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Model(s)	Year	Eng. Code	Trans. Code	VIN Range From	VIN Range To
All	1999 - 2010	All	All	All	All

Condition

46 07 03 July 6, 2007 **2015173** Supersedes T. B. Group 46 number 07-01 dated June 11, 2007 due to updated warranty table information.

Brake Disc, Pulsation

When applying brakes at highway speeds the following symptoms may occur:

Brake pedal may pulsate

Vibration may be felt in vehicle body

Steering wheel may shake

Technical Background

For brake vibration / pulsation concerns, brake disc machining is now allowed between 6 months / 6000 miles and 12 months / 12,000 miles of the warranty in service date.



Note:

Vehicles between 0 and 6 months / 6000 miles in service are not eligible for brake disc machining. For braking vibration complaints on these vehicles, see Technical Bulletin subject matter Customer States "Vibration When Braking", instance number 2010245.

Production Solution

No production change required.

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Service



Note:

BEFORE machining brake discs, the technician must record the beginning thickness measurement on the back of the repair order followed by the ending thickness measurement upon completion of machining process. All policies and procedures outlined in this technical bulletin also apply to sublet brake disc machining.

Improperly machined brake discs may cause brake pulsation after several months in service. The servicing facility will be responsible for failures described above.

Procedure:

- Remove wheels and separate brake calipers from carrier as outlined in Repair Manual Group 44 – Wheels, Tires, Vehicle Alignment and Group 46 – Brakes – Mechanical components in ElsaWeb.

Brake Disc Inspection

A detailed brake disc inspection is needed to determine if the brake disc should be machined or replaced.

- Inspect brake disc friction surfaces on both sides of the brake disc for:

Severe discoloration (blueing)

High heat surface damage (raised hard spots)

Visible cracks

Brake discs showing any of the above described conditions **MUST** be replaced.

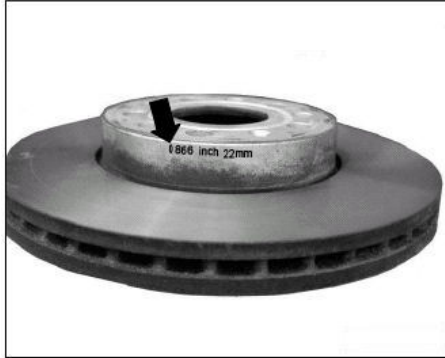


Disc Thickness Measuring

Each brake disc has the minimum allowed thickness cast, stamped or laser-etched into the disc hub.

- Measure the brake disc thickness in 4 locations using either the Pro Cut International™ disc thickness measuring tool Part No. 50-902 or the Hunter Engineering Company disc thickness measuring tool Part No. 25-99-2 . Measurements **MUST** be taken the same distance from the brake disc outer circumference to ensure consistency.

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! **Note:**

The brake disc must exceed the minimum thickness after the machining process is completed in order to be reused.

Brake Disc Machining

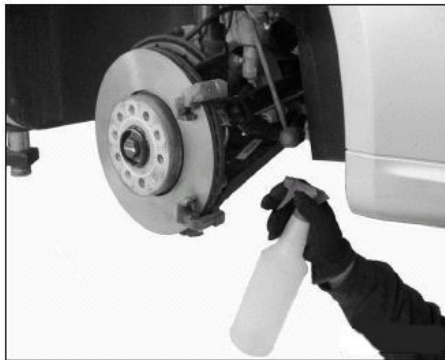
i **Tip:**

Brake discs must be machined in pairs (front axle and / or rear axle).

Recommended on-car brake lathes are either the PRO-CUT International™ PFM 9.0. or the Hunter Engineering Company model OCL 400. This design of brake lathe will produce a surface quality which will provide proper brake performance without a brake pad to brake disc break-in period.

! **Note:**

To ensure that a high quality brake disc finish is produced, brake lathe cutting tools must be maintained as directed by the lathe manufacturer.



- Follow the brake lathe manufacturer's instructions for set-up and machining.
- Wash the brake disc with a soap and water solution upon completion of resurfacing to remove all machining particles.

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- Re-measure brake disc thickness in 4 locations using either the Pro Cut disc thickness measuring tool Part No. 50-902 or the Hunter disc thickness measuring tool Part No. 25-99-2, to verify that minimum thickness is still exceeded. If recorded brake disc measurement is less than the minimum thickness, the brake disc **MUST** be replaced.



Note:

Always replace brake discs in pairs (front axle and/or back axle).



- Measure brake disc lateral run out using Pro Cut Disc Lateral run out measuring kit Part No. 50-700FC or the Hunter Disc Lateral run out measuring kit Part No. 25-128-2 with a dial indicator.
- Run out must be below .05mm.

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Warranty

To determine if this procedure is covered under Warranty, see most recent disc / rotor resurfacing policy	
Claim Type:	Use applicable Claim Type**
Part Identifier: Front Disc	4650
Part Identifier: Rear Disc	4653
Damage Code: Front Disc	4650 32 _ _ _ * 1
Damage Code: Rear Disc	4653 32 _ _ _ * 1
Labor Operation: Front Disc Resurfacing-On Vehicle	46504699 = 120 TU
Labor Operation: Rear Disc Resurfacing-On Vehicle	46534699 = 120 TU
Diagnostic Time:	No additional diagnostic time allowed with the exception of road test (01210002 & 01210004)
Claim Comment: Input "As per Technical Bulletin 2015173" in comment section of Warranty Claim.	

* Code per warranty vendor code policy.

** Vehicle may be outside any Warranty in which case this Technical Bulletin is informational only.

Required Parts and Tools

No Special Parts required.

Description	Part No:	Quantity
Pro Cut TM Disc Thickness Measuring Tool	50-902	1
Hunter Disc Thickness Measuring Tool	25-99-2	1
Pro Cut Disc Lateral Run out Measuring Tool	50-700FC	1
Hunter Disc Lateral Run out Measuring Tool	25-128-2	1
PRO-CUT International TM PFM 9.0	PCIPFM90VW	1
Hunter Engineering Company Model OCL 400	HUNOCL400VW	1

Additional Information

All part and service references provided in this Technical Bulletin are subject to change and/or removal. Always check with your Parts Dept. and Repair Manuals for the latest information.