

Safety Recall

Code: 72i8



Subject	Center Rear Seat Head Restraint Latching Pins
Release Date	February 22, 2019
Affected Vehicles	U.S.A. & CANADA: Certain 2018 MY Audi A3 Sedan and RS3 <i>Check Campaigns/Actions screen in Elsa on the day of repair to verify that a VIN qualifies for repair under this action. Elsa is the <u>only</u> valid campaign inquiry & verification source.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Campaign status must show “open.”✓ If Elsa shows other open action(s), inform your customer so that the work can also be completed at the same time the vehicle is in the workshop for this campaign.
Problem Description	Latching pins for center rear seat head restraint may be missing. In a crash, the head restraint may become loose and cause injury to vehicle occupants.
Corrective Action	The center rear head restraint will be inspected. If the latching pins are missing, the head restraint will be replaced.
Parts Information	Due to the very low expected parts replacement rate (estimated 0.005 %), there will be no parts allocation. If parts are needed to support a vehicle repair, please contact the Parts Specialists via phone (800-767-6552), email (VWoAPartsSpecialists@vw.com) or chat /text with the VIN to order.
Code Visibility	On or about February 22, 2019, affected vehicles will be listed on the Inventory Vehicle Open Campaign Action report under My Dealership Reports (found on www.accessaudi.com & OMD Web). A list will not be posted for dealers who do not have any affected vehicles. On or about February 22, 2019, this campaign code will show open on affected vehicles in Elsa. On or about February 22, 2019, affected vehicles will be identified with this campaign code in the VIN Lookup tool at www.audiusa.com and on the NHTSA VIN lookup tool at www.safercar.gov .
Owner Notification	Owner notification will take place in March 2019. Owner letter examples are included in this bulletin for your reference.
Additional Information	Please alert everyone in your dealership about this action, including Sales, Service, Parts and Accounting personnel. Contact Warranty if you have any questions. IMPORTANT REMINDER ON VEHICLES AFFECTED BY SAFETY & COMPLIANCE RECALLS <u>New Vehicles in Dealer Inventory:</u> It is a violation of federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by this notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied. By law, dealers must correct, prior to delivery for sale or lease, any vehicle that fails to comply with an applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard or that contains a defect relating to motor vehicle safety. <u>Pre-Owned Vehicles in Dealer Inventory:</u> Dealers should not deliver any pre-owned vehicles in their inventory which are involved in a safety or compliance recall until the defect has been remedied. Dealers must ensure that every affected inventory vehicle has this campaign completed <u>before delivery to consumers</u> .

Customer Letter Example (USA)

<MONTH YEAR>

<CUSTOMER NAME>

<CUSTOMER ADDRESS>

<CUSTOMER CITY STATE ZIPCODE>

This notice applies to your vehicle: <VIN>

NHTSA: 19V095

**Subject: Safety Recall 72i8- Center Rear Seat Head Restraint Latching Pins
Certain 2018 Model Year Audi A3 and RS3**

Dear Audi Owner,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Audi has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2018 model year Audi A3 and RS3 vehicles. Our records show that you are the owner of a vehicle affected by this action.

- What is the issue?** Latching pins for center rear seat head restraint may be missing. In a crash, the head restraint may become loose and cause injury to vehicle occupants.
- What will we do?** To correct this defect, your authorized Audi dealer will inspect the center rear head restraint. If the latching pins are missing, the head restraint will be replaced. This work will take about a half an hour to complete and will be performed for you free of charge. Please keep in mind that your dealer may need additional time for the preparation of the repair, as well as to accommodate their daily workshop schedule.
- What should you do?** Please contact your authorized Audi dealer without delay to schedule this recall repair. For your convenience, you can also visit www.audiusa.com and click on the "Find a Dealer" link to locate a dealer near you and schedule this service.
- Lease vehicles and address changes** If you are the lessor and registered owner of the vehicle identified in this action, the law requires you to forward this letter immediately via first-class mail to the lessee within ten (10) days of receipt. If you have changed your address or sold the vehicle, please fill out the enclosed prepaid Owner Reply card and mail it to us so we can update our records.
- Can we assist you further?** If your authorized Audi dealer fails or is unable to complete this work free of charge within a reasonable time, please contact Audi Customer Experience at 1-800-253-2834 or via our "Contact Us" page at www.audiusa.com.
- Checking your vehicle for open Recalls and Service Campaigns** To check your vehicle's eligibility for repair under this or any other recall/service campaign, please visit the **Recall/Service Campaign Lookup** tool at www.audiusa.com and enter your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

If you still cannot obtain satisfaction, you may file a complaint with: The Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this matter may cause; however we are taking this action to help ensure your safety and continued satisfaction with your vehicle.

Sincerely,

Audi Customer Protection

Customer Letter Example (CANADA)

<MONTH YEAR>

<CUSTOMER NAME>

<CUSTOMER ADDRESS>

<CUSTOMER CITY STATE ZIPCODE>

This notice applies to your vehicle: <VIN>

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Certain 2018 Model Year Audi A3 and RS3**

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Can we assist you further? If your authorized Audi dealer fails or is unable to complete this work free of charge within a reasonable time, please contact Audi Customer Relations Monday through Friday from 8AM to 8PM EST at 1-800-822-2834 or via our "Contact Audi Canada" page at www.audi.ca.

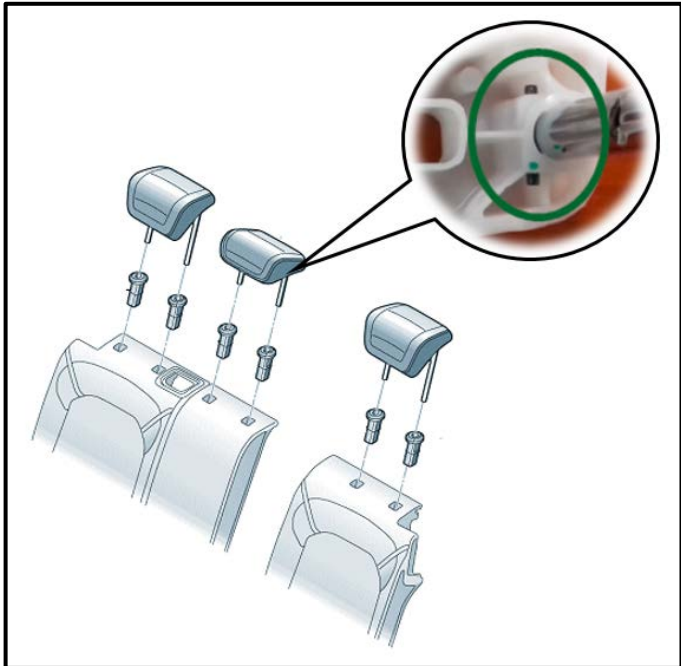
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Repair Overview**NOTE**

- These repair instructions may differ from the labor operations and labor times listed in ELSA.
- Damages resulting from improper repair or failure to follow these work instructions are the dealer's responsibility and are not eligible for reimbursement under this action.
- This procedure must be read in its entirety prior to performing the repair.
- Due to variations in vehicle equipment and options, the steps/illustrations in this work procedure may not identically match all affected vehicles.
- Diagnosis and repair of pre-existing conditions in the vehicle are not covered under this action.
- When working during extreme temperatures, it is recommended that the vehicle be allowed to acclimate inside the shop to avoid temperature-related component damage/breakage.



- Inspect rear center headrest for presence of securing pins.

Repair Instruction

Section A - Check for Previous Repair

Applicable criteria ID(s)	Campaign/Action Status
01 ← 2	Open ← 1

EXAMPLE

- Enter the VIN in Elsa and proceed to the “Campaign/Action” screen.

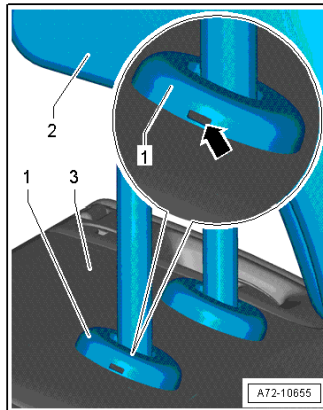
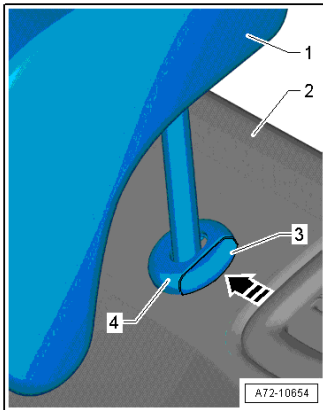
TIP

On the date of repair, print this screen and keep a copy with the repair order.

- Confirm the Campaign/Action is open <arrow 1>. If the status is closed, no further work is required.
- Note the Applicable Criteria ID <arrow 2> for use in determining the correct work to be done and corresponding parts associated.

Proceed to Section B

Section B – Repair Procedure



Remove rear center headrest:

- Refer to the ELSA Repair Manual: *Repair Manual > Body > Body Interior > 72 Seat Frames > Rear Seats > Headrest, Removing and Installing.*



Inspect BOTH headrest shafts for securing pins:

- Both headrest shafts must be inspected.
- Pull back headrest covering and inspect for securing pin.
- If pin is present on both shafts:
 - Reinstall rear center headrest.
 - Proceed to Section C.
- If a pin is missing from either shaft:
 - Replace rear center headrest.
 - See ETKA for parts ordering.
 - Proceed to Section C.

Section C – Campaign Completion Stamp

I certify that this campaign
has been performed in strict
accordance with the applicable
Audi repair procedure.

SAGA Code: _____
Technician: _____
Date: _____

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-OR-

Je certifie que cette
campagne de rappel a été
exécutée suivant les strictes
directives de réparation
d'Audi

Code de SAGA: _____
Technicien: _____
Date: _____

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- Once the campaign has been completed, the technician should stamp the repair order.
- Stamps are available for ordering through the Compliance Label Ordering Portal.
- **Proceed to Section D.**

Section D - Parts Return/Disposal

Properly store (retain), destroy or dispose of removed parts in accordance with all state/province and local requirements, unless otherwise indicated and/or requested through the Warranty Parts Portal (WPP) for U.S. and the Part Destruction and Core Disposition Report for Canada.