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69 PODS component replacement information

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Model(s)	Year	VIN Range	Vehicle-Specific Equipment
A4, A5, and Q7	2020 - 2021	All	BodySense 3
A6, A7, A8, Q3, Q8, and Audi e-tron quattro	2019 - 2021	All	BodySense 3

Condition

Customer states:

- It is found during PDI or any other diagnostic work.

Workshop findings:

- The passenger occupant detection system (PODS) sensor mat, G554, and/or the PODS control module, J706 (address word 0015), need to be replaced.
- A PODS repair kit consisting of PODS sensor mat and PODS control module is not available.

Technical Background

On models equipped with the latest generation of the PODS system (BodySense3), the PODS sensor mat, integrated in the seat heater, and the PODS control module no longer need to be replaced as a kit. Instead, they can be replaced individually as needed.

At this time, the repair instructions in ElsaPro incorrectly insists on the installation of PODS Kits and prohibit the replacement of individual components. The repair manuals are currently under revision to allow and instruct for individual parts replacement. In the meantime, it is permissible to deviate from ElsaPro for models without PODS kits by ordering and replacing PODS components individually if available.

This does not affect the function of the airbag system.

Production Solution

Not applicable



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Service

PODS Kit availability for BodySense3 equipped vehicles depends on model and model year.

MY19 BodySense3 Model	PODS Kit Available
B9 (A4,A5)	Yes
C8 (A6,A7)	No
D5 (A8)	No
Audi e-tron quattro	No
Q3	No
Q5	Yes
Q7	Yes
Q8	No

Figure 1. MY19 BodySense3 PODS Kit availability.

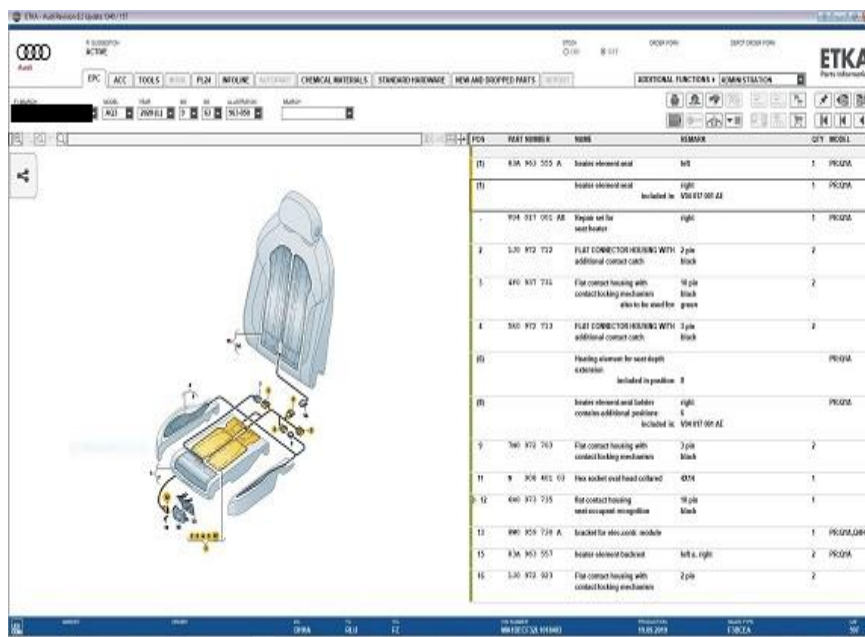
MY20 BodySense3 Model	PODS Kit Available
B9PI (A4PI, A5PI)	No
C8 (A6, A7)	No
D5 (A8)	No
Audi e-tron quattro	No
Q3	No
Q5	Yes
Q7PI	No
Q8	No

Figure 2. MY20 BodySense3 PODS Kit availability.



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In ETKA, PODS components are listed individually if a PODS Kit is not offered.



POS	PART NUMBER	NAME	REMARKS	QTY	MODEL
(1)	8.36.953.053.A	Isolator element seat	left	1	PODFA
(1)		Isolator element seat	right Included in: VSH007 001 AE	1	PODFA
-	9.18.017.012.A8	Regrain set for seat heater	right	1	PODFA
2	5.70.972.772	PLUG CONNECTOR HOUSING WITH additional contact catch	2 pin black	2	
3	6.40.817.711	Flat contact housing with contact locking mechanism also to be used for	16 pin black green	2	
4	5.80.972.773	PLUG CONNECTOR HOUSING WITH additional contact catch	3 pin black	2	
(5)		Heating element for seat depth extension Included in position: 8			PODFA
(5)		Isolator element seat holder contains additional position Included in: VSH007 001 AE	right 6		PODFA
9	7.60.972.743	Flat contact housing with contact locking mechanism	2 pin black	2	
11	8.36.401.03	Hex socket oval head collar	4016	1	
12	6.40.972.735	Flat contact housing seat occupant recognition	16 pin black	1	
13	8.00.956.728.A	Bracket for side lock module		1	PODFA,DAH
15	8.36.953.053	Isolator element backrest	left & right	2	PODFA
16	5.70.972.023	Flat contact housing with contact locking mechanism	2 pin	2	

Figure 3. PODS sensor mat listed separately in ETKA (+MY19 Q3).



Tip: At the time of publishing, PODS control modules were not available individually yet. Please check your parts department for availability. If the PODS control module has to be replaced and cannot be ordered, it might be necessary to order and replace an entire seat.

Warranty

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

Additional Information

All part and service references provided in this TSB (2059223) are subject to change and/or removal. Always check with your Parts Department and/or ETKA for the latest information and parts bulletins. Please check the Repair Manual for fasteners, bolts, nuts, and screws that require replacement during the repair.

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