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# Important! Technical Bulletin

Subject: **Wheel Bolts, DO NOT Use “Torque Sticks” and /or  
“Torque Extension Bars” To Tighten**

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**ALL ► 2005**

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## Condition

“Torque Sticks” and/or “Torque Extension Bars” used to apply torque to wheel bolts.

## Service

“Torque Sticks” and/or “Torque Extension Bars” are NOT approved by Audi of America, Inc. and should not be used to apply torque to wheel bolts.

Always use a calibrated torque wrench to attain the correct wheel bolt torque. Proper use of a calibrated torque wrench ensures that all wheel bolts are tightened equally and reduce the chances of repeat repairs.

Using methods other than a calibrated torque wrench to attain correct wheel bolt torque may lead to the following problems:

- Brake disc damage
- Brake pulsation
- Steering wheel vibration
- Vehicle vibration
- Hub damage
- Wheel damage
- Wheel bolt damage

See Repair manual Group 44 – Suspension, Wheels, Steering – Wheels, Tires, Wheel alignment – Wheels and tires for wheel installation instructions.