

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 22V-742

**Manufacturer Name :** Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

**Submission Date :** OCT 11, 2022

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 22V-742

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 91DZ



## Manufacturer Information :

## Population :

**Manufacturer Name :** Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

**Number of potentially involved :** 170,296

**Address :** 3800 Hamlin Road

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %

Auburn Hills MI 48326

**Company phone :** 1-800-893-5298

## Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2021-2021 AUDI A8

**Vehicle Type :**

**Body Style :**

**Power Train :** NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

Vehicles not included in the recall are equipped with a different infotainment software version which is not affected by the software bug.

A8: 1,497

**Production Dates :** JUL 30, 2020 - JUN 25, 2021

**VIN Range 1 :** Begin : WAU8DAF8XMN001964 End : WAU8DAF86MN024349  Not sequential

**Vehicle 2 :** 2021-2022 AUDI RSQ8

**Vehicle Type :**

**Body Style :**

**Power Train :** NR

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RSQ8:1,650

**Production Dates :** JUL 03, 2020 - SEP 10, 2021

**VIN Range 1 :** Begin : WU1ARBF16MD000270 End : WU1ARBF15ND000066  Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2021-2021 AUDI RS7

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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RS7:1,373

**Production Dates :** JUL 24, 2020 - SEP 08, 2021

**VIN Range 1 :** Begin : WUAPCBF2XMN900040 End : WUAPCBF27MN910198  Not sequential

Vehicle 4 : 2021-2021 AUDI RS6 AVANT

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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RS6 AVANT: 1,543

**Production Dates :** JUL 24, 2020 - SEP 01, 2021

**VIN Range 1 :** Begin : WUA1CBF24MN900041 End : WUA1CBF21MN910171  Not sequential

Vehicle 5 : 2021-2021 AUDI RS5 SPORTBACK

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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RS5 SPORTBACK: 1,570

**Production Dates :** SEP 10, 2020 - SEP 30, 2021

**VIN Range 1 :** Begin : WUAAWCF52MA900263 End : WUAAWCF53MA904998  Not sequential

Vehicle 6 : 2021-2021 AUDI RS5 COUPE

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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RS5 COUPE: 522

**Production Dates :** SEP 28, 2020 - NOV 10, 2021

**VIN Range 1 :** Begin : WUANWAF51MA900633 End : WUANWAF58MA905019  Not sequential

Vehicle 7 : 2021-2021 AUDI Q8

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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Q8: 11,439

**Production Dates :** JUL 02, 2020 - SEP 10, 2021

**VIN Range 1 :** Begin : WA1EVAF11MD000269 End : WA1FVAF13MD044312  Not sequential

Vehicle 8 : 2021-2021 AUDI Q7

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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Q7: 27,814

**Production Dates :** JUL 02, 2020 - SEP 10, 2021

**VIN Range 1 :** Begin : WA1AJAF73MD000028 End : WA1LXAF70MD042082  Not sequential

Vehicle 9 : 2021-2021 AUDI Q5 SPORTBACK

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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Q5 SPORTBACK: 2,747

Production Dates : FEB 20, 2021 - AUG 19, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA15AAFY1M2059424 End : WA15AAFY5M2141558  Not sequential

Vehicle 10 : 2021-2021 AUDI S4 SEDAN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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S4 SEDAN: 1,837

Production Dates : JUL 15, 2020 - DEC 02, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUC4AF48MA000665 End : WAUB4AF48MA087334  Not sequential

Vehicle 11 : 2022-2022 AUDI E-TRON GT

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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E-TRON GT:485

Production Dates : MAR 18, 2021 - JUN 30, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUEJBFW1N7000921 End : WAUAHBFW7N7901169  Not sequential

Vehicle 12 : 2021-2021 AUDI Q5

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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Q5:53,429

**Production Dates :** AUG 20, 2020 - AUG 26, 2021

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** WA1E2AFY6M2000818 **End :** WA1BAAFY5M2141563  Not sequential

Vehicle 13 : 2021-2021 AUDI A7

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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A7: 1,754

**Production Dates :** JUL 24, 2020 - SEP 13, 2021

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** WAUTPBF23MN001243 **End :** WAUU2AF27MN104372  Not sequential

Vehicle 14 : 2021-2021 AUDI A6 SEDAN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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A6 SEDAN: 6,992

**Production Dates :** JUL 16, 2020 - OCT 05, 2021

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** WAUL2AF2XMN001250 **End :** WAUL2AF21MN105707  Not sequential

Vehicle 15 : 2021-2021 AUDI A6 ALLROAD

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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A6 ALLROAD: 978

Production Dates : JUL 20, 2020 - SEP 03, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAU92BF29MN001496 End : WAU92BF29MN105471  Not sequential

Vehicle 16 : 2021-2021 AUDI A5 SPORTBACK

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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A5 SPORTBACK:9,053

Production Dates : SEP 02, 2020 - SEP 09, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUDACF57MA000495 End : WAUABCF58MA063220  Not sequential

Vehicle 17 : 2021-2021 AUDI A5 COUPE

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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A5 COUPE: 1,470

Production Dates : SEP 16, 2020 - SEP 10, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUSAAF56MA005747 End : WAUTAAF54MA063246  Not sequential

Vehicle 18 : 2021-2021 AUDI A5 CABRIOLET

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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A5 CABRIOLET: 2,002

Production Dates : SEP 02, 2020 - SEP 07, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAU2AGF54MN000154 End : WAUWAGF54MN007476  Not sequential

Vehicle 19 : 2021-2021 AUDI A4 SEDAN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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A4 SEDAN: 15,135

Production Dates : JUL 22, 2020 - DEC 06, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUDAAF48MA000694 End : WAUABAF44MN016318  Not sequential

Vehicle 20 : 2021-2021 AUDI A4 ALLROAD

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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A4 ALLROAD: 1,294

Production Dates : SEP 02, 2020 - OCT 12, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA18AAF46MA000868 End : WA19AAF40MA086442  Not sequential

Vehicle 21 : 2021-2021 AUDI E-TRON SPORTBACK QUATTRO

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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E-TRON SPORTBACK QUATTRO: 2,388

Production Dates : AUG 20, 2020 - JUL 14, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA12AAGE6MB000490 End : WA13AAGE5MB042735  Not sequential

Vehicle 22 : 2021-2021 AUDI SQ7

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

Vehicles not included in the recall are equipped with a different infotainment software version which is not affected by the software bug.

SQ7: 2,135

Production Dates : JUL 03, 2020 - SEP 02, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA1AWBF77MD000024 End : WA1VWBF7XMD042043  Not sequential

Vehicle 23 : 2021-2021 AUDI S5 CABRIOLET

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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S5 CABRIOLET: 641

Production Dates : JUL 22, 2020 - JUL 27, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUW4GF51MN000136 End : WAUW4GF52MN007466  Not sequential



Vehicle 24 : 2021-2021 AUDI E-TRON QUATTRO

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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E-TRON QUATTRO: 6,360

Production Dates : AUG 20, 2020 - JUL 15, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA1AAAGE4MB000497 End : WA1AAAGE4MB041602  Not sequential

Vehicle 25 : 2021-2021 AUDI SQ8

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

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SQ8: 2,199

Production Dates : JUL 23, 2020 - SEP 10, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA1CWBFB19MD000885 End : WA1CWBFB12MD044310  Not sequential

Vehicle 26 : 2021-2021 AUDI SQ5 SPORTBACK

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

Vehicles not included in the recall are equipped with a different infotainment software version which is not affected by the software bug.

SQ5 SPORTBACK: 521

Production Dates : FEB 20, 2021 - JUL 26, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA124AFY6M2061163 End : WA134BFY9M2111936  Not sequential

Vehicle 27 : 2021-2021 AUDI SQ5

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

Vehicles not included in the recall are equipped with a different infotainment software version which is not affected by the software bug.

SQ5: 6,545

Production Dates : AUG 17, 2020 - AUG 24, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA1B4AFY0M2000844 End : WA1B4AFYXM2141534  Not sequential

Vehicle 28 : 2021-2021 AUDI S8

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

Vehicles not included in the recall are equipped with a different infotainment software version which is not affected by the software bug.

S8: 199

Production Dates : JUL 15, 2020 - JUN 26, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAU8SBF83MN000988 End : WAU8SAF88MN024312  Not sequential

Vehicle 29 : 2021-2021 AUDI S7

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

Vehicles not included in the recall are equipped with a different infotainment software version which is not affected by the software bug.

S7: 453

Production Dates : AUG 03, 2020 - SEP 14, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUPFBF28MN006684 End : WAUSFBF26MN104512  Not sequential

Vehicle 30 : 2021-2021 AUDI S6 SEDAN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

Vehicles not included in the recall are equipped with a different infotainment software version which is not affected by the software bug.

S6 SEDAN: 708

**Production Dates :** AUG 31, 2020 - SEP 17, 2021

**VIN Range 1 :** Begin : WAUDFAF21MN008967 End : WAUFFAF22MN105698  Not sequential

Vehicle 31 : 2021-2021 AUDI S5 SPORTBACK

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

Vehicles not included in the recall are equipped with a different infotainment software version which is not affected by the software bug.

S5 SPORTBACK: 2,891

**Production Dates :** JUL 15, 2020 - SEP 09, 2021

**VIN Range 1 :** Begin : WAUB4CF54MA000484 End : WAUC4CF59MA063214  Not sequential

Vehicle 32 : 2021-2021 AUDI S5 COUPE

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on production records of the affected infotainment software version.

Vehicles not included in the recall are equipped with a different infotainment software version which is not affected by the software bug.

S5 COUPE: 672

**Production Dates :** SEP 16, 2020 - NOV 04, 2021

**VIN Range 1 :** Begin : WAUN4AF58MA005740 End : WAUR4AF55MA063287  Not sequential

**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : Due to a software issue, upon selecting reverse a blank or black screen may be displayed instead of the rearview camera image. In certain cases this issue may also cause the main unit to become inoperative, which will lead to no image being displayed at all.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : 111 - Rear visibility

Description of the Safety Risk : A rearview camera screen that displays a blank or no image can reduce the driver's view of what is behind the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : As part of an automatic 6-month maintenance cycle of the main infotainment unit, a "refresh" of the file system is carried out. Due to a software error, parallel writing processes are possible during the "refresh" by the application. This may lead to corrupted files and thus failure of infotainment and navigation functions. In certain cases the main unit may even become inoperative.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : none

**Involved Components :**

Component Name 1 : Infotainment Software

Component Description : Infotainment Software

Component Part Number : No part number, software update only

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : AUDI AG

Address : NR

Foreign States

Country : Germany

**Chronology :**

Between January 2021 and December 2021, an increasing number of customers complained about different infotainment issues, such as loss of navigation functions and radio reception. Due to the high level of customer

dissatisfaction the topic was evaluated for a potential proactive field campaign worldwide.

January 2022 - March 2022: Root cause, failure mode, field data and potentially affected population were investigated.

March 2022: Due to customer complaints regarding the loss of certain infotainment, telephone and/or navigation functionalities, a decision was made to conduct a worldwide service campaign to provide the vehicles with an optimized software version.

April - June 2022: During the preparation of the service campaign, the U.S. market reviewed the technical background and claims data and became aware of cases where the main unit became inoperative.

June 2022: Due to a concern regarding a potential non-compliance with FMVSS 111, the U.S. market asked the Audi Product Safety Committee to review the topic and evaluate a potential non-compliance for the U.S. market.

June - August 2022: The technical background, the failure mode and the different possible customer experiences were reviewed again in detail. It became clear, that in certain cases the main unit may become inoperative and in rare cases a blank/black screen may be displayed.

September 28, 2022: The Audi Product Safety Committee makes the determination of a non-compliance for the US and Canada and decides a non-compliance recall.

Between January 2021 and September 2022, Audi of America has received 330 warranty claims where the rear view camera allegedly was not being displayed due to this issue and 594 warranty claims where the main unit became inoperative and had to be replaced.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Affected vehicles will receive updated infotainment software at no cost to customers. Audi will not offer a reimbursement plan under this recall.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Updated infotainment unit software according to current product specifications.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Vehicles built after CW 25/21 are already equipped with the updated infotainment software.

## Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealers/owners: On or before December 02, 2022

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 02, 2022 - DEC 02, 2022

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 02, 2022 - DEC 02, 2022

\* NR - Not Reported