



## EXECUTIVE ORDER D-660-160

Relating to Exemptions Under Section 27156  
of the California Vehicle Code

Cobb Tuning  
VW/Audi Stage 1 Calibration

Pursuant to the authority vested in the California Air Resources Board by Section 27156 of the Vehicle Code; and

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by Section 39515 and Section 39516 of the Health and Safety Code and Executive Order G-19-095;

IT IS ORDERED AND RESOLVED: That installation of the VW/Audi Stage 1 Calibration, manufactured and marketed by Cobb Tuning, 2311 West Rundberg Lane, Suite 500 Austin, Texas 78758, has been found not to reduce the effectiveness of the applicable vehicle pollution control systems and, therefore, is exempt from the prohibitions of Section 27156 of the Vehicle Code for the Volkswagen and Audi 2.0L turbocharged vehicle applications listed in Exhibit A.

The VW/Audi Stage 1 Calibration is an ECU reflash that modifies fuel delivery and ignition timing to optimize performance. The calibration is delivered to the ECM using the Cobb Tuning Accessport. Any one of three different tunes can be installed: Stage0, Stage1 91, and Stage1 93. Two additional tunes can be installed to limit vehicle performance including the Anti-Theft Mode and Valet Mode. No user adjustments are available.

This Executive Order is valid provided that the installation instructions for the VW/Audi Stage 1 Calibration will not recommend tuning the vehicle to specifications different from those specified by Cobb Tuning.

Changes made to the design or operating conditions of the VW/Audi Stage 1 Calibration, as exempted by the California Air Resources Board, that adversely affect the performance of the vehicle's emission control system shall invalidate this Executive Order.

This Executive Order shall not apply to any VW/Audi Stage 1 Calibration advertised, offered for sale, sold with, or installed on a new motor vehicle prior to or concurrent with transfer to an ultimate purchaser.

Marketing of the VW/Audi Stage 1 Calibration using any identification other than those shown in this Executive Order or marketing of the VW/Audi Stage 1 Calibration for an application other than those listed in this Executive Order shall be prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the California Air Resources Board.

This Executive Order does not constitute any opinion as to the effect the use of the VW/Audi Stage 1 Calibration may have on any warranty, either expressed or implied by the vehicle manufacturer; or compliance with any other state, federal, or local law, such as safety equipment requirements or noise limitations.

Exemption of the VW/Audi Stage 1 Calibration shall not be construed as an exemption to sell, offer for sale, or advertise any component of the assembly as individual devices.

This Executive Order is granted based on information submitted by Cobb Tuning, including emissions test data.

The California Air Resources Board reserves the right in the future to review this Executive Order and the exemption provided herein to ensure that the exempted add-on or modified part continues to meet the standards and procedures of Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Section 2222, et seq. Further, if test results or other evidence provides the California Air Resources Board with reason to suspect that the VW/Audi Stage 1 Calibration will affect the durability of emission control systems, Cobb Tuning shall be required to submit durability data to show that the durability of vehicle emission control systems are not, in fact, affected and/or that the add-on or modified part demonstrates adequate durability.

THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CERTIFICATION, ACCREDITATION, APPROVAL, OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF ENDORSEMENT BY THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD OF ANY CLAIMS OF THE APPLICANT CONCERNING ANTI-POLLUTION BENEFITS OR ANY ALLEGED BENEFITS OF THE VW/AUDI STAGE 1 CALIBRATION.

No claim of any kind, such as "Approved by the California Air Resources Board", may be made with respect to the action taken herein in any advertising or other oral or written communication.

Violation of any of the above conditions shall be grounds for revocation of this order. The order may be revoked only after a ten-day written notice of intention to revoke the order, in which period the holder of the order may request in writing a hearing to contest the proposed revocation. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held within ten days of receipt of the request and the order may not be revoked until a determination is made after the hearing that grounds for revocation exist.

Executed on this 1st day of August 2023.



Robin U. Lang, Chief  
Emissions Certification and Compliance Division

## Exhibit A

<b>Accessport Part Number</b>	<b>Model Year</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Engine Size</b>	<b>Engine Calibration Name</b>
AP3-VLK-006	2022-2024	Audi	S3	2.0L	Stage0, Stage1 91, Stage1 93, Valet Mode, Anti-Theft Mode
AP3-VLK-006	2022-2023	VW	Golf R	2.0L	Stage0, Stage1 91, Stage1 93, Valet Mode, Anti-Theft Mode
AP3-VLK-005	2022-2023	VW	GTI	2.0L	Stage0, Stage1 91, Stage1 93, Valet Mode, Anti-Theft Mode