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## 69 PODS component replacement information

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Model(s)	Year	VIN Range	Vehicle-Specific Equipment
A6 Avant, A6 allroad, Q7, RS6 Avant, RS7, RSQ8, SQ7, SQ8, and Audi e-tron Sportback	2020 - 2021	All	BodySense 3
A4, A4 allroad, A5, A5 Cabriolet, A5 Sportback, A6, A7, A8, Q3, Q8, S4, S5, S5 Sportback, S6, S7, RS5, RS5 Cabriolet, SQ5, and Audi e-tron quattro	2019 - 2021	All	BodySense 3

## Condition

REVISION HISTORY		
Revision	Date	Purpose
2	-	Revised header (Updated model information) Revised <i>Technical Background</i> (Removed remark regarding availability) Revised <i>Service</i> (Added MY20 Audi e-tron Sportback to MY20 table, added MY21 PODS Kit table, and removed note regarding availability)
1	04/24/2020	Initial publication

### Customer states:

- It is found during PDI or any other diagnostic work.

### Workshop findings:



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- The passenger occupant detection system (PODS) sensor mat, G554, and/or the PODS control module, J706 (address word 0015), need to be replaced.
- A PODS repair kit consisting of PODS sensor mat and PODS control module is not available.

## Technical Background

On models equipped with the latest generation of the PODS system (BodySense3), the PODS sensor mat, integrated in the seat heater, and the PODS control module no longer need to be replaced as a kit. Instead, they can be replaced individually as needed.

At this time, the repair instructions in ElsaPro incorrectly insists on the installation of PODS Kits and prohibit the replacement of individual components. The repair manuals are currently under revision to allow and instruct for individual parts replacement. In the meantime, it is permissible to deviate from ElsaPro for models without PODS kits by ordering and replacing PODS components individually.

**This does not affect the function of the airbag system.**

## Production Solution

Not applicable.

## Service

PODS Kit availability for BodySense3 equipped vehicles depends on model and model year.

MY19 BodySense3 Model	PODS Kit Available
B9 (A4,A5)	Yes
C8 (A6,A7)	No
D5 (A8)	No
Audi e-tron quattro	No
Q3	No
Q5	Yes
Q7	Yes
Q8	No

**Figure 1.** MY19 BodySense3 PODS Kit availability.



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MY20 BodySense3 Model	PODS Kit Available
B9PI (A4PI, A5PI)	No
C8 (A6, A7)	No
D5 (A8)	No
Audi e-tron quattro	No
Audi e-tron Sportback	No
Q3	No
Q5	Yes
Q7PI	No
Q8	No

**Figure 2.** MY20 BodySense3 PODS Kit availability.

MY21 BodySense3 Model	PODS Kit Available
B9PI (A4PI, A5PI)	No
C8 (A6, A7)	No
D5 (A8)	No
Audi e-tron quattro	No
Audi e-tron Sportback	No
Q3	No
Q5PI	No
Q7PI	No
Q8	No

**Figure 3.** MY21 BodySense3 PODS Kit availability.



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In ETKA, PODS components are listed individually if a PODS Kit is not offered (Figure 4).

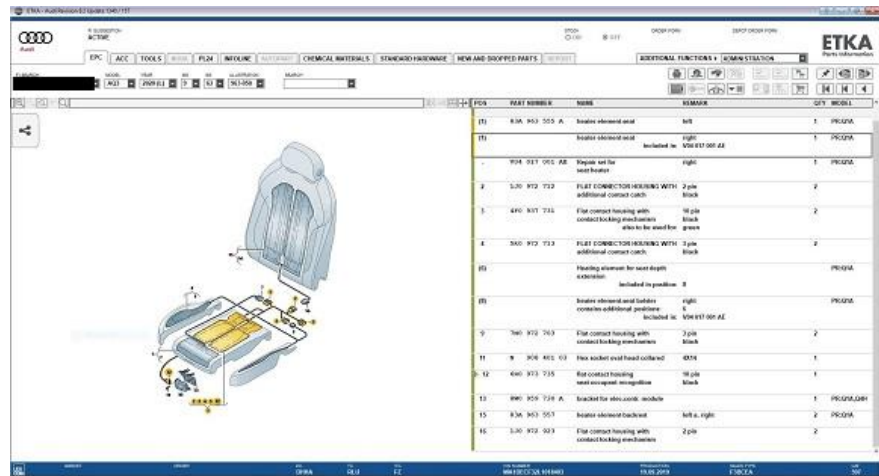


Figure 4. PODS sensor mat listed separately in ETKA (+MY19 Q3).

## Warranty

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

## Additional Information

All part and service references provided in this TSB (2059223) 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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