

Technical Service Bulletin

94 Noise when steering vehicle

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| Model(s) | Year | VIN Range | Vehicle-Specific Equipment |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| All Audi Vehicles | 2012 - 2025 | All | Not Applicable |

Condition

| REVISION HISTORY | | | | | |
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| Revision | Date | Purpose | | | |
| 2 | - | Revised Warranty (Updated labor operations) | | | |
| 1 | 03/12/2024 | Initial publication | | | |

Customer statement:

Grinding, ticking, or squeaking noises can be heard from the steering wheel/steering column when steering the
vehicle.

Workshop findings:

- Noises can be verified when steering the vehicle.
- No relevant event memory entries are logged.

Technical Background

Because of tolerances, combined with temperature fluctuation the noises can be caused by the interaction between the steering wheel electronics (steering column combination switch and coil connector with electronics including steering angle sender) and the steering wheel.

Production Solution

Continuous improvements to the mounting of the steering column combination switch to the steering column.

Service

Determining the root cause of a customer concern:

- 1. Remove the steering column trim and check for the noise again.
 - a. If this does not resolve the complaint, continue with point 2.



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- b. If this resolves the complaint, check the installation position of the steering column trim, and adjust/insulate the trim as needed.
- 2. Remove the entire steering wheel electronics module and re-fit the steering wheel to the steering column and reassess the noise.
 - a. If this does not resolve the complaint, continue with point 3.
 - b. If the noise goes away, refit the steering wheel electronics, and confirm the root cause is the component. If so, replace the steering wheel electronics only if it can't be adjusted to resolve the noise.
 - c. Ensure the airbag, airbag harness or the steering wheel button harness are routed/positioned correctly and not applying unneeded tension to slip ring.
- 3. Use a Stethoscope or similar and further isolate the root cause of the noise.



On vehicles with dynamic steering (PR number 1N8), the dynamic steering is not active when DTCs are present in the system. In these cases, dynamic steering is disabled, therefore if the noise also goes away, look for the root cause in the dynamic steering system.

If the noise can only be duplicated with vehicle weight (car on the ground) it is likely that the noise is not related to the trim or steering wheel electronics.

Warranty

| Claim Type: | • 110 Up to 48 Months/50,000 Miles. | | | | | |
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| | G10 for CPO Covered Vehicles – Verify Owner. | | | | | |
| | If the vehicle is outside of any warranty, this Technical Service Bulletin is informational only. | | | | | |
| Service Number: | 9449 | | | | | |
| Damage Code: | 0020 | | | | | |
| Labor Operations: | Remove and install steering column trim | 7011 19xx | See SRT with associated operations | | | |
| | Check and adjust steering column trim | 9450 0699 | 10 TU | | | |
| | Remove and install return ring (if applicable) | 9013 1999 | 10 TU | | | |
| | OR | | | | | |
| | Remove and install steering column trim (if applicable) | 9450 19XX | See SRT with associated operations | | | |



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| Diagnostic Time: | GFF | 0150 0000 | Time stated on the diagnostic protocol (Max 100 TU) |
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| | Road test prior to the service procedure | 0121 0002 | 10 TU |
| | Road test after the service procedure | 0121 0004 | 10 TU |
| Claim Comment: | As per TSB 2073332/2 | | |

All warranty claims submitted for payment must be in accordance with the *Audi Warranty Policies and Procedures Manual*. Claims are subject to review or audit by Audi Warranty.

Additional Information

All part and service references provided in this TSB (2073332) 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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