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SAFETY COMPLIANCE TESTING FOR FMVSS NO. 401 INTERIOR TRUNK RELEASE

AUDI AG
2009 AUDI A6
FOUR-DOOR PASSENGER CAR
NHTSA NO. C95800

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

A 2009 Audi A6 four-door passenger car was tested to determine if the vehicle was in compliance with the requirements of FMVSS 401. All tests were conducted in accordance with NHTSA/Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (OVSC) Laboratory Test Procedure TP-401-01 dated August 8, 2007.

1.2 TEST VEHICLE

The test vehicle was a 2009 Audi A6 four-door passenger car. Nomenclatures applicable to the test vehicle are:

A. Vehicle Identification Number: WAUCH74F29NO22298

B. NHTSA Number: C95800

C Manufacturer: Audi AG

D. Manufacture Date: 11/2008

1.3 TEST DATE

The test vehicle was tested January 27, 2009.

SECTION 2

TEST PROCEDURE AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

2.1 TEST PROCEDURE

Prior to test, the test vehicle was inspected for completeness and systems operability, including battery capability and trunk closure function. The vehicle was then photographically documented as required by the NHTSA/OVSC Test Procedure. The owner's manual was reviewed, and pertinent trunk release information was noted.

The rear trunk manual release system stationary vehicle tests were conducted with an occupant enclosed in the trunk compartment with the lid shut. An assistant was present and prepared to release the occupant if necessary. The compartment was evaluated with all removable equipment furnished by the manufacturer stowed in accordance with vehicle label instructions.

The procedure used consists of the following steps:

1. Determine the means by which a trapped person within the trunk would escape from the compartment, e.g. pull of a T-handled release mechanism, rotation of fixed lever release mechanism, push of a button, etc.
2. For informational purposes, install a linear force transducer to the release mechanism determined above and record the force required to be applied by the trapped occupant to escape.
3. Verify that the release mechanism is visible in the darkened trunk S4.2(a), and determine method used, e.g. phosphorescence or auxiliary lighting. Some time may be required to allow for the eyes to adjust to the darkened environment within the trunk compartment. Photograph if possible the lighted release mechanism.
4. With the vehicle stationary and no key in the ignition (representing unoccupied vehicle), actuate the release mechanism and verify that the trunk lid releases from all latching positions. Record force required during 3 attempts to release trunk latching mechanism.
5. Repeat step 4 above, except with the engine idling (time with trunk lid latched not to exceed 30 seconds).

2.2 DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The force required to release the trunk lid did not exceed twenty-three (23) Newtons on any attempt. The data indicate compliance of the test vehicle's manual trunk release system for the No Key in Ignition and the Idling Vehicle trunk release tests.

SECTION 3

TEST DATA

DATA SHEET 1
FMVSS No. 401 – TEST DATA SUMMARY

MODEL YEAR/MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE: 2009 Audi A6 4-door passenger car

VEHICLE NHTSA NUMBER: C95800 VIN: WAUCH74F29NO22298

GVWR: 2,265 kg (4,993 lbs) DATE OF MANUFACTURE: 11/2008

TEST LAB: U. S. DOT San Angelo Test Facility TEST DATE: January 27, 2009

	PASS/FAIL	COMMENTS
Automatic or Manual release mechanism inside the trunk compartment. S4.1	**PASS**	Manual
If manual release, lighting feature is included. S4.2(a)	**PASS**	None
Except as provided by S4.3(b), actuation of release mechanism required by S4.1 completely releases trunk lid from all latching positions of the trunk lid latch. S 4.3(a)	**PASS**	None

REMARKS: None

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DATA SHEET 2
TEST PREPARATION INFORMATION

MODEL YEAR/MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE: 2009 Audi A6 4-door passenger car

VEHICLE NHTSA NUMBER: C95800 TEST DATE: January 27, 2009

TRUNK LOCATION: Rear

NUMBER OF TRUNK LATCHING POSITIONS: One

INTERIOR TRUNK RELEASE: Manual

EQUIPPED WITH POWER CLOSURE ASSISTING DEVICE: No

OWNER'S MANUAL DESCRIPTION OF TRUNK RELEASE: Yes

REMOVABLE EQUIPMENT DELIVERED IN TRUNK:

SPARE TIRE: Yes SIZE: 245/40R18

TIRE JACK: Yes

LUG WRENCH: Yes

REMARKS: None

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DATA SHEET 3 (Sheet 1 of 2)
MANUAL TRUNK RELEASE OPERATION

MODEL YEAR/MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE: 2009 Audi A6 4-door passenger car

VEHICLE NHTSA NUMBER: C95800 TEST DATE: January 27, 2009

Method used to actuate interior trunk release: Rotating lever

Can test personnel enter trunk and be closed within? Yes

Size of occupant: 5' 10", large frame

Is there access to the trunk compartment by folding down rear seat or partition? No

Does release mechanism require electric power? No

Can release mechanism be easily seen inside the closed trunk? Yes

Method used by vehicle manufacturer to ensure that
release mechanism is visible in the closed trunk compartment: Phosphorescence

Laboratory test method used to determine visibility of release mechanism: Trunk entry

DATA SHEET 3 (Sheet 2 of 2)
MANUAL TRUNK RELEASE OPERATION

Vehicle Stationary (0 km/h)	Force in Newtons Required to Release Trunk Lid (no requirement)	Trunk Released from **All** Latching Positions	Pass/Fail
NO KEY IN IGNITION			
Attempt 1	18.0	Yes	Pass
Attempt 2	16.9	Yes	Pass
Attempt 3	15.4	Yes	Pass
Average	16.8		
ENGINE IDLING			
Attempt 1	16.6	Yes	Pass
Attempt 2	16.0	Yes	Pass
Attempt 3	16.3	Yes	Pass
Average	16.3		

TEST RESULTS **PASS**

REMARKS: None

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SECTION 4

TEST EQUIPMENT LIST AND CALIBRATION INFORMATION

EQUIPMENT	DESCRIPTION	MODEL/ SERIAL NO	CAL. DATE	NEXT CAL. DATE
DIGITAL FORCE GAGE	WAGNER INSTRUMENTS FORCE TEN	SERIAL #10363	8/6/2008	8/6/2009

SECTION 5

PHOTOGRAPHS

2009 AUDI A6
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FIGURE 5.1
FRONT OF VEHICLE

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FIGURE 5.2
LEFT SIDE VIEW OF VEHICLE

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FMVSS NO. 401

FIGURE 5.3
RIGHT SIDE VIEW OF VEHICLE

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FIGURE 5.4
LEFT REAR QUARTER VIEW

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FIGURE 5.5
RIGHT REAR QUARTER VIEW

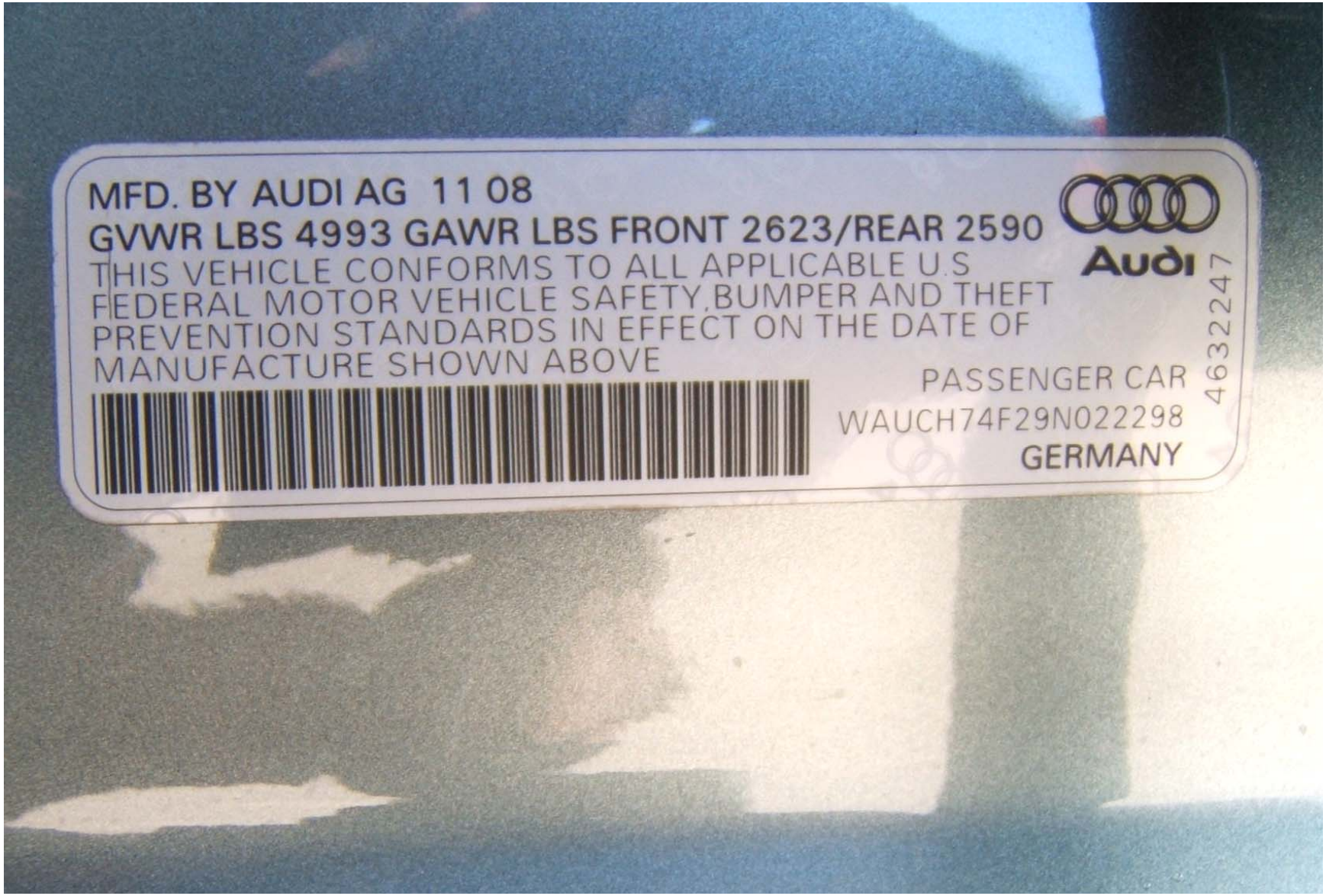

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FIGURE 5.6
VEHICLE CERTIFICATION LABEL

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FIGURE 5.7
VEHICLE TRUNK COMPARTMENT INTERIOR
SHOWING ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED

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FIGURE 5.8
VEHICLE TRUNK COMPARTMENT MANUAL RELEASE MECHANISM

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FIGURE 5.9
RELEASE MECHANISM WITH TEST EQUIPMENT ATTACHED

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FIGURE 5.10
TEST OBSERVER IN TRUNK COMPARTMENT

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FIGURE 5.11
TRUNK LID EXTERIOR

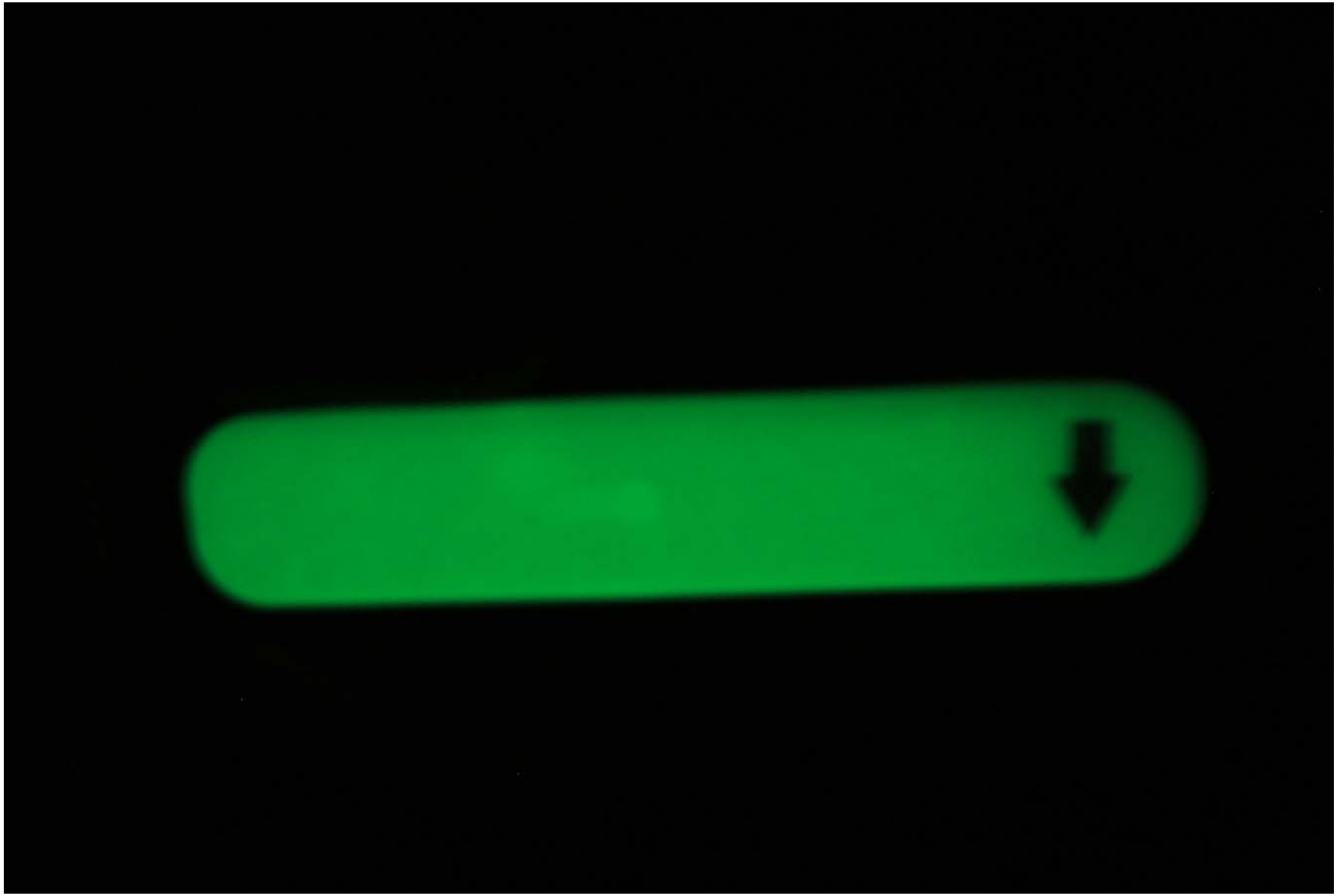

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FIGURE 5.12
RELEASE MECHANISM INSIDE CLOSED TRUNK

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OWNER'S MANUAL PAGE

What do I do now?

Trunk escape handle

In case of an emergency, the rear lid can be opened from the inside using the trunk escape handle.

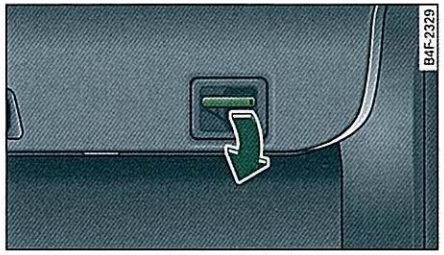

Fig. 255 Trunk escape handle: View from inside the closed trunk

To open rear lid

– Pull the handle down towards the bumper ⇒ fig. 255.

The trunk escape handle inside the rear lid is made of fluorescent material to glow in the dark.

WARNING

The trunk escape handle is to be used only in an emergency.

Tips

The emergency release lever should *never* be used as a handle for closing the rear lid. ■

Jack, tools and spare wheel

Jack

The jack is stored in the luggage compartment behind the right-side trim panel.

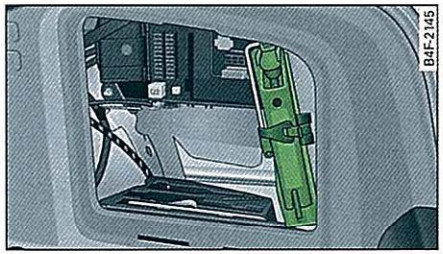

Fig. 256 Luggage compartment vehicle jack

Before storing the jack, make sure it is wound back down as far as it will go.

WARNING

Improper use of the vehicle jack can cause serious personal injuries.

- **Never use the jack supplied with your Audi on another vehicle, particularly on a heavier one. The jack is only suitable for use on the vehicle it came with.**
- **Using a bumper jack to raise the vehicle will damage the bumper system. The jack may slip, causing injury.**
- **Never support your vehicle on cinder blocks, bricks or other objects. These may not be able to support the load and could cause injury when they fail.**