

# Technical Service Bulletin



## 94 Vehicle lights malfunction message in instrument cluster display (DTC 03280 or 01800)

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Model(s)	Year	VIN Range	Vehicle-Specific Equipment
A3	2015 - 2016	All	Not Applicable
A4	2009 - 2016	All	Not Applicable
A5	2008 - 2016	All	Not Applicable
A5 Cabriolet	2010 - 2016	All	Not Applicable
Q5	2009 - 2016	All	Not Applicable
A6, S6	2012 - 2016	All	Not Applicable
A7, S7	2012 - 2016	All	Not Applicable
RS7	2014 - 2016	All	Not Applicable
A8	2011 - 2016	All	Not Applicable

## Condition

REVISION HISTORY		
Revision	Date	Purpose
10	-	Revised header data (Added model year; added A3) Revised <i>Technical Background</i> (Added picture for clarity)
9	1/23/2014	Revised title Revised header data (Added model years)
8	5/23/2013	Revised <i>Condition</i> and <i>Technical Background</i> (Added DTC)
7	2/14/2013	Revised header data (Added model years; added A6, A7, A8 )
6	6/6/2012	Revised header data (Added model years)
5	9/1/2009	Revised header data (Revised new customer code)
4	6/17/2009	Revised header data (Added Audi Q5 and A5 Cabriolet) Revised <i>Technical Background</i>
3	12/15/2008	Revised header data (Added model)

- The light bulb warning light is displayed in the instrument cluster with the following message: “Vehicle lights: malfunction”.
- One or both of the following DTCs is stored in the vehicle electrical system control module, J519 (address word 09):
  - **DTC 03280** (Light switch position implausible signal)
  - **DTC 01800** (Light switch E1, no signal/communication)
- Exterior lights are functioning properly.

## Technical Background

If the headlight switch is moved to an intermediate position and remains there (Figure 1), the light bulb warning light and the error message appear after approximately ten seconds (Figure 2).



**Figure 1.** A headlight switch in an intermediate position.



**Figure 2.** The warning light and error message in the instrument cluster display.

Once displayed, the message turns off after approximately five seconds. The light bulb warning light turns off only after the headlight switch is turned to a defined position, and the status of **DTC 03280** or **DTC 01800** are changed to sporadic.

After 40 driving cycles without an implausible signal detected, the DTCs are automatically cleared.

## Production Solution

Not applicable.

## Service

Determine if the above situation applies to the vehicle, and explain the background to the customer. Replacing parts does not change the behavior.

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## Warranty

This TSB is informational only and not applicable to any Audi warranty.

## Additional Information

All parts and service references provided in this TSB (2017806) are subject to change and/or removal. Always check with your Parts Department and service manuals for the latest information.