

Condition

Model(s)	Year(s)	VIN Range	Vehicle Specific Equipment
A5, S5 (FU), Q5, Q5 Sportback, SQ5, and SQ5 Sportback (FU)	2025 – 2026	All	Not applicable
A6 Sportback e-tron, S6 Sportback e-tron, Q6 e-tron, Q6 Sportback e-tron, SQ6 e-tron, and SQ6 Sportback e-tron	2025		
A6 (FN)	2026		

This PSS replaces TSB 2079757, 90 PPE/PPC: warning messages about assist systems - U171200

Customer States:

The customer complains that fault messages relating to the driver assist systems appear together with the take over steering prompt **only** shortly after starting the vehicle.

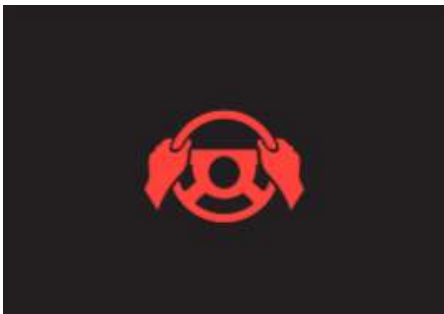


Figure 1. Take over steering warning light.

Depending on the equipment fitted, all driver assist systems are affected, such as:

- Adaptive cruise assist: fault. You can continue driving
- Lane departure warning: fault. You can continue driving
- Active front assist / distance warning: fault. You can continue driving
- Traffic sign recognition: fault. You can continue driving
- Adaptive light: fault
- Main beam assist: fault
- Lane change assist: currently unavailable

- Proactive occupant protection: currently unavailable
- Driver assist systems currently restricted
- Emergency Assist: fault. You can continue driving (in combination with the red take over steering prompt (see image 1)).



NOTICE

If the red warning lamp for the take over steering prompt (Figure 1) is not active, this TSB does NOT apply.



NOTICE

If only some of the fault messages listed above have occurred or are active, this TSB does NOT apply. The TSB is also NOT applicable if notifications are displayed stating various driver assist systems are not available due to restricted visibility.

Workshop Findings:

The customer concern can be reproduced in the workshop:

The concern can be reproduced based on the active messages in the instrument cluster. The warnings in the instrument cluster are active.

For the complaint described here to apply, warning messages must be active and diagnosis via ODIS for the diagnostic addresses **00A5** and **8103** must not be possible. The two diagnostic addresses **00A5** and **8103** cannot be read out.

In addition to this, the **DTC U171200** "Driver assistance main control module, no communication, active/static with symptom 4540" is logged in the Data Bus On Board Diagnostic Interface, J1273 (diagnostic address 0019).

The complaint only applies if the following issues occur **simultaneously**

- If there are active warnings.

and

- If diagnostic addresses 00A5 and 8103 cannot be accessed.

and

- If the specified event memory entry is logged.

The complaint is temporarily remedied, e.g. by a terminal 30 reset of the "Diagnostic interface or data bus J1273" or by a bus sleep cycle. Bus sleep mode starts approx. 3 minutes after switching the ignition off and locking the vehicle.

The customer complaint cannot be reproduced in the workshop:

The only indication that the complaint applies to this TSB is the **DTC U171200** "Driver assistance main control module, no communication, passive/intermittent with symptom 4540" in diagnostic address 0019 **and** corresponding documentation (photo, video) by the customer.

Using the ambient conditions, date and time and the frequency counter, check that the event memory matches the time of the customer complaint. If the symptoms described above apply in relation to the customer complaint, there is an indication that the functional impairment described in this documentation applies.

Technical Background

The complaint relates to a software issue in the Data Bus Diagnostic Interface Control Unit, J1273 (diagnostic address 0019) which occurs shortly after switching the ignition on. The complaint occurs for one driving cycle and automatically fixes itself after a bus sleep cycle. A bus sleep cycle can be achieved switching off the ignition, locking the vehicle and then waiting for approximately 3 minutes.

Production Solution

Week 36/2026.

Service

1. Explain to the customer that a solution is expected to be available by the end of the 2nd quarter of 2026 (subject to change) and that no repairs are necessary at this point.
2. Do not replace any components for this condition since this will not resolve the customer's concern.
3. Create a PSS record in the PSS application through the Pending Service Solutions (PSS) link in Audi Now; *Service | AU-US > Pending Service Solutions (PSS)*.

Warranty

Replacing parts or attempting repairs will not fix the problem. Unjustified work/replacement parts will be charged back. Invoicing under warranty is not permitted.

Additional Information

The complaint relates to a software issue which occurs shortly after switching the ignition on. The complaint occurs for one driving cycle and automatically fixes itself after a bus sleep cycle. A bus sleep cycle can be achieved switching off the ignition, locking the vehicle and then waiting for approx. 3 minutes.

All part and service references provided in this TSB (**2080929**) 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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