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91 Sound system: speaker rattles, vibrations or audio interference

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Model(s)	Year	VIN Range	Vehicle-Specific Equipment
All Audi Vehicles	2003 – 2024	All	Not Applicable

Condition

REVISION HISTORY				
Revision	Date	Purpose		
13	-	Revised header (Updated models and model years)		
12	09/22/2021	Revised header (Added Model Year 2022)		
11	02/20/2020	Revised header (Added Model Year 2021)		
		Revised Warranty (Removed)		

Customer states:

A cracking, grinding, rattling, humming, whining, or similar interference is coming from one or more speakers.

Technical Background

- Parts of the speakers (such as the brackets, cables, or covers) or parts of the interior fittings (such as door covers, rear shelf, facings, or covers) can vibrate at certain frequencies, causing noises.
- The radio tuner or other control modules may be affected by electromagnetic interference from aftermarket electronic devices.

Production Solution

Not Applicable

Service

1. Confirm that the interference *is not* caused by loose objects (such as keys, CD covers, pens, sunglasses, etc.) in the vehicle.

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- 2. Confirm that the interference *does not* disappear when the trim surrounding the speaker is pushed against the speaker, nor when the speaker is pushed against its mounting.
- 3. Remove the speaker from its mounting and listen to the speaker isolated from the vehicle:
 - If interference is not heard: check for sources of interference in the cabin fittings. Fix any loose parts, and apply or replace an underlay, as necessary.
 - If interference is heard: check if any aftermarket electrical devices are connected anywhere in the vehicle, or in a 12V power socket. Disconnect power to the device and check if the interference in the speaker is still present. If the interference is no longer present, explain to the customer that certain devices can interfere with the radio tuner.

Warranty

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

Additional Information

All parts and service references provided in this TSB (2018187) 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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