2015 Audi Q5 at 94,000 mi

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MODEL / CHASSIS	ENGINE	MILEAGE	DRIVETRAIN
Q5 · 8R Q5 3.0 TFSI Premium Plus quattro	Audi EA837 3.0 TFSI supercharged V6	94,000 mi	AWD
BUILD MONTH	**REPORT DATE**	**MODE**	**PREPARED FOR**
Not entered (door jamb)	October 27, 2026	Owner	Sample Owner

VIN check: check digit valid; model-year code 'F' = 2015, matches the year entered. The VIN doesn't record the build month. Sample report: synthetic VIN.

1 · SUMMARY

What this car needs, in order

Each item compares this car's mileage with when owners and shops report the part failing. It is not an inspection: a qualified technician decides what the car actually needs.

1
inspection recommended now

0
to plan in the next 30,000 miles · plus 2 factory maintenance items

4
to watch or check at each service

Safety recalls NHTSA lists for this model year (4)

- **17V-298** · Fuel system · fuel pump flange: A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source increases the risk of a fire.
- **17V-622** · Electrical · auxiliary heater connector: The melted wires can increase the risk of a fire.
- **17V-001** · Air bags · side curtain inflator (sunroof drain water): Water from the sunroof drains can corrode the side curtain air bag inflator, which can fracture and throw metal fragments into the cabin.
- **16V-045** · Air bags · seat-mounted side: In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of a seat-mounted air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking the driver or other occupants resulting in serious injury or death.

A model-year list, not a VIN check. Repairs are free at an Audi dealer if open. Check this VIN at nhtsa.gov/recalls.

Step 0 · Free: run the VIN at nhtsa.gov/recalls and ask an Audi dealer for a campaign printout, including 17V-298. Read the build month (MM/YY) on the driver's door-jamb label.

Recommended now at the next service

$100–$160

Inspection: check now, while it's cheaper to fix

$100–$160

about 1 h of shop labor, our estimate

Water pump leak: Past the range (18,000–67,000 mi, the middle half of 11 owner reports) · if it fails: $1,350–$2,600

Known weak point for this engine, not a finding on your car. The inspection shows whether yours has early signs.

Next 12 months up to about 106,000 mi

Nothing scheduled here.

Within the next 30,000 miles up to 124,000 mi

Nothing else enters its reported range in this window.

Watch inspect at each service, fix on condition, or optional

Thermostat failure

$1,100–$1,900

independent shop, installed

Any mileage (2010–2011 campaign (stays closed); 2012–2013 thermostat defect bulletin) · Inspect at each service; fix at the first sign

Crankcase ventilation (PCV) valve

No published price

Any mileage (2013–2016: 10 yr / 120k extension (Warranty Key U38), now ending) · Ask for this check at every service

Carbon in the secondary air ports

No published price

Inside the range (Over 15,000 miles with P0491 and P0492 (bulletin); 2009–2013 cars had a 10 yr / 120k extension, now ended) · Inspect at each service; fix at the first sign

Intake valve carbon build-up

$300–$950

independent shop, installed

Any mileage (Direct-injection engines with higher mileage) · Optional upgrade; not in the totals

Recommended now

$100–$160

Independent shop, installed. Dealers often charge more.

Planned through 124,000 mi

$100–$160

No other repairs on the list before 124,000 mi. Now + next 12 months + next 30,000 miles. Excludes factory maintenance (listed separately), “watch” and optional items.

Costs are published independent-shop ranges (low end + low end, high end + high end). Bundled jobs are priced together because the labor overlaps. Routine service (oil, brakes, tires) isn't included; factory fluid and spark plug intervals are listed below.

FACTORY MAINTENANCE

Scheduled maintenance from 94,000 mi to 124,000 mi

The maker's normal schedule for this car. Service history isn't known here, so an item is shown at its next interval mark; skip it if the records show it was done.

ITEM	INTERVAL	THIS CAR
Spark plugs Audi 3.0T: first at 55,000 miles, then every 60,000 (6-year limit).	first at 55,000 mi, then every 60,000 mi or 6 years	**Was due at 55,000 mi, next 115,000 mi** [M1][M2][M3]
Brake fluid Audi: every 2 years regardless of mileage.	every 2 years	**By time: check the records** [M1][M3][M5]

M1. Bentley Publishers: Audi 2009 A5/S5/A4 factory maintenance schedule SHOP/RETAILER
https://bentleypubs.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/tech/pages/437454629

M2. Bentley Publishers: Audi 2010 A6/S6 factory maintenance schedule SHOP/RETAILER
https://bentleypubs.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/tech/pages/437454618

M3. 2016 Audi Maintenance Schedule - All Models, USA (NHTSA) OFFICIAL
https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/tsbs/2017/MC-10153109-9999.pdf

M4. 2017 Audi Maintenance Schedule - All Models, USA (NHTSA) OFFICIAL
https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/tsbs/2019/MC-10169091-0001.pdf

M5. 2018 Audi Models USA Warranty & Maintenance booklet (Audi of America) OFFICIAL
https://ownersliterature.vw.com/owners-literature-service/v1/document/567e24ea-3c93-4d4f-aa4d-ba9adf4b896c

M6. 2019 Audi Maintenance Schedule - All Models, USA (NHTSA) OFFICIAL
https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/tsbs/2018/MC-10153168-9999.pdf

M7. Volkswagen Service: Maintenance Schedule, 2013 models (VW owner's literature) OFFICIAL
https://ownersliterature.vw.com/owners-literature-service/v1/document/8db4252c-5991-4f79-a654-5c725d09bdf8

M8. Volkswagen Service: Maintenance Schedule, 2014 models (VW owner's literature) OFFICIAL
https://ownersliterature.vw.com/owners-literature-service/v1/document/033ff2d5-58e3-4663-97cf-1bbdb864258d

M9. Porsche Cars North America Maintenance Checklist, Cayenne 2013, Edition 8/12 (copy hosted by PcarWise) OFFICIAL
https://www.pcarwise.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Cayenne-958-service-schedule.pdf

WHERE 94K SITS FOR EACH WEAK POINT

#	WEAK POINT	REPORTED RANGE	THIS CAR
1	Water pump leak	18,000–67,000 mi (middle half of 11 owner complaints that state a mileage) COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA	Past the range
2	Thermostat failure	2010–2011 campaign (stays closed); 2012–2013 thermostat defect bulletin OFFICIAL	Any mileage
3	Crankcase ventilation (PCV) valve	2013–2016: 10 yr / 120k extension (Warranty Key U38), now ending OFFICIAL	Any mileage
4	Carbon in the secondary air ports	Over 15,000 miles with P0491 and P0492 (bulletin); 2009–2013 cars had a 10 yr / 120k extension, now ended OFFICIAL	Inside the range
5	Intake valve carbon build-up	Direct-injection engines with higher mileage OFFICIAL	Any mileage

Colors compare mileage with reported failures, not the car's condition. Red: past the range. Amber: inside or approaching. Green: below, or not listed for a recall.

2 · RECALLS AND BULLETINS

Recalls to check for this 2015 Audi Q5

Safety recall repairs are free at Audi dealers. Nothing here can tell whether a recall is open or already done on this VIN; only the official VIN lookup or a dealer can.

Official VIN check (2 minutes)

1. Go to nhtsa.gov/recalls and enter WA1DGAFP3FA123456.
2. Note every recall shown as “Recall incomplete” and keep a screenshot.
3. Ask an Audi dealer for a campaign printout; it also lists completed campaigns.

3.0 TFSI EA837 RECALLS WE TRACK

17V-298 · Fuel pump flange may crack (2013–2017 Q5 and Q7) NHTSA lists this model and year: check by VIN

The fuel pump flange may crack and leak fuel. Free repair. OFFICIAL [13]

☐ VIN checked ☐ Open: booked with dealer ☐ Completed (printout kept)

Other 3.0 TFSI EA837 recalls we track, not listed by NHTSA for this model and year: 15V-019 (fuel injection system leak (2011–2012 S4, S5, Q7, 2012 A6, 2012–2013 A7, Touareg Hybrid)), 19V-035 (fuel rails may leak (2016–2018 Q7, A6, A7; 2015–2018 A8)), 16V-646 (fuel hose may leak (2012–2013 A6, A7)), 17V-781 (fuel line may leak (2012–2014 A6, A7)), 16V-660 (fuel pump flange may crack (2009–2012 Q5, 2007–2012 Q7)), 18V-818 (fuel pump flange final repair (Q5 and Q7 fixed under 16V-660)), 16V-619 (coolant valve leak can stall the engine (2010–2013 A8)).

EVERY RECALL NHTSA LISTS FOR THE 2015 AUDI Q5 (4)

RECALL	COMPONENT	WHAT CAN HAPPEN (NHTSA, SHORTENED)
17V-298 3.0 TFSI EA837 tracked	Fuel system · fuel pump flange	A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source increases the risk of a fire. Details
17V-622	Electrical · auxiliary heater connector	The melted wires can increase the risk of a fire. Details
17V-001	Air bags · side curtain inflator (sunroof drain water)	Water from the sunroof drains can corrode the side curtain air bag inflator, which can fracture and throw metal fragments into the cabin. Details
16V-045	Air bags · seat-mounted side	In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of a seat-mounted air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking the driver or other occupants resulting in serious injury or death. Details

Source: NHTSA recalls API, fetched 2026-10-27 and combined across NHTSA model names: Q5. Safety categories (air bags, fire, brakes, stalling, roll-away and loss of control) are listed first; listings whose NHTSA text names another engine, or an aftermarket part, go last. OFFICIAL

Left out of this list (Q5): 18V-229 and 17V-002 (electric coolant pump) cover the 2.0L TFSI Q5 only and are left out of this 3.0 TFSI sample; a VIN check would show them if they applied.

SERVICE ACTIONS, BULLETINS AND WARRANTY PROGRAMS

CAMPAIGN	WHAT IT SAYS	THIS CAR
Crankcase ventilation valve extension (AWA-19-03)	10 years / 120,000 miles from in-service on the valve for certain 2013–2016 3.0L and 4.0L cars with Warranty Key U38. OFFICIAL [2]	May apply: check by VIN
Secondary air port carbon extension (AWA-13-07)	10 years / 120,000 miles for cleaning the ports on certain 2009–2013 3.0T cars. Ended. OFFICIAL [9]	Expired

4 · THE 5 WEAK POINTS

Each weak point, one card each

Every figure carries its source. Retailer part numbers are shown only when the retailer lists them for this chassis (8R).

1 Water pump leak

Past the range

Severity: High: overheating, stalls, limp mode or a big bill · 32 mentions in counted NHTSA complaints COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA

At 94,000 mi this car is past the reported range (18,000–67,000 mi (middle half of 11 owner complaints that state a mileage)). If the original parts are still fitted, have them checked and plan for them. Range: 18,000–67,000 mi (middle half of 11 owner complaints that state a mileage) COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA [1]



Applies to: Any mileage; the pump sits under the supercharger

WHAT FAILS FORUM/BLOG [8][14]

The water pump can leak coolant. It sits in the valley under the supercharger, so the supercharger has to come off to replace it. Audi notes that dry coolant marks on a new pump can be normal break-in, so confirm a real leak.

SYMPTOMS

- Coolant level dropping
- Coolant smell after driving
- Coolant warning light

IF IT'S LEFT TOO LONG

Low coolant can overheat the engine.

IS IT WORTH DOING EARLY? OUR ESTIMATE

Replace the pump and thermostat together, since both are under the supercharger.

ESTIMATED REPAIR COST

Water pump replacement, RepairPal A6 estimate	**$1,206–$1,520** SHOP/RETAILER [7] independent shop, installed
Pump and thermostat together, independent to dealer (owner quotes)	**$1,350–$2,600** FORUM/BLOG [14] reported range for the bill after a failure
Dealer	**Often 1.5–2× the independent-shop price** OUR ESTIMATE

1.4× The failure-bill midpoint ($1,975) is about 1.4× the early-fix midpoint ($1,363). A cost ratio, not a probability.

PARTS FOR 8R

- Ask your parts supplier for the OE part number for this VIN.

WHAT TO ASK YOUR SHOP

- Water pump or thermostat replaced?
- Any coolant top-ups?

2 Thermostat failure

Any mileage

Severity: High: overheating, stalls, limp mode or a big bill · 11 mentions in counted NHTSA complaints

COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA

Reports cover a wide mileage span (2010–2011 campaign (stays closed); 2012–2013 thermostat defect bulletin), so mileage doesn't say much here. Range: 2010–2011 campaign (stays closed); 2012–2013 thermostat defect bulletin OFFICIAL [5][6]

WHAT FAILS OFFICIAL [5][6]

The thermostat can stick closed and overheat the engine, which Audi addressed with campaign 19H3 on early cars. On 2012–2013 cars a thermostat defect can set P1B1C with a "Coolant System: Fault Turn Off Engine" warning.

SYMPTOMS

- "Coolant System: Fault Turn Off Engine" message
- Temperature gauge high or low
- P0128 or P1B1C

IF IT'S LEFT TOO LONG

A stuck-closed thermostat overheats the engine; stuck open hurts heat and fuel economy.

IS IT WORTH DOING EARLY? OUR ESTIMATE

Replace with the updated part; do the water pump at the same time.

ESTIMATED REPAIR COST

Thermostat replacement at a shop (retailer guide, S5 3.0T)	**$1,100–$1,900** SHOP/RETAILER [8] independent shop, installed
Same job; overheating damage costs more	**$1,100–$1,900** SHOP/RETAILER [8] reported range for the bill after a failure
Dealer	**Often 1.5–2× the independent-shop price** OUR ESTIMATE

1.0× The failure-bill midpoint ($1,500) is about 1.0× the early-fix midpoint ($1,500). A cost ratio, not a probability.

PARTS FOR 8R

- Ask your parts supplier for the OE part number for this VIN.

WHAT TO ASK YOUR SHOP

- Was campaign 19H3 done (2010–2011)?
- Thermostat replaced?

3 Crankcase ventilation (PCV) valve

Any mileage

Severity: Medium: leaks and wear · 4 mentions in counted NHTSA complaints

COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA

Reports cover a wide mileage span (2013–2016: 10 yr / 120k extension (Warranty Key U38), now ending), so mileage doesn't say much here. Range: 2013–2016: 10 yr / 120k extension (Warranty Key U38), now ending OFFICIAL [2]

WHAT FAILS OFFICIAL [2][3][4]

The crankcase ventilation valve can fail, causing a whistle and the check-engine light. Audi extended its warranty on certain 2013–2016 cars, and has a bulletin for leaks from the crankcase breather module.

ESTIMATED REPAIR COST

SYMPTOMS

- Whistle from the engine
- Check-engine light
- Rough idle
- Higher oil use

IF IT'S LEFT TOO LONG

Crankcase pressure pushes oil past seals and raises oil use.

IS IT WORTH DOING EARLY? OUR ESTIMATE

Check the VIN for Warranty Key U38; replace at the first whistle or crankcase code.

Covered under AWA-19-03 if still inside 10 yr / 120k (check by VIN)	**No published price** independent shop, installed
No published price	**No published price** reported range for the bill after a failure
Dealer	**Often 1.5–2× the independent-shop price** OUR ESTIMATE

PARTS FOR 8R

- Ask your parts supplier for the OE part number for this VIN.

WHAT TO ASK YOUR SHOP

- PCV valve replaced? Any whistle?

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4 Carbon in the secondary air ports

Inside the range

Severity: Medium: leaks and wear · 1 mentions in counted NHTSA complaints

COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA

At 94,000 mi this car is inside the reported range (Over 15,000 miles with P0491 and P0492 (bulletin); 2009–2013 cars had a 10 yr / 120k extension, now ended), 79,000 miles past where reports start. Range: Over 15,000 miles with P0491 and P0492 (bulletin); 2009–2013 cars had a 10 yr / 120k extension, now ended OFFICIAL [9][10]



WHAT FAILS OFFICIAL [9][10]

Carbon builds up in the secondary air ports in the cylinder heads and blocks air flow. The check-engine light comes on with P0491 and P0492. Audi's fix is to clean the ports.

SYMPTOMS

- Check-engine light
- P0491 and P0492 stored together

IF IT'S LEFT TOO LONG

Mostly an emissions fault; the car may fail inspection.

IS IT WORTH DOING EARLY? OUR ESTIMATE

Clean the ports when both codes appear.

ESTIMATED REPAIR COST

No published price	**No published price** independent shop, installed
No published price	**No published price** reported range for the bill after a failure
Dealer	**Often 1.5–2× the independent-shop price** OUR ESTIMATE

PARTS FOR 8R

- Ask your parts supplier for the OE part number for this VIN.

WHAT TO ASK YOUR SHOP

- Any P0491 / P0492 history?

5 Intake valve carbon build-up

Any mileage

Severity: Medium: leaks and wear · 5 mentions in counted NHTSA complaints

COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA

Reports cover a wide mileage span (Direct-injection engines with higher mileage), so mileage doesn't say much here.

Range: Direct-injection engines with higher mileage OFFICIAL [11]

WHAT FAILS OFFICIAL [11]

Fuel does not wash the intake valves on this direct-injection engine, so carbon builds up. Audi links heavy deposits to rough running after a cold start.

SYMPTOMS

- Rough cold idle
- Misfire codes

IF IT'S LEFT TOO LONG

Heavy deposits cause misfires.

IS IT WORTH DOING EARLY? OUR ESTIMATE

Clean the valves when misfires point to deposits.

ESTIMATED REPAIR COST

Walnut blasting at an independent shop (forum quotes)	**$300–$950** FORUM/BLOG [12] independent shop, installed
Same job	**$300–$950** FORUM/BLOG [12] reported range for the bill after a failure
Dealer	**Often 1.5–2× the independent-shop price** OUR ESTIMATE

1.0× The failure-bill midpoint ($625) is about 1.0× the early-fix midpoint ($625). A cost ratio, not a probability.

PARTS FOR 8R

- Ask your parts supplier for the OE part number for this VIN.

WHAT TO ASK YOUR SHOP

- Intake valves ever cleaned?

5 · ALSO REPORTED, NOT RANKED

Other themes in 3.0 TFSI EA837 owner complaints

Every NHTSA complaint theme with 10 or more counted reports is either a weak point above or explained here.

THEME	COMPLAINTS	WHY IT ISN'T A WEAK POINT

6 · BUYING OR SELLING

Used-car checklist and resale helper

For owners this is a resale checklist: it's what a careful buyer will ask.

Ask the inspecting shop to check

- Coolant level and supercharger valley for coolant
- Idle whistle (PCV)
- Codes P0491/P0492, P1B1C

Ask the seller

- Water pump and thermostat replaced? Together?
- Fuel recalls done?

Documents to request

- Dealer service-history printout for the VIN
- nhtsa.gov/recalls screenshot

WHAT A BUYER MAY DEDUCT

FINDING	ESTIMATED ADJUSTMENT
Water pump leak: seeping or leaking	$1,206–$1,520
Thermostat failure: symptoms or fault codes present	$1,100–$1,900
Crankcase ventilation (PCV) valve: fault found on inspection	No published price
Carbon in the secondary air ports: symptoms or fault codes present	No published price
Intake valve carbon build-up: original part still fitted (optional upgrade)	$300–$950
Pre-ticked rows (●), if no records clear them	**None at this mileage**

● = expected at this mileage. Estimated repair costs, not an appraisal. Recalls cost the seller nothing: ask for open recalls to be completed rather than discounted. OUR ESTIMATE

7 · METHOD AND SOURCES

How this report is built

Inputs. VIN, model year, model, mileage and build month (if entered). Model and engine are checked with NHTSA's vPIC decoder.

Mileage positions. Below: more than 10,000 miles before the reported range. Approaching: within 10,000. Inside: in the range, or past the start of an open-ended range. Past: beyond the top of the range. These bands are our rules, not an industry standard.

The plan. Critical items inside or past their range go first; high-severity items follow, and jobs that share labor are bundled. At most three jobs land in “Recommended now”. Leaks that are cheap to watch are fixed on condition; inspections are asked for at each service.

Costs. Published independent-shop ranges from shop quotes, retailer prices and owner reports. The worst-case cost of every item failing is not shown: it isn't an expected cost.

Labels. OFFICIAL NHTSA/Audi documents · SHOP/RETAILER parts prices and shop articles · FORUM/BLOG owner forums and blogs · COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA our analysis of NHTSA data · OUR ESTIMATE ours.

NHTSA complaint data. Pulled Oct 27, 2026 from NHTSA's complaints API for All S4, S5 and SQ5 complaints for these years; A6, A8, Q5 and Q7 complaints only when they name the 3.0 or V6; A7 complaints leaving out TDI The 2013–2014 Touareg Hybrid files hold every Touareg complaint, so only complaints that mention the hybrid or supercharged 3.0 are kept: 374 complaints. Some of these nameplates were sold with other engines too. For some we kept only complaints whose text names this engine (which under-counts); for others we left out complaints that name another engine or a hybrid (so a few about other engines can remain). Themes are keyword matches on the complaint text. COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA

THEME	COMPLAINTS	IN THIS REPORT
Water pump / coolant	32	Item 1
Thermostat	11	Item 2
Fuel leak / fuel smell	8	—
Carbon / misfire	5	Item 5
PCV / crankcase	4	Item 3
Secondary air	1	Item 4

Limits: complaints are self-reported and not adjusted for cars sold; keyword matching over- and under-counts; owners rarely file safety complaints about oil seeps, so leaks look rarer than they are.

SOURCES

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https://www.nhtsa.gov/report-a-safety-problem#complaints

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https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/tsbs/2019/MC-10160829-0001.pdf

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https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/tsbs/2022/MC-10209407-0001.pdf

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https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/tsbs/2014/MC-10122281-9999.pdf

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6. Audi Campaign 19H3: Engine thermostat may stay closed and cause overheating (owner letter) (2011-04-01), filed with NHTSA OFFICIAL
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https://www.repairpal.com/estimator/audi/a6/water-pump-replacement-cost

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https://www.go-parts.com/garage/obd-p0128-audi-s5-2013-2017-3-0l-tfsi

9. Audi AWA-13-07: Emissions warranty extended to 10 yr / 120k for cleaning carbon from cylinder head secondary air ports, 2009–2013 3.0T (2013-08-14), filed with NHTSA OFFICIAL
https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/tsbs/2013/MC-10124621-9999.pdf

10. Audi TSB 2033001: MIL on with P0491 and P0492: clean the secondary air ports (2009–2016 V6) (2022-02-15), filed with NHTSA OFFICIAL
https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/tsbs/2022/MC-10208268-0001.pdf

11. Audi TSB 2014753: Deposits on intake valves, intake manifold, injectors and combustion chambers (2015-03-09), filed with NHTSA OFFICIAL
https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/tsbs/2015/MC-10119940-9999.pdf

12. Bob Is The Oil Guy forum: walnut blasting intake valves, shop quotes, via search extract Oct 27, 2026 FORUM/BLOG
https://bobistheoilguy.com/forums/threads/walnut-blasting-valves.308338/

13. NHTSA recall records: 15V-019, 19V-035, 16V-646, 17V-781 (fuel rail and fuel line leaks), 16V-660 / 18V-818 / 17V-298 (Q5 and Q7 fuel pump flange), 16V-619 (A8 coolant valve), checked Oct 27, 2026 OFFICIAL
https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls?nhtsaId=15V019000

14. Audizine forum: 2012 A6 3.0T water pump and thermostat quotes (independent about $1,350, dealer about $2,600), via search extract Oct 27, 2026 FORUM/BLOG
https://audizine.com/threads/need-advice-2012-a6-3-0t-issues.963322/

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