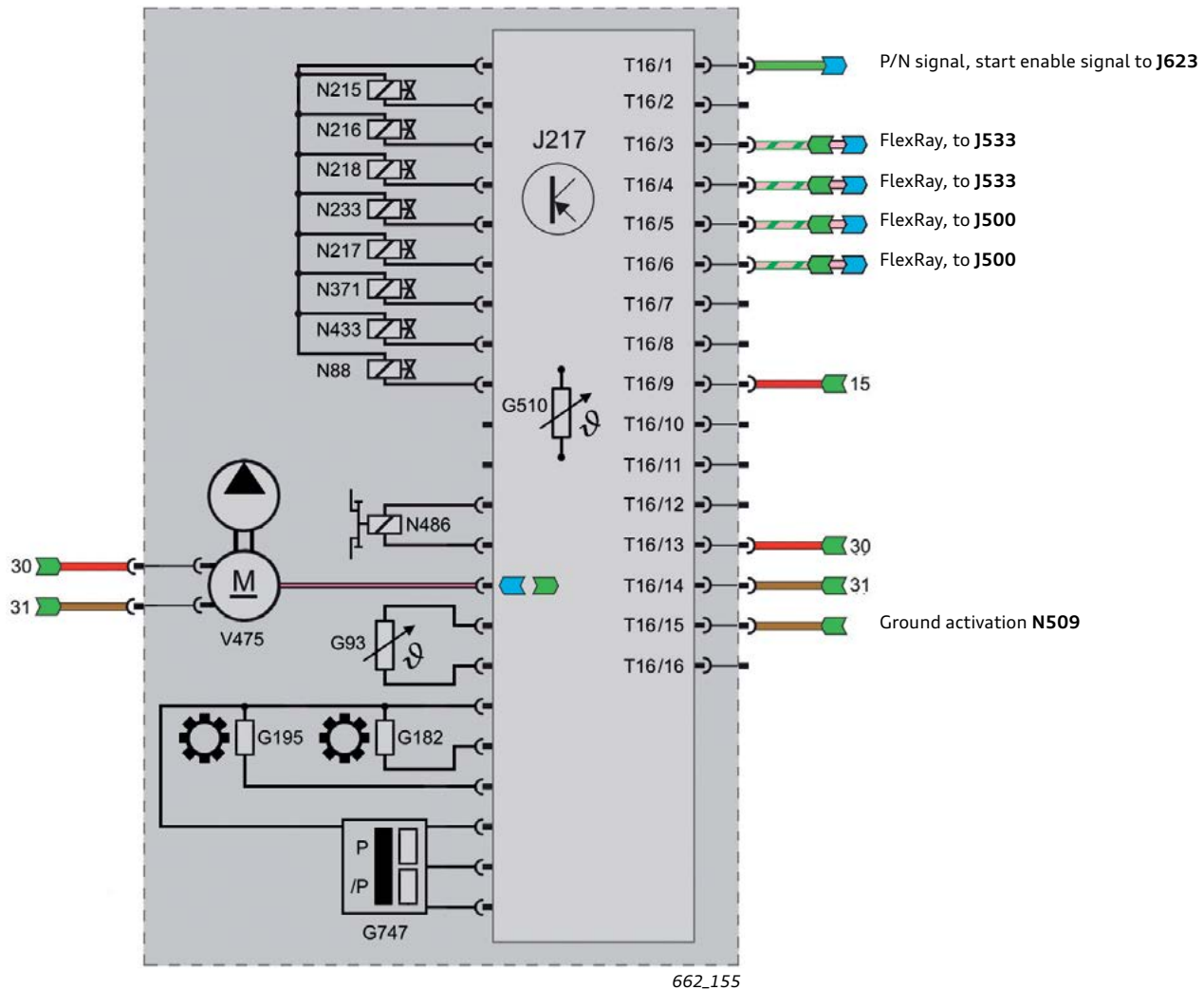
Note

If the ATF cooler is leaking, coolant (glycol) could mix with the ATF. Even the smallest quantities of coolant in the ATF can have a detrimental effect on clutch control. A glycol test will detect even the smallest amounts of glycol. It can be used to confirm or rule out this as a cause of transmission shifting issues.

Data exchange – Function diagram

Transmission Control Module J217 communicates over the FlexRay data bus system. Data Bus on Board Diagnostic Interface J533 and the Instrument Cluster CAN data bus are used for communicating with Selector Lever Sensor System Control Module J587.

Functional diagram of the 8-speed automatic transmission OD5 in the Audi A8



- G93** Transmission Fluid Temperature Sensor
- G182** Transmission Input Speed Sensor
- G195** Transmission Output Speed Sensor
- G510** Temperature Sensor in Control Module
- G747** Parking Lock Sensor

- J217** Transmission Control Module
- J500** Power Steering Control Module
- J533** Data Bus on Board Diagnostic Interface (gateway)
- J623** Engine Control Module

- N88** Solenoid Valve 1
- N215** Automatic Transmission Pressure Regulating Valve 1
- N216** Automatic Transmission Pressure Regulating Valve 2
- N217** Automatic Transmission Pressure Regulating Valve 3
- N218** Automatic Transmission Pressure Regulating Valve 4
- N233** Automatic Transmission Pressure Regulating Valve 5
- N371** Automatic Transmission Pressure Regulating Valve 6
- N433** Sub-Transmission 1 Valve 1
- N486** Parking Lock Solenoid
- N509** Transmission Fluid Cooling Valve

- V475** Transmission Fluid Auxiliary Hydraulic Pump 1

Key:

- Ground cable
- Positive cable
- Signal line
- LIN bus
- Transmitted signal
- Received signal
- FlexRay line

Functions influencing the transmission and sport differential

Audi drive select

Audi drive select can be used to choose between different vehicle driving modes. The following Audi drive select modes can be selected by pressing the Audi drive select button or via the MMI.



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comfort mode

Transmission:

The TCM behaves in the same way as in **auto** mode.

Sport differential:

The set-up for the sport differential is moderate, steering behavior is not adjusted for faster response.

dynamic mode

Transmission:

If **dynamic** mode is selected, the TCM activates the sport program (selector position **S**). In **dynamic** mode the selector position **D** can be selected at any time.

If selector position **D** is activated before shutting off the engine, selector position (**D**) is again activated when the engine is subsequently started¹⁾. If the driver wants to have selector position **S**, he must select this.

Sport differential:

The torque redistribution set-up provides for highly responsive steering with a slight tendency to oversteer. Only in the event of pronounced oversteer is the torque redistributed to stabilize the vehicle on the rear axle.

individual mode

The menu item "Drivetrain" encompasses the engine, the transmission and the sport differential. The driver can select from efficient, balanced and sporty options under this menu item.

These following drive select modes are assigned to these options:

- > Balanced, equivalent to the auto mode of Audi Drive select.
- > Sporty, equivalent to the dynamic mode of Audi Drive select.

auto mode

Transmission:

The shift points in selector positions **D** and **S** are selected according to the driver type recognition characteristics. For this purpose, the system evaluates the way in which the vehicle is being driven. The system factors in the way in which the brake and accelerator pedals are applied as well as the transverse and longitudinal acceleration of the vehicle within defined periods.

Accordingly, an economical driving style leads to early upshifts and late downshifts. A sporty driving style is made possible by late upshifts and early downshifts.

The driving phases in which the driver adopts an efficient, economical, sporty or manual driving style can be accessed using the VAS Scan Tool.

Selector position **D**:

The shift points are selected in a comfort-oriented way after taking account of the determined driver type.

Selector position **S**¹⁾:

In selector position **S** the TCM runs in sport mode. The shift points are selected in the sport mode after taking account of the ascertained driver type and are adapted to the performance range of the engine. The shift times vary from normal, with barely perceptible gear shifts, to short, with noticeable gear shifts.

If the vehicle is equipped with an efficiency assist system, the driver does not receive any information in sport mode via the symbols of the efficiency assist system.

Sport differential:

The set-up for the sport differential is balanced. The adjustment to steering behavior ensures neutral handling. The vehicle is stabilized if a pronounced oversteer is detected.

¹⁾ The vehicle is always restarted in the combination of Audi drive select mode **auto** and selector position **D**.

Start-stop system

The start-stop system is activated automatically whenever the ignition is switched on. It helps to save fuel and reduce CO₂ emissions. If the requirements for start-stop operation have been met, the engine is shut off automatically when the brake is applied as the vehicle rolls to a stop. One of these conditions is that the selector lever is not in position R. The engine is automatically restarted when required. The requirements for this are a very short start time and quick readiness for drive-away. In the Audi A8 with MHEV equipment, quick readiness for drive-away is ensured by Transmission Fluid Auxiliary Hydraulic Pump 1 V475. If the auxiliary hydraulic pump is unable to circulate ATF because the overload cut-out has actuated or a fault has occurred, the start-stop function is deactivated and is no longer available.

System inactive (switched off) conditions:

- > Uphill or downhill gradient: > 10%¹⁾.
- > Max. speed:
 - > 105.6 mph (170 km/h)¹⁾.
- > ESC is deactivated.
- > Selector position S is selected.
- > tiptronic mode is activated via the tiptronic gate or by selecting Tip- with the tiptronic paddle on the steering wheel.
- > No ATF circulation by Transmission Fluid Auxiliary Hydraulic Pump 1 V475 due to overload protection function or fault.



Reference

The shift schematic of the OD5 transmission is identical to that of the OBK and OBL transmissions, refer to eSelf-Study Program [950103, The 2011 Audi A8 Driver Assistance](#).

Neutral idle control (NIC)

The neutral idle control system disengages the engine from the transmission when stopping or when the vehicle is stationary. Engine idle torque can be reduced to a minimum because the engine does not have to counteract the converter torque.

This helps save fuel and reduces CO₂ emissions. In addition, the engine runs more smoothly and quietly at low idle torque. For this reason, the neutral idle control system is activated as often as possible (see conditions for switching on and off).

Switch-on conditions:

- › Full adaption of the shift elements (brakes, clutches).
- › ATF temperature > approximately 68 °F (20 °C)¹⁾.
- › Gradient < 4%¹⁾ (the gradient is determined by the longitudinal acceleration sensor of the ABS system).
- › Selector position D or R .
- › Accelerator not pressed.
- › Foot brake pressed.

Shut-off conditions:

- › Selector position S²⁾ or tiptronic mode.
- › Brake released.
(unless the vehicle is secured by the electro-mechanical parking brake or hill start assist is active).
- › Accelerator pressed.
- › No ATF circulation by Transmission Fluid Auxiliary Hydraulic Pump 1 V475 due to overload protection function or fault.
- › Towing mode detected.

Downhill assist

Downhill assist helps the driver to maintain a constant speed on downhill gradients. In this case the transmission selects the gear suitable for the gradient in order to maintain the speed selected at the time of braking via the engine brake. Within the bounds of the system's physical limitations it may be necessary to also correct the speed, if necessary, using the brake pedal.

Downhill assist cuts out again as soon as the gradient lessens or the accelerator pedal is pressed.

Depending on the gradient, downhill assist is active in selector positions D and S while the brake is applied or while cruise control is active.

Note:

Downhill assist cannot overcome the physical limitations of the vehicle and therefore cannot maintain a set speed in all conditions. The driver must always be ready to apply the brakes! Downhill assist could also be inactive if the brakes were too hot as calculated by the ABS control module.

Special features of the steering wheel tiptronic function

- › After a long pull of the Tip- shift paddle (long pull-), the transmission changes down into the lowest possible gear.
- › After a long pull of the Tip+ shift paddle (long pull +), the transmission switches from temporary tiptronic mode to automatic mode.
- › In the event of a malfunction of the selector mechanism, the positions P, R, N and D can be selected when the vehicle is stopped and the brake is activated by simultaneously pressing both shift paddles (for longer than one second).
- › The “Tip-shifting in D/S” function, which allows gear-shifts to be performed manually at any time, is available.
- › The “Activation of coasting mode using Tip+” function has been deactivated in order to simplify the function assignments of the tiptronic steering wheel in the A8. However, it is still possible to exit coasting mode by pressing Tip-.

¹⁾ The values given are intended as a guideline. They may deviate depending on the model version.

²⁾ Neutral idle control is not activated in selector position S in order to allow more direct acceleration. Without neutral control, clutch C or D is immediately closed when drive positions S1 and R are selected. This is why traction is noticeable on selection of 1st gear or R gear and likewise the traction reversal when shifting from 1st gear to R gear (or vice versa). This traction reversal is barely noticeable in selector position D, because when neutral control is active clutch C or D is open and traction cannot be established until the brake has been released.



Reference

For more detailed information about the neutral idle control function in the OD5 transmission, refer eSelf-Study Program [990163 The 2017 Audi Q7 Introduction](#).

Suspension

Overview

The suspension of the Audi A8 has been completely redesigned. New technologies and control systems make it even more comfortable, sportier and safer.

All models are equipped with adaptive air suspension (PR no. 1BK) featuring electronic damping control. Both the front and rear axles are largely made of light aluminum.

Progressive rate steering, which reduces steering effort required by the driver, is standard equipment. The optional dynamic all-wheel-drive steering system, used here for the first time by Audi, combines dynamic steering and rear axle steering. The system improves important subjective and objective driving dynamic characteristics.

The brake system offers high performance reserves. A ceramic brake system wheel is optional. With the 9th generation ESC from Robert Bosch GmbH an efficient system is available for all relevant control functions.

A wide range of steering wheels, wheels and tires are available for customization. ACC is, for the first time, an integral part of the new driver assistance system in the Audi A8.

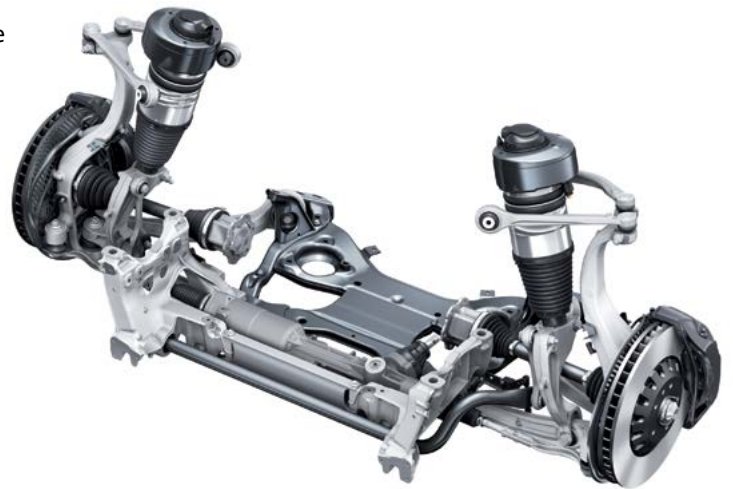


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Axles and wheel alignment

Front axle

The front axle is based on the proven design principle of the five-link axle. Special attention was paid to lightweight construction during design.



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Rear axle

The trapezoidal link rear axle in the predecessor model has been replaced by a newly developed five-link axle. The geometrical arrangement of the links ensures good separation between longitudinal and lateral friction force.



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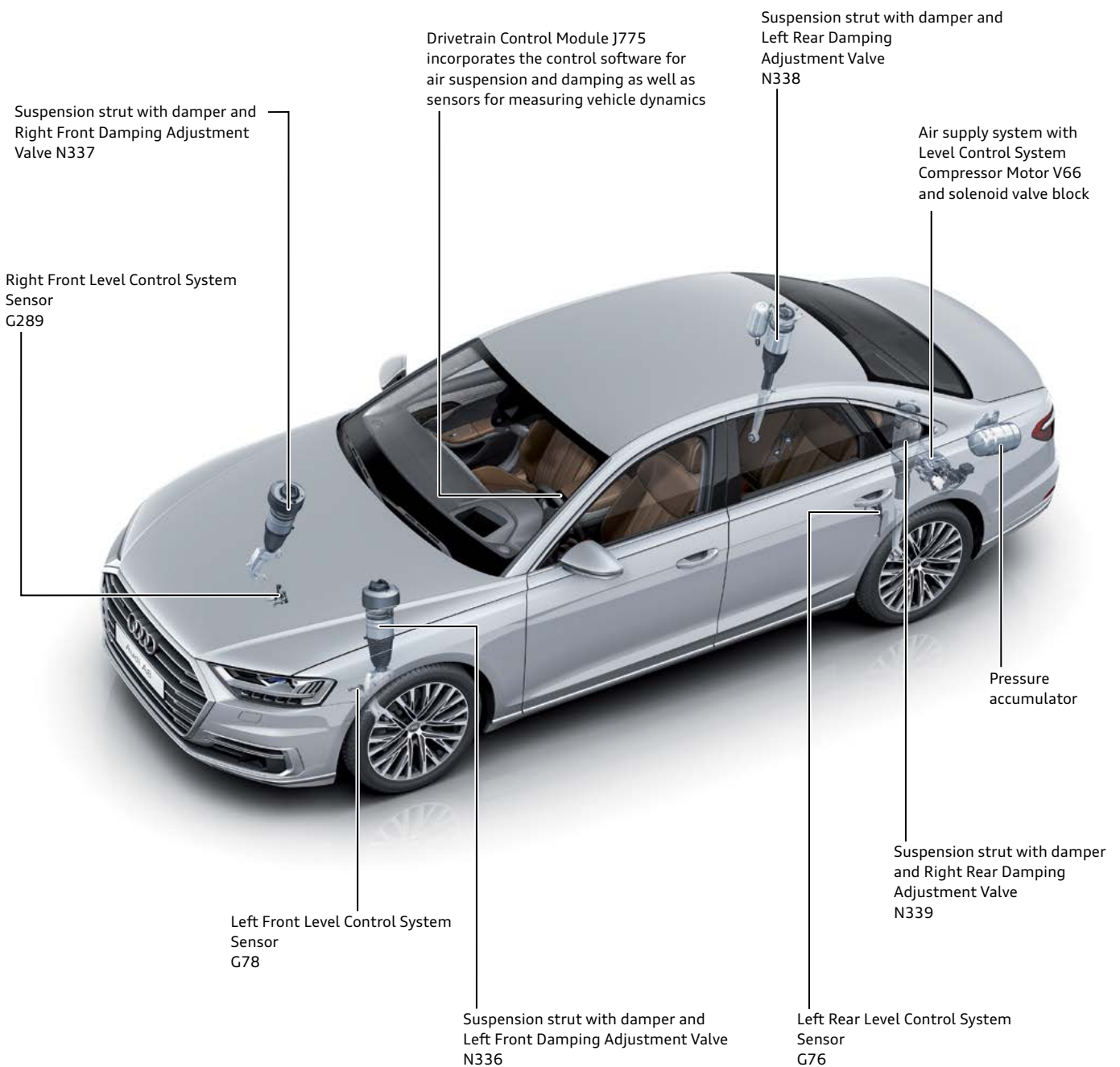
Wheel alignment

The wheel alignment and suspension setup procedures are identical to those for the Audi A4 and Q7 models. The adjustment points are also identical.

Adaptive air suspension

The system configuration basically corresponds to those of the Q7 and Q5 models. As in the predecessor A8 model, suspension struts are used on the rear axle instead of separate spring and damper layouts. Drivetrain Control Module J775 is also used for this suspension.

In addition to the control software for the air suspension and damping systems, the control module houses sensors for measuring vertical acceleration as well as pitch and roll (torque about the longitudinal and transverse axes of the vehicle). This eliminates the need for the body acceleration sensors required by earlier systems. The control software receives the measurement data on yaw rate (torque about the vertical axis of the vehicle) and transverse acceleration from the Airbag Control Module J234 via the FlexRay bus.



Steering system

Electromechanical progressive-rate steering

The Audi A8 uses the electromechanical steering system used previously in the 2017 Audi Q7. Progressive steering is standard. An electrically adjustable steering column is basic equipment. A heated steering wheel is available as an option.



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Dynamic all-wheel-drive steering

As a logical development of the all-wheel-drive steering system, offered for the first time in the 2017 Audi Q7, a new system - dynamic all-wheel-drive steering - is optional in the Audi A8. A new feature is the combination of rear axle steering and dynamic steering. This allows the front and rear axles to implement defined steering angles independent of the driver.

This improves key subjective and objective dynamic steering characteristics, such as:

- › Smaller turning radius.
- › Reduced steering effort.
- › Much better agility, particularly at low and medium speeds.
- › Improved driving stability, specifically during lane-changing and evasive maneuvers.
- › Improved response and faster vehicle reaction times.



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Suspension

Brake system

Front axle

17 – 18" 6-piston brake calipers are used on the front axle. 10-piston brake calipers are available as an option in combination with the 20" ceramic disc brakes.

Front wheel brake



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Rear axle

The rear axle brake calipers (17" and 18", 19" for ceramic brakes) come equipped with the electromechanical parking brake (EPB).

As in the current Q7, Q5 and A4 models, the front and rear wheel brakes in the Audi A8 have separate brake circuits.

Rear wheel brake with EPB



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Brake booster

9/9" tandem brake boosters are used.

Brake booster



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ESC unit

ESP 9 is used in the Audi A8. Depending on trim level, brake pressure is built up by hydraulic pumps with two or six pistons. In the basic trim of the vehicle, pumps with two pistons are used in combination with a pressure sensor for measuring the driver's input brake pressure. Vehicles with ACC are equipped with the six-piston version. Here, two additional pressure sensors measure the pressures in both brake circuits.

A new function is the loose wheel detection. Loose wheels are detected by evaluating the wheel vibrations. If a loose wheel is detected, the driver receives a warning.

ESC unit



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Wheels and tires

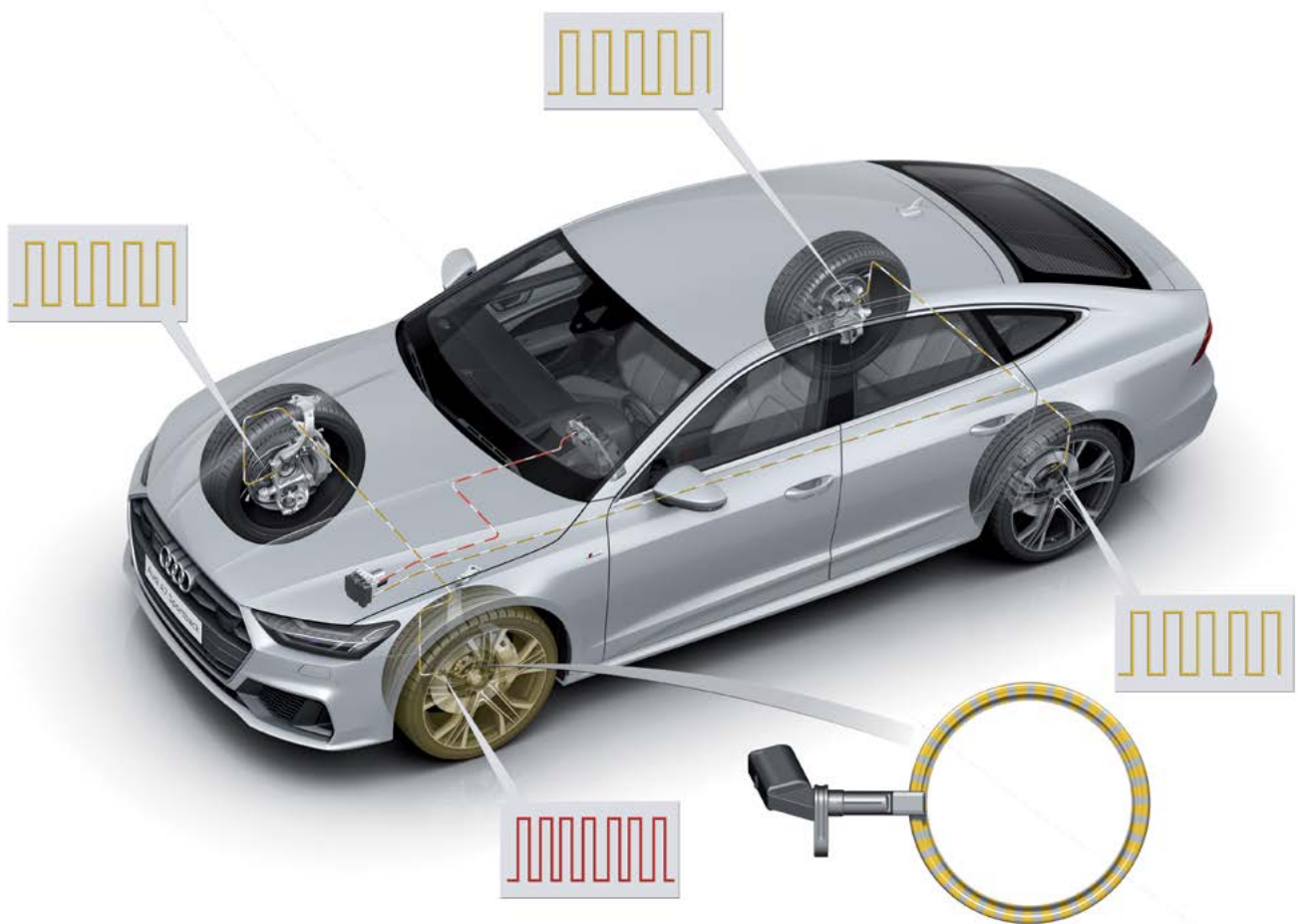
In the basic trim, the Audi A8 comes with 17 – 19" wheels. 18 – 20" wheels are optional. The range of tires extends from 235/60 R17 to 265/40 R20.

Tires with run flat capability are not available.

The vehicle comes with a tool kit, a jack and a space saver spare.

Tire pressure monitoring system

The third generation TPMS is standard equipment on the A8. The system is identical in design and working principle to that of the 2017 Audi Q7.



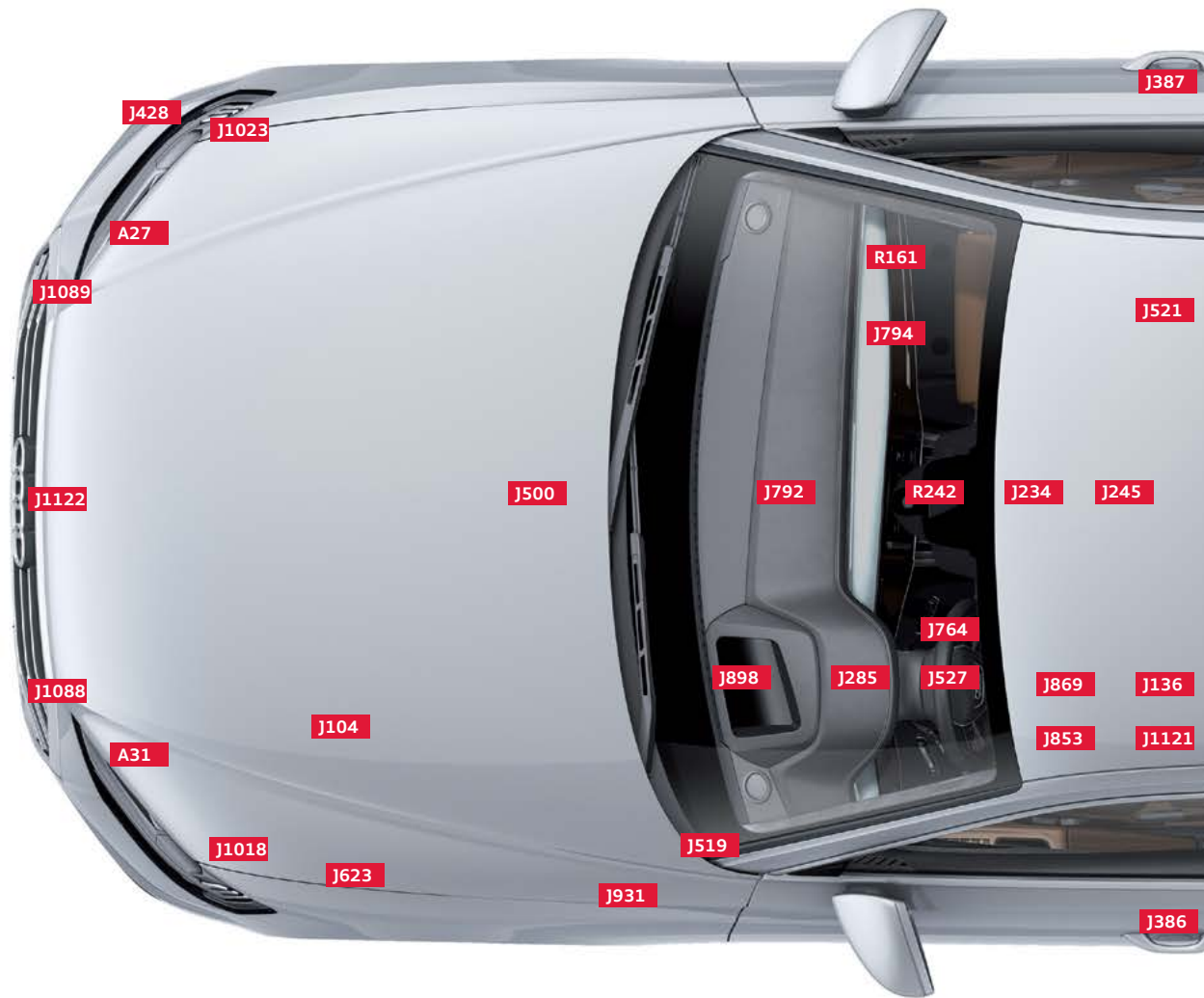
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Electrics and electronics

The Audi A8 represents the future of the luxury class in the area of vehicle electrics and electronics. Highlights of the vehicle electrics are:

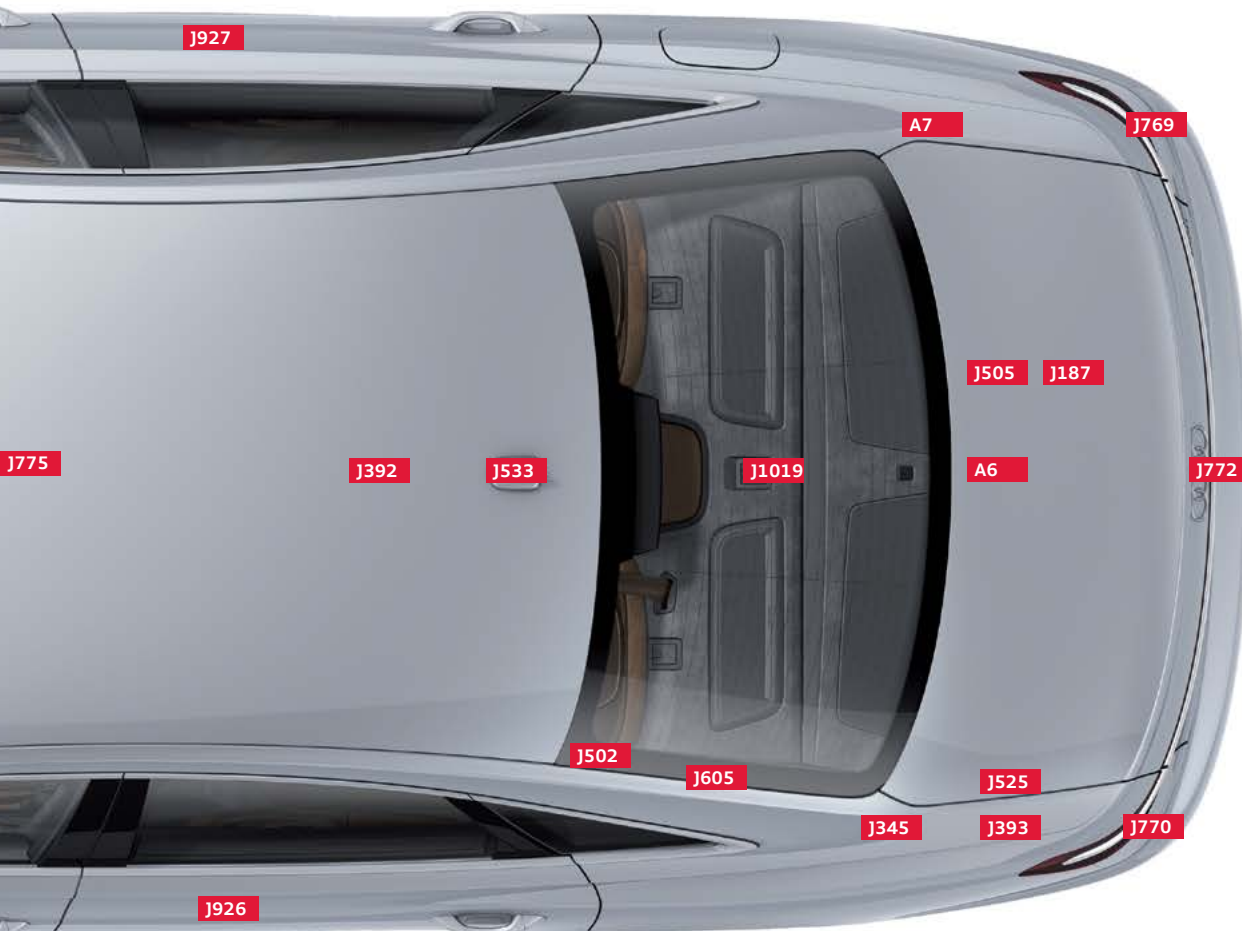
- > Matrix LED headlights (future availability).
- > Rear LED strip with tail lights incorporating OLED technology.
- > Matrix LED reading lights.
- > Rear Seat Remote with OLED display.
- > 48-volt main electrical system with mild hybrid technology.
- > All vehicles are equipped with a belt starter generator (RSG).
- > Heated armrests in the doors, front and rear center armrests as well as a heated steering wheel.
- > 14.1 kWh lithium-ion battery under the luggage compartment floor.



Key:

A6	Battery, 48 V	J386	Driver Door Control Module
A7	Voltage Converter, 48 V/12 V	J387	Front Passenger Door Control Module
A27	Right LED Headlamp Power Output Module 1	J392	Rear Sunroof Control Module
A31	Left LED Headlamp Power Output Module 1	J393	Comfort System Central Control Module
J104	ABS/ESC Control Module	J428	Control Module for Adaptive Cruise Control
J136	Memory Seat/Steering Column Adjustment Control Module	J500	Power Steering Control Module
J187	Differential Lock Control Module	J502	Tire Pressure Monitoring Control Module
J234	Airbag Control Module	J505	Windshield Defogger Control Module
J245	Sunroof Control Module	J519	Vehicle Electrical System Control Module
J285	Instrument Cluster Control Module	J521	Front Passenger Memory Seat Control Module
J345	Towing Recognition Control Module	J525	Digital Sound System Control Module
		J527	Steering Column Electronics Control Module
		J533	Data Bus on Board Diagnostic Interface
		J605	Rear Lid Control Module
		J623	Engine Control Module

Installation locations of the control modules



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J764	Electronic Steering Column Lock Control Module	J1019	Rear Axle Steering Control Module
J769	Lane Change Assistance Control Module	J1023	Right Light Control Module
J770	Lane Change Assistance Control Module 2	J1088	Control Module for Left Front Object Detection Radar Sensor
J772	Rearview Camera System Control Module	J1089	Control Module for Right Front Object Detection Radar Sensor
J775	Drivetrain Control Module	J1121	Driver Assistance Systems Control Module
J792	Active Steering Control Module	J1122	Laser Distance Regulation Control Module
J794	Information Electronics Control Module 1	R161	DVD Changer
J853	Night Vision System Control Module	R242	Driver Assistance Systems Front Camera
J869	Structure Borne Sound Control Module		
J898	Windshield Projection Head Up Display Control Module		
J926	Driver Side Rear Door Control Module		
J927	Passenger Side Rear Door Control Module		
J931	Assembly Mount Control Module		
J1018	Left Light Control Module		



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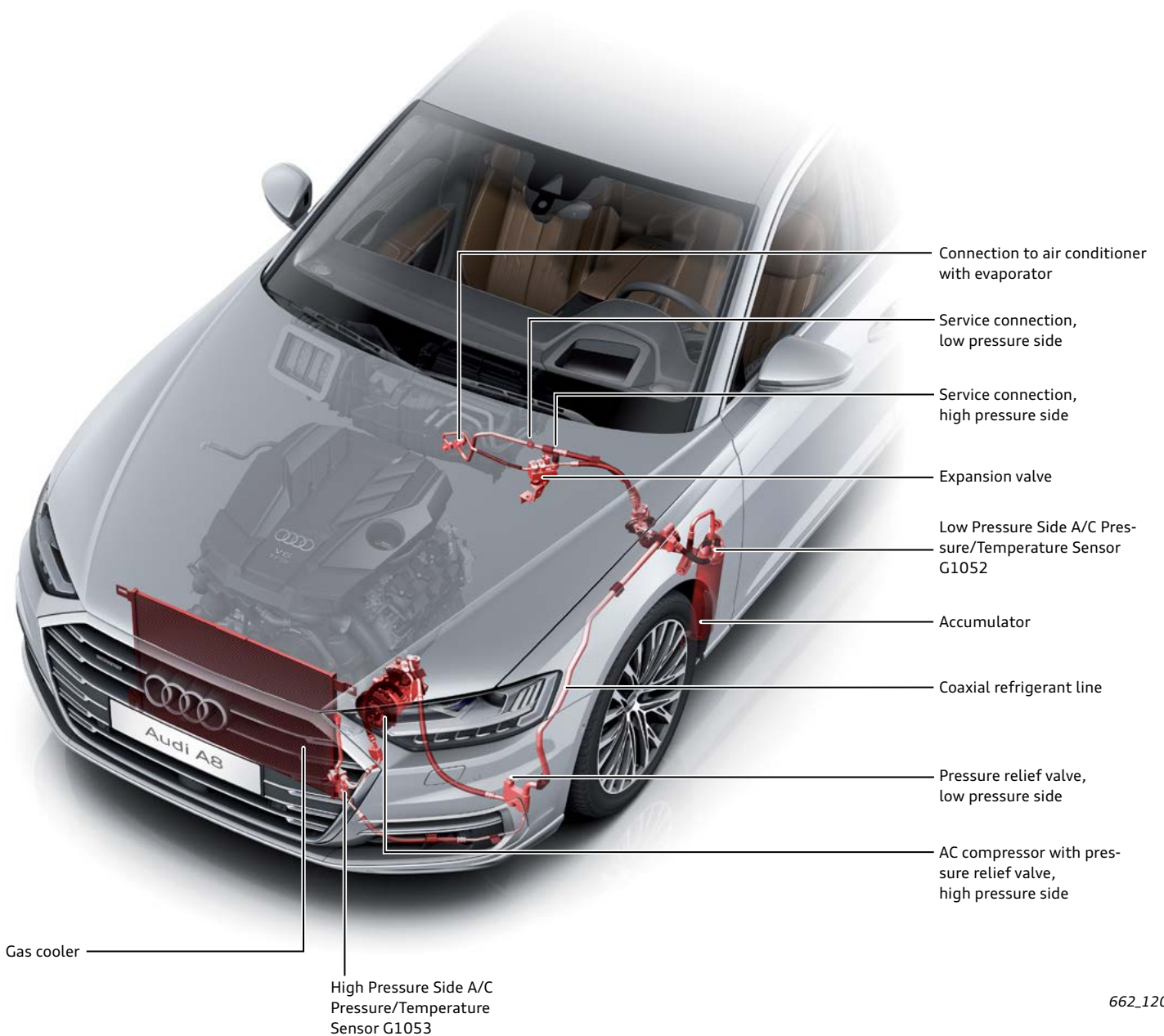
Refer to the current service literature for details of control module installation positions, as well as instructions for installation and removal. For further information about the vehicle electrics and electronics of the Audi A8, refer to eSelf-Study Program [970293, The 2019 Audi A8 Electrics and Electronics](#).

Climate control

At vehicle introduction, the 2019 A8 will use refrigerant R1234yf in the climate control refrigerant system. Audi has been using R1234yf since model year 2017.

A new refrigerant is known as R744 will be introduced at a later date. It is CO₂ and contains neither fluorine nor chlorine and is produced in a series of natural processes without depleting the earth's ozone layer.

Components of the R744 refrigerant circuit



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Properties of the R744:

The essential difference between the new air conditioning system and previous air conditioning systems is the high working pressures in the system. These are required in order to use CO₂ as a refrigerant.

System pressure

- > Up to 1348.8 psi (93 bar) on the low pressure side.
- > The maximum system pressure on the high pressure side is 2030.5 psi (140 bar).

New features

Cabin fragrance system

There is a choice of two different fragrances in the new Audi A8: a summer fragrance and a winter fragrance. The fragrances are stored in two cylindrical containers in Fragrance System Functional Unit GX43, which is located to the left of the steering wheel below the instrument panel. A small fan blows the fragrance into the outer front air outlets. There is a choice of various aroma intensity levels.

Surface heating

The armrests in the door trims as well as the center armrests in the front and rear are heated surfaces. The heating function is activated and controlled through the seat heater.

All heated surfaces are deactivated and regulated through the seat heater.

The options here in the US are as follows:

- > Heated front seats standard.
- > Cold weather package: Rear seat heating, front heated surfaces.
- > Rear heated surfaces optional.

Foot heater

The foot heater in the footrest of the comfort individual contour seat with reclining seat function can only be activated in the unfolded position and in the rest position of the seats.

It can be operated through the Smart Remote Control and, like the seat heater and the seat ventilation system, is adjustable to three levels.

Air improvement system

To improve air quality, ionisers are available in the new Audi A8. Ionizers improve air quality through the controlled negative charging of air particles before they are discharged into the cabin via the outer front air outlets.

Foot massage

The massage program offers two options allowing the soles of the feet to be massaged either by the linear application of pressure by massaging the reflex zones.

Back massage

An enhanced back massage feature is available in the new Audi A8. For this purpose, up to 16 bladders are integrated in the front seat and up to 18 in the rear seat. In standard trim, the seats are equipped with double lift bladders. The optional triple lift bladders are designed to provide a higher intensity back massage.

Climate control panels in the front and rear

The A8 no longer requires the Climatronic Control Module J255. This means there is no need for separate control module.

The climate control is operated via two touchscreens. In terms of visual appearance and tactile feel, both displays are the key innovation in terms user operation. The MMI display and the touchscreen are installed at the center of the instrument panel and at the center of the center console respectively. Climate control functions in the upper MMI display can be accessed through the Car menu. Various control panels are available in the rear area, depending on trim level.



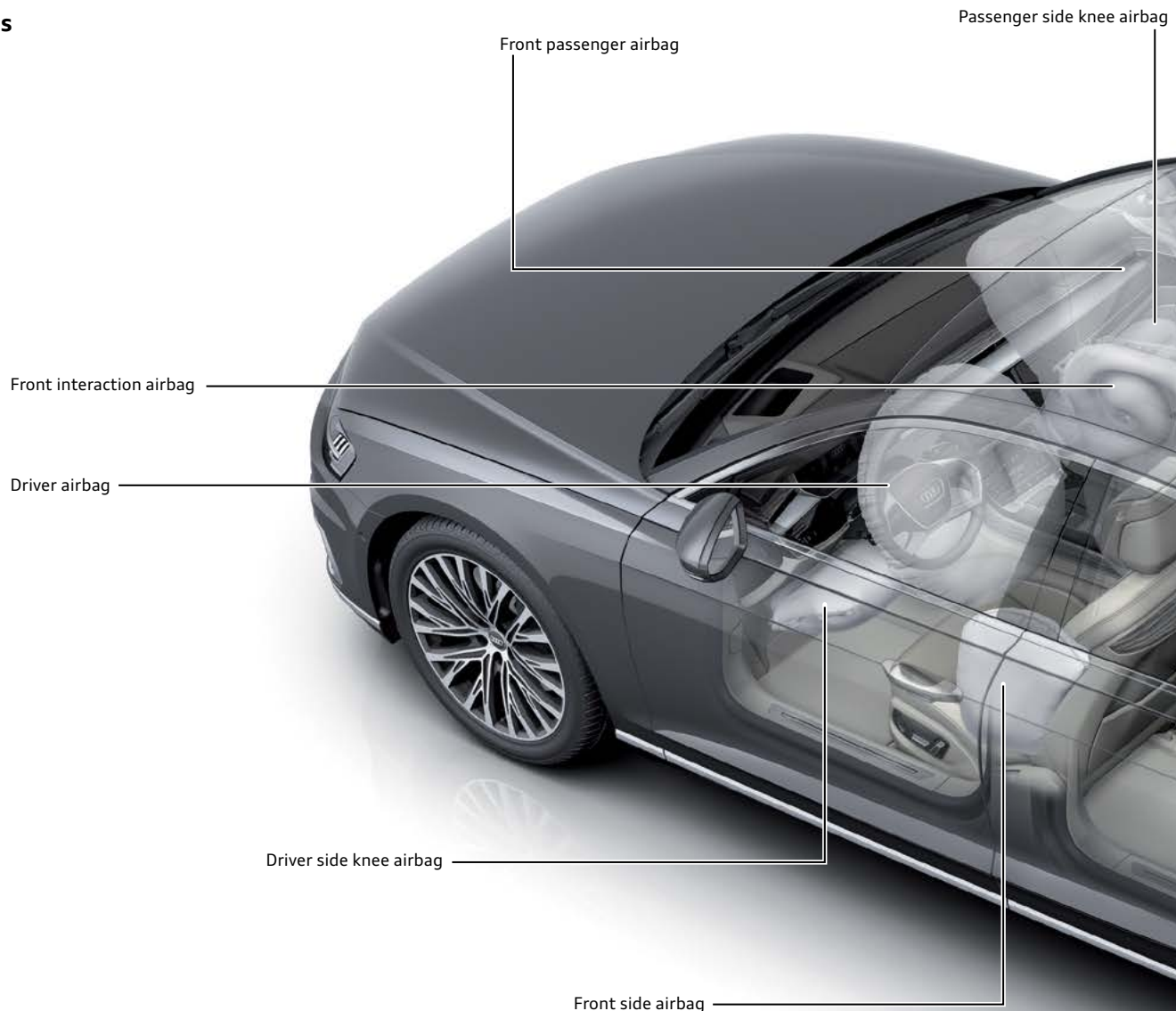
Reference

For further information about the climate control system, refer to eSelf-Study Program [980193, The 2019 Audi A8 Climate Control System](#).

Safety and driver assistance systems

Passive safety

In-car airbags



Components

Depending on trim level, the passive occupant and pedestrian protection system in the 2019 Audi A8 can have the following components and systems:

- › Airbag control module
- › Adaptive driver airbag
- › Adaptive front passenger airbag + (front passenger airbag, two-stage version)
- › Front side airbags
- › Side airbags, 2nd seat row
- › Head airbags
- › Knee airbag
- › Front interaction airbag standard equipment
- › Interaction airbag, 2nd seat row optional equipment
- › Front airbag crash sensors
- › Crash sensors for side impact detection in the doors
- › Crash sensors for side impact detection in the C pillars
- › Crash sensor for side and longitudinal impact detection
- › Front inertia-reel seat belts with pyrotechnic belt tensioners
- › Front inertia-reel seat belts with electric seat belt tensioners
- › Front inertia-reel seat belts with active belt force limiters
- › Inertia-reel seat belts for 2nd seat row with pyrotechnic belt tensioners for driver and front passenger sides
- › Inertia-reel seat belts for 2nd seat row with pyrotechnic belt tensioners for driver and front passenger sides (equipment version)
- › Lap belt tensioner for 2nd seat row for driver and front passenger sides (equipment version)
- › Seat belt warning for all seats
- › Seat occupancy sensor in front passenger seat
- › Front passenger airbag OFF and ON warning lamp
- › Driver and front passenger seat position sensors
- › Battery interrupt igniter, 12-volt electrical system
- › Battery interrupt igniter, 48-volt electrical subsystem

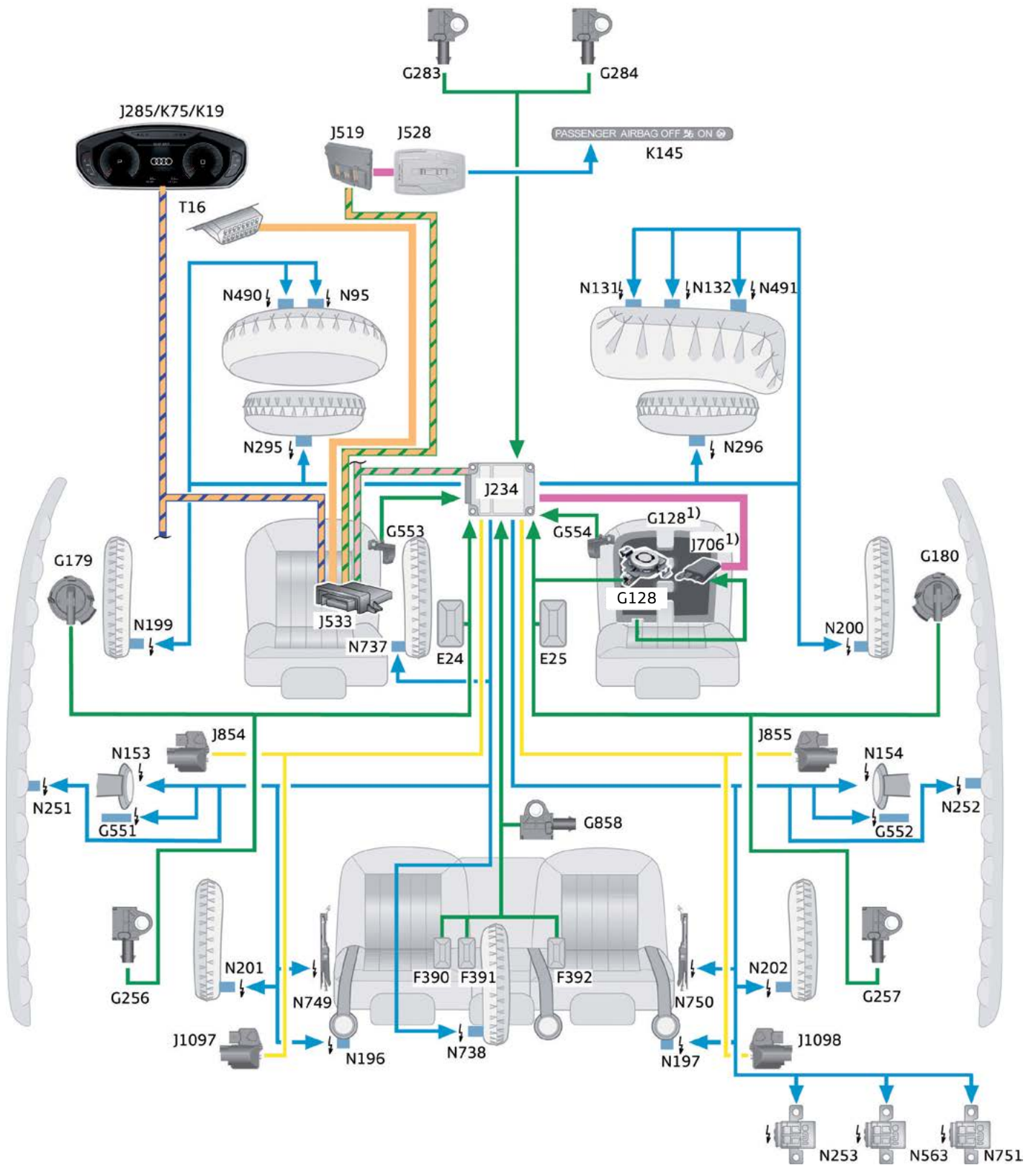


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Note
The diagrams in the chapter "Passive occupant safety" are schematic diagrams designed to aid understanding.

System overview











¹⁾ The Passenger Seat Occupant Detection Sensor G128 is connected by a discrete line to Passenger Occupant Detection System Control Module J706, which communicates with the Airbag Control Module J234 via a LIN bus.

Key to figure on page 52:

E24	Driver Seat Belt Switch	N95	Driver Airbag Igniter
E25	Front Passenger Seat Belt Switch	N131	Front Passenger Airbag Igniter 1
F390	Driver Side Second Row Seat Belt Switch	N132	Front Passenger Airbag Igniter 2
F391	Center Second Row Seat Belt Switch	N153	Driver Seat Belt Tensioner Igniter 1
F392	Passenger Side Second Row Seat Belt Switch	N154	Front Passenger Seat Belt Tensioner Igniter 1
G128	Passenger Seat Occupant Detection Sensor	N196	Driver Side Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Igniter
G179	Driver Thorax Airbag Crash Sensor	N197	Passenger Side Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Igniter
G180	Front Passenger Thorax Airbag Crash Sensor	N199	Driver Thorax Airbag Igniter
G256	Driver Side Rear Thorax Airbag Crash Sensor	N200	Front Passenger Thorax Airbag Igniter
G257	Passenger Side Rear Thorax Airbag Crash Sensor	N201	Driver Side Rear Thorax Airbag Igniter
G283	Driver Front Airbag Crash Sensor	N202	Passenger Side Rear Thorax Airbag Igniter
G284	Passenger Side Front Airbag Crash Sensor	N251	Driver Head Curtain Airbag Igniter
G551	Driver Belt Force Limiter	N252	Front Passenger Head Curtain Airbag Igniter
G552	Front Passenger Belt Force Limiter	N253	Battery Interrupt Igniter
G553	Driver Seat Position Sensor	N295	Driver Knee Airbag Igniter
G554	Front Passenger Seat Position Sensor	N296	Front Passenger Knee Airbag Igniter
G858	Center Crash Sensor for X/Y Axis	N490	Driver Airbag Release Valve Igniter
J234	Airbag Control Module	N491	Front Passenger Airbag Release Valve Igniter
J285	Instrument Cluster Control Module	N563	High-Voltage Battery Interrupt Igniter
J519	Vehicle Electrical System Control Module	N737	Driver Side Front Center Airbag Igniter for Occupant Contact Protection
J528	Roof Electronics Control Module	N738	Driver Side Second Row Center Airbag Igniter for Occupant Contact Protection
J533	Data Bus on Board Diagnostic Interface	N749	Driver Side Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Igniter 2
J706	Passenger Occupant Detection System Control Module	N750	Passenger Side Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Igniter 2
J854	Left Front Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module	N751	Battery Interrupt Igniter, 48 Volt
J855	Right Front Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module	T16	Data Link Connector
J1097	Left Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module		
J1098	Right Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module		
K19	Seat Belt Indicator Lamp		
K75	Airbag Indicator Lamp		
K145	Front Passenger Airbag -Disabled- Indicator Lamp		

Wire colors:

 Diagnostics CAN	 FlexRay	 Input signal
 Instrument panel insert CAN	 LIN bus	 Output signal
 Sub-bus system	 Comfort/convenience systems CAN 2	

Airbag Control Module J234

Data bus interface

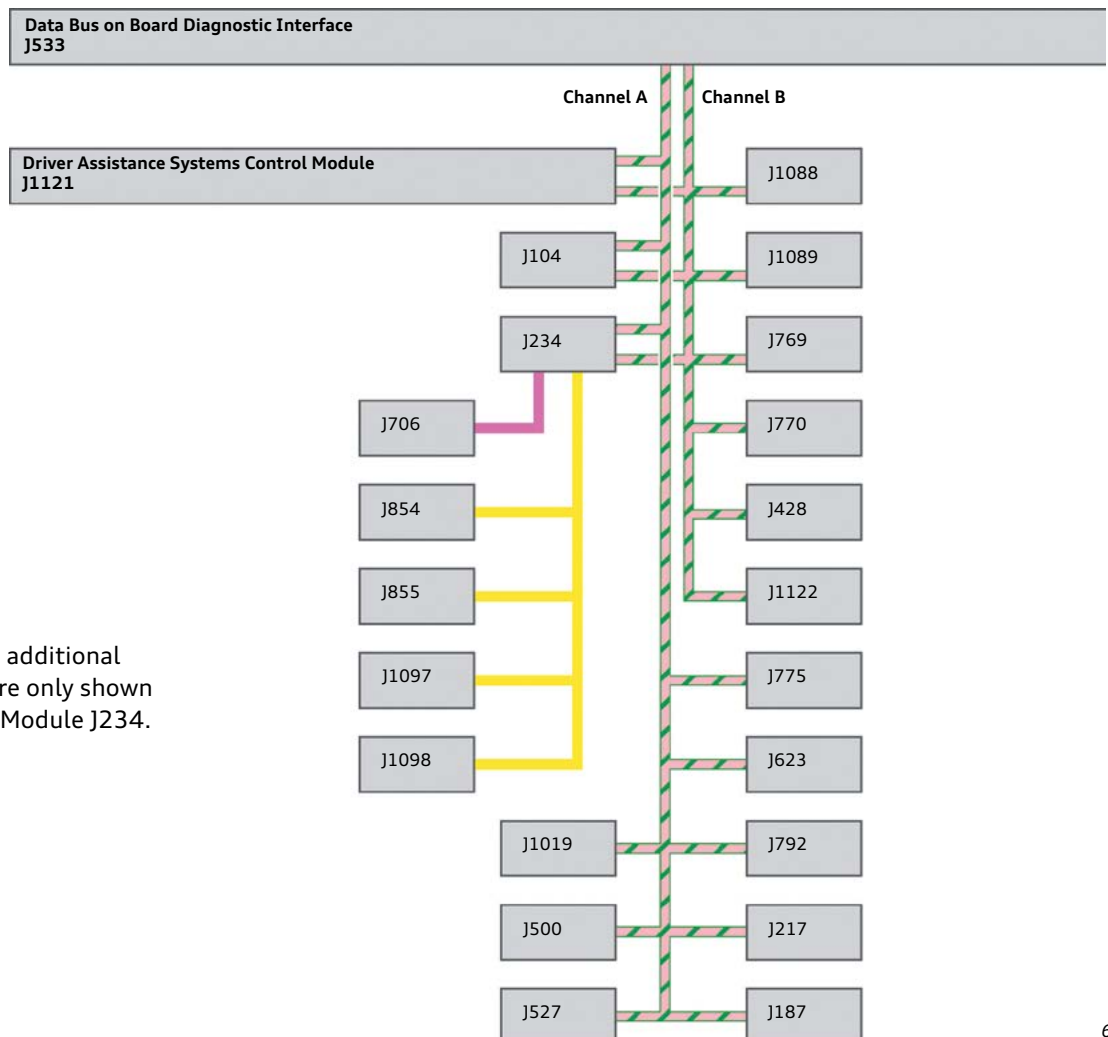
Installation location



J234 communicates via the FlexRay data bus. Due to the increased volume of data in comparison with the Audi Q7, J234 now communicates with the FlexRay data bus via two data lines (channels). These data lines are designated channel "A" and channel "B".

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System overview



For the sake of clarity, additional system components are only shown on the Airbag Control Module J234.

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Key to figure on page 54:

J104	ABS/ESC Control Module	J775	Drivetrain Control Module
J187	Differential Lock Control Module	J792	Active Steering Control Module
J217	Transmission Control Module	J854	Left Front Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module
J234	Airbag Control Module	J855	Right Front Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module
J428	Control Module for Adaptive Cruise Control	J1019	Rear Axle Steering Control Module
J500	Power Steering Control Module	J1088	Control Module for Left Front Object Detection Radar Sensor
J527	Steering Column Electronics Control Module	J1089	Control Module for Right Front Object Detection Radar Sensor
J623	Engine Control Module	J1097	Left Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module
J706	Passenger Occupant Detection System Control Module	J1098	Right Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module
J769	Lane Change Assistance Control Module	J1122	Laser Distance Regulation Control Module
J770	Lane Change Assistance Control Module 2		

Sensors

The driving dynamics control sensors are integrated in the airbag control module. They measure acceleration in the X and Y directions as well as the yaw rate about the Z axis. The driving dynamics control sensors work in a lower acceleration and deceleration range than the crash sensors. The acceleration and deceleration levels which can occur during a collision are different to those which can occur when a vehicle loses grip (for example, oversteer, understeer).

If the vehicle is equipped with dynamic all-wheel-drive steering or quattro with sport differential, the driving dynamics control sensors are duplicated in the airbag control module. The duplication of the sensors provides sensor signal redundancy (multiple signals).

Center Crash Sensor for X/Y Axis G858

G858 is an acceleration sensor. It is a combination sensor which measures both vehicle acceleration and deceleration in the X and Y directions. It is used to validate the plausibility of defined accident events in the longitudinal (X) and transverse directions (Y).

Installation location



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Crash signal

The Airbag Control Module J234 registers vehicle collisions based on the information supplied by internal and external crash sensors. Depending on the severity of the accident event, the collisions are classified as "minor" or "severe". An accident event classified as minor is again subdivided into several different accident severities.

A severe accident event exists if restraint systems, such as safety belt tensioners and airbags, are deployed. The airbag control module indicates the accident severity and collision levels to the data bus. Other bus users receive this crash signal and can then take the appropriate action, for example, shutting off the fuel supply.

Action of the 48 V battery in response to a crash signal

General

If Airbag Control Module J234 has detected a crash, the 48-volt battery is deactivated for safety reasons. In the event of an accident, J234 sends a collision signal to the data bus. The gateway (J533) relays this information to the 48V Battery Control Module A6 via the hybrid CAN bus. This control module is located inside the housing of the 48-volt battery.

Battery Interrupt Igniter, 48 Volt N751 is mounted on its printed circuit board. A6 instructs the battery isolation igniter to disconnect the 48-volt battery. Contrary to what the name might suggest, N751 does not have a pyrotechnic charge. The igniter is a relay. The igniter is an integral part of the 48-volt battery and cannot be replaced separately.

Response to a minor accident

As described above, J234 sends a crash signal to the data bus in the event of a minor accident. The battery isolator igniter receives this message and disconnects the 48-volt battery. A 48-volt battery disconnected by a minor accident can be reactivated by a terminal 15 ON/OFF switching signal.

Response to a severe accident

In the event of a severe accident, the signal to isolate the 48-volt battery is transmitted in two different ways. This provides redundant (multiple) backup for signal transmission.

- › **Pathway 1:** The 48-volt battery is disconnected as described under "Response to a minor accident".
- › **Pathway 2:** J234 is also wired discretely to the 48V Battery Control Module A6. In the event of a severe accident, J234 energizes the battery control module via the discrete wires by applying a current of approximately 1.75 to 2 A and instructs the battery isolation igniter to disconnect the 48-volt battery. If a 48-volt battery is disconnected by a severe accident, it can be reactivated using Guided Fault Finding on the VAS Scan Tool.

**Battery Interrupt Igniter, 48 Volt N751
on the PCB of the 48V Battery Control Module A6**



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Note

The 48-volt battery is not disconnected in the event of a rollover accident.

Event Data Recorder (EDR)

The 2019 Audi A8 is equipped with an Event Data Recorder (EDR).

The EDR is integrated in the Airbag Control Module J234 as a software module. The task of the EDR is to record relevant vehicle data over a period of a few seconds in the event of minor accidents or severe accidents and/or near-accident events. J234 groups minor accidents or severe accidents and/or near-accident events into two basic categories.

Category 1: A minor accident has occurred if the airbag control module has detected an accident in which no pyrotechnic components have deployed.

A near-accident event is a critical driving situation involving corrective inputs by Audi pre sense and in which no actual accident occurs.

Note: The airbag control module will normally classify a minor parking collision as a minor accident because it has a low severity level.

Category 2: A severe accident is a situation in which pyrotechnic components of the restraint systems, for example, airbags deploy.

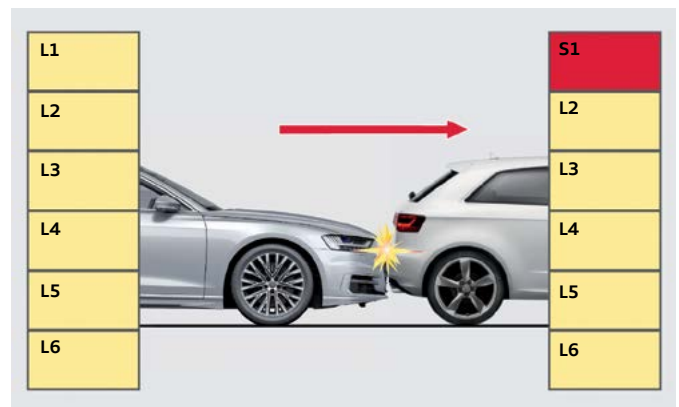
The recorded data is written to a ring memory. This ring memory continuously records the last five seconds of vehicle data while driving. Data which is older than five seconds is either actively cleared again or overwritten by new data. If J234 detects an accident, the data recorded approximately five seconds before and approximately 300 milliseconds after the accident is transferred to non-erasable read-only memory. This memory has the capacity to record up to six accident events. Six blocks are available in the read-only memory module for this purpose.

When J234 detects severe or minor accidents or near-accident events, the relevant data is successively written to one of the six blocks of the read-only memory. This means that each data packet related to an accident or a near-accident event can be assigned clearly to a block of the memory. A special feature of this system is that a block can be used by data related to a minor accident or a near-accident event, but can be overwritten in the event of a severe accident. In this case, the oldest minor accident or near-accident event is overwritten. At least two of the six blocks must still be usable. If this is no longer the case, Airbag Control Module J234 must be replaced. Because minor accidents and near-accident events can be overwritten, they do not necessitate replacing the airbag control module.

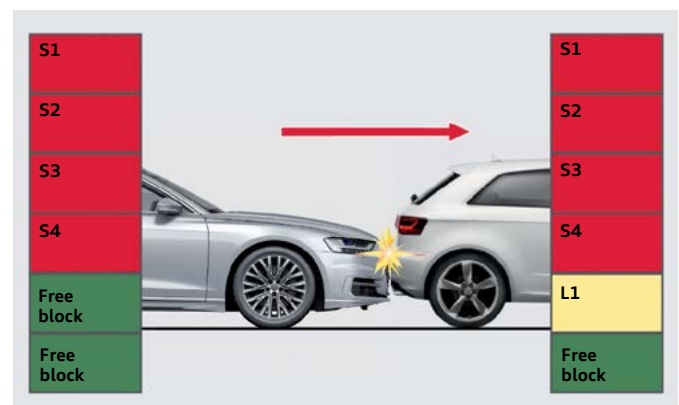
Examples

1. A vehicle has been involved in six minor accidents and/or near-accident events. Each of these situations has been recorded in a block. Now a severe accident occurs. The airbag control module can still be used in this case because the severe accident overwrites the oldest minor accident or near-accident event. The control module therefore meets the condition that at least two of the six blocks still have to be usable. Note here that minor accidents and near-accident events can be overwritten by severe accidents.

2. A vehicle has been involved in four severe accidents. Each of these accidents has been recorded in a block. Now a minor accident or near-accident event occurs. The minor accident or near-accident event is recorded in a separate block. The airbag control module can still be used because a free block is still available and the block in which the minor accident or near-accident event is recorded can be overwritten by a severe accident. Even if four severe accidents and two minor accidents or near-accident events have been stored in the six blocks, the two blocks in which the minor accidents or near-accident events are recorded can be overwritten. The control module therefore meets the condition that at least two of the six blocks still have to be usable and can still be used.



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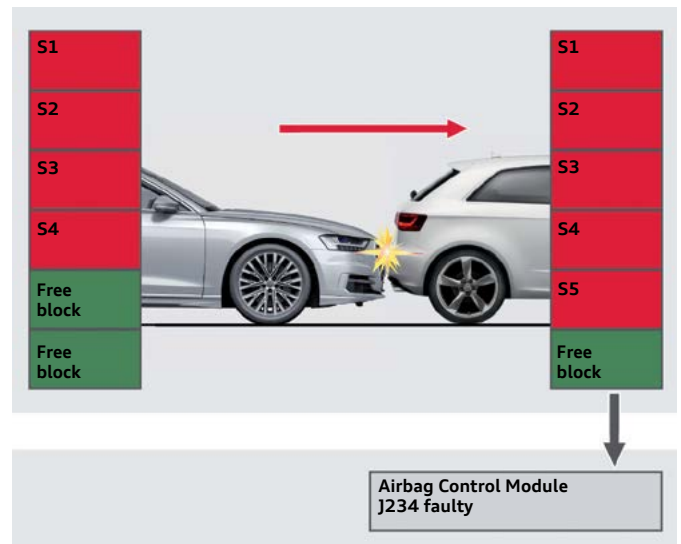


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3. A vehicle has been involved in four severe accidents. Each of these accidents has been recorded in a block. Now another severe accident occurs. The airbag control module must be replaced after this accident because a further block has been used and, as a result, only one block is left. The control module therefore no longer meets the condition that at least two of the six blocks still have to be usable.

Airbag control module faulty

In short, this means that an airbag control module must be replaced after the 5th accident in which pyrotechnics deploy. In this case, the airbag control module would register the event "fault".



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Key:

L	Minor accident or near-accident event
S	Severe accident
Free block	No accident event

Data recording

As mentioned previously, various units of vehicle data are recorded. Personal data is **not** recorded. Generally, data is recorded up to five seconds before an accident and 300 milliseconds after an accident.

This data includes:

- > Vehicle speed.
- > Engine speed.
- > Steering angle.
- > Seat belt status (fastened/not fastened).

Data is still recorded after the accident.

This data includes:

- > Type of accident, for example, head-on collision/rear-end collision/rollover.
- > Number of accidents recorded.
- > Whether the accident event recording is complete.

The data can be used to analyze accident situations and obtain insights.

Diagnostics and read-out tool

The EDR cannot be switched off or deactivated. The data can be accessed with a CDR tool (Crash Data Retrieval). Usually only Crash investigators, insurance inspectors, and or like job roles would have access to the CDR tool. This is not a tool the typical Audi repair shop has available to use.



Note

Pyrotechnic charges are also ignited in the event of a rollover. For this reason, a rollover also counts as a severe accident. In this generation of control module, four severe accidents can occur on one side of the vehicle, for example, four head-on collisions, without the control module having to be replaced.

Assistance system monitor (ASM)

Introduction

The 2019 A8 is equipped worldwide with an assistance system monitor.

The ASM is integrated in Airbag Control Module J234 as a software module. The task of the ASM is to record the data from the driver assistance systems installed in the vehicle over a period of approximately ten seconds before an accident or a near-accident event. The data is written to a ring memory. This ring memory continuously records the last ten seconds of vehicle data while driving. Data which is older than ten seconds is either actively cleared again or overwritten by new data. If the airbag control module detects an accident or a near-accident event, the last approximately ten seconds of vehicle data before the accident is transferred to a read-only memory.

As with the EDR, the ASM has a read-only memory consisting of six blocks. In this case, too, the relevant data is successively written to the blocks after an accident or a near-accident event. Generally, a distinction is made between static and dynamic data, both of which are recorded. Static data indicates whether a driver assistance system is on or off, while dynamic data indicates whether the ESC (Electronic Stability Control) has made corrective inputs or not. The ASM is able to record data from the driver assistance systems, for example, adaptive cruise assist, ESC (Electronic Stability Control), Audi pre sense and others.

Diagnostics

The ASM can be deactivated by service personnel using the "Guided Fault Finding" function. There is a special ASM deactivation form which must be filled out and signed by the customer.



Reference

For further information about the EDR and ASM, refer to the Owner's Manual.

Front Passenger Airbag -Disabled- Indicator Lamp K145

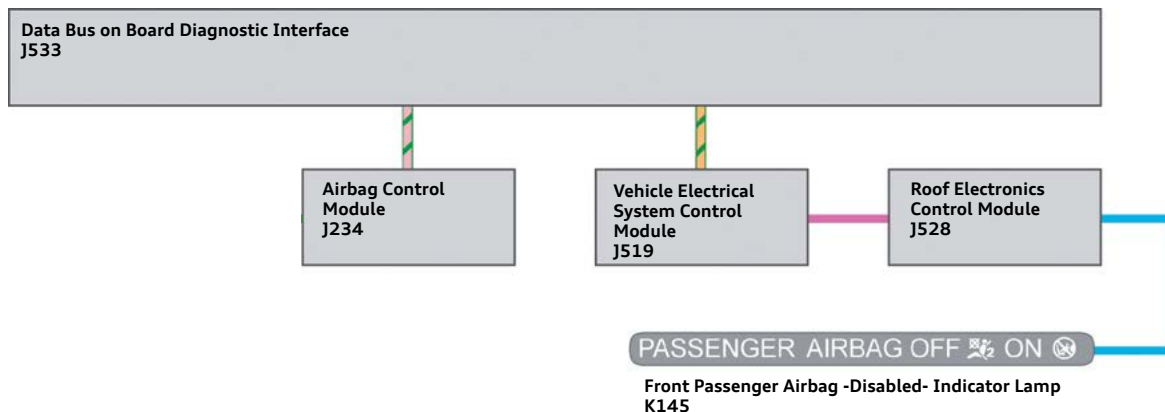
New to the 2019 A8, signals are no longer transmitted across discrete wires to Front Passenger Airbag -Disabled- Indicator Lamp K145. Instead, the signals are transmitted from Airbag Control Module J234 to Data Bus on Board Diagnostic Interface J533 via the FlexRay data bus. From here, the information is transmitted to the Vehicle Electrical System Control Module J519 via the convenience CAN. J519 sends information across the LIN bus to Roof Electronics Control Module J528, which ultimately activates the Front Passenger Airbag -Disabled- Indicator Lamp K145.

The front passenger airbag **OFF** warning lamp indicates whether the front passenger airbag is on or off.








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Signal transfer



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Key:

-  FlexRay
-  Comfort/convenience systems CAN 2
-  LIN bus
-  Input signal
-  Output signal



Note

This applies to all vehicles that are based on the modular longitudinal platform and which use the FlexRay data bus to communicate with the Airbag Control Module J234.

Interaction airbag

Introduction

The 2019 A8 is available with interaction airbags. They are standard on the front seats and optional for the rear seat.

The interaction airbags deploy in the event of a side-on collision and can prevent vehicle occupants sitting side by side from colliding with one another.

Front and rear interaction airbags



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Design

The interaction airbags are pyrotechnic hybrid gas generators. The "standard" side airbags are generally solid propellant generators. Each interaction airbag is housed in a "hard cover".

The internal pressure of the inflated interaction airbags is much higher than that of side airbags. Unlike "standard" side or front airbags, interaction airbags do not have an outlet orifice. Therefore, the excess pressure in the airbag escapes only through the fabric and through the seams of the airbag. This means that the interaction airbag has a much longer useful life than a side airbag. This is necessary because it has to protect the occupants over a longer period of time. The interaction airbags are activated in all severe side-on impacts in which the side airbags also deploy.

Diagnostics

The interaction airbags are pyrotechnic components. The safety instructions are the same as for other pyrotechnic components. After igniting, the interaction airbags are unusable and have to be replaced. The Airbag Control Module J234 continuously monitors the interaction airbags for proper functioning. Faults in the system are registered as DTCs by J234. These faults can be cleared using the "Guided Fault Finding".



Reference

For information on installation and removal of the interaction airbags, please refer to the electronic service information and Guided Fault Finding.

Front interaction airbag

Driver Side Front Center Airbag Igniter for Occupant Contact Protection N737 is integrated in the driver seat backrest. The pressure in the interaction airbag is, in principle, discharged at the same backrest cover seam as the side airbag, but inversely on the other side of the backrest.

The interaction airbag is a head-thorax airbag, similar to the side airbags used in convertibles. It can therefore protect both the body and the head of the occupants.

Installation location



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Rear interaction airbag

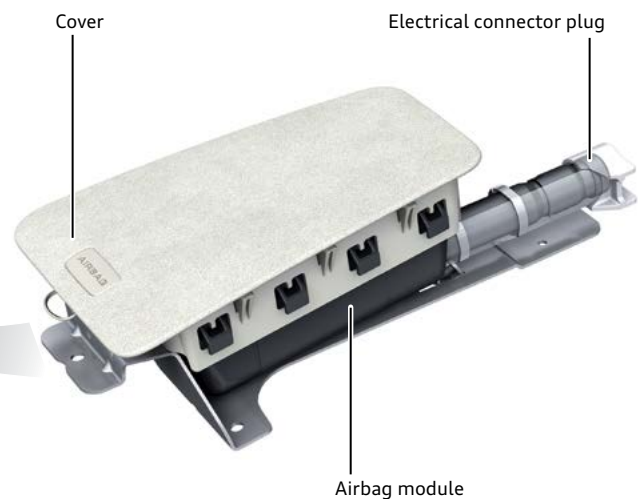
If Driver Side Second Row Center Airbag Igniter for Occupant Contact Protection N738 is installed, the vehicle must be equipped with electrically adjustable individual seats. It is installed in the center of the parcel shelf between the two rear occupants. The interaction airbag has a cover facing the parcel shelf. The cover forms a unit with the interaction airbag and must **not** be removed.

No objects may be placed on the cover. Otherwise, objects can fly around inside the occupant cell in an uncontrolled way when the interaction airbag deploys. In addition, the interaction airbag may not be able to inflate properly due to these objects. After the rear interaction airbag is installed, the cover is aligned with the parcel shelf and attached to the parcel shelf with clips.

Installation location



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Note:

No objects may be placed on or above the rear interaction airbag cover.

Automatic belt retractor

Front and rear automatic seat belt retractors

The rear outer automatic belt retractors are equipped with pyrotechnic belt tensioners and additionally with reversible belt tensioners with electric motors.

The four reversible belt tensioners:

- > Left Front Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module J854.
- > Right Front Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module J855.
- > Left Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module J1097.
- > Right Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module J1098.

They are connected to Airbag Control Module J234 by a sub-bus system. The seat belt tensioner control modules are actuators and are activated by J234.

When Audi pre sense basic detects specific driving situations, corresponding signals are sent to the data bus. J234 evaluates the signals and, if necessary, instructs the seat belt tensioner control module to partially or fully tension the seat belts via an electric motor.

If an automatic seat belt retractor with reversible seat belt tensioners is replaced, the basic setting procedure must be performed using the "Guided Fault Finding" function. In this process defined information is written to the airbag control module. If the basic setting procedure has not been carried out, a DTC is logged by J234.

Belt park function (convenience function)

The reversible seat belt tensioners are also equipped with a "belt park function". With the belt park function, the seat belt is retracted by the electric motors of the reversible seat belt tensioners.

The belt park function is activated when the buckle on a fastened seat belt is opened, and the seat belt is slowly retracted by the automatic retractor. The seat belt may retract slowly at low temperatures or when the retractor mechanism has lost tension.

The seat belt retracts about five seconds after seat belt buckle opens or if the seat belt has retracted about 30% relative to the fastened belt buckle. The belt park function can be activated when the ignition is switched on or off. If the vehicle is already in sleep mode, the reversible seat belt tensioners are active for about five seconds after the seat belt is fastened and monitor the seat belt.

If movement of the seat belt is detected (occupant still fastened in the vehicle), this time can be extended to a maximum of 20 minutes. If a reversible seat belt tensioner detects the seat belt retracting in sleep mode, it wakes up the airbag control module. The airbag control module can then initiate the retraction of the seat belt by the corresponding belt tensioner control module.

As mentioned previously, the seat belt is only retracted by the electric motors when the seat belt buckle has been opened and the seat belt is retracting slowly.

The reversible seat belt tensioners have a Hall-effect sensor which measures the extension of the seat belt based on the rotation of the belt retractor shaft. The seat belt retraction time is determined by the airbag control module.

Front reversible belt tensioner

If the vehicle is equipped with emergency assist, the **driver's reversible belt tensioner** can issue two tactile warnings.

Both tactile warnings serve to bring the driver's attention back to the traffic situation and to indicate that the driver should continue steering the vehicle.

- > When a tactile warning is issued, the seat belt is tensioned three times in quick succession and then released again. This produces a "tug" on the seat belt.
- > When the other tactile warning is given, the reversible seat belt tensioner is fully tensioned. This eliminates belt slack completely, and the seat belt is tensioned.

Front reversible belt tensioner



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Rear reversible seat tensioner (optional)

As an option, the 2019 A8 can be equipped with reversible seat tensioners on the rear outer seats in addition to the front reversible seat belt tensioners.

Rear reversible seat tensioner



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Reference

For further information about emergency assist, refer to eSelf-Study Program [990393, The 2019 Audi A8 Driver Assistance Systems](#).

Rear lap belt tensioner

Introduction

If the Audi A8 is equipped with electrically adjustable individual rear seats, as opposed to the standard rear bench seat, lap belt tensioners are installed in the rear outer seats. They have the following designations:

- > Driver Side Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Igniter 2 N749.
- > Passenger Side Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Igniter 2 N750.

In an accident, if the occupants are wearing their seat belts, the lap belt tensioners have the following effect:

- > Reduced chest compression.
- > Reduced upper thigh load.
- > Reduced forward displacement of the pelvis.
- > Improved interfacing between the pelvis and seat.
- > Reduced submarining.

Installation position



Accident response sequence

In the event of an accident which meets the criteria for deployment, the Airbag Control Module J234 deploys the belt tensioners and the lap belt tensioners. The seat belt is tensioned by the belt tensioner on the automatic belt retractor. For safety reasons, the belt force is limited by the active belt force limiter. The lap belt tensioner tensions the part of the seat belt in the region of the occupant's pelvis.

Seat belt travel



Submarining

Submarining occurs if an occupant slides down underneath the lap belt towards the footwell during a head-on collision. This can potentially cause serious injury. The adjustability of the rear seats allows submarining to be reduced depending on seat setting.

The lap belt tensioners counteract submarining by tensioning the lap belts and holding the vehicle occupants in a set position in the seat.



Position of occupant before accident

Occupant begins to slide downward

Occupant slides down underneath the seat belt

Installation location

The lap belt tensioner is engaged and bolted to the rear bulkhead at the rear left and right.



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Coupling

The seat belt is diverted at the seat belt end fitting in the seat frame area and, unlike in other vehicles, is movable without lap belt tensioners. A coupling is stitched to the end of the seat belt. The lap belt tensioner coupling is inserted into the seat belt coupling and clipped into place.



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Diagnostics

The lap belt tensioner is a pyrotechnic component. The safety instructions are the same as for other pyrotechnic components. The lap belt tensioner becomes unusable after its pyrotechnic charge has ignited and has to be replaced as a unit. Airbag Control Module J234 continuously monitors the lap belt tensioners for proper functioning. Faults in the system are registered as DTCs by J234. These faults can be cleared using "Guided Fault Finding".



Reference

The basic working principle of a lap belt tensioner is explained in eSelf-Study Program [990143, The 2015 Audi A3 Introduction](#).

Illuminated seat belt buckles

Introduction

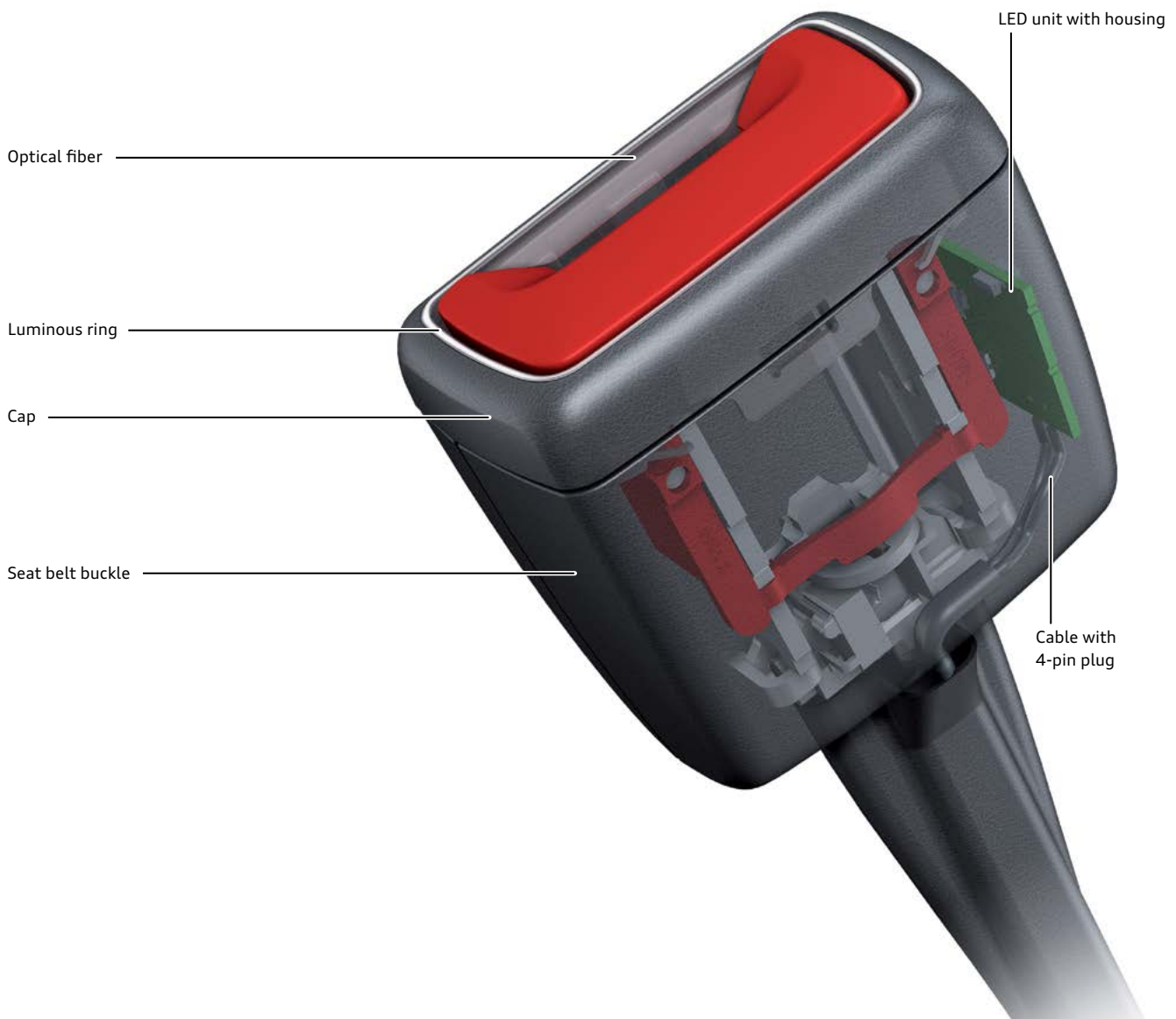
Illuminated seat belt buckles are standard on the A8 and help the vehicle occupants to locate their seat belt buckle in the dark.

The illuminated seat belt buckles are installed at the front and rear on the driver and front passenger sides. Vehicle Electrical System Control Module J519 is responsible for the illumination. For this reason, J519 is discretely wired to the seat belt buckle lighting units. For further information about the illumination function of the seat belt buckles (for example, switch-on point, run-on time etc.), please refer to eSelf-Study Program [970293, The 2019 Audi A8 Electrics and Electronics](#).

The actual seat belt function is unchanged. This means that the seat belt buckles are still a component part of the occupant protection system and are wired to Airbag Control Module J234.

Illuminated seat belt buckles require four-pin electrical plugs instead of two.

Design of the lighting unit



Active safety

Audi pre sense

Working within its system limitations, Audi pre sense is able to initiate actions to protect the occupants and other road users in certain critical situations.

The vehicle and its occupants are prepared for in the event of a potentially imminent collision.

This is made possible by the connectivity of the various in-car systems. The systems send data continuously to the data bus. Other control modules are able to evaluate this information and take appropriate action.

Depending on the Audi pre sense package (rear, side, front, collision avoidance assist and turn assist), trucks, passenger cars, motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians can be detected.

Airbag control module

Airbag Control Module J234 has been modified extensively with regard to Audi pre sense. These modifications mean that J234 can now initiate Audi pre sense actions which were previously initiated by other control modules.

For example, Driver Assistance Systems Front Camera R242 evaluates the "image data" which it has acquired. Depending on the severity of the critical situation, the front camera then instructs other systems to initiate actions. Such actions can include an acute warning (brake warning) or automatic and/or assistive braking by ABS/ESC Control Module J104.

The ACC control module and the side assist control modules behave similarly. They also register and evaluate driving situations. If necessary, they can instruct other systems to initiate actions, depending on the driving situation.

Please note that Audi pre sense cannot prevent collisions. It serves only to assist the driver and it can reduce the severity of the collision.

It should also be noted that not all objects or lane markings can be detected by the sensor or by the camera.

Pages 69 through 92 describe the Audi pre sense functions available (dependent on model and options selected) on the 2019 Audi A8 and how they interact with other systems on the vehicle.

In consequence to the above-mentioned modifications, the various modules now send their driving situation data to Driver Assistance Systems Control Module J1121 where it is collated and evaluated.

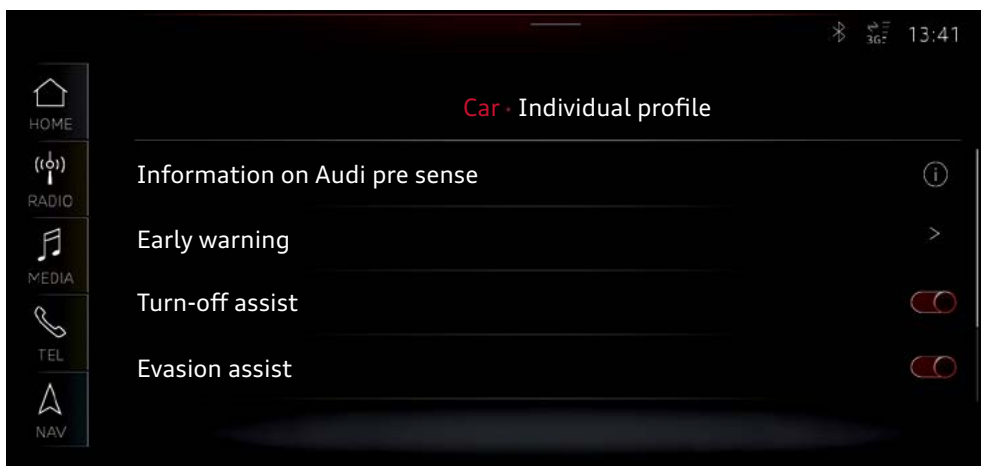
This merging of information (data) from different sources is termed "data fusion". The advantage of data fusion is that it provides a comprehensive picture of the vehicle periphery. J1121 sends this data via the bus systems to recipients such as the airbag control module. The airbag control module evaluates this data and can instruct other systems to initiate actions appropriate to the situation.

Audi pre sense settings

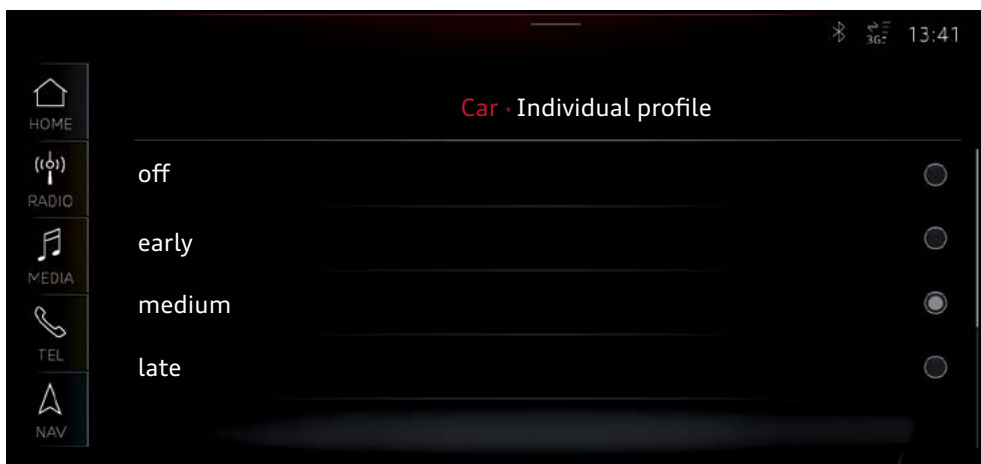
Setting and switching off the early warning

The early warning function of Audi pre sense front can be set and deactivated in the MMI. The following setting options are available:

- off** The audible and visual early warning function is off.
 - early** The audible and visual early warnings are set to earlier.
 - medium** The visual and audible early warnings are included here in the basic setting.
 - late** The audible and visual early warnings are set to later.
- > The settings for the "early", "medium" or "late" early warning are active until another selection is made in the MMI.
 - > If the early warning has been set to "off", the early warning is switched on again after the ignition is switched back on. The system reactivates the setting which was active before the early warning was switched off.



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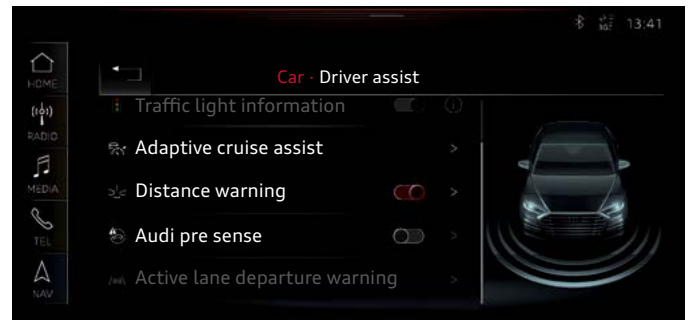
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Switching off Audi pre sense

Audi pre sense can be switched off in the MMI. All functions of Audi pre sense front, side, rear as well as collision avoidance assist and turn assist are deactivated. When Audi pre sense is switched off, the partial tensioning of the reversible seat belt tensioners by Audi pre sense basic is deactivated. The full tensioning function remains active.

Activating Audi pre sense

If Audi pre sense is off, it can be reactivated in the MMI. Here, all functions of Audi pre sense are reactivated. When the ignition is switched off and on again, Audi pre sense, if off, is reactivated automatically.



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Turn assist / Collision avoidance assist

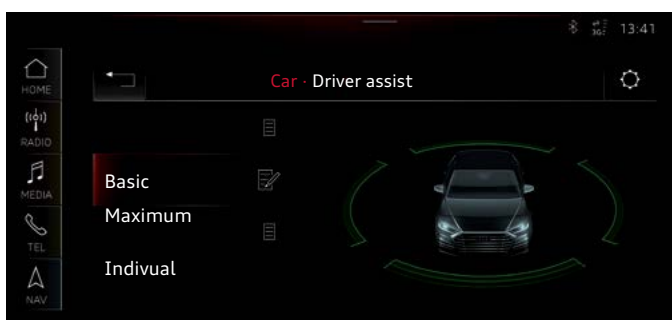
The turn assist and collision avoidance assist functions of Audi pre sense can be switched off separately in the MMI. Once they have been switched off, they remain switched off until the functions are reactivated in the MMI. Switching the ignition off and on again does not activate them.

Audi pre sense and profile master for driver assistance systems

Audi pre sense can also be switched off in the profile master for driver assistance systems under "Individual". All functions of Audi pre sense front, side, rear as well as collision avoidance assist and turn assist are deactivated. In this case, the partial tensioning of the reversible seat belt tensioners is also switched off. The full tensioning of the reversible seat belt tensioners is not switched off and remains active.

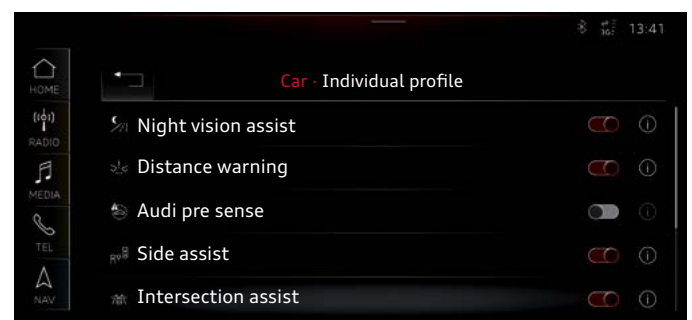
Once it has been switched off, Audi pre sense remains switched off until it is reactivated in the profile master for driver assistance systems. When the ignition is switched off and on again, Audi pre sense, if switched off in the profile master for driver assistance systems, is reactivated automatically.

Profile master for driver assistance systems



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Audi pre sense off



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Reference

For further information about the profile master for driver assistance systems, refer to eSelf-Study Program [990393, The 2019 Audi A8 Driver Assistance Systems](#).

Pre sense basic

Reversible belt tensioners

If the vehicle has the optional separate rear seats, the rear outer seats are equipped with reversible seat belt tensioners in addition to the front reversible seat belt tensioners. The functions of the front and rear reversible seat belt tensioners are identical. The following information therefore refers to both the front and rear reversible seat belt tensioners.

With Audi pre sense basic, the following actions can be taken:

- › Belt slack reduction.
- › Partial tensioning of the electrically reversible seat belt tensioners.
- › Full tensioning of the electrically reversible seat belt tensioners.
- › Closing of the panoramic sunroof.
- › Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gapv
- › Inflation of the side bolsters in the seats and backrests.
- › Display of corrective action by Audi pre sense in the instrument cluster.

Definition and function of the belt slack reduction system for reversible seat belt tensioners

In certain situations, for example, when wearing a thick winter jacket, it is possible that after fastening the reversible seat belt, it does not tighten against the body. In this case, the wind-up force of the automatic seat belt retractor is less than the force required to compress the thick winter jacket. The distance which the seat belt can travel until it fits the front occupants perfectly is termed "belt slack".

The seat belt is tightened with defined force by the reversible seat belt tensioners under the following conditions:

This enables any existing belt slack to be reduced.

- › If the vehicle reaches a speed of about 9.3 mph (15 km/h) after starting the engine and traveling forwards.
- › If the vehicle has not reached a speed of 9.3 mph (15 km/h) about 10 seconds after starting the engine and traveling forwards.

Seat belt fitting tightly
(low belt slack)



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Seat belt on "thick" clothing
(greater belt slack)



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System characteristics of the reversible seat belt tensioners

- › After reducing seat belt slack, the seat belt is released again.
- › If a seat belt is not buckled, the slack is not reduced for this seat belt.
- › The four reversible seat belt tensioners:
 - › Left Front Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module J854
 - › Right Front Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module J855
 - › Left Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module J1097
 - › Right Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module J1098,are connected to the Airbag Control Module J234 via a sub-bus system. J234 instructs the seat belt tensioners to reduce the belt slack.

Longitudinal dynamics function

Hazard braking

If the brake pressure reaches a defined value during a hazard braking maneuver, Audi pre sense basic initiates electrical **partial tensioning** of the reversible seat belt tensioners.

A message indicating that Audi pre sense is active appears in the instrument cluster. No audible signal is given.

Emergency braking

During an emergency braking maneuver, the reversible seat belt tensioners are **fully tensioned**. A distinction is made between the following three criteria for emergency braking.

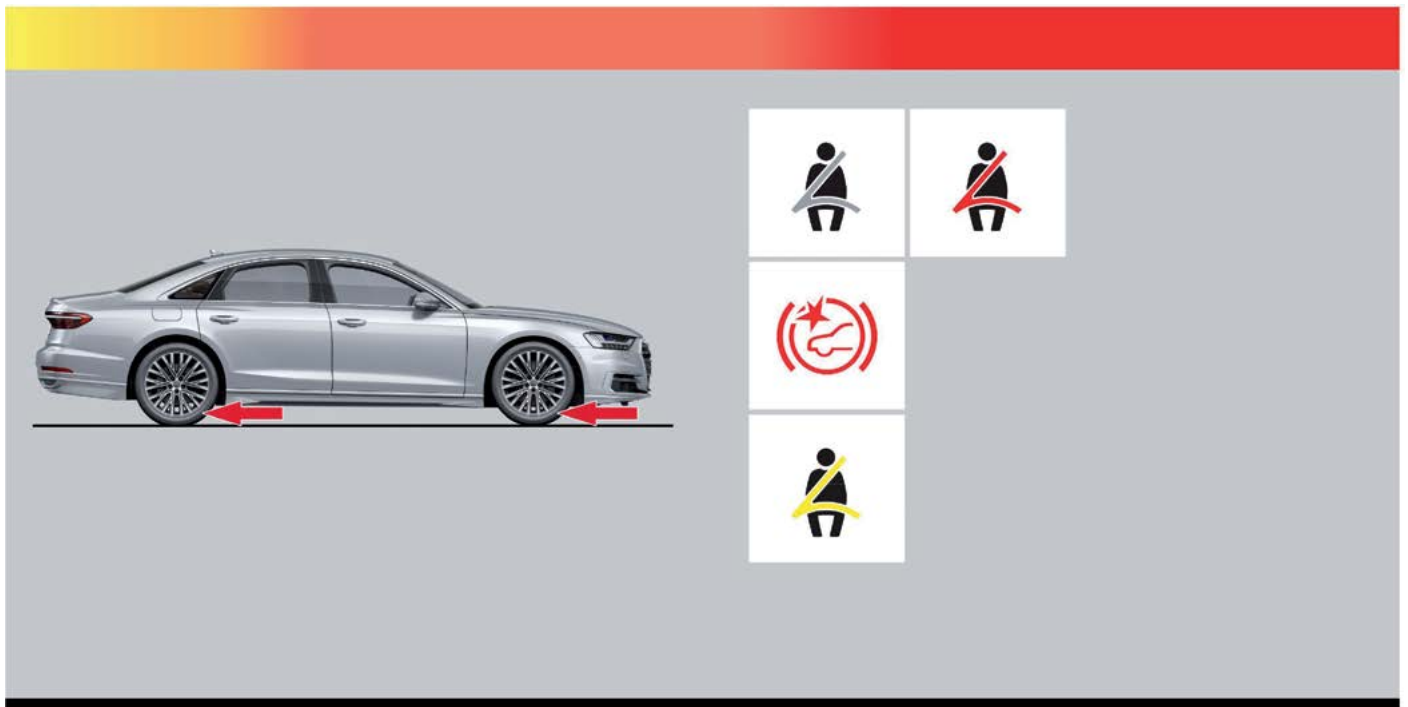
- › An emergency braking situation exists if J104 detects that brake pressure had reached a specific value within a defined period of time. If the conditions are met, Audi pre sense basic initiates electrical **full tensioning** of the reversible seat belt tensioners. A message indicating that Audi pre sense is active appears in the instrument cluster. No audible signal is given.
- › An emergency braking situation exists if the given conditions are not met, but if J104 has detected an emergency braking maneuver based on the pedal rates. If the conditions are met, Audi pre sense basic initiates electrical **full tensioning** of the reversible seat belt tensioners. A message indicating that Audi pre sense is active appears in the instrument cluster. No audible signal is given.

Tensioning of the reversible seat belt tensioners

In the case of Audi pre sense basic, tensioning of the reversible seat belt tensioners can be carried out at a speed of higher than 18.6 mph (30 km/h) when the longitudinal and transverse dynamics functions are active. To activate longitudinal dynamics, the vehicle must be moving forwards. An exception here is the crash function in the low relative speed range (refer to [page 75](#)).

- › An emergency braking maneuver also exists if the electromechanical parking brake is applied when traveling forwards at a speed of approximately 18.6 mph (30 km/h) or higher. Audi pre sense basic then initiates the full tensioning of the reversible seat belt tensioners. In this case, no Audi pre sense message appears in the instrument cluster. The seat belts are released again under the following conditions:
 - › When the electromechanical parking brake button is released.
 - › When the vehicle comes to a standstill.
 - › When the driver presses his foot down heavily on the accelerator and thus overrides the emergency braking of the electromechanical parking brake.

Process diagram of the Audi pre sense basic longitudinal dynamics function



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Key:

	Belt slack reduction		Visual advance warning and/or indication of corrective action
	Partial tensioning		Full tensioning

System characteristics of the longitudinal dynamics function

- > If Electronic Stability Control (ESC) is set to "sport" or "off" using ASR/ESP Button E256, the seat belts are **not partially tensioned**.
- > If Audi drive select is set to "dynamic", the seat belts are **not partially tensioned**.
- > If Audi pre sense is deactivated in the MMI, the seat belts are **not partially tensioned**.



Driving Profile Selection Switch Module E592

ASR/ESP Button E256

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Transverse dynamics function

If the vehicle oversteers or understeers, the Electronic Stability Control (ESC) will try to stabilize the vehicle. If the vehicle becomes unstable because certain physical limits have been exceeded, Airbag Control Module J234 initiates **partial tensioning** of the electrically reversible seat belt tensioners. A message indicating that Audi pre sense is active appears in the instrument cluster. No audible signal is given.

If the vehicle can no longer be stabilized, the following actions are initiated:

- > The electrically reversible seat belt tensioners are fully tensioned. A message indicating that Audi pre sense is active appears in the instrument cluster. No audible signal is given.
- > The side bolsters of the seats and backrests are inflated when the seat belts are fully and partially tensioned.
- > The side windows and the panoramic sunroof are closed when the seat belts are fully and partially tensioned.

Process diagram of the Audi pre sense basic transverse dynamics function



Key:

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	Belt slack reduction		Visual advance warning and/or indication of corrective action		Partial tensioning
	Full tensioning		Inflation of the seat side bolsters		Closing of the side windows
	Closing the panoramic sunroof				

System characteristics of the transverse dynamics function

- > If Audi drive select is set to "dynamic", the seat belts are not partially tensioned.
- > If Audi pre sense is deactivated in the MMI, the seat belts are not partially tensioned either.
- > If the vehicle is unstable, Electronic Stability Control is set to "sport" or "off" and the driver actively applies the brakes, the seat belts are **fully tensioned**. A message indicating that Audi pre sense is active appears in the instrument cluster. No audible signal is given. The side windows and the panoramic sunroof are closed.

Crash function in the low relative speed range

If the Airbag Control Module J234 detects a head-on collision at a low relative speed¹⁾ and at a low rate of vehicle deceleration, it decides situationally on the basis of its algorithm whether to initiate electrical **full tensioning**.

A condition is that no pyrotechnic components, such as the airbags, deploy during these head-on collisions. In addition to this, the closing of the side windows and the panoramic sunroof as well as the inflation of the seat and backrest side bolsters are initiated at speeds of 31.0 mph (50 km/h) or higher.

Pre sense rear

With Audi pre sense rear, the following actions can be initiated:

- › RECAS alert (Rear End Collision Avoidance System).
- › The electrical upper backrests move into an upright position.
- › The electrical head restraints move into an elevated position.
- › Inflation of the side bolsters in the seats and backrests.
- › Closing the panoramic sunroof.
- › Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gap.
- › Speed-dependent partial or full tensioning of the electrically reversible seat belt tensioners.
- › Display of corrective action by Audi pre sense in the instrument cluster.

Installation location

Audi pre sense rear is only possible if the vehicle has Audi side assist. Audi side assist utilizes two "mid-range" radar sensors which are able to detect objects within a distance of about 0 - 76.5 yd (0 - 70 m) behind the vehicle. Lane Change Assistance Control Module J769 is installed in the rear bumper on the right-hand side of the vehicle. Lane Change Assistance Control Module 2 J770 is installed in the rear bumper on the left-hand side of the vehicle. Each control module combines with a radar sensor to form a unit.

Audi pre sense rear utilizes the control modules including the radar sensors of Audi side assist.

Overview of the radar sensors



Lane Change Assistance Control Module 2 J770

Lane Change Assistance Control Module J769 is installed similarly on the right-hand side of the vehicle.

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¹⁾ The relative speed is the difference in speed between one's own vehicle and the other vehicle involved in the collision.

Function

The radar sensors continuously monitor the traffic following behind the vehicle whenever Audi side assist is inactive. J769 and J770 send signals they receive as data to Airbag Control Module J234 via FlexRay data bus (channel "B"). The information supplied by ABS/ESC Control Module J104 shares information regarding the vehicle speed. The airbag control module calculates the speeds of the following vehicles on the basis of this information.

The following information is therefore available to Audi pre sense rear¹⁾:

- > Distance of following vehicles.
- > Speed of following vehicles.
- > Speed of own vehicle.

Audi pre sense rear now initiates the following actions, which can be subdivided into two phases.

Phase 1

If the driver in the following vehicle reacts during this phase, for example, brakes or takes evasive action, and Lane Change Assistance Control Modules J769 and J770 no longer detect a critical situation, then no further action.

Phase 2

If the critical situation still exists, the side windows and the panoramic sunroof are closed. If installed, the electrical head restraints¹⁾ on the seats move upward and the electrical upper backrests¹⁾ (seat adjustment) move forward. If the vehicle is equipped with pneumatic seats, the seat and backrest side bolsters are inflated.

Approximately one second after the side windows, the panoramic sunroof, the seat adjustment and the side bolsters are activated, the instrument cluster indicates that Audi pre sense is active.

A critical situation is defined as a situation in which a following vehicle would collide with the rear end of one's own vehicle unless further action is taken by the driver of the following vehicle. Taking the available information as a basis, the airbag control module decides which actuators to activate. It relays this information to different control units such as Sunroof Control Module J245. The other control modules receive this data and activate the relevant actuators.



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Audi pre sense rear



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¹⁾ A precondition is that the following vehicles are within the detection range of the radar sensors.

Audi pre sense display



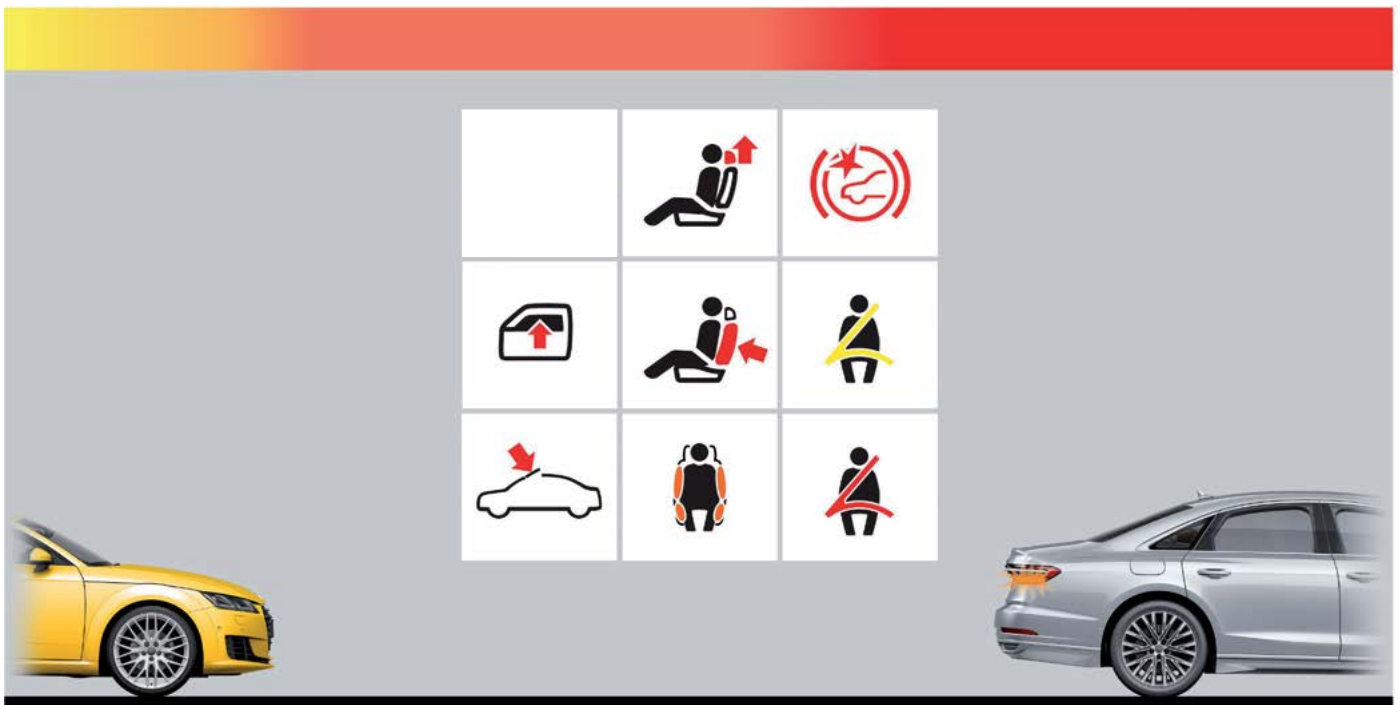
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If the vehicle continues to approach and the danger of a rear-end collision increases, the reversible seat belt tensioners are partially or fully tensioned depending on how fast your own vehicle is traveling. The reversible seat belt tensioners are partially tensioned if your vehicle is traveling at a higher speed and fully tensioned if the vehicle is traveling at a lower speed. If your own vehicle exceeds a preset speed, reversible seat belt tensioners are not tensioned. The four reversible seat belt tensioners are connected to the Airbag Control Module J234 by a sub-bus system.

The reversible seat belt tensioners are:

- > Left Front Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module J854.
- > Right Front Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module J855.
- > Left Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module J1097.
- > Right Rear Seat Belt Tensioner Control Module J1098.

Process diagram of Audi pre sense rear



Key:

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	Movement of the electrical head restraints into the upright position		Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gap		Closing the panoramic sunroof
	Visual advance warning and/or indication of corrective action		Movement of the upper backrests into the upright position		Inflation of the seat side bolsters
	Partial tensioning		Full tensioning		

Pre sense side (to be introduced at a later date)

Audi pre sense side can initiate measures for the protection of the vehicle occupants in the event of a side-on collision with another vehicle.

In models equipped with Audi pre sense side, the following actions can be initiated:

- › Raising of the vehicle ride-height in the event of an imminent side-on impact on the collision-facing side. In this way, the forces occurring during a collision can be redirected toward crash-active body structures.
- › Full tensioning of the electrically reversible seat belt tensioners.
- › Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gap.
- › Closing the panoramic sunroof.
- › The electrical upper backrests move into an upright position.
- › The electrical head restraints²⁾ move into an elevated position.
- › Display of corrective action by Audi pre sense in the instrument cluster.

Installation location

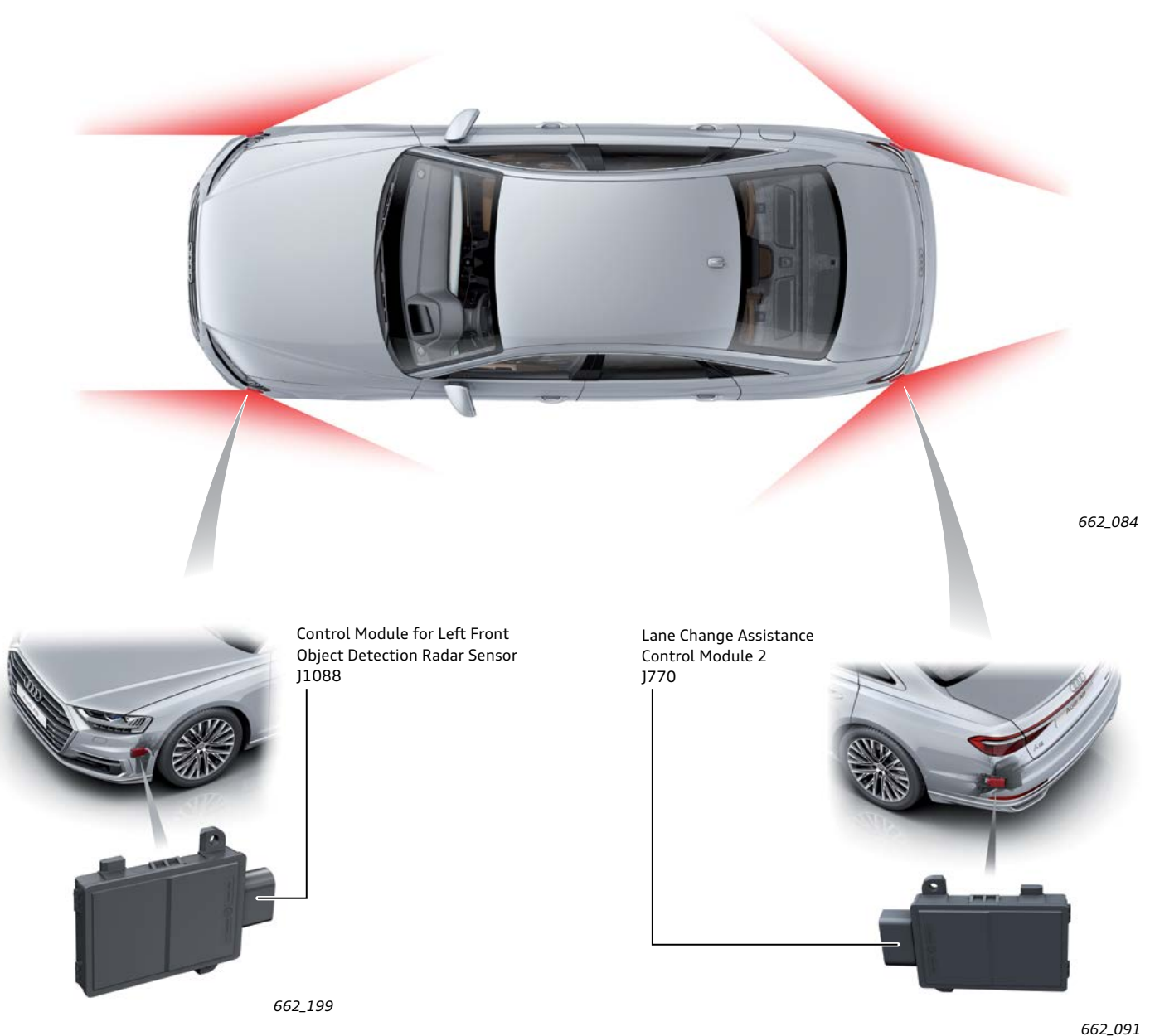
Audi pre sense side is only possible if the vehicle is equipped with Audi side assist and intersection assist. Audi side assist utilizes two "mid-range" radar sensors which are able to detect objects within a distance of 75.6 yd (70 m) behind and to the side of your own vehicle.

Lane Change Assistance Control Module J769 is installed in the rear bumper on the right-hand side of the vehicle. Lane Change Assistance Control Module 2 J770 is installed in the rear bumper on the left-hand side of the vehicle. Intersection assist also utilizes two "mid-range" radar sensors which are able to detect objects within a distance of 75.6 yd (70 m) behind and to the side of your own vehicle.

Left Front Object Detection Radar Sensor J1088 is installed in the front bumper on the left-hand side of the vehicle. Right Front Object Detection Radar Sensor J1089 is installed in the front bumper on the right-hand side of the vehicle. Each of these four control modules combines with a radar sensor to form a unit. The radar beam angle of the radar sensors is approximately 150°.

Audi pre sense side utilizes the control modules including the radar sensors of Audi side assist and the intersection assist system for the purposes of object recognition.

Overview of the corner radar sensors



J1089 and J769 are installed on the right-hand side of the vehicle.

Function

The four radar sensors continuously monitor the traffic to the side of as well as in front of and behind one's own vehicle, even when Audi side assist and intersection assist are inactive. The signals recorded by the radar sensors are sent to Driver Assistance Systems Control Module J1121 as data.

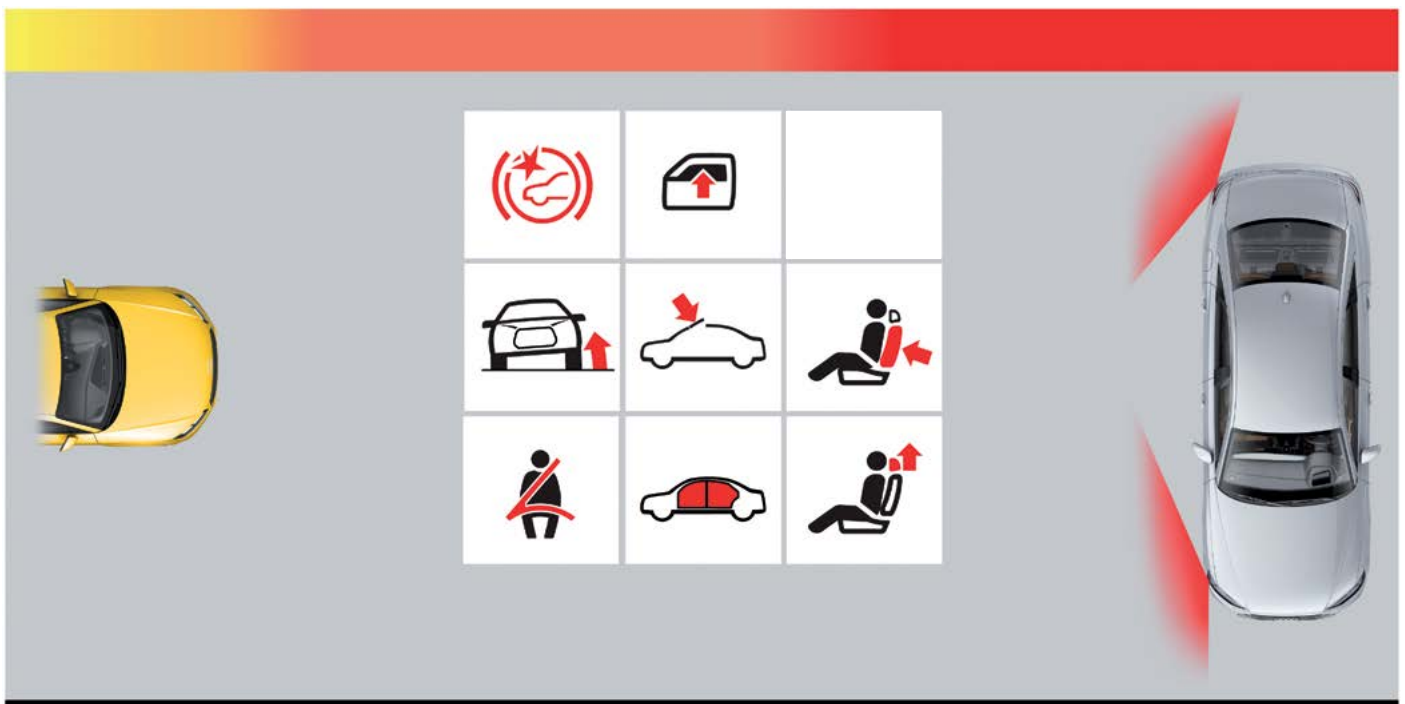
J1121 merges the data so that an exact map the vehicle periphery can be created and evaluated. If critical objects are detected on either side of one's own vehicle, the information is sent to the Airbag Control Module J234. The airbag control module evaluates the data and can instruct other systems to initiate the appropriate actions.

In the case of Audi pre sense side, a critical situation is when a vehicle approaching from the side will, with a high degree of probability, collide into the side of your vehicle.

If the airbag control module detects a critical situation, it takes the following measures almost simultaneously:

- > Raising of the vehicle on the collision-facing side (to be implemented at a future date).
- > Full tensioning of the reversible seat belt tensioners.
- > Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gap.
- > Closing of the panoramic sunroof.
- > The electrical upper backrests move into an upright position.
- > The electrical head restraints move into an elevated position.
- > Locking of the doors.
- > A visual message indicating that Audi pre sense is active appears in the instrument cluster.

Process diagram of Audi pre sense side



Key:

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	Visual advance warning and/or indication of corrective action		Raising of the vehicle on the collision-facing side		Full tensioning
	Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gap		Closing the panoramic sunroof		Locking of the doors
			Movement of the upper backrests into the upright position		Movement of the electrical head restraints into the upright position

System characteristics of Audi pre sense 360

- > Audi pre sense side is active while traveling forward at speeds of between approximately 0 - 37.2 mph (0 - 60 km/h). It is also active at speeds of between approximately 0 - 12.4 mph (0 - 20 km/h) while backing up.
- > To be detected from the side, the approaching vehicles must be at or below a defined angle to your vehicle.



CAUTION:

To avoid the danger a vehicle being raised automatically while working on the vehicle, refer to the safety instructions for deactivating the vehicle raise function in the Workshop Manual.

Pre sense front

Audi pre sense front can, in the event of possible head-on collisions, assist the driver by taking a variety of measures. In models equipped with Audi pre sense front, the following action can be taken:

- > Visual prewarning.
- > Audible prewarning.
- > Prefilling of the brake system.
- > Reconfiguration of hydraulic brake assist.
- > Acute warning by braking impulse.
- > Automatic braking to emergency braking level.
- > Target braking.
- > The electrical head restraints move into an elevated position.
- > Inflation of the side bolsters in the seats and backrests.
- > Closing the panoramic sunroof.
- > Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gap.
- > Partial tensioning of the electrically reversible seat belt tensioners.
- > Full tensioning of the electrically reversible seat belt tensioners.
- > Display of corrective action by Audi pre sense in the instrument cluster.
- > Driver take-over prompt.

Installation location

To implement Audi pre sense front, the vehicle requires:

- > Driver Assistance Systems Front Camera R242.

Driver Assistance Systems Front Camera R242



Function

Driver Assistance Systems Front Camera R242 continuously monitors the traffic in front of the vehicle. The resulting signals are sent to Driver Assistance Systems Control Module J1121 as data. J1121 sends the data to the Airbag Control Module J234. J234 evaluates the data and can instruct other systems to initiate actions appropriate to the situation.

The system can, under certain conditions, detect the following scenarios:

- › Vehicles in front of your vehicle (passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles).
- › Cyclists in the same lane as the vehicle or moving into the same lane as the vehicle.
- › Pedestrians in the same lane as the vehicle or moving into same lane as the vehicle.

Response to vehicles

The following preconditions must be met in order to activate the system:

- › Audi pre sense front is able to respond to vehicles which are traveling in the same direction and which have stopped or are stationary.
- › Audi pre sense front does not respond to crossing or oncoming traffic.
- › Audi pre sense front is active at a speed of approximately 6.2 mph (10 km/h) or higher.
- › Audi pre sense front can warn against vehicles up to a speed of 155.3 mph (250 km/h).
- › Audi pre sense front can initiate braking up to a speed of 155.3 mph (250 km/h).

Advance warning phase

If the vehicle approaches another vehicle which is traveling in the same direction at speeds of between approximately 18.6 mph and 155.3 mph (30 - 250 km/h). resulting in a critical driving situation, the instrument cluster gives the driver audible and visual early warnings when set limits are exceeded. These warnings are given within a certain time frame ahead of the last braking opportunity for braking or collision avoidance before the actual collision occurs. The timing of warnings depends on the driver's activity level. Depending on steering, pedal and turn signal inputs, the system classifies the driver as active or inactive and, consequently, as attentive or inattentive. If the driver is deemed to be "attentive", warnings are issued later than for a driver deemed to be "inattentive". At the same time, ABS/ESC Control Module J104 initiates prefilling of the brake system, and hydraulic brake assist is reconfigured. Hydraulic brake assist is more sensitive to the drivers pedal input.

Acute warning phase

If driver does not respond to the warnings, however, J104 generates an acute warning by initiating a brake warning. At the same time, a visual warning is issued in the instrument cluster display. The brake warning is a very brief but easily noticeable braking impulse which does not slow the vehicle down directly. It alerts the driver to the traffic situation and indicates to the driver that he must react immediately in order to prevent an impending collision. Depending on how attentive the driver is, the brake warning is produced within a certain time window ahead of the last opportunity to brake or take evasive action in order to avoid a collision.

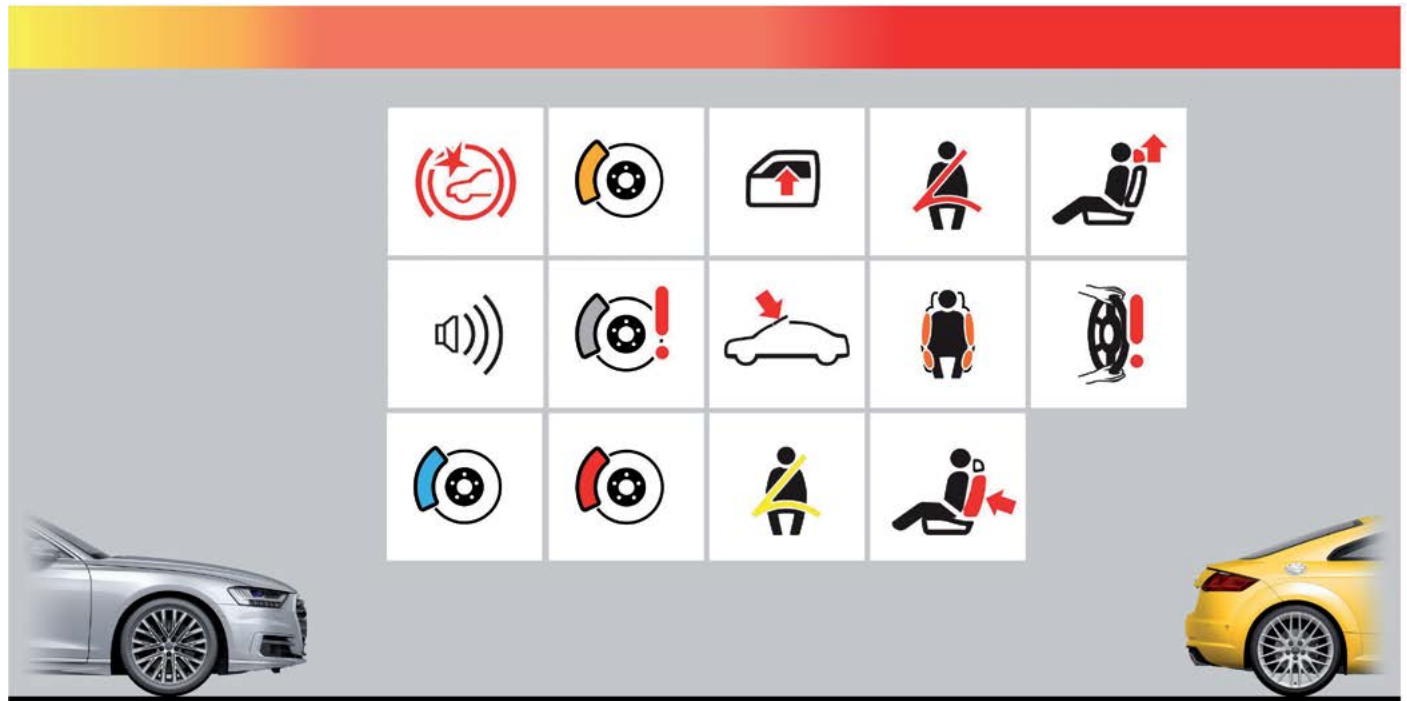
Automatic brake intervention phase

If the driver fails to respond to the brake warning or only takes his foot off the accelerator, ABS/ESC Control Module J104 initiates automatic braking. Depending on the speed at which the vehicle is traveling, braking power may increase progressively to maximum level (emergency braking). Depending on the situation, the following additional actions may be initiated:

- > The electrical head restraints move into an elevated position.
- > Inflation of the side bolsters in the seats and backrests.
- > Closing the panoramic sunroof.
- > Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gap.
- > Partial tensioning of the electrically reversible seat belt tensioners
- > Full tensioning of the electrically reversible seat belt tensioners.
- > Display of corrective action by Audi pre sense in the instrument cluster.

If the vehicle automatically brakes itself to a standstill without driver intervention, a driver take-over prompt appears in the instrument cluster and further audible signals sound. These signals will alert the driver to the fact that he must actively take control of the vehicle (for example, by applying braking). If the driver fails to take control of the vehicle, the system will release the brake and the vehicle will start to move.

Process diagram showing how Audi Pre sense front responds automatically to vehicles



Key:

	Visual advance warning and/or indication of corrective action		Audible warning beep		Prefilling of the brake system
	Reconfiguration of hydraulic brake assist		Acute warning by braking impulse		Automatic braking up to emergency braking intensity
	Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gap		Closing the panoramic sunroof		Partial tensioning
	Full tensioning		Inflation of the seat side bolsters		Movement of the upper backrests into the upright position
	Movement of the electrical head restraints into the upright position		Driver take-over prompt		

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Assistive brake intervention phase

When the driver applies the brakes, a target braking maneuver can be performed in all of the phases described above (prefilling of the brake system, reconfiguration of hydraulic brake assist, prewarning, acute warning, automatic braking). During the target braking maneuver the Audi pre sense front system calculates whether the driver has applied sufficient braking to be able to prevent a collision. If this is not the case, the required amount of braking is increased (up to maximum level depending on the situation). Depending on the situation, ABS/ESC Control Module J104 can instruct the hazard warning flashers to be activated.

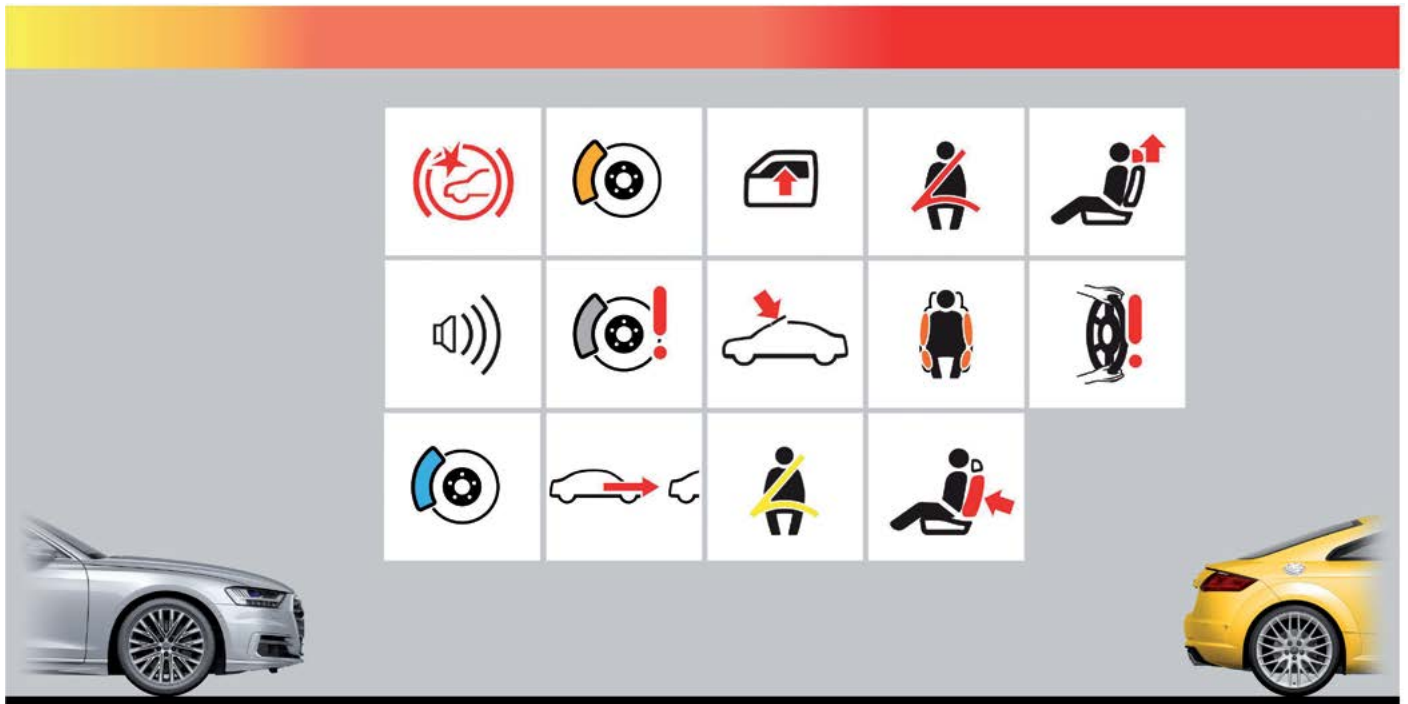
Depending on the situation, the following additional actions may be initiated:

- > The electrical head restraints move into an elevated position.
- > Inflation of the side bolsters in the seats and backrests.
- > Closing the panoramic sunroof.

- > Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gap.
- > Partial tensioning of the electrically reversible seat belt tensioners
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Process diagram showing how Audi Pre sense front responds to vehicles



Key:

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	Visual advance warning and/or indication of corrective action		Audible warning beep		Prefilling of the brake system
	Reconfiguration of hydraulic brake assist		Acute warning by braking impulse		Target braking
	Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gap		Closing the panoramic sunroof		Partial tensioning
	Full tensioning		Inflation of the seat side bolsters		Movement of the upper backrests into the upright position
	Movement of the electrical head restraints into the upright position		Driver take-over prompt		

Response to pedestrian or cyclist

Audi pre sense city responds to pedestrians and cyclists in the same lane as the vehicle or moving into the same lane as the vehicle.

The following preconditions must be met in order to activate the system:

- › Audi pre sense front is active at a speed of approximately 6.2 mph (10 km/h) or higher.
- › Audi pre sense front can warn against pedestrians and cyclists up to a speed of 52.8 mph (85 km/h).
- › Audi pre sense front can initiate braking up to a speed of 52.8 mph (85 km/h).

Advance warning phase

If the vehicle is traveling at speeds of between approximately 6.2 and 52.8 mph (10 - 85 km/h) and a pedestrian or cyclist is in the same lane as the vehicle or moving into the same lane as the vehicle resulting in a critical driving situation, the instrument cluster alerts the driver by issuing audible and visual warnings. These warnings are given within a certain time frame ahead of the last braking opportunity for braking or collision avoidance before the actual collision occurs. The timing of warnings depends on the driver's activity level.

Depending on steering, pedal and turn signal inputs, the system classifies the driver as active or inactive and, consequently, as attentive or inattentive. If the driver is deemed to be "attentive", warnings are issued later than for a driver deemed to be "inattentive". At the same time, ABS/ESC Control Module J104 initiates prefilling of the brake system, and hydraulic brake assist is reconfigured. Hydraulic brake assist reacts more sensitively to pedal operations by the driver.

Acute warning phase

If driver does not respond to the warnings, however, J104 generates an acute warning by initiating a brake warning. At the same time, a visual warning is issued via the instrument cluster display. The brake warning is a very brief but easily noticeable braking impulse which does not slow the vehicle down directly.

It alerts the driver to the traffic situation and indicates to the driver that he must react immediately in order to prevent an impending collision. Depending on how attentive the driver is deemed to be, the brake warning is produced within a certain time window ahead of the last opportunity to brake or take evasive action in order to avoid a collision.

Automatic brake intervention phase

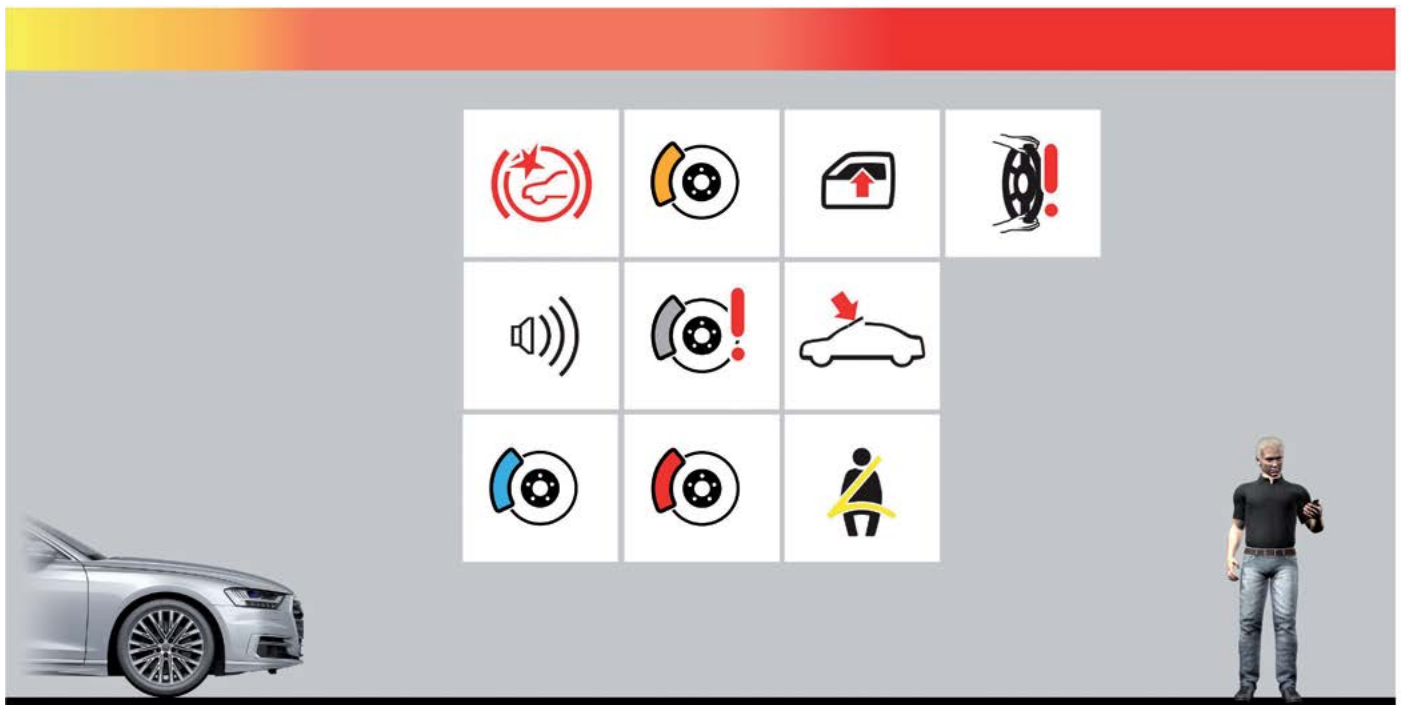
If the driver fails to respond to the brake warning or only takes his foot off the accelerator, ABS/ESP Control Module J104 initiates automatic braking. Depending on the speed at which the vehicle is traveling, braking power may increase progressively to maximum level (emergency braking).

If the vehicle automatically brakes itself to a standstill without driver intervention, a driver take-over prompt appears in the instrument cluster and further audible signals sound. These signals will alert the driver to the fact that he must actively take control of the vehicle (for example, by applying braking). If the driver fails to take control of the vehicle, the system will release the brake and the vehicle will start to move.

Depending on the situation, the following additional actions may be initiated:











- › Closing the panoramic sunroof.
- › Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gap.
- › Partial tensioning of the electrically reversible seat belt tensioners.
- › Display of corrective action by Audi pre sense in the instrument cluster.

Process diagram showing how Audi Pre sense front responds automatically to pedestrians/cyclists



Key:

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	Visual advance warning and/or indication of corrective action		Audible warning beep		Prefilling of the brake system
	Reconfiguration of hydraulic brake assist		Acute warning by braking impulse		Automatic braking up to emergency braking intensity
	Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gap		Closing the panoramic sunroof		Partial tensioning
	Driver take-over prompt				

Assistive brake intervention phase

When the driver applies the brakes a target braking maneuver can be performed in all of the phases described above (prefilling of the brake system, reconfiguration of hydraulic brake assist, prewarning, acute warning, automatic braking). During the target braking maneuver the Audi pre sense front system calculates whether the driver has applied sufficient braking to be able to prevent a collision.

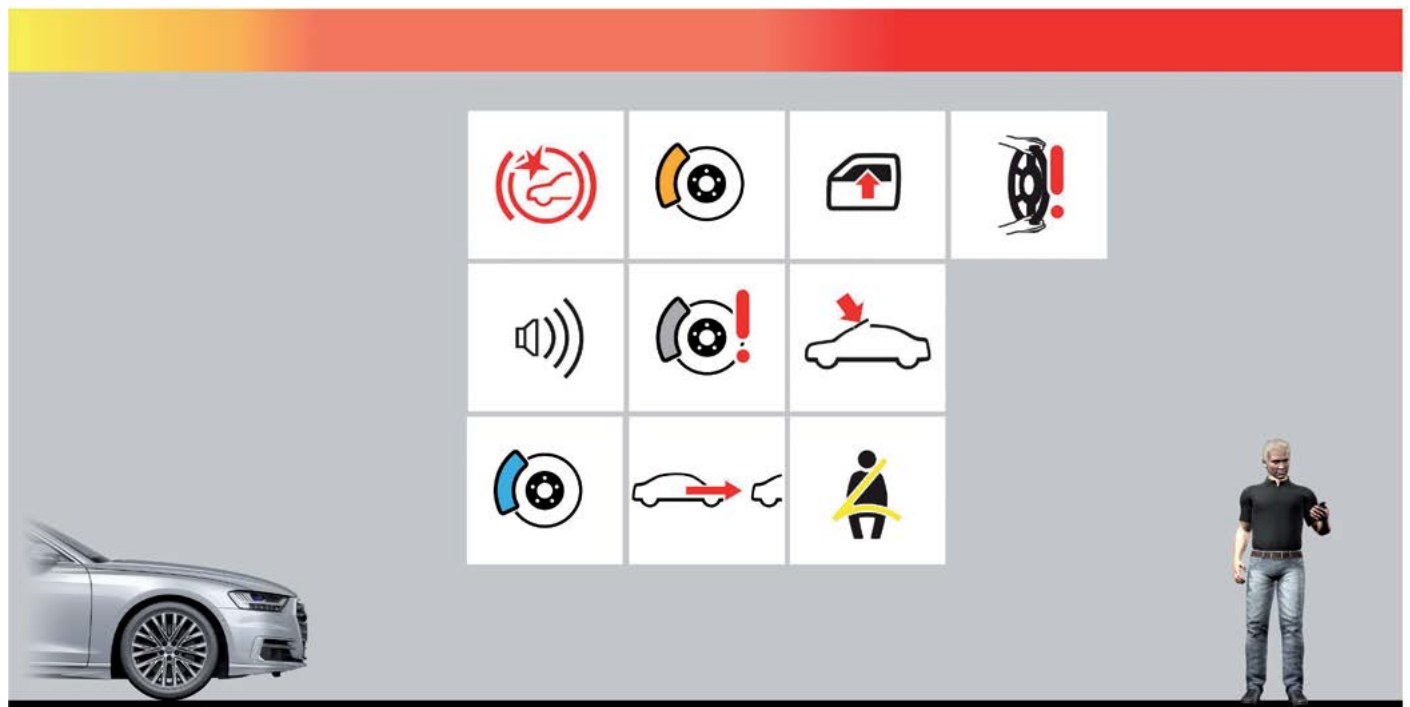
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Depending on the situation, the following additional actions may be initiated:

- > Closing the panoramic sunroof.
- > Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gap.
- > Partial tensioning of the electrically reversible seat belt tensioners.
- > Display of corrective action by Audi pre sense in the instrument cluster.











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Process diagram showing how Audi Pre sense front responds to pedestrians/cyclists



Key:

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	Visual advance warning and/or indication of corrective action		Audible warning beep		Prefilling of the brake system
	Reconfiguration of hydraulic brake assist		Acute warning by braking impulse		Target braking
	Closing of the side windows apart from a residual gap		Closing the panoramic sunroof		Partial tensioning
	Driver take-over prompt				

System characteristics of Audi pre sense front

- › If an emergency braking maneuver is initiated by the vehicle, Audi pre sense city can help reduce the vehicle's speed by up to 37.2 mph (60 km/h).
- › Depending on the situation, ABS/ESC Control Module J104 can instruct the hazard warning flashers (emergency braking warning) ¹⁾ to be activated.
- › If the driver takes clear evasive action or applies the brakes during the collision warning or corrective braking phases of an Audi pre sense front action, the current actions of Audi pre sense front (for example, early warning) will be suppressed or cancelled. If the obstacle is no longer relevant after this, Audi pre sense front will cease to provide driver assistance.
- › If Audi pre sense is deactivated in the MMI, the warning and braking functions of Audi pre sense front will be deactivated, too.
- › If ESC is set to "off", certain functions of Audi pre sense front will only be available to a limited extent or will be unavailable.
- › If the functionality of Driver Assistance Systems Front Camera R242 is impaired due to bad visibility and light conditions such as darkness or fog, Audi pre sense front will only be available to a limited extent or will be unavailable.
- › If driver is not wearing a seat belt, certain functions of Audi pre sense front will only be available to a limited extent or will be unavailable.
- › The front camera for driver assist systems self-initializes after the ignition is switched on. It may, therefore, be the case that Audi pre sense front is not available for up to 20 seconds after turning on the ignition. The non-availability Audi pre sense front is indicated by the initialization lamp.

Pre sense turn assist

Audi pre sense turn assist can help the driver with turning maneuvers.

In models equipped with Audi pre sense turn assist, the following actions can be taken:

- > Reconfiguration of hydraulic brake assist.
- > Automatic emergency braking.
- > Display of corrective action by Audi pre sense in the instrument cluster (visual and audible).



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Function

Turn assist is explained using a left turn-off situation in right-hand traffic. Right Adaptive Cruise Control Sensor G259, Control Module for Adaptive Cruise Control J428 and Laser Distance Regulation Control Module J1122 continuously monitor the traffic in front of one's own vehicle. The front camera and the laser scanner send the data they have acquired to J428.

The ACC control module merges the data and instructs other systems to initiate actions appropriate to the situation. The merging of data from various sources provides a very exact map of the vehicle periphery.

Switching turn assist off and on

When Audi pre sense is off, turn assist is also off. In addition, turn assist can be switched off separately in the MMI menu. If turn assist is switched off separately, it stays off until the function is reactivated in the MMI. Switching the ignition off and on does not activate turn assist if it has been switched off separately.



Reference

For further information about switching Audi pre sense on and off, refer to "Audi pre sense settings", [page 70](#).

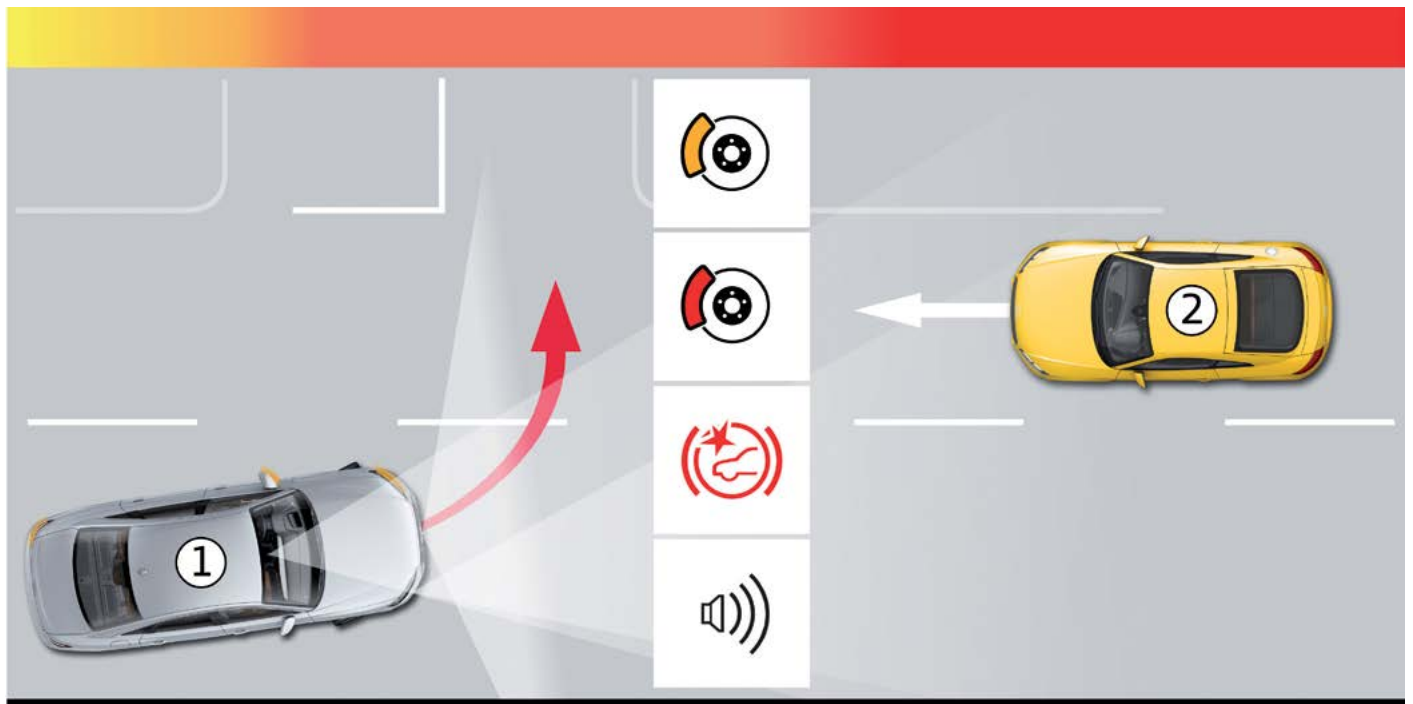
Turning to the left, example

The driver wants to turn to the left with his vehicle (1). Turn assist can only assist the driver with turning to the left if the vehicle (1) is traveling at a speed of less than 6.2 mph (10 km/h).

As described under "Function", the radar sensor, the front camera and the laser scanner continuously monitor the traffic in front of one's own vehicle (1). When the turn signal is switched to the left position, the oncoming traffic is also monitored. When the turn signal is switched to the left position, the ACC control module knows that the driver intends to turn off to the left. If J1122 detects that turning now would result in a critical situation involving oncoming





traffic (2), it instructs the ABS/ESC Control Module J104 to reconfigure hydraulic brake assist. If the driver (1) were now to continue with the turning maneuver and start to drive away, this will be detected by the ACC control module through the wheel speed sensor signals of ABS/ESC Control Module J104. In this case, the ACC control module instructs J104 to initiate an automatic emergency braking maneuver. The vehicle (1) comes to a standstill in its own lane due to the emergency braking maneuver. Visual and audible messages indicating that Audi pre sense is active appear in the instrument cluster.

Process diagram showing the working principle of Audi pre sense turn assist



Key:

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	Reconfiguration of hydraulic brake assist		Automatic braking up to emergency braking intensity		Visual advance warning and/or indication of corrective action
	Audible warning beep				

System characteristics of the turn assist function

- › Turn assist is only available while turning left or traveling at speeds below 6.2 mph (10 km/h).
- › The turn signals must be activated before turning.
- › If turn assist is active, it is indicated both visually and audibly.

Pre sense collision avoidance assist

Audi pre sense collision avoidance assist can aid the driver with evasive maneuvers while approaching another vehicle.

In models equipped with Audi pre sense collision avoidance assist, the following actions can be taken:

- > Steering torque (corrective steering inputs).
- > Braking of individual wheels.
- > Display of corrective action by Audi pre sense in the instrument cluster (visual and audible).



Installation location

To implement Audi pre sense collision avoidance assist, the vehicle requires:

- > Right Adaptive Cruise Control Sensor G259 and Control Module for Adaptive Cruise Control J428.
- > Driver Assistance Systems Front Camera R242.
- > Laser Distance Regulation Control Module J1122.

Function

Collision avoidance assist is explained here using an example in which one's own vehicle wants to pass by a vehicle on the left. It works in the same manner when passing by a vehicle on the right.

Right Adaptive Cruise Control Sensor G259, Control Module for Adaptive Cruise Control J428 and Laser Distance Regulation Control Module J1122 monitor the traffic in front of one's own vehicle. The front camera for driver assistance systems and the laser scanner of the laser distance control function send the data they have acquired to Adaptive Cruise Control Module J428.

J428 merges the data and can instruct other systems to initiate actions appropriate to the situation. The merging of data from various sources provides a map of the vehicle periphery.

Switching collision avoidance assist off and on

When Audi pre sense is off, collision avoidance assist is also off. In addition, collision avoidance assist can be switched off separately in the MMI menu. If collision avoidance assist is switched off separately, it stays off until the function is reactivated in the MMI. Switching the ignition off and on does not activate collision avoidance assist if it has been switched off separately.

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Reference

For further information about turning Audi pre sense on and off, refer to "Audi pre sense settings", [page 70](#).

Collision avoidance assist, example

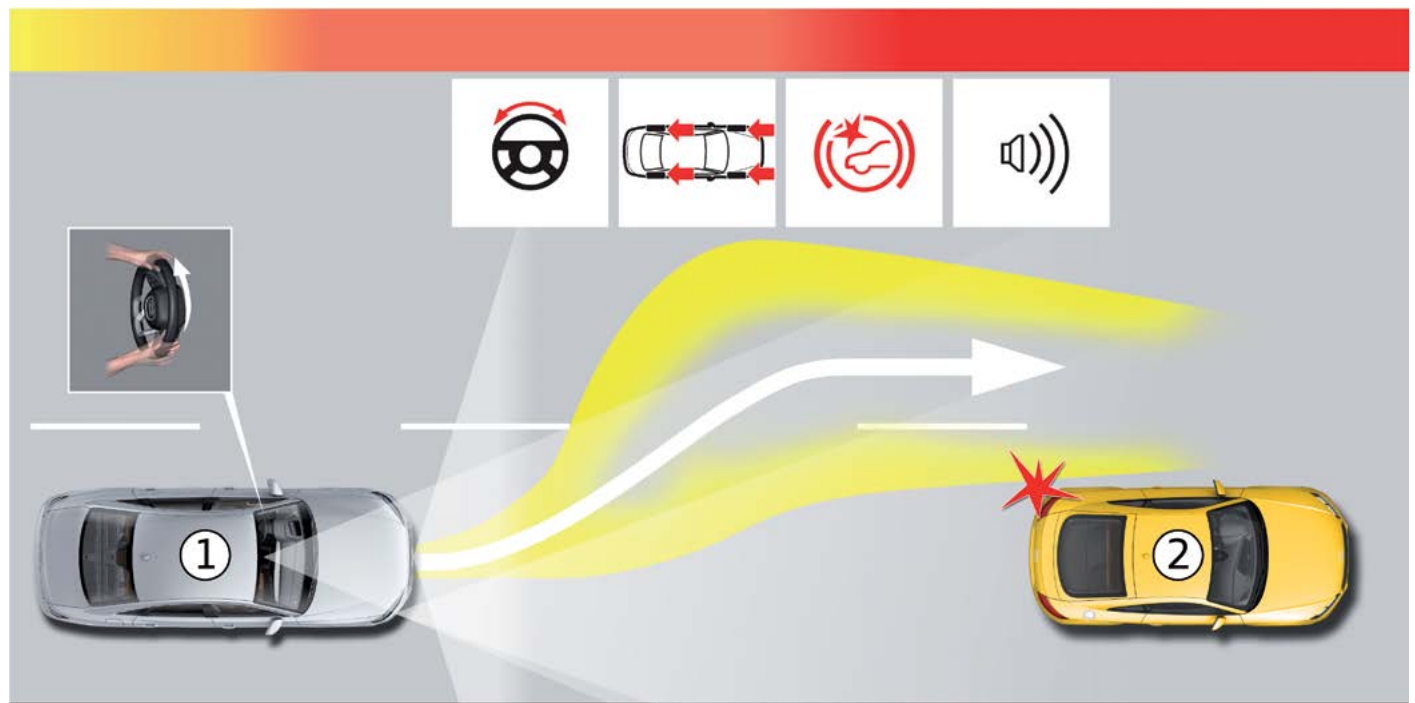
The vehicle (1) wants to evade the vehicle (2) traveling ahead.

As described under "Function", the radar sensor, the front camera and the laser scanner continuously monitor the traffic in front of one's own vehicle (1). Before collision avoidance assist can provide the driver with assistance, Audi pre sense front has already identified a critical situation and initiated the following actions:

- > Visual prewarning.
- > Audible prewarning.
- > Prefilling of the brake system.
- > Adaptation of hydraulic brake assist.
- > Acute warning by braking impulse.


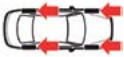


Collision avoidance assist computes a suitable evasion line based on various items of information, such as one's own speed and the lane in which the vehicle ahead is driving. If vehicle (1) deviates too far from the evasion line within certain bounds, collision avoidance assist will, after the acute warning is issued, try to guide the vehicle (1) along the evasion line by providing steering assistance along the evasion line of the vehicle (2). The vehicle (1) is additionally stabilized by braking individual wheels. Collision avoidance assist can only help the driver (1) when the driver (1) carries out the evasion process actively by making corrective steering inputs himself. Visual and audible messages indicating that Audi pre sense is active appear in the instrument cluster. If the last possible evasion point has been surpassed, no assistance is provided by collision avoidance assist.

Process diagram showing the working principle of Audi pre sense collision avoidance assist



Key:

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	Steering torque assist		Braking of individual wheels		Visual advance warning and/or indication of corrective action
	Audible warning beep				

System characteristics of the collision avoidance assist function

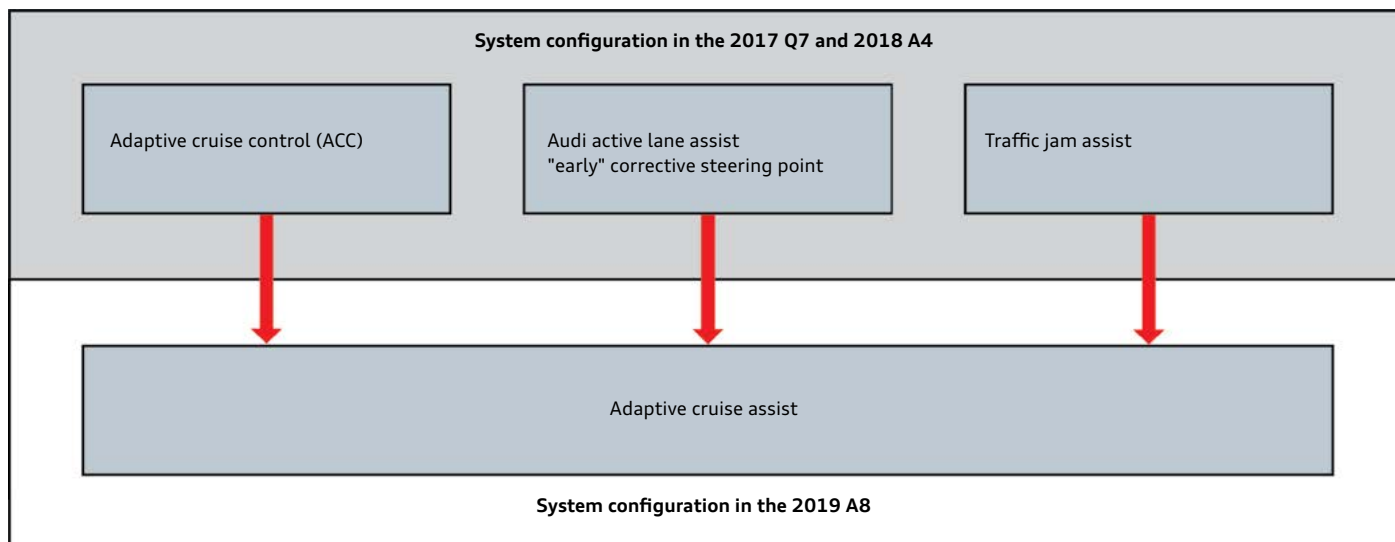
- > Collision avoidance assist is active after the acute warning (brake warning) is issued.
- > Collision avoidance assist is not active if the last possible evasion point has been surpassed.
- > Collision avoidance assist does not provide assistance unless the driver is actively steering the vehicle.
- > Collision avoidance assist is available at speeds of between about 18.6 to 93.2 mph (30 to 150 km/h).
- > Collision avoidance assist helps the driver to steer around an obstacle on the left or right.

Driver assistance systems

Adaptive cruise assist

Introduction

Adaptive cruise assist is a new driver assist system which is offered for the first time in the Audi A8 as optional equipment. It combines three formerly independent systems - adaptive cruise control, Audi active lane assist with "early" corrective steering point and traffic jam assist - in a single driver assist system.



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With adaptive cruise assist, a combined longitudinal and lateral control assistance function is available for the first time at speeds ranging from 0 to 155.3 mph (0 to 250 km/h). "Longitudinal control" involves accelerating and braking the vehicle, while "lateral control" involves steering the vehicle. However, the driver must keep his hands on the steering wheel.

With adaptive cruise assist, both longitudinal and lateral control functions are available to the driver. However, the driver can also deactivate the lateral control function so that only the longitudinal control function stays active. The vehicle behaves in much the same way as previously when driving with ACC. The longitudinal control function in the 2019 A8 is largely identical to the 4th generation ACC system used in the 2017 Audi Q7 and in the 2018 Audi A4/A5. With adaptive cruise assist, it is not possible to deactivate the longitudinal control function while the lateral control function is active.

With the introduction of adaptive cruise assist, active lateral control of the vehicle is available at all speeds up to 155.3 mph (250 km/h). In the Audi Q7 or the Audi A4/A5, lateral control is the task of Audi active lane assist at 65 kph or higher. At speeds of less than 60 kph, it is the task of traffic jam assist if a traffic jam situation has been detected by the system. Lateral control may be interrupted for several seconds at the transition from active lateral control by Audi active lane assist to active lateral control by traffic jam assist, and vice versa. This interruption does not apply to adaptive cruise assist, where lateral control is provided continuously.

Because adaptive cruise assist is a driver assistance system, the driver is still fully responsible for operating the vehicle. The driver's hands must stay on the steering wheel. The system assists the driver, but does not relieve the driver of responsibility. Adaptive Drive Assist reduces the driver's workload and makes for more comfortable driving.



Reference

For further information about adaptive cruise assist, refer to eSelf-Study Program [990393, The 2019 Audi A8 Driver Assistance Systems](#).

Intersection assist

Functional description

Intersection assist is a new driver assist system, which is offered for the first time in the 2019 Audi A8 in the driver assistance package. It helps the driver to avoid collisions with cross traffic ahead of the vehicle.

Intersection assist helps the driver in situations in which cross traffic ahead of the vehicle can only be seen late due to impaired visibility. Impaired visibility situations such as this can occur at street intersections or when passing narrow entrances and exits.

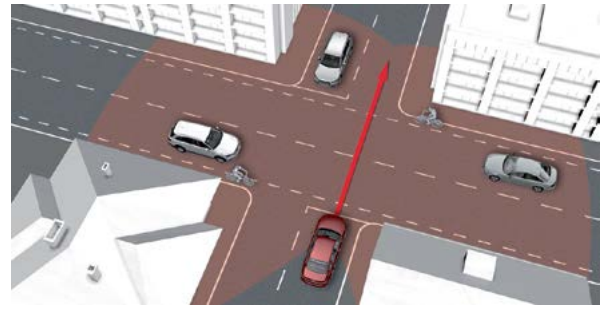
Intersection assist also aids the driver in complex traffic situations in which, for instance, a road user crossing ahead of the vehicle is overlooked because the driver is concentrating on other traffic.

Intersection assist only responds to cross traffic if the vehicle is traveling at a speed of at least 6.2 mph (10 km/h). Cross traffic can be a normal vehicle, a bus or a truck, but also a cyclist or motorcyclist. If the cyclist or motorcyclist is recognized by the system, the system responds in exactly the same way as to a vehicle.

Intersection assist sensors

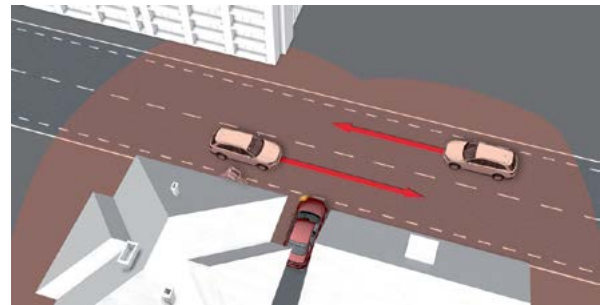
To implement intersection assist, the vehicle requires two additional radar sensors, which are located behind the front bumper. These radar sensors are identical in design to the rear radar sensors and are installed for the first time at this position in the A8. Both radar sensors monitor the area to the front left and right of the vehicle.

Complex traffic situation at an intersection



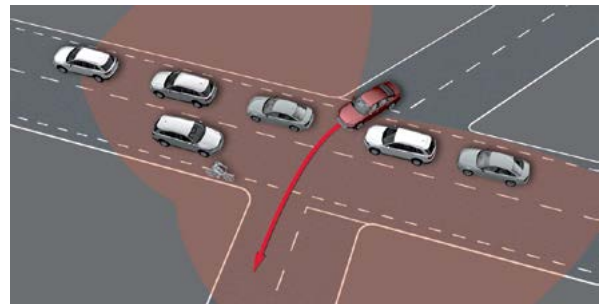
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Passing a narrow driveway exit with impaired visibility



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Complex situation when passing a main road in heavy traffic



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Due to the positioning of the two radar sensors at the extreme front left and front right of the vehicle, the system can, in certain situations, detect cross traffic even before the driver sees it. Intersection assist utilizes this lead time to provide the driver with feedback on critical cross traffic as early as possible so that the driver can respond to this situation.



Reference

For further information about intersection assist, refer to eSelf-Study Program [990393, The 2019 Audi A8 Driver Assistance Systems](#).

Driver Assistance Systems Control Module J1121

Introduction

J1121 is a new control module which is being used for the first time by Audi in the 2019 A8. The versions have the following designations:

- > Version A0 (basic version).
- > Version A.
- > Version B.
- > Version C (version with widest range of functions).

Which versions are required in a specific A8 depends on which driver assistance systems are ordered.

If only the standard driver assistance systems are installed in the vehicle, version A0 is sufficient. If, for example, the optional surround view cameras are ordered, it requires the installation of version C. The optional surround view cameras are currently the only option which necessitates the installation of version C. Version C will in future also be required by other park assistance systems in the 2019 A8, but these systems will not be introduced until a later date.

The individual versions are based on each other. The higher the version number, the more hardware and software are integrated in the control module. However, an external analysis of the control module shows that it is only possible to differentiate visually between two different versions.

Control unit of versions A0 and A



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Control unit of versions B and C



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Driver Assistance Systems Control Module J1121 is the master control unit for the following driver assistance systems:

- > Basic version of high beam assist.
- > Matrix LED high beam assist. (Not available at vehicle launch.)
- > Intersection assist.
- > Surround view cameras.
- > Parking system plus (in version C only, otherwise Vehicle Electrical System Control Module J519).
- > Active lane departure warning.
- > Emergency assist.
- > Camera-based traffic sign recognition.



Reference

For further information about the Driver Assistance Systems Control Module J1121, refer to eSelf-Study Program [990393, The 2019 A8 Driver Assistance Systems](#).

Laser Distance Regulation Control Module J1122

Installation location

J1122 is used in the Audi A8 to implement complex driver assistance functions. It is installed in the center of the bumper under the license plate carrier.

Function

The general functional principle is similar to that of a radar sensor: instead of radar waves, the laser scanner emits laser beams which are reflected when they impinge on the surfaces of other objects.

It is possible to measure the distance to an object by determining the elapsed time from emittance to reception of the reflected radiation components. The type of object is also determined. The reflection received by the scanner is made up of a multiplicity of dots known as dot clouds. The contours of the object are more well-defined than those acquired with radar technology, making it easier to classify objects.

The horizontal detection zone covers an angular range of about 145°. The range is approximately 87.4 yd (80 m) on average, and object recognition is possible from a distance of 3.9 in (10 cm).

The laser scanner complements the long-range radar. Although the radar system has a much longer range (273.4 yd [250 m]), the coverage angle of approximately 35° is much less than that of the laser scanner.



Laser Distance Regulation Control Module J1122

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Object contours are recognizable in detail

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Calibration

The installation position of the laser scanner can be adjusted and is subject to tolerances. Provision has been made for vertical adjustment only.

The adjustment is similar to that of the ACC and is carried out using a new optical target (calibration board).



Laser scanner calibration board VAS 6430/12

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ACC unit

To accommodate the laser scanner, an ACC unit is located on the right-hand side of the 2019 A8. The laser scanner assumes the function of the second ACC unit. ACC is no longer available as a separate option in the A8, but rather is an optional feature of "Adaptive Cruise Assist" (ACA) in the driver assist package. The 4th generation ACC system is identical in design and basic functions to the ACC of the 2017 Audi Q7.



4th generation ACC unit

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Infotainment and Audi connect

Overview of versions

The 2019 A8 comes equipped with the latest-generation modular infotainment system (version MIB2+).



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MMI Navigation plus (I8T + 7UG)



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10.1" touchscreen with 1540 x 720 pixel resolution

8.6" touchscreen with 1280 x 660 pixel resolution

Audi virtual cockpit (9S8)

3D SSD navigation system (7UG)

AM/FM radio

Audi connected Radio (Internet radio)

Satellite radio for North America (Sirius) (QV3)

Audi music interface with 2 USB ports, 1 SDXC card reader

Bluetooth interface (9ZX)

UMTS/LTE data module (EL3) including Audi connect (IT3)

DVD changer (6G2 - front and rear are optional)

Audi music interface in the rear with 2 USB ports (UF8) Optional

Audi smartphone interface (IU1)

Rear Seat Remote (QW5)

Audi phone box (including wireless charging) (9ZE) Optional

Bang & Olufsen Premium Sound System with 3D sound (9VS) Standard

Bang & Olufsen Advanced Sound System with 3D sound (8RF) Optional

DAB digital radio

Auto SOS & connect vehicle-specific services (IW3)

Integrated Rear Seat Entertainment including 2 Audi tablets (9WF)



Reference

For further information about the infotainment systems and Audi connect, refer to eSelf-Study Program [990293, The 2019 A8 Infotainment and Audi Connect Systems](#).

Inspection and maintenance

Overview

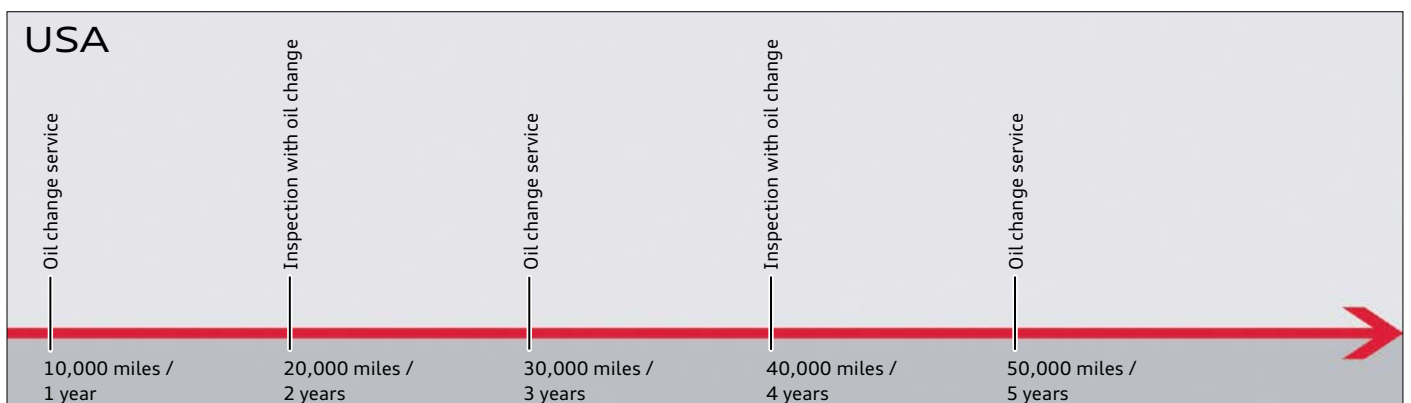
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- > Oil change service.
- > Mileage-based service events.
- > Time-based service events.

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Pollen filter change interval	TBD
Air filter change interval	TBD
Brake fluid change interval	TBD
Spark plug change interval	TBD
Fuel filter change interval	No maintenance interval applies
Timing assembly	Chain (maintenance free)
Gear oil change	No maintenance interval applies
Oil standard	VW 50800 / VW 50900
Air improvement system Flacons in the cabin fragrance system function unit GX43	TBD

Overview of service intervals for vehicles in the USA

The Audi A8 is subject to fixed inspection and maintenance intervals in the USA.



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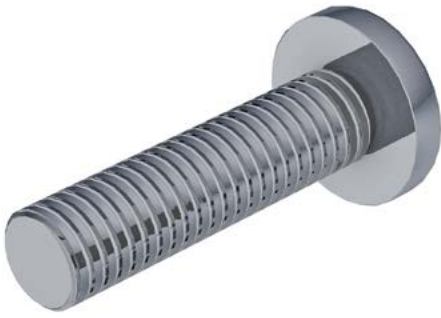


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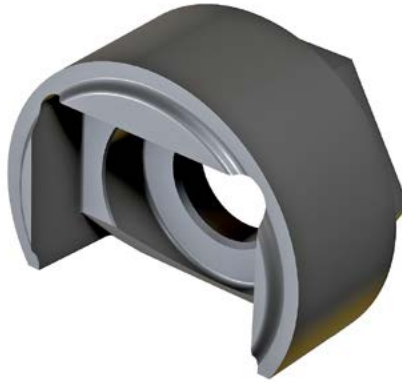
Special tools and workshop equipment

T40385 Removal tool



Usage:
For removing the door mirror.

Door mirror removal tool



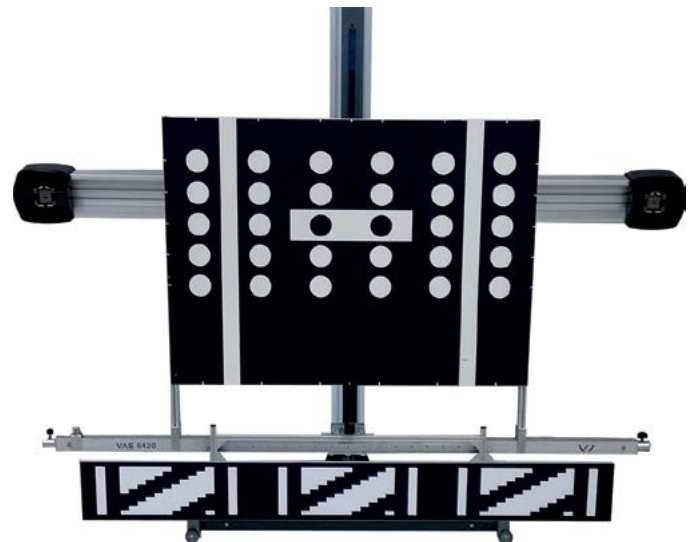
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AC service unit VAS 581 009
(to be introduced when Refrigerant R744 becomes available)



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Laser scanner calibration board VAS 6430/12

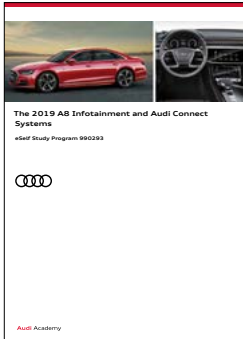


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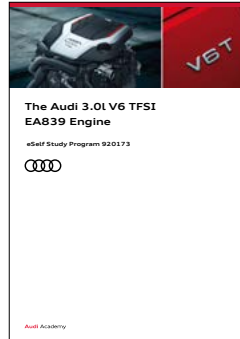
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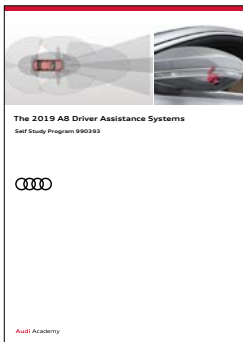
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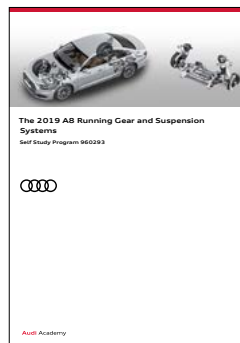
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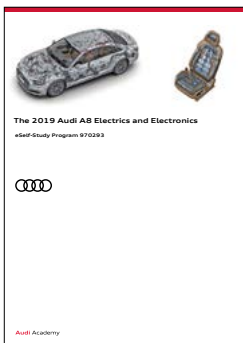
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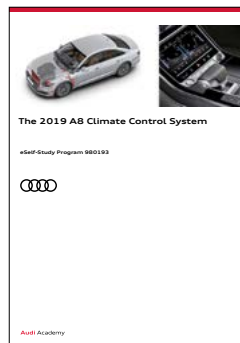
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