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94 Third brake light inoperative. DTC B12C615

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Model(s)	Year	VIN Range	Vehicle-Specific Equipment
e-tron GT, and RS e-tron GT	2022 - 2024	All	Not Applicable

Condition

Customer statement:

Customer states the 3rd brake light does not work.

Workshop findings:

The following DTC may be stored in Comfort System Central Control Module -J393-, (address word 0046)

- **DTC B12C615:** Bulb for high-mount brake light Open circuit/short circuit to B+ (Active/Passive)

Technical Background

The printed circuit along the top of the rear glass may be damaged due to corrosion leading to the malfunction.

Production Solution

Printed circuit on glass has been insulated in production.

Service



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Remove the seat belt feeder trim, C-pillar trim and rear shelf as indicated by position 1,2 and 3 in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Trim to remove.



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Remove the 3rd brake light
and unplug the lamp.

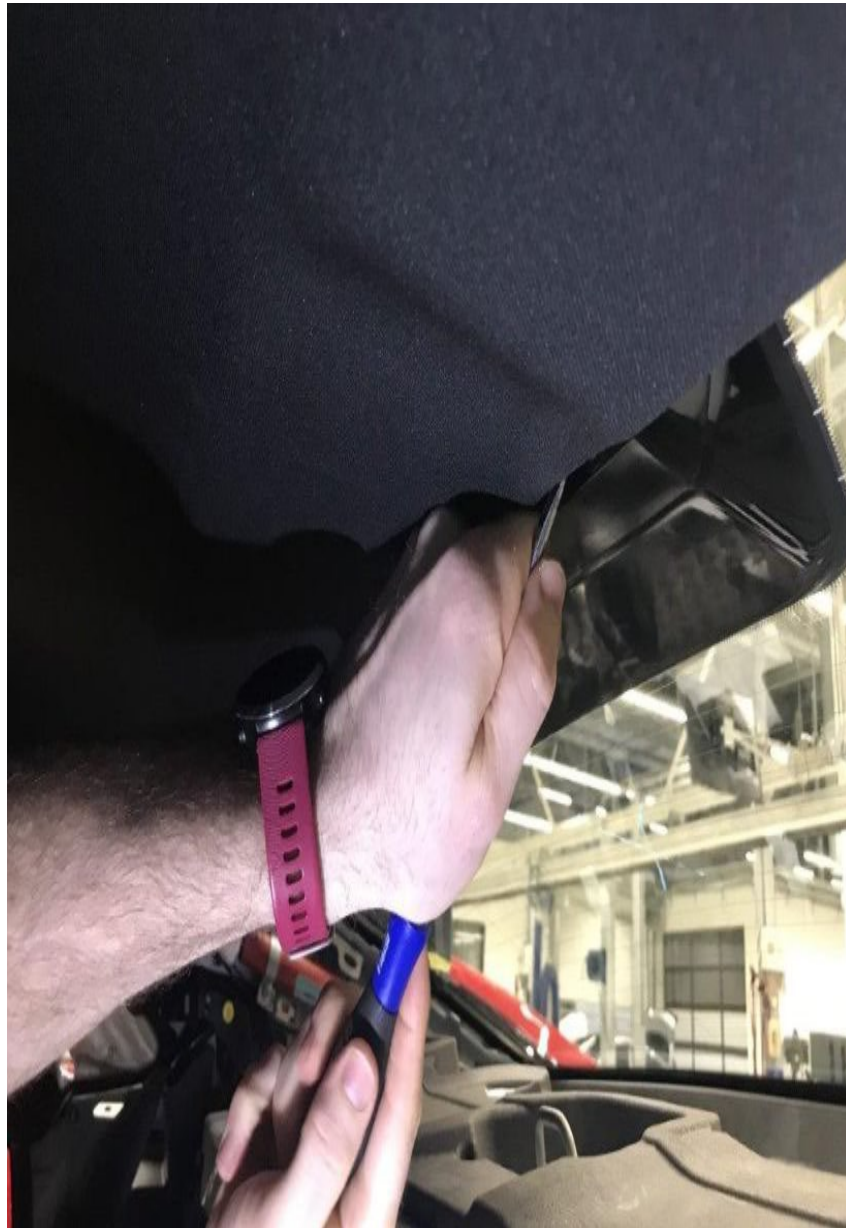


Figure 2: Remove 3^d brake light.



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Pull the foam insulated connector for the 3rd brake light circuit from behind the C-pillar.

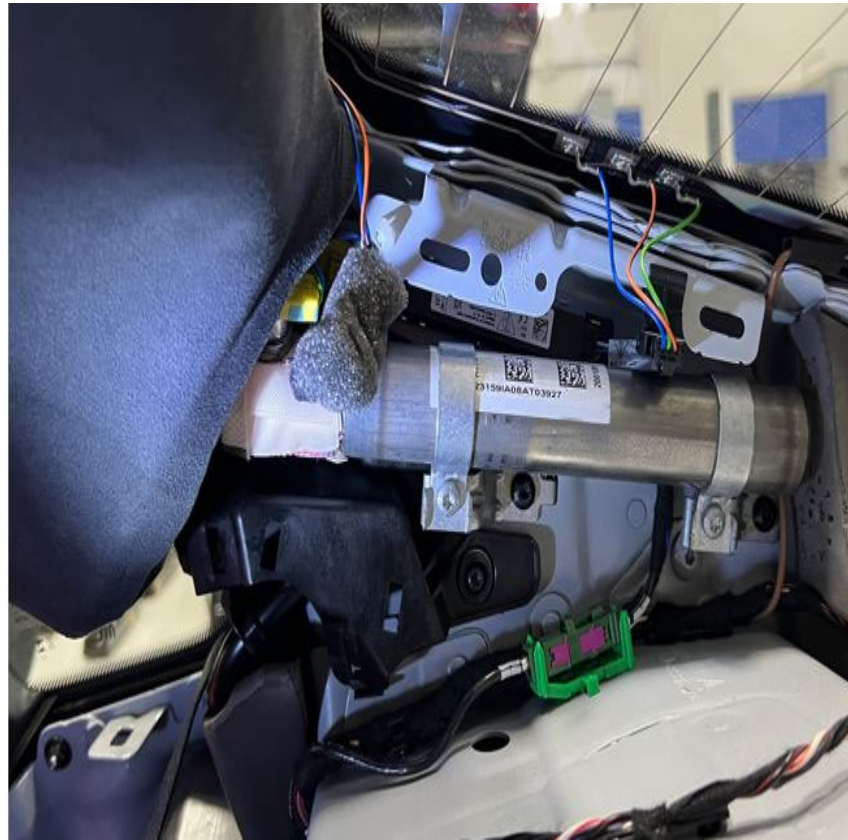


Figure 3: Access the 3^d brake light connector.



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Separate the connection and insert **4J3 971 157** into the vehicle side of the wire harness only.

In this step the wires leading to the welded points on the glass will remain unused.

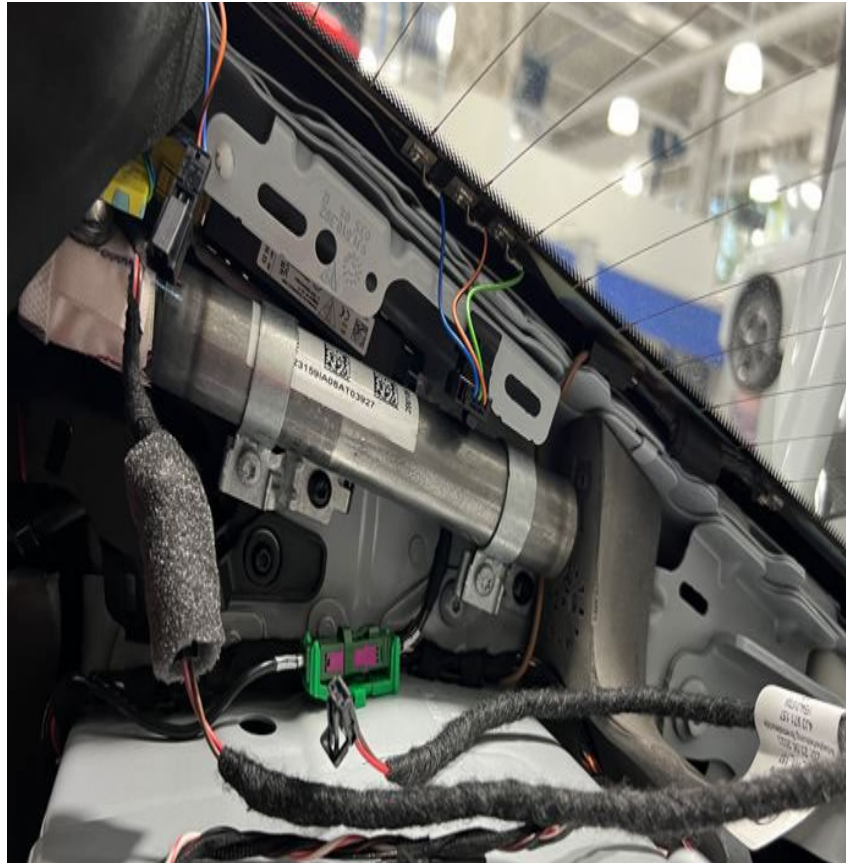


Figure 4: Install adapter harness.



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Wrap the unused connector end from the glass to the new harness.

Insulate as needed to prevent noise and future chaffing.



Figure 5: Insulate connector and harness.



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Loosely route the replacement harness **4J3 971 157** along the space between the headliner and glass.

Wrap the old connector end for the 3rd brake lamp to the new harness approx.. 90mm behind the new harness connector.



Ensure enough length of the new harness is available to facilitate installation/removal of the 3rd brake lamp.

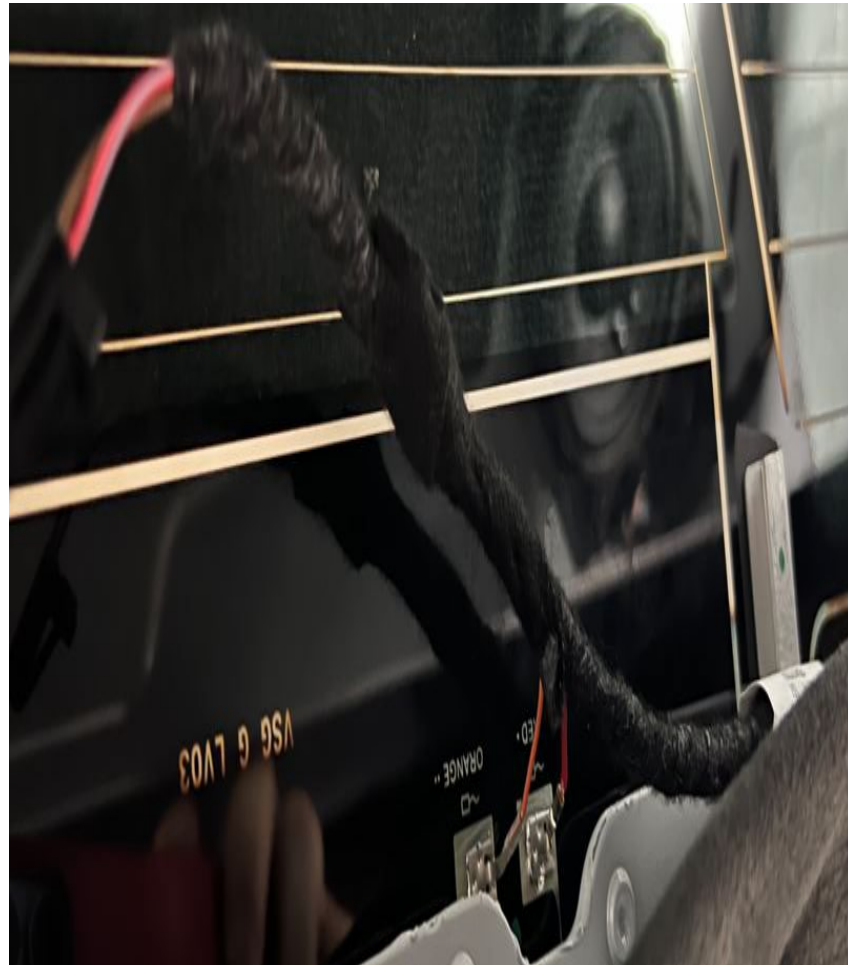


Figure 6: Insulate connector and harness.

Remove the label on the new harness to reduce risk of noise.



Figure 7: Remove label.



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Insert the new harness **4J3**

971 157 into the space

between headliner and metal flange of the body.

Connect the new harness to the 3rd brake lamp.

Position/secure harness as needed to prevent noise and protrusion from behind the headliner.

Re-assemble the vehicle in reverse sequence according to Workshop Manual.

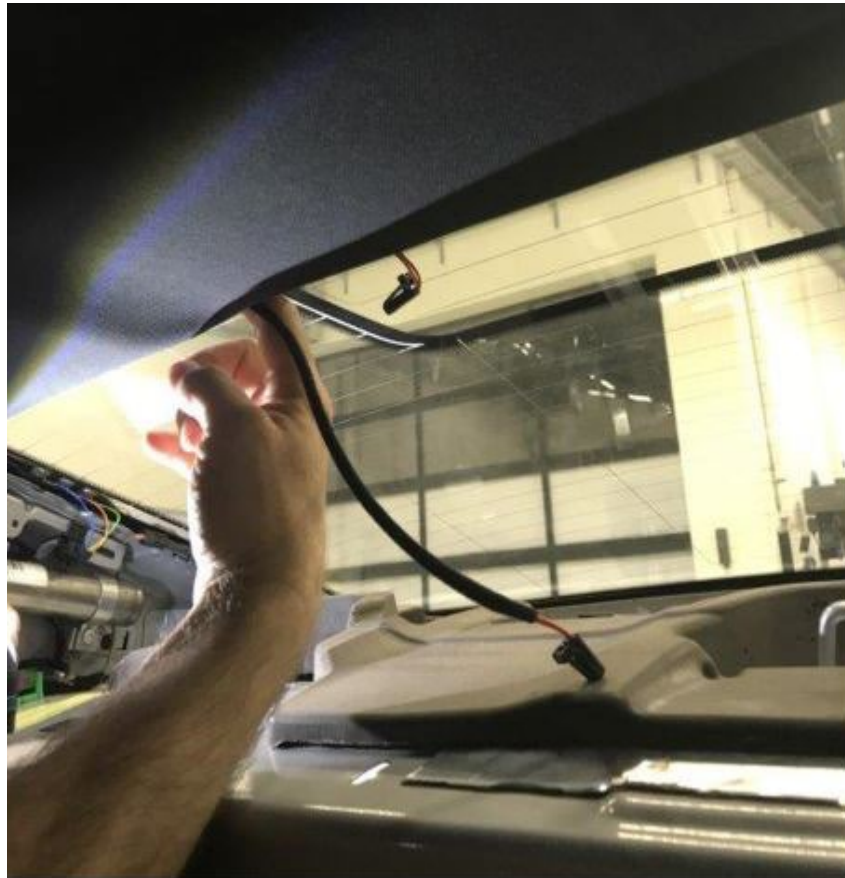


Figure 8: Route adapter harness.

Warranty

Claim Type:	• 110 Up to 48 Months/50,000 Miles. • G10 for CPO Covered Vehicles – Verify Owner. • If the vehicle is outside of any warranty, this Technical Service Bulletin is informational only.
Service Number:	9470
Damage Code:	0040



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Labor Operations:	Remove and install luggage compartment cover	7030 1900	See SRT with associated operations
	Remove and install C-pillar trim	7068 1960	See SRT with associated operations
	Remove and install additional brake light	9470 1999	10 TU
	Repair additional brake light	9470 4199	10 TU
	Charge battery	2706 8950	See SRT with associated operations
Diagnostic Time:	GFF	0150 0060	Time stated on the diagnostic protocol
	Road test prior to the service procedure	No allowance	0 TU
	Road test after the service procedure	No allowance	0 TU
Claim Comment:	As per TSB 2074275/1		

All warranty claims submitted for payment must be in accordance with the *Audi Warranty Policies and Procedures Manual*. Claims are subject to review or audit by Audi Warranty.

Required Parts and Tools

The part numbers mentioned in this TSB are different than the ones listed in ETKA. Only use parts listed in this TSB, this includes superseding part numbers!		
Part Number	Part Description	Quantity
See ETKA	Fasteners, Bolts, Nuts, and Screws as needed per the Repair Manual	See ETKA/ELSA
4J3 971 157	Adapter harness	01



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Additional Information

All parts and service references provided in this TSB (**2074275**) are subject to change and/or removal.

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