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50 Threaded opening for the front towing loop is missing

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Model(s)	Year	VIN Range	Vehicle-Specific Equipment
A4, A4 allroad, A5, A5 Cabriolet, and A5 Sportback	2020 - 2021	All	Not Applicable

Condition

Workshop findings:

- The threaded opening for the front towing loop is not visible after removing the cover for the threaded opening for the front towing loop (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Cover for threaded opening for front towing loop removed.



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- There is no opening in the bumper foam insert where the threaded receiver was located (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Opening in front bumper foam insert no longer present.

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Technical Background

The threaded opening for the towing loop in the front of the vehicle is no longer installed as of the PI version of the A4 and A5 platforms. The threaded opening for the towing loop in the rear of the vehicle remains present as in the past.

The Owner's Manual correctly describes the location and use of the towing loop (Figure 3 - 4).



Note:

Making an opening in the bumper foam insert in this area or any modification of the foam bumper insert is not permitted.

Emergency assistance

the special considerations when towing, especially when using a towing cable.

Always make sure the traction force does not exceed the permitted level and there are no shock loading conditions. There is always the risk of the coupling becoming overloaded when driving off-road.

For the most safety and security, drive with a tow bar. You should use a towing cable only if a tow bar is not available. Use a towing cable made of synthetic elastic cable similar elastic material.

WARNING

- Towing highly increases the risk of an accident, for example from colliding with the towing vehicle.
- To reduce the risk of an accident, do not allow anyone to remain inside the vehicle when it is being transported by a tow truck or a special transporter.

Note

- If normal towing is not possible, for example if the transmission is faulty or if the towing distance is greater than 30 miles (50 km), then transport the vehicle on a special carrier.
- If the vehicle is towed by a tow truck at the axle that is not permitted, this can cause severe damage to the transmission.
- The vehicle must not be tow started for technical reasons.

Tips

- If the power supply is interrupted, then it will not be possible to move the selector lever out of the "P" position. The parking lock must be released using the emergency release before towing the vehicle
→ page 97.
- Follow the local legal regulations for towing.

Towing

Read and follow the important information under
→ page 261.

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Preparations

- ▶ Only secure the towing cable or tow bar at the designated towing loop → page 262.
- ▶ Make sure the towing cable is not twisted. Otherwise it could disconnect from the towing loop while towing.
- ▶ Switch the emergency flashers on in both vehicles → page 50. However, do not do this if it is prohibited by law.

Towing vehicle (front)

- ▶ Only start to drive when the towing cable is taut.
- ▶ Press the brake pedal very carefully.
- ▶ Avoid sudden braking or driving maneuvers.

Vehicle being towed (rear)

- ▶ Make sure the ignition is switched on so that the steering wheel is not locked and so that you can use the turn signals, the horn, and the windshield wipers if needed → ⚠.
- ▶ Switching it off before the vehicle has stopped may impair the function of the brake booster and power steering. You would then need to use more force to steer and brake the vehicle.
- ▶ Release the parking brake → page 102.
- ▶ Select the "N" selector lever position.
- ▶ Make sure the towing cable is always taut.

WARNING

Never tow a vehicle using a tow bar or towing cable if the vehicle does not have electrical power.



Fig. 184 Rear bumper: installing the towing loop

Figure 3. Owner's manual description of towing eye use.



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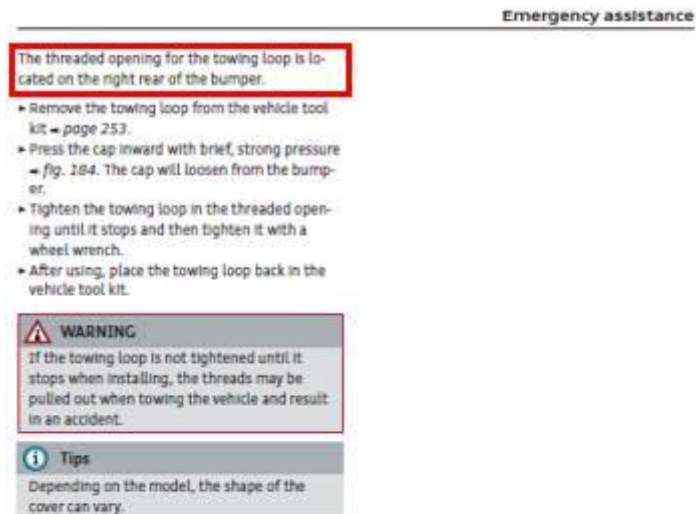


Figure 4. Owner's manual description of towing eye location.

Production Solution

None. The omission of the threaded opening for the front towing loop is intentional.

Service

Make no repairs to the vehicle as this is an intended change.



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Warranty

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

Additional Information

All part and service references provided in this TSB (2060825) 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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