

# Volkswagen of America, Inc.



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U.S. Department of Transportation  
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01V-259 ①

**Subject: Notification of Recall Pursuant to CFR49, Part 573  
2000/2001 Model Year Audi A8 Vehicles**

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. (VWofA)

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

Make : Audi

Line : A8

Model Year : 2000 and 2001

Month/Year  
of Manufacture : February 2000 – July 2000

VIN Range : WAU\_\_\_4D\_YN009747 - WAU\_\_\_4D\_1N002400

Other Identification: None

573.5 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Affected**

Approximately 600 vehicles are affected by this recall.

573.5 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Containing Defect**

It is estimated that 100% of the affected vehicles may contain the defect

573.5 (c) (5) **Description of Defect**

The affected vehicles are equipped with a fuel and vapor leak detection system pursuant to EPA's D2 ORVR regulations. Audi has found that a "blind cover" at the filler neck of the fuel tank may not seal properly causing fuel vapor to escape. Should this happen, the fuel tank pressure will be reduced which will activate the leak detection system and alert the driver of a systems fault indicated by an instrument panel warning light.

573.5 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**

Analysis by Audi AG of warranty return parts revealed this shortcoming and an immediate decision of recall was made.

573.5 (c) (7) **Noncompliance Test Result**

Not applicable

573.5 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**

Audi of America, Inc. will initiate a voluntary safety recall campaign instructing authorized Audi dealers to replace the fuel filler neck/expansion tank assembly on all affected vehicles.

Anticipated mailing schedule:

Dealers: On or about August 20, 2001

Owners: On or about August 31, 2001

573.5 (c) (9) **Submission of Communications**

A representative copy of all bulletins and other communications will be sent within five (5) days of owner notification.

**Other Countries**

There were 75 affected vehicles sold in Canada and will be recalled at the same time that the vehicles imported into the United States are recalled.

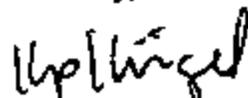
573.5 (c) (10) **Proposed Owner Letter**

A copy of the proposed owner letter will be sent to you for review not later than five (5) days prior to its mailing.

573.5 (c) (11) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**

Audi has assigned the code "LD" to this recall.

Sincerely,



Kip Kriigel  
Director  
Technical Service