



# Technical Service Bulletin

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## 26 Creaking noises are heard from exhaust flap at idle speed - V6 2.9TFSI

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Model(s)	Year	VIN Range	Vehicle-Specific Equipment
RS 5, RS 5 Cabriolet, and RS 5 Sportback	2019, 2021	All	Not Applicable

## Condition

### Customer states:

- There are creaking noises from the exhaust system, from the exhaust flaps (with engine idling/when changing gear/maneuvering)

### Workshop findings:

- A flap/motor operating noise can be heard from the rear silencer when the exhaust flaps are activated.

## Technical Background

Not applicable.

## Production Solution

Not applicable.

## Service

1. Evaluate the customer concern by comparing it with the video located at: <https://audi-external.kzoplatfrom.com/player/medium/1872019322604361204> (Figure 1).





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**Figure 1.** QR code for viewing the supporting video.

- 2 The noise can be compared by following the sequence below:
  - Engine idling.
  - Drive select mode: dynamic.
  - Shift selector lever from P to D and N.
- 3 When shifting, the exhaust flap is activated and opens or closes, providing the best opportunity to check the normal operating noise of the exhaust flaps.
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  - If the control motor and exhaust flap noise is found comparable to the audio file, then the concern is not valid and the noise is considered to be normal operation. In this case do *not* replace any components and explain to the customer that this sound is normal and caused by the operation of the exhaust flaps. The vehicle can be released to the customer.
  - If there is rattling, twittering or bubbling noises, then refer to TSB 2058998: 26 Noises are heard from the exhaust at idle, DTCs P047600, P048C00, P04A000, or P301B00 are stored in the ECM.
  - If the noise is different than the audio file and the above TSB, continue diagnosis outside of these TSBs.

## Warranty

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

## Additional Information

The following Technical Service Bulletin(s) will be necessary to complete this procedure:

- TSB 2058998, *26 Noises are heard from the exhaust at idle, DTCs P047600, P048C00, P04A000, or P301B00 are stored in the ECM.*

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