

**Volkswagen of America, Inc.**



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March 1, 2000

Mr. Kenneth N. Weinstein  
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U.S. Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

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**Subject: Notification of Recall Pursuant to 49 CFR, Part 573  
1992-1995 Model Audi S4, S6**

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

This information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

573.5(c)(1) **Manufacturer's Name**  
Audi AG

**Importer**  
Volkswagen of America, Inc. (VWoA)

573.5(c)(2) **Identification of Vehicles**

Make : Audi

Line : S4, S6

Model Years : 1992-1995

Other Identification : Turbo Charged Vehicles

Month/Year of Manufacture : September 1991 through August 1995

VIN Ranges : WAU\_\_4\_\_NN018460 - WAU\_\_4\_\_SN121867

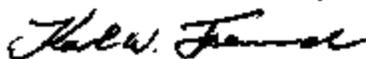
Population Identification : Start of Production through the End of Production

Component Supplier other than Manufacturer:

**Cohline**  
Fahrzeuggestaltungen  
Staudter Strasse, Postfach 1310  
Montabaur, Germany 56403

- 573.5(c)(3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**  
Approximately 3,000 vehicles.
- 573.5(c)(4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect**  
Cannot be estimated.
- 573.5(c)(5) **Description of Defect**  
A fuel feed line connecting the fuel filter to the engine can prematurely age and shrink through exposure to high under hood temperature caused by the turbocharger. Such shrinkage could cause a clamp connection adjacent to the turbocharger to lose its design clamping force resulting in fuel seepage at this connection under certain conditions of use.
- 573.5(c)(6) **Basis for Determination**  
Prior to calendar year 1999, Audi received a few telephone contacts from owners complaining about fuel odor from the engine compartment or seeking goodwill assistance in conjunction with the replacement of a fuel hose which was said to have leaked. As additional complaints were received in 1999, primarily through the summer and late fall and prompted by the Agency's Preliminary Evaluation, Audi commenced an investigation into the nature and causes of the malfunctioning parts. As part of the investigation Audi also analyzed warranty claims and parts sales, the details of which have previously been submitted to the Agency. This investigation in turn led to Audi's conclusion to voluntarily recall the affected vehicles.
- 573.5(c)(7) **Noncompliance Test Result**                      Not applicable
- 573.5(c)(8) **Proposed Remedial Program**  
Audi will initiate a voluntary recall campaign instructing authorized dealers to replace the entire fuel feed line from the fuel filter to the engine with a fuel line of shrinkage-proof material.  
  
The date for owner notification has not yet been determined and will be furnished as soon as it is fixed.
- 573.5(c)(9) **Submission of Communications**  
A representative copy of all bulletins and other communications sent to dealers and owners will be submitted within five (5) days after owner notification.
- 573.5(c)(10) **Proposed Owner Letter**  
A copy of the proposed owner letter will be submitted no later than five (5) days prior to its actual mailing.
- 573.5(c)(11) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**  
Audi of America, inc. has assigned the code "KY" to this recall.

Sincerely,



Wolfgang Groth  
Process Team Leader