

# Technical Service Bulletin



## 96 High beam assist or traffic sign detection limited, DTC C12B3FD may be stored in the DAS control module

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Model(s)	Year	VIN Range	Vehicle-Specific Equipment
A3 Sportback e-tron	2016 – 2018	All	Multifunction Camera
A3 Cabriolet	2016 – 2019		
A3, and S3	2016 – 2020		
RS 3	2017 – 2020		
A6, A7, A8, and Q8	2019 - 2023		
e-tron quattro	2019 2021 – 2023		
A8 e quattro	2020 – 2021		
A6 allroad, S6, S7, S8, e-tron Sportback quattro, Q7, SQ7, SQ8, and RS Q8	2020 – 2023		
RS 6 Avant, A7 e quattro, and RS 7	2021 – 2023		
e-tron S quattro	2022 – 2023		

## Condition

REVISION HISTORY		
Revision	Date	Purpose
6	-	Revised header (Added MY 2024)
5	04/14/2022	Revised header (Added MY 2023)
4	03/12/2021	Revised header (Added A3 (8V))



		Revised title (Updated For A3) Revised <i>Condition</i> (Updated For A3) Revised <i>Technical Background</i> (Updated For A3)
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## Customer states:

The following messages appear in the instrument cluster, mostly right after the vehicle is started:

- “High beam assist currently not available. Camera view restricted because of environmental factors.”

## And/Or

- “Traffic sign detection: currently not available. Camera view restricted because of environmental factors.”

## Workshop findings:

- For A3, a DTC may not be stored.

For all other vehicles, the following DTC may be stored in the front camera for the driver assist systems control module, J1121 (address word 00A5):

- **DTC C12B3FD** (front camera for driver assist systems - temporary view restriction) with symptom code 221284.

## Technical Background

If the front camera recognizes a visibility restriction for more than 77 seconds, the DTC C12B3FD with symptom code 221284 is logged, except for in A3 vehicles, where no DTC is stored, and a message appears in the instrument cluster.

As soon as visibility is restored, the message disappears and the systems are available again. The DTC becomes sporadic.

For the unobstructed visibility of the camera, a heating element is installed under the cover of the front camera. The heating element is activated after engine start at low temperatures or when restricted visibility is detected or the danger of fogging up the glass exists.

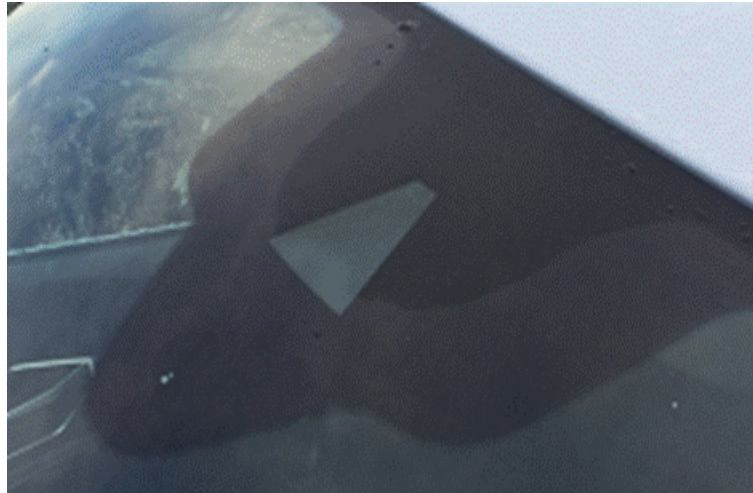
## Production Solution

1. Explain to the customer how the camera heating works.

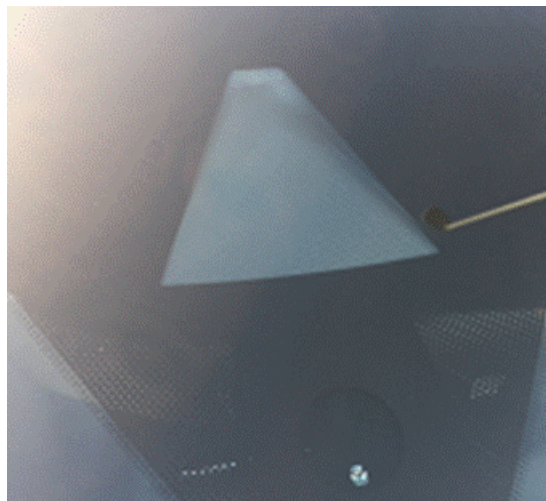


2. Ask the customers to inspect the viewing area of the front camera the next time they have this message.

The viewing area of the front camera can be fogged up both on the inside and/or on the outside (Figures 1 - 2).



**Figure 1.** Viewing area fogged up from outside.

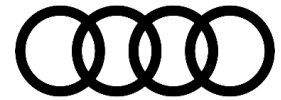


**Figure 2.** Viewing area fogged up from inside.

3. The customer cannot see this from the interior of the vehicle. Often it is enough to switch on the wiper system to fix the concern.
4. If the front camera is fogged up from the inside fairly often, it can help to remove its lens hood in order to clean and dry the viewing area of the camera.

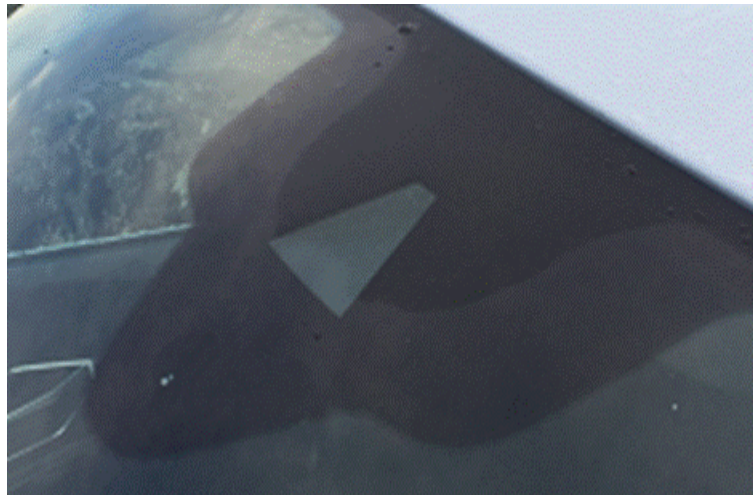
## Service

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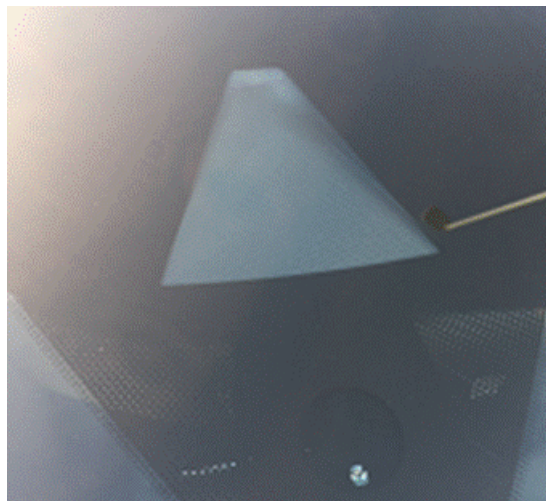


2. Ask the customers to inspect the viewing area of the front camera the next time they have this message.

The viewing area of the front camera can be fogged up both on the inside and/or on the outside (Figures 1 - 2).



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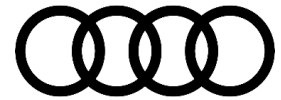
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## Warranty

<b>Claim Type:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 110 up to 48 Months/50,000 Miles.</li><li>• G10 for CPO Covered Vehicles – Verify Owner.</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If the vehicle is outside any warranty, this Technical Service Bulletin is informational only.</li></ul>		
<b>Service Number:</b>	9638		
<b>Damage Code:</b>	0010		
<b>Labor Operations:</b>	Remove and install camera for assistance systems (lens hood)	9638 1999	20 TU
	Clean and dry windscreen	6410 2999	10 TU
<b>Diagnostic Time:</b>	GFF	0150 0000	Time stated on the diagnostic protocol (Max 25 TU)
	Road test prior to the service procedure	0121 0002	0 TU
	Road test after the service procedure	0121 0004	0 TU
<b>Claim Comment:</b>	As per TSB 2059201/6		

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.

## Additional Information

All part and service references provided in this TSB (**2059201**) 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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