



EXECUTIVE ORDER D-660-228

Relating to Exemptions Under Section 27156
of the California Vehicle Code

Cobb Tuning
Volkswagen/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 Volkswagen/Audi Stage 1 Calibration, manufactured and marketed by Cobb Tuning of 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 vehicles listed in Exhibit A.

The Volkswagen/Audi Stage 1 Calibration is an Engine Control Unit (ECU) reflash that modifies fuel delivery and ignition timing to increase performance. The calibration is delivered to the ECU 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. Launch control and traction control features are included, with no other user adjustments being provided. No hardware modifications are included with this calibration.

This Executive Order is valid provided that the installation instructions for the Volkswagen/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 Volkswagen/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 Volkswagen/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 Volkswagen/Audi Stage 1 Calibration using any identification other than those shown in this Executive Order or marketing of the Volkswagen/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 Volkswagen/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 Volkswagen/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 Volkswagen/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 COBB TUNING CONCERNING ANTI-POLLUTION BENEFITS OR ANY ALLEGED BENEFITS OF THE VOLKSWAGEN/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.

This Executive Order hereby cancels and supersedes Executive Order D-660-223, dated November 12th, 2024.

Executed on this 4th day of December 2024.



Robin U. Lang, Chief,
Emissions Certification and Compliance Division

Exhibit A

| Accessport Part Number | Model Year | Make | Model | Engine Description | Calibration Name(s) |
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| AP3-VLK-006 | 2022-2024 | Audi | S3 | 2.0L TC | Stage0, Stage1 91, Stage1 93, Valet Mode, Anti-Theft Mode |
| AP3-VLK-006 | 2022-2024 | Volkswagen | Golf R | 2.0L TC | Stage0, Stage1 91, Stage1 93, Valet Mode, Anti-Theft Mode |
| AP3-VLK-005 | 2022-2024 | Volkswagen | GTI | 2.0L TC | Stage0, Stage1 91, Stage1 93, Valet Mode, Anti-Theft Mode |

TC = Turbocharged